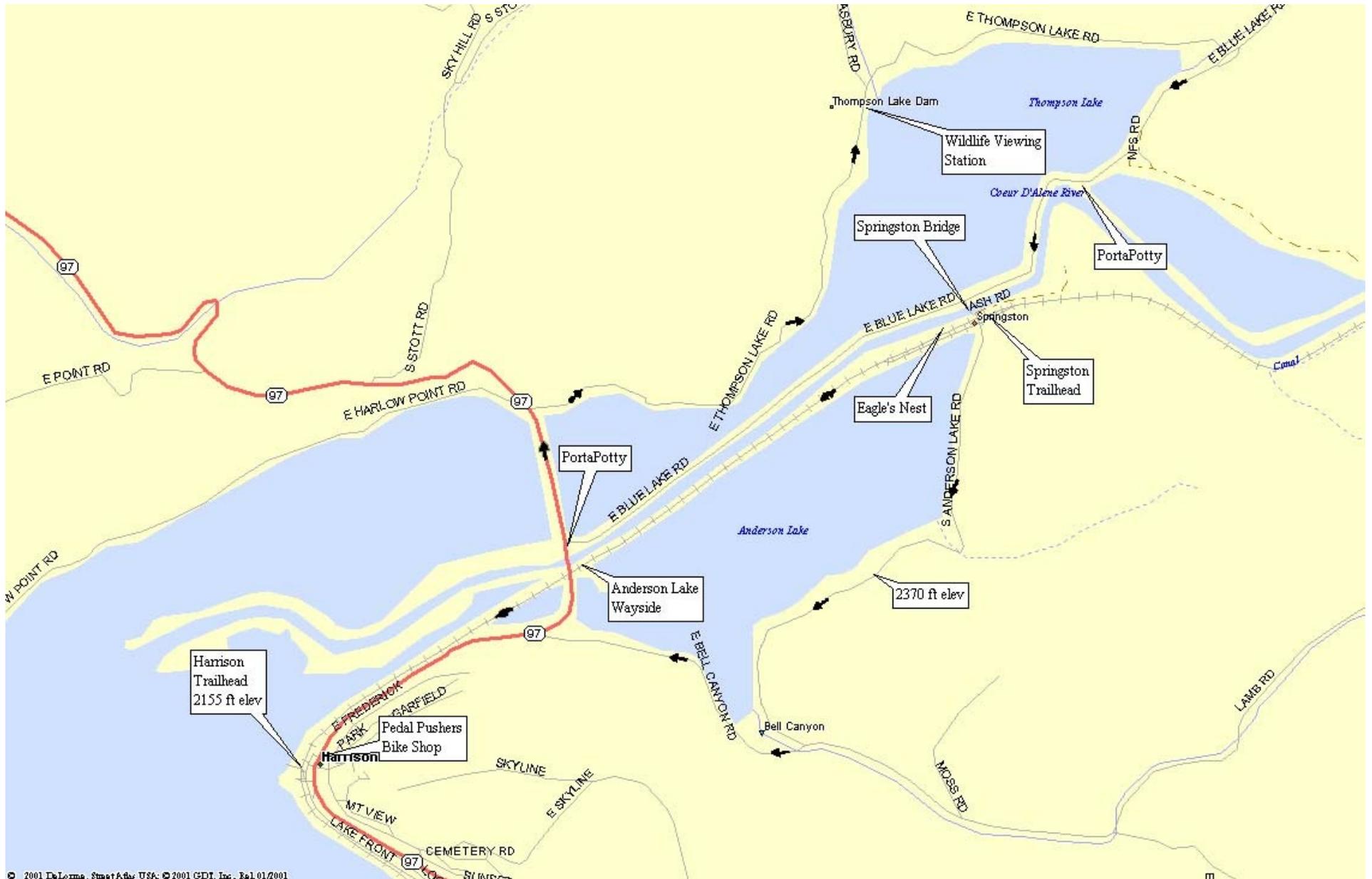


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Route Directions:

The mileage in these directions is based on riding around both Anderson and Thompson Lakes. Each lake can be circumnavigated as a separate ride. The directions describe how to ride for each option. A bicycle with wide tires is recommended since the roads around both lakes are packed gravel.

Mileage	Comments
0.0	From the Pedal Pushers Bike Shop make your way down toward the lake. The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Trailhead is located at the marina. Turn right (North) toward Springston.
1.2	You are passing under Highway 97. There is no access from the trail to the highway here. Anderson Lake is off to the right. Keep a lookout for wildlife of all types. There is an eagle's nest on your left just before you reach the Springston bridge.
3.1	The Springston bridge is to the left. The trailhead with a restroom is straight ahead. If you want to ride around both lakes, or only Anderson Lake, turn right onto Anderson Lake Road. This road is not paved. There is a moderate climb ahead with great views of the lakes. If you want to ride around just Thompson Lake, turn left onto the Springston bridge. After crossing the bridge, turn left onto Blue Lake Road. This road is not paved. At Highway 97 turn right, then follow these directions from mile 7.6 thru mile 16.2 (but, your mileage will be considerably shorter).
5.5	At the bottom of a nice coast, you will come to Bell Canyon Rd. Turn right onto it (West). This road is not paved. Again there will be great views along the way.
6.7	Turn right onto Highway 97 and cross over the Coeur d'Alene River. Look for Blue Lake Rd. There is a PortaPotty there. If you want to ride around Thompson Lake, continue on Highway 97 until you reach Thompson Lake Road. This road is not paved. If you want to return to Harrison, turn right onto Blue Lake Road. This road is not paved. Continue on Blue Lake Road until you reach the Springston Bridge. Turn right and cross the bridge. Then turn right onto the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. Return to the Harrison trailhead (disregard the rest of these directions).
7.6	Turn right onto Thompson Lake Road which meanders along the lake.
8.6	Stop and enjoy the Wildlife Viewing Station off to your right. There are pictures and other information on the local wildlife.
11.5	Turn right onto Blue Lake Road and continue on around Thompson Lake.
12.3	There are PortaPottys at the Thompson Lake Access parking lot.
13.1	Turn left and cross the Springston bridge. Then turn right onto the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. Return to the Harrison trailhead.
16.2	Back at the Pedal Pushers Bike shop for some cold or hot refreshments.