

ABOUT THE MAPS:

Cycle Oregon's daily route maps are intended to give you the best information possible about the terrain you'll be riding over each day. The more information we can give you, the better you can plan for your ride – what clothes to wear, how much water to carry, etc. – as well as points of interest along the way.

The color topographic background information for the plan maps is provided by [Allan Cartography](#) in Medford, Oregon. Allan Cartography is known best for their Raven maps and Benchmark Road and Recreation atlases of western states.

Detailed mileage and profile information is calculated using a surveyor's GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) system. Compared to a recreational GPS unit, the surveyor's unit is many times more accurate. The GPS unit also has the advantage of providing actual elevation information rather than relying on barometric pressure readings to estimate elevation change.

The vertical scale of the profile maps has been distorted 25 times to enhance the small details and make the profile fit the page. A side effect of the distorted scale is that steep hills appear to be unusually steep. Don't be alarmed – it's not as bad as it looks! After your Day One climbing you'll have a better sense of how to compare to the other days.

Occasionally, unforeseen problems can dictate a change in the route at the last minute, when it's too late to change the maps in the rider packets. Watch the *Cycle Oregonian* and listen to the nightly announcements for possible route changes.