

# Pipestone Pass

Approximately 415 miles

## Ride Description

This ride follows much of the same route as the Deerlodge National Forest Loop, but is a bit longer, taking you down through Dillon and back over the Pipestone Pass just east of Butte. Consider stopping at the Big Hole National Battlefield located just west of Wisdom.

## Directions

- Head south on U.S. 93 from Missoula through the Bitterroot Valley. Climb up to the 7264 ft Chief Joseph Pass and then ride West through the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest.
- From Wisdom, ride South through Jackson, MT (HOT SPRINGS HERE, BRING A BATHING SUIT)
- Head up over the 7530 ft. Big Hole Pass, and on to Dillon
- Head North on Whitehall, where you do not get on the interstate but rather take MT 2 over the 6453ft Pipestone Pass on on into Butte (pronounced B-you-t).
- Return to Lolo by way of the old mining community Anaconda, and the Pintler Scenic Loop, which takes you over another mountain pass.
- From Lolo, head North up 93 to Missoula.



(Photo of Montana State Route 2 and abandoned Milwaukee Road mainline (via Pipestone Tunnel)).