Rochelle – Chana Loop

Beginning at the historic Oregon Depot, this loop takes you through downtown Oregon and across the Rock River. Turn south onto Daysville Rd.; a striped county highway with moderate traffic and good visibility. Turn left onto Honey Creek when you reach the tiny community of Daysville.

The roads are level and wind through changing landscapes of wooded groves, fields, pastures and wetlands. When you come to Prairie Rd you'll be at “Stone Corners,” a local organic produce farm and landmark. Continuing, you'll be on one of the prettiest rides in the county. Keep a lookout for seven roadside historical markers on this loop. One is at the site of the 1841 public execution of leaders of the notorious Driscoll Gang. Once on Grist Mill Rd, the ride becomes straight, flat and fast through some woods and then miles of farmland.

After a steady ride and several turns you will reach Flagg Rd. This is the turnaround point. However, an extra .5 miles on Flagg will take you to Rochelle and the start of a pleasant paved community bike trail. Rochelle is the largest city in Ogle County and worth a ride around. Two unique points of interest on the south side of town: the train viewing platform and the Chicagoland Skydiving Center. Here you can watch sky divers from the observation deck at the airport and plan your next adventure.

The return trip is a deep first-hand experience of prairie farm fields. Eventually you reach Chana Rd. and the small community of the same name. The Chana Tap is a great place for a bite to eat and cold beverage.

Traveling east toward Oregon you return to the quiet curving roads of Honey Creek. As you reach this small cluster of homes on your left, be sure to turn left before crossing the tracks. This then leads you back to Stone Corner, Daysville, and Oregon.
To see all of our routes, and to download Garmin turn by turn instructions, go to: www.bikeogle.org.

All riders need to be familiar with bicycle safety and rules of the road. Cyclists are encouraged to visit http://rideillinois.org/safety/adults/ for this information.