

## the smooth ride (entirely on pavement)



### 62 miles      start at 8:00 am

- Cycle north 4 miles on Hwy 29 (4-ft shoulder) past mangroves;
- then go east on Hwy 41 in the early am for 13-miles; scenery transitions from mangrove to cypress to pine forest to vast open prairie; turnaround near Storter Boardwalk; during 13-mile return, watch for alligators, & wildlife in adjacent canal.  
NOTE current conditions on Hwy 41: 4-ft wide newly paved shoulder!
- then north on Hwy 29 (4-ft shoulder) for 9 miles to turn-around near Deep Lake; watch for cormorants and herons perched above canal; northern miles have fencing to keep panthers separated from vehicle traffic.
- then U-turn and cycle for 13 miles on Hwy 29 to return to Everglades City; wind through wharf area and past historic Rod & Gun Club;
- then ride on causeway to Chokoloskee Island and back (round-trip 8 miles). Cyclists welcome to visit Smallwood Museum in Chokoloskee

Route length can be customized:

- the route described above is the official SAG-supported route
- easy to shorten or lengthen your time spent cycling on Hwy 41 or Hwy 29; do a U-turn when you want.
- suggested 50-mile route: take 62-mile route for first 32 miles. Instead of heading all the way north on Hwy 29 to Deep Lake, take short side-trip off Hwy 29 onto Janes Scenic Dr to Fakahatchee HQ rest station; then head south on Hwy 29 and continue following the rest of the 62-miler's route to Chokoloskee, and lunch in E-city.

### 16 miles      start at 9:00 am

- Cycle north through mangrove preserve on Hwy 29 (wide shoulder; low traffic) to Hwy 41;
- U-turn and return to Everglades City where route takes you through the active wharf area, and past the historic Rod & Gun Club.
- then ride along bay, on causeway to Chokoloskee Island and back; cyclists welcome to visit Smallwood Museum in Chokoloskee

If you want a longer route (23 miles):

Add northern extension to Fakahatchee HQ.

On first leg, when you arrive at Hwy 41, instead of U-turn, continue to north an additional 2.5 miles; turn left at first road (Janes Scenic Dr). Follow Janes Scenic Dr. to Fakahatchee HQ. U-turn; return to Everglades City on same route. Then cycle to Chokoloskee Island and back. [off-road cyclists also go to Faka HQ]

If you want a shorter route (10 miles):

Eliminate northern segment.

Within first mile of route, you will go over a bridge on the northern end of town. Shortly after the bridge, do U-turn (caution – watch for traffic). Follow the rest of the route south through Everglades City to Chokoloskee Island and back.