

INTERNATIONAL SELKIRK LOOP – ALTERNATE CYCLING ROUTE TO US HWY 95
between Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry, ID – reference pg. 2-3 in cycling book.

Northbound from Sandpoint, ID – A recommended safe alternate for cycling out of Sandpoint. (There is major road construction and congestion at the north end of Sandpoint during 2011 through 2012).

Taking this alternate route will only have you on Hwy 95 for about 12.6 miles of the 35 mile (by highway) distance. You will avoid rumble strips along this section as they stop just before you intersect back onto the highway, narrow shoulders and heavy truck traffic. (You will add 9 miles to your trip taking this route).

Dist	Directions and Description
0.0	5 th and Cedar – cross intersection at light and stay on Cedar for 1 block
0.1	Bare Rt at “Y” onto Main
0.7	T/R onto Division Ave
1.3	T/L onto Baldy Mountain Rd
1.8	Bare Rt at “Y” onto Great Northern Rd (Sign says G N Rd)
3.1	T/R onto Woodland Ave (no street sign here – but left turn is across rr tracks)
3.7	T/L onto N. Boyer Rd
5.3	T/R onto Bronx (“T” intersection)
5.8	T/L onto US Hwy 95 (wide shoulder, can stay to outside of rumble strips)
7.8	T/R onto Selle Rd
10.4	Caution RR crossing
11.7	90 degree turn to L
13.5	T/L onto Colburn Culver Rd (this is a “T” intersection with no sign saying Colburn Culver)
16.2	90 degree turn to L
16.6	T/R onto Samuels Rd
19.6	Caution RR crossing
20.4	2 nd RR crossing – T/R after crossing tracks back onto US Hwy 95
31.0	T/L onto Deep Creek Loop Rd (There is a center left turn lane here)
31.5	Naples General Store – supplies, rest stop, snacks, restrooms (behind)
40.2	T/L onto northbound US 95 – route becomes Main St in Bonners Ferry (will ride through commercial section of Bonners Ferry)
43.5	T/R onto Ash St
43.8	T/L onto Plaza – RR crossing here
44.0	T/L onto Arizona
44.4	T/R onto Main St (Stop and say HI at Loop Headquarters – 6414 Kootenai St –T/L) which you will cross going to Bonner St.
44.6	T/R onto Bonner St – go one block straight ahead to Visitor Info Center, restrooms, picnic tables, wifi. This is the historic downtown part of Bonners Ferry – restaurants, Post Office, library etc.

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Northbound leaving Bonners Ferry – If you remain on Hwy 95 north from Bonners Ferry, there is a wide shoulder for 3.5 miles, turning to a limited to no shoulder situation for 12 miles. This can be a very busy highway until the turnoff onto Hwy 1 – which then becomes a quiet lovely highway. If possible ride this section early in the day, as truck traffic will not be as heavy.

Reference Pg. 4-5 in cycling Book - NORTH OF BONNERS FERRY ALTERNATE

An alternate route here:

- West out of Bonners Ferry on Riverside Street, follow along the south side of the Kootenai River to the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge (5.5 miles).
- Stay right at the “Y” and follow along the West Side Road for 6.6 miles.
- PAVEMENT ENDS just after Ball Creek Ranch Nature Conservancy. There is 4.2 miles of gravel road with the first 2 mi being crushed gravel, last 2.2 is more packed dirt with very little light gravel.
- Pavement begins again on Westside Road after 4.2 of unpaved road.
- Turn right at Copeland Rd follow across the valley (east) 1.5 mi, crossing Kootenai River then a 1 mile climb back to Hwy 1 (intersecting about 2 miles north of Hwy 95/1 junction). The climb is shorter and more moderate than the highway route out of Bonners Ferry.
- Turn left (north) onto Hwy 1 to Porthill and US Border Crossing.

IF YOU HAVE A SHUTTLE DRIVER OR CAN FIND SOMEONE IN BONNERS FERRY (check at the visitor center for this service),

THIS IS A PREFERRED QUIETER - SAFER ROUTE if you are OK with some gravel. Taking this route also bypasses the 700 ft. elevation gain out of Bonners Ferry.