

Riding Around the Sierra Nevada Roads



Highway 50 from Highway 395 to Spooner Summit
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Highway 50 from Highway 395 is not a climb anyone would normally want to do. It's one of the main roads to Carson City from Lake Tahoe so it has the potential to carry a lot of traffic – especially on holidays! However, if you ride early in the morning then you can beat most of the traffic. Plus, the highway has an excellent shoulder with plenty of room. Just be sure to avoid the occasional scatterings of gravel and pebbles.



The only real downside the amount of road maintenance that happened to be occurring during the ride! It looks like the Nevada Department of Transportation is adding a turn off. One of the lanes is closed which translates to a huge bike lane but the asphalt is pretty chewed up. It must have been roughed up in preparation for a new layer. The ride is bumpy for a little while to say the least.



Eventually you reach Spooner Summit for a well deserved rest. There are several trails in the surrounding area including the famous Rim Trail. Lake Tahoe is surrounded by many such trails. Hikers, bikers, campers, and water lovers huddle around the area to breathe in the beauty and enjoy the outdoors.



