

Shrikes & Bikes: A Shortgrass Spin

June 6, 2026 – Genoa, CO

Route Overview



About the Ride

Shrikes & Bikes offers two gravel cycling options across the rolling plains of eastern Colorado. Riders can choose between a 60-mile main loop or a 25-mile alternate route, both beginning and ending at the historic World's Wonder View Tower in Genoa, CO. The terrain includes county gravel roads, open prairie landscapes, and several points of historical interest that highlight the region's grasslands and agricultural heritage.

Route Highlights

World's Wonder View Tower

Perched on the highest point between New York and Denver, the World's Wonder View Tower has long been a beacon for travelers crossing Colorado's eastern plains. Built in the 1920s by showman C.W. Gregory, the six-story tower promised views of six states and offered a quirky mix of café comforts, roadside hospitality, and oddball curiosities. Newly renovated, it stands as an unforgettable reminder of early automobile tourism and the creative spirit that shaped Genoa's place on the map.

Homestead Farms (The Beedy Barn)

Established by Elva and Elga Beedy in 1906, Homestead Farms is a fourth-generation Centennial Farm located near Bovina. The barn, built around 1916, remains a prominent example of early 20th-century agricultural construction on the Eastern Plains. The site reflects the continuity of family-run farming operations in the region.

Walks Camp Park

Walks Camp Park is a community-owned gathering place situated among cottonwoods and willows at the headwaters of the Arickaree River. The property was first assembled by local residents beginning in 1915 and has served as a church site, ball field, and meeting space. It is named for John Walk, a buffalo hunter who supplied meat to the railroad and lived near the Big Sandy.

Cedar Point Stage Station

Cedar Point was a stop on the Butterfield Overland Dispatch line along the Smoky Hill Trail—one of the most direct and hazardous routes to the Denver area during the Gold Rush. The trail passed through bison ranges and lands inhabited by Cheyenne communities, contributing to the challenges faced by travelers. Near present-day Limon, the trail split into three branches; the northern route passed Cedar Point and roughly parallels today's I-70 corridor. In 1868–69, the Seventh Cavalry maintained a temporary military presence at Fort Cedar Point to protect stage traffic. Tent outlines from the encampment remain visible on the hillside.

Limon Heritage Museum

The Limon Heritage Museum is a multi-building historical complex centered on the 1910 Rock Island Railroad Depot. Exhibits include preserved rail cars, agricultural equipment, and interpretive displays documenting transportation, ranching, and daily life on Colorado's Eastern Plains.