

## 29.4 degrees, OK everywhere but gloves



Honest, I didn't pick the colors for this chart to accentuate the idea that it was cold this morning!

There are definitely some new gloves in my future. I have tried EVERYTHING. The garage is littered with gloves that didn't fulfill their promises. The biggest myth? "Waterproof." Don't ever believe it. Even the \$120 Gore gloves I got last year soak through in 45 minutes. But today wasn't about water, it was about cold. 29.4 degrees for a low, with it rarely getting above 37.

Some wonder how in the world you can stay comfortable when it's that cold outside, but truthfully, it's not that bad.



Bontrager RXL Split-Finger Glove. This may be the ticket.

Thermal tights, base layer, jersey, wool socks, shoe covers... pretty much everything's fine except for the hands. Today I was using the Bontrager RXL Thermal Waterproof model, which have done well for me when temps were in the low-40s. But today? My fingers definitely could have been more comfy. Time for more-extreme measures. I've ordered up the Bontrager RXL Split-Finger model. XL size, so I can even use a liner if I have to.

My ultimate glove would have something to warm the very tips, maybe battery powered?



Ice at Sky Londa

Overall, it was actually a very nice, almost social ride. Eric, Jan & Mark today; Kevin stayed home with an ingrown toenail. A little bit of ice on the archery-range corner near the top of Kings, and then a fair amount more at Sky Londa (Jan actually slipped a bit there).

We weren't in a big rush, but still got back in reasonable time, indicating we weren't total couch potatoes out there. Looks like our last dry ride for a while though; Sunday looks pretty nasty, and Tuesday, which happens to be Christmas... not much chance of getting out that day! Nor for someone with kids anyway.