

Polo - Morris Loop

Beginning at the Historic Oregon Depot train station, this loop boasts classic Midwestern countryside scenery. Rolling hills, serene fields, horse farms, and even a dude ranch are among the sights. Enjoy many opportunities to stop for refreshments in the two villages that you visit during this leisurely ride.

The Polo-Mt. Morris Loop begins with one of Oregon's most historic landmarks, Conover Square **1**. This 19th century Schiller Piano Company factory, located on the Rock River, has a café, antique shops, a record store and much more. There is also a small park just behind the building with a fishing pier.

On the first leg of the loop, travel through the beautiful village of Mt Morris. In the town square, located on Wesley Avenue, we find the historic Freedom Bell which is rung every 4th of July. The celebration's fireworks display is the best in the county. Onward through the farmsteads, you'll pass through the small village of Haldane and eventually Polo.

***Excursion:** While in Polo, continue straight across Division Ave while on Dixon St, then turn left on Barber St. You will be greeted with some of the most beautiful homes in Ogle County. Several of these are on the National Register of Historic Places. Take a left on Mason Street which will lead back to Division Avenue.

***Excursion:** Just east of S. Division Avenue, on W. Judson Rd., you'll find the Joe Stengel Trail **2**. This 7 mile bike trail is a gorgeous, shady ride under a lush canopy of trees. It leads to the town of Woo Sung, named after a Chinese city by three retired sea captains who founded this town. It has a remarkable cement figurine factory.

Continuing on the loop, down Judson Road and into the farmland via Henry Road, there are many beautiful vistas to take in. This is a peaceful trail, and the trip back to Oregon takes you over small bridges, down winding dirt roads dotted with horse farms, before coming to White Pines Ranch **3**. This small, educational, dude ranch is home to many campers during the summer months, and is also known for its trail rides and family-friendly atmosphere. From here, continue your climb up White Pines Road back into Oregon.

★ Oregon Depot:
<http://www.oregondepot.org>

2 Joe Stengel Trail:
<http://www.traillink.com/trail/joe-stengel-trail.aspx>

3 White Pines Ranch:
<https://www.whitepinesranch.com/>

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Leg	Notes	Total
	Turn left onto S. 3 rd St	.1
1.0	Turn left onto Monroe St	1.1
0.6	Continue onto W Oregon Trail Rd	1.7
4.4	Turn right onto S Harmony Rd	6.1
0.1	Turn left onto W Oregon Trail Rd	6.2
0.5	Turn right onto N Mt. Morris Rd	6.7
1.8	Continue onto S McKendrie Ave	8.5
0.5	Turn left onto E Hitt St	9.0
1.1	Turn right onto N Willow Rd	10.1
1.0	Turn left onto W Haldane Rd	11.1
5.9	Turn left onto N Union Rd	17.0
5.1	Turn right onto E Dixon St/W Pines Rd	22.1
0.5	Turn left onto N Division Ave	22.6
1.0	Turn left onto W Judson Rd	23.6
0.5	Turn R onto S Union Rd	24.1
1.0	Turn left onto W Henry Rd	25.1
8.6	Turn left onto S Ridge Rd	33.7
2.5	Turn right onto W Pines Rd	36.2
3.6	Continue onto Hill St	39.8
0.1	Turn right onto S 5 th St	39.9
0.2	S. 5 th St turns left and becomes Collins St	40.1

