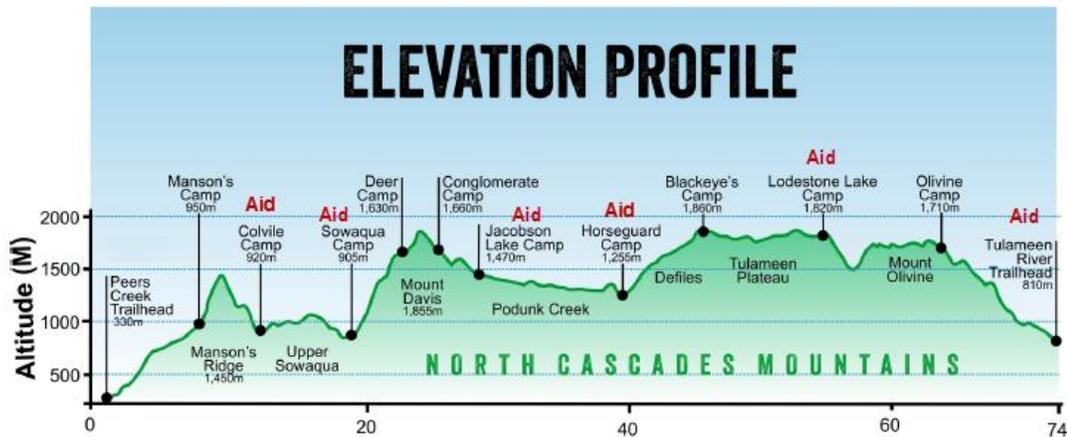


Jacobson Brigade 19 mile/30 km Route

Start—Jacobson Lake Camp

Race starts at the Jacobson Lake Camp which is accessible by Tulameen Forest Service Road.



Jacobson Lake to Sowaqua

- From Jacobson Lake you head to the trail intersection 500 m and take the trail to the right marked "HBC West".
- In about 100 m, you cross a road and then start the climb to the Cascade Divide through patches of wild blueberries and huckleberries. There is one short dip but the trail climbs constantly through an open forest.
- After crossing Podunk Creek, you soon reach Conglomerate Flats, named after the huge conglomerate boulders scattered at the base of Mt. Davis.
- At the trail sign, there is a backpacker's campsite with a toilet. Continue straight ahead and continue up another 1 km to pristine "Palmer's Pond".
- 200 m past the pond, you reach Cascade Divide at 1850 m elevation. Take in the spectacular views of Mt. Tulameen to your right and on a clear day you can see all the way to Golden Ears in the west!
- The downhill is going to look good, but save your quads; this is your steepest descent. You get some awesome views of Mount Outram and Mount Hatfield. Be careful because it can be rocky and slippery down to Camp Chevreuil, an original brigade camp.
- Once you leave the campsite you have a gentle climb while you contour around the mountain for half a km then start heading down switchbacks to the Sowaqua Valley.

When you reach the road, turn left for 100 m to the Sowaqua Campsite.

AID STATION at Sowaqua. Elevation this leg: Gain 455 m, Loss 995 m.

Sowaqua to Colville

- Leaving the aid station, head back on the road to the main trail, go left and head down to the bridge over Sowaqua Creek.
- You start a long gentle single track climb in a thick coastal forest until you cross a bridge.
- The trail then winds its way through old growth forest with a few flatter sections and gentle rolling terrain, crossing a series of small creeks.
- You cross a logging road and continue on the ancient single track that thousands of packhorses pounded into forest floor hundreds of years ago. This section has lots of mud holes which you can cross using the humungous skunk cabbage leaves on the trail.
- After a few small creek crossings, you arrive at Colville Camp which is nestled in a towering forest of old growth trees on a high spot between two creeks. This is your last chance for water before the trail starts the steep ascent to the final summit on Manson's Ridge.

AID STATION at Colville. Elevation this leg: Gain 270 m, Loss 245 m.

Colvile to Peers Creek Finish Line

- One km after leaving Colvile Camp, you go over the final road crossing on the climb up to Fools Pass which was named by the brigades—you will be fooled that this is the top of the mountain—until you round the corner and start an even steeper climb, zigzagging up to the last summit at 1450 m.
- This is where you will really feel like a packhorse, switching up and down over Mansion's Ridge, the brigade's most despised trail section. This is the area where 60-70 horses perished in 1857 on a slippery rocky slope in a snowstorm (one of the many tales of the horrors of Manson's Mountain).
- After the steep descent from Manson's, you reach an old logging block and arrive at Manson's Camp, another original camp.
- From here it is a long moderate descent on a single track to the bridge over Peers Creek.
- One more km on the gravel road to the finish line.

**AID STATION at finish. Elevation this leg:
Gain 580 m, Loss 1240 m.**