

# Deer Lodge National Forest Loop

Approximately 283 miles

## Ride Description

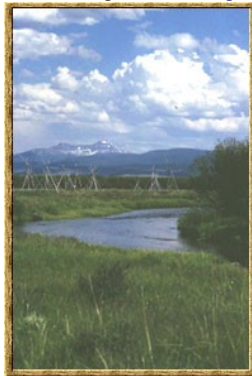
This loop takes you south through the Bitterroot Valley where there is a 7264 ft elevation climb up to Chief Joseph Pass, and on a ride west through the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest. On this trip you could head over to the Big Hole National Battlefield\* located just west of Wisdom, MT. The return trip brings you through the old mining community of Anaconda , the Pintler Scenic Loop and over another mountain pass.

## Directions

- Go South on U.S. 93 from Missoula (Reserve St. South meets up with 93 south)
- Head East on MT 43
- Then North on Country RD. 569
- Go West through Anaconda, on MT 1
- and then West on I-90 to Missoula.



(Picture of the Bitterroot Valley retrieved from Wikipedia.com, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitterroot\\_Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitterroot_Valley))



(Bighole National Battlefield <http://www.nps.gov/nepe/site30b.jpg>)

\*Visit Big Hole Battlefield's website for more information <http://www.nps.gov/archive/biho/home.htm>