

Northern Gold Rush

Follow three wild untamed rivers through the gorgeous Coastal Mountains of British Columbia.

Route Synopsis

0 km Burnaby

121 km Hope

229 km Lytton

330 km Merritt

429 km **Kamloops**

512 km Cache Creek

600 km Lillooet

688 km Cache Creek

773 km **Kamloops**

871 km Merritt

972 km Lytton

1080 km **Hope**

1200 km Burnaby

(total can be manipulated by changing start location and route through the Valley. I suspect it will be a little higher than this anyway as I did not map us into and out of controls)

Scenery

- Fraser Canyon - historic and amazing
- down along the Thompson River: big rock and awesome
- up along the Nicola through the quaint valley
- 5A ranchland!
- Hwy 1 through Savona : high and wild
- Cache Creek through Marble Canyon: empty and beautiful
- Lillooet and back to the Fraser
- we should not downplay the beauty of this area just because it's familiar

- great history too!

Road Conditions

- with the removal of tolls on the Coq, Hwy 1 through to Kamloops is reasonably quiet
- all other roads are pretty quiet (depending on exact route through the Lower Fraser Valley)
- only major issue is the tunnels

Running the Ride

- fewer controls because its an out and back
- fewer controls means fewer control captains (though sub-captains might be needed to spread the load)
- controls being close to said captains means they could do more of the initial work in selecting a control location and mapping the route in and out of the control
- major (Loudeac) control is in Kamloops where we have a volunteer base to lead
- controls are close to Vancouver and main volunteer base
- all but one control are in towns large enough to have a secondary school. Cache Creek only has a population of 1200 and the high school is in Ashcroft (12 km off route!); however there is an elementary school, a community centre and at least two major churches.
- out and back and close to Vancouver simplifies bag drops and supplying controls
- a volunteers pre-ride is conceivable
- ride start and finish is close to major international airport which will make logistics easier for foreign riders
- three control captains (50%! and the pre-ride bag drop driver are signed up).