

Biker continues along Lewis & Clark Trail

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Larry Ploetz, AU Class of 1968, a member of the AU Reunion Bike Ride crew for a number of years, set off on a different ride this year in in order to cross off one of the items on his bucket list. Instead he&s been riding since early June with a long-time biker friend traversing the Lewis and Clark explorer trail; they left from Seaside, OR May 30.

The long ride began with plans to reach St. Helens, OR; then Portland, OR; Hood River, OR; Maryhill State Park, WA; and Umatilla, OR. This week Larry sent an update on their journey:

“On Monday, July 7 we reached the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers about two weeks ahead of schedule. From Iowa, we moved into parts of Nebraska and Kansas and then into Missouri where we rode a large section of the Katy Trail.

“The Katy Trail was created from the old Missouri Kansas and Texas Railroad line. They describe it as the longest trail in the country at 238 miles, and the skinniest state park, at times no more than a few feet wide.

“Since we are so far ahead of plan, we will continue to ride east to Marietta, Ohio and to the Ohio River, and then see how far time permits to get.”