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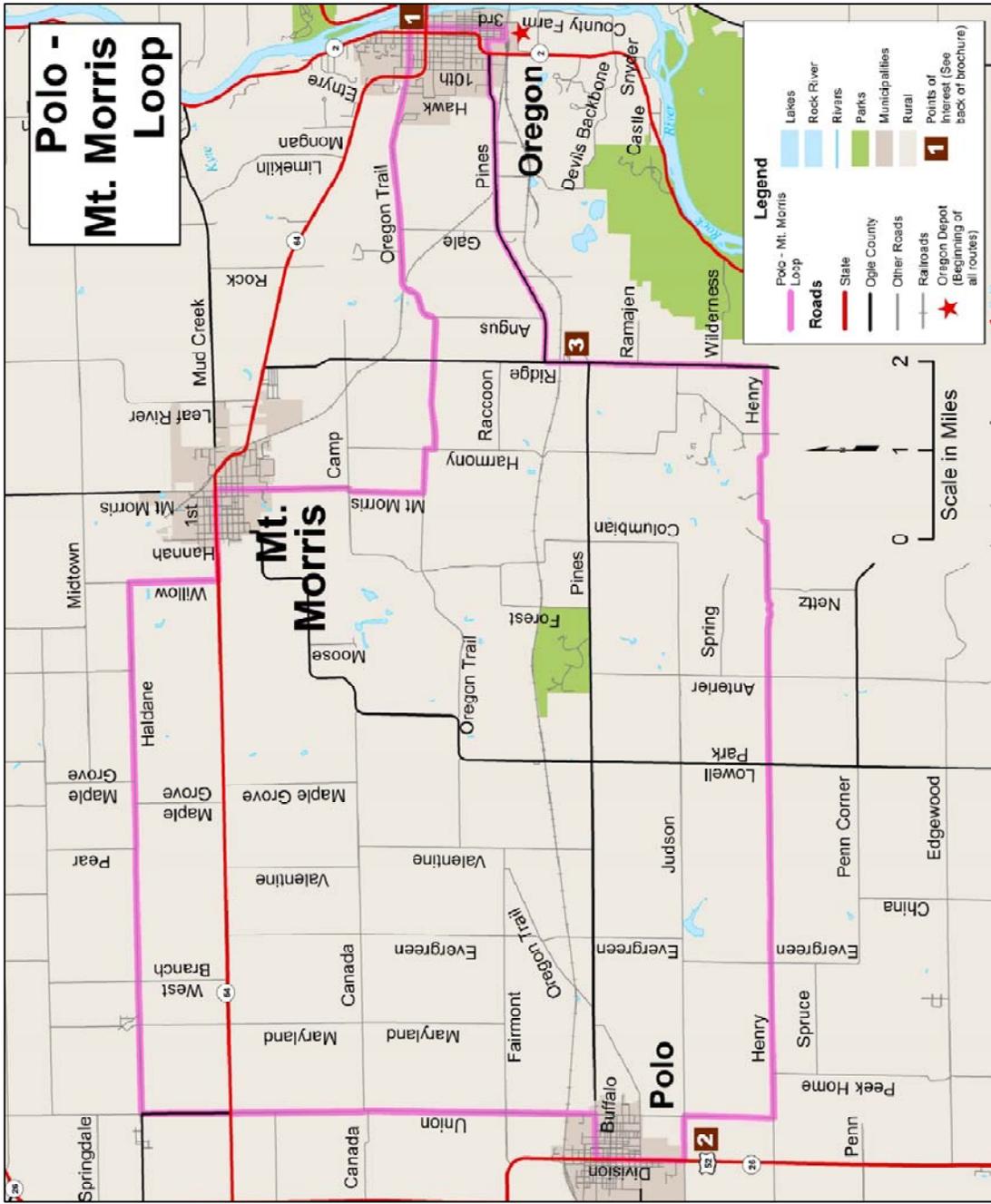
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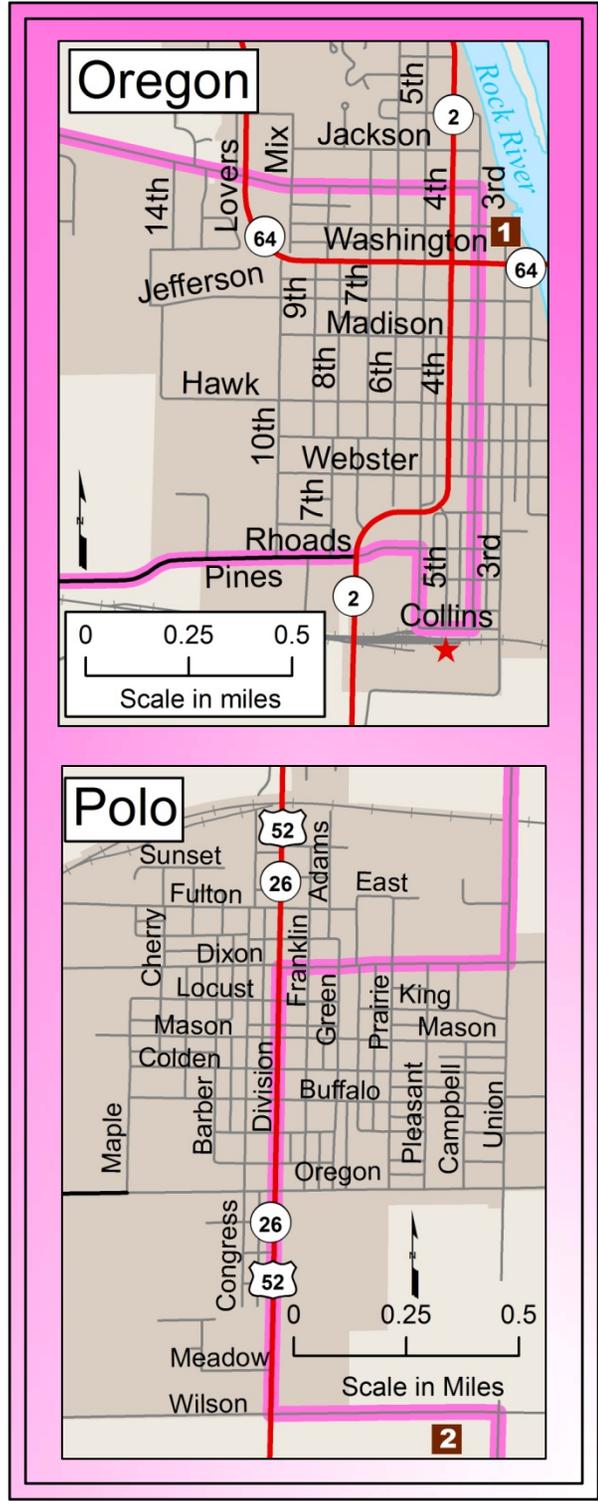
Polo – Mt. Morris Loop
(40.1 mi)



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www.bikeogle.org



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