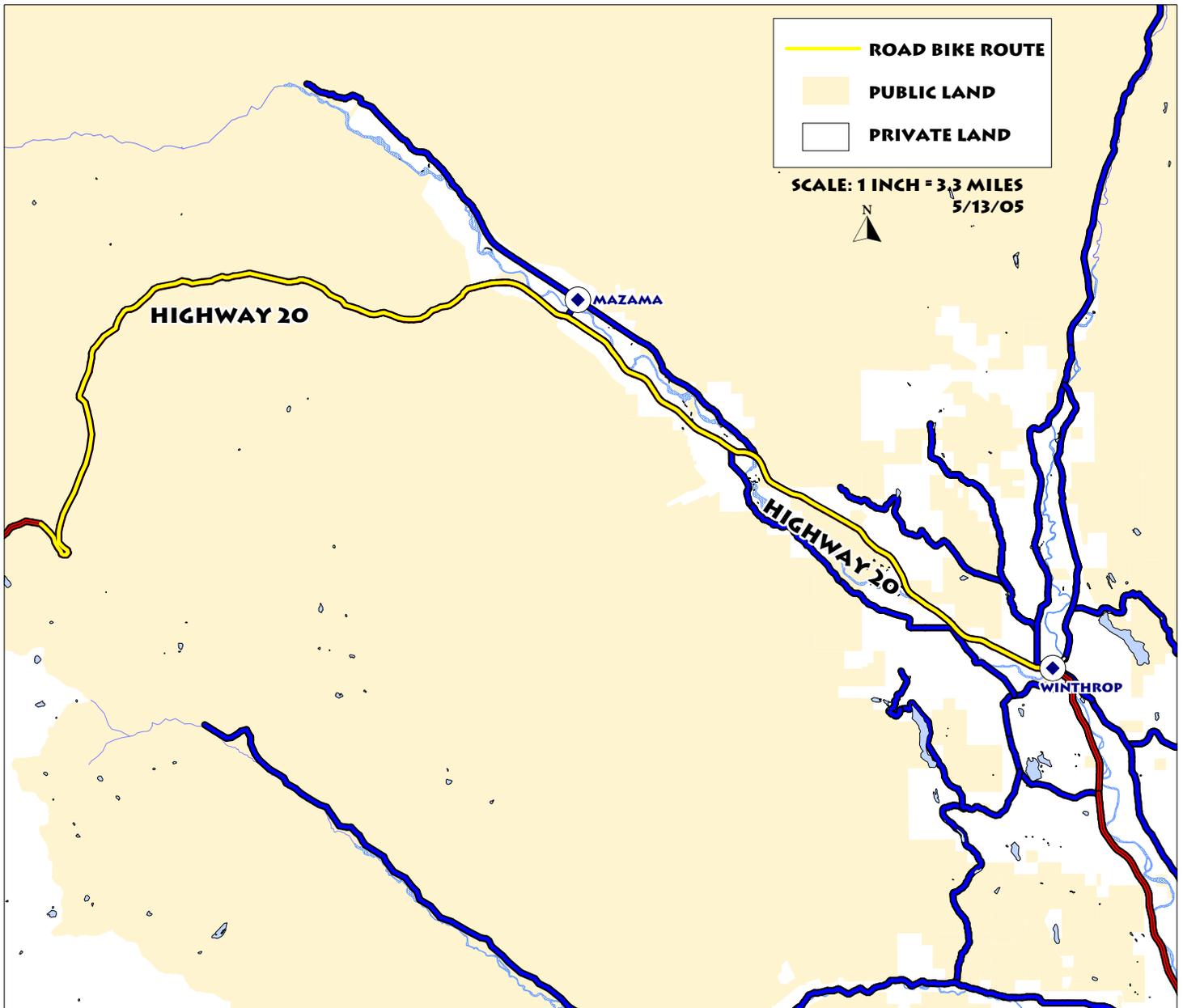


WASHINGTON PASS



Washington Pass

Strenuous (60 miles round trip from Winthrop, 30 miles round trip from Mazama) (4 -5 hours)

A fairly strenuous climb that is well worth the effort for the outstanding views and epic descent! This is the defining ride of the valley, following the rolling Mazama ride out on Hwy 20. However, stay on Hwy 20 and pass by Mazama (or stock up on some food while passing...). The climbing starts at about mile 15 and is fairly relentless the whole way to the top. Shoulders are good, restrooms are at the lookout at the top. Take plenty of water, food and some layers of clothing. While it can be really warm in the valley, the summit of the Pass can be pretty frigid- especially if the wind is blowing!

If you are visiting the Methow Valley and have a few miles in your legs, you should give this a go. To shorten the ride, start at Mazama or the Freestone Inn.