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SOUTH WATERFRONT COMMUNITY

# CURRENT



**Brompton:** One of the many Go By Bike offerings.

hauling groceries, dogs, you name it; and **Surly Crosschecks** - Great for commuting, touring, or whatever you want to throw at it.

There are all kinds of reasons to rent a bike - Want to take part in September's Bike Commute Challenge, but don't have your own ride? In the market for a new bike and want to get a serious test ride on some of the best bikes out there? Have guests coming from out of town who want to bike around the area? Or my personal reason - don't currently own a bike but want to do some riding whilst on a weekend getaway? To reserve a spot go by the shop or email – [gobybikeshop@gmail.com](mailto:gobybikeshop@gmail.com). Rates are very reasonable: 1 Hour – \$7; 1 Day (must be returned by 6:45 of that day) – \$20; and 1 Week – \$70. [www.gobybikepdx.com](http://www.gobybikepdx.com).

**Speaking of weekend getaways**, the getaway in question was to a wonderful, rural, bike-centric inn - the Coastal Mountain Sporthaus in Vernonia, Oregon. Inspired by cycling trips to Northern Italy, owners Glen and Sandy Crinklaw created their inn to capture the warmth and relaxed atmosphere found in the Italian countryside. Located on a grassy hill overlooking a pastoral view of Piedmontese cows grazing in the meadow below, a stay in one of the inn's four guestrooms includes a fresh, seasonal breakfast, lunch, and dinner with beer/wine, as well as complimentary morning yoga. We smuggled in some of our own snacks and wine, but never touched them - Sandy even packed a tasty sack lunch for our day of biking the nearby Banks-Vernonia Trail, after which we soothed our tired muscles in the wonderful outdoor soaking pool and listened to the silence. [www.coastalmountainsporthaus.com](http://www.coastalmountainsporthaus.com).

If you are up to the challenge of arriving at the Sporthaus by bike (a 48-mile ride from the South Waterfront) you will receive 10% from your already reasonably priced stay (\$125 per person, per night). Whatever your adventure, just go... by bike! \*

## SOUTH WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION TIP

### GO BY BIKE RENTALS & A WEEKEND BIKE GETAWAY

**Did you know that Go By Bike (the bike valet and repair service at the base of the Portland Aerial Tram) also does hourly, daily, and weekly bike rentals?** I did not, until mid-August, when I decided to take one of their rentals for a weekend spin. They have a fantastic lineup of bike types that cover just about every biking need, including:

**Brompton Folding Bike** - (this was the bike I rented, pictured at left on the Banks-Vernonia Trail) these bikes look different, and people will take notice. While out on the Brompton, I received such comments as, "Wow!", "How do you like riding that?", and "Awesome bike!!" It folds easily to fit in the back seat or trunk of your car, rides superbly, and has 8 gears; **Breezer Uptown** - Smooth sailing town bike; **Cetma Cargo Bike** - Front loading cargo bike, good for