

2017 Tour of Minnesota

June 16th - 23rd, 2017



Welcome

We want to welcome you to the Tour of Minnesota formerly the Klobuchar Ride community. The bike tour is about two months away and are already gearing up.

Please read as there is new and important information regarding the tour. I do repeat some information because we constantly have new riders on the list.

Minnesota Nice Water

I am proud to announce our partnership with Minnesota Nice Water. It is the best water I have ever tasted and it will rejuvenate even the thirstiest riders. Check them out at:

@MNiceWater

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<http://www.minnesotanicewater.com/>

Please follow, like and share Minnesota Nice.

TOUR OF MINNESOTA

CANCELLATION POLICY 2017

The Tour of Minnesota cancellation policy changes today April 15th. Please review it below.

Cancellations received on or before April 15, 2017 will be refunded the full trip fee less \$75.

Cancellations received between April 15 and May 15 will be refunded the full trip fee less \$100. Cancellations received after May 15, 2017 will forfeit entire trip fee.

All cancellations must be received by email at drumminglibrarian@hotmail.com

Questions from Riders

What do people sit on in camp?

You can sit around the campground, school

grounds, grass, picnic tables, etc. If you plan to bring a camp seat, it needs to go inside your bag and not attached to the outside.

Is there camping on Friday June 16th where we check in?

Yes, we will be camping Oak Lund Junior High School and leaving our cars there for the week.

When is check in?

Friday June 16th

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Oak Land Junior High School

820 Manning Ave. North

Lake Elmo, MN 55042

What happens at check in?

You will receive your commemorative t-shirt, your maps/itinerary, your wrist band for your food plan, your luggage tag(s) and a jersey if you ordered one.

Why do we get luggage tags for our bags?

Everyone needs the Tour of Minnesota luggage tags on each and every bag. Luggage tags need to have the following information:

1. First name, last name

2. Cell phone number

This saves us time in the morning and at the end of the day if there are bags laying around after we are loaded up or completely unloaded.

When are meals?

Breakfast 6:00

Lunch 11:00-1:00 (changes)

Dinner 6:00

Happy hour at 5:00

These times are tentative and may change

Breakfast is served at 6:00 to 7:15 every morning

We head on down the trail at 7:30

Lunch will usually be 11:00-1:00 but varies based on mileage and locations

Dinner will be served at 6:00

Except

Superior and Danbury

Two dinners will need to be staggered in Superior and Danbury due to our size

Superior Grizzly's

First group at 5:00 A-L

Second group at 6:30 M-Z

The first letter of your last name

Danbury Fishbowl

First group at 5:00 M-Z

Second group at 6:30 A-L

The first letter of your last name

Please eat at your respective time.

Originally, with the group size at 125, we could easily have fit in either location. With our group size at 185, we need to eat in waves.

Meet Your Staff

Bob Lincoln - Ride Director

Rich Daniels - Co-Director

Tom Gray - Snackshack and Lieutenant

Kathy Zimmerman - sag support and shuttle

Mike Weiss - bicycle repair specialist

Rich Gordon - social media specialist

Doobie Kurus - campground ambassador

David Fier - head gear transport
engineer/shuttle

James Lincoln - asst gear transport engineer

Dean Zimmerman - road painting and logistics

Baggage/Gear Limit

There is a 50 pound weight limit maximum.

Riders may have one large bag less than 50 pounds or two smaller bags totaling less than 50 pounds. Chairs, tents, sleeping bags must be **inside the bag itself** and not attached to the outside nor separate. All bags must be labeled with a **luggage tag, first name, last name, cell phone number.**

Helmets

Helmets are required whenever you are on a bike on ride days and even on the day off. Our insurance requires it. This is non-negotiable.

New This Year

- 1. Pork Belly Ventures Tent Service**
- 2. Events Bike Ride Services massage service**

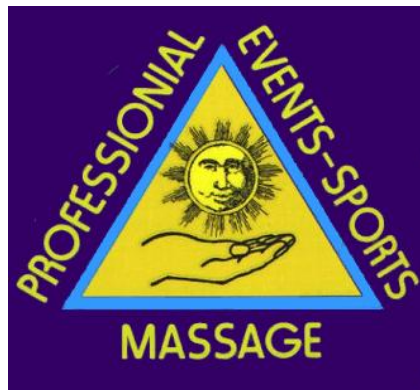
You can find details below and on our web site on the links below.



Pork Belly Ventures

There is still room to sign up for Pork Belly Ventures to provide your tent and porter services for the Tour of Minnesota. Pork Belly has been providing tent and porter service for RAGBRAI for more than twenty years. This is an optional additional service at your own cost.

[Click here to sign up for tent service](#)



Massage

Tired? Sore? Need a massage? We are proud to announce Glen Morey of Events Bike Ride Services to provide massages during the Tour. there is still plenty of time to sign up for this. If you would like a massage, please contact Glen:

C: 727-457-6994

[Email Glen for a massage](#)

[Click here to sign up for a massage](#)

Great Article

An awesome article in the Saint Cloud Times about Lucy Thomas and Jon-Scott Johnson, Lucy and Jon-Scott are regulars on our ride and ambassadors to new riders. Check it out:

[Lucy Thomas and Jon-Scott Johnson](#)

Hotel Options

New this year, we have added a cities page to the web site. If you plan to stay in a hotel/motel on the tour, check out [hotels](#). The hotels listed near the top are closest to our camping sites.

Shuttle

If you are staying in a hotel listed on the cities page, we offer a shuttle service for your gear for

\$2.00 per person per trip. You can fill out the form and pay at check in or as you go. I cannot guarantee shuttle service except to the hotels/motels listed on our web page.



Milestone Rides

If you would like to check out a friend of mine riding across the county, check out:

[Milestone Rides](#)



Gandy Dancer Trail Pass

We will be riding on the Gandy Dancer Trail while we are riding from Danbury to St. Croix Falls/Taylor's Falls. There is a Wisconsin State

Park System state trail pass that you will need to purchase. You can purchase a \$5.00 day pass or a \$25.00 yearly pass from the DNR. Details to follow.,

Wisconsin DNR State Trail Pass

Camping locations and addresses

Available on the bottom of our <http://www.tourofminnesota.com/cities.html>

FAQ

Please read the FAQ.

I receive many questions from new and returning riders so I put together a Frequently Asked Questions. The FAQ link is on the archives page at

<http://www.tourofminnesota.com/archives.html>

Also on that page are a day in the life of a rider on the Tour of Minnesota, great packing lists and more. Check it out.

Helpful Hints

Since Superior, Wisconsin is next to Lake Superior, you might want to pack a fleece in case the wind changes. Lake Superior stays cool year round. We will be camping a couple of miles away but the lake can bring cool weather.

Route

The 2017 Tour of Minnesota
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June 16th 2017, we will start in Stillwater and stay in the following cities: North Branch, Moose Lake, Superior, Danbury, St. Croix Falls/Taylor's Falls and back to Stillwater. Yes, we will be in Wisconsin for a couple of days.

6/16 Stillwater meet **4:00-8:00** for check in

6/17 Stillwater to North Branch **56** miles

6/18 North Branch to Moose Lake **71**

6/19 Moose Lake to Superior **48**

6/20 Superior **day off**

6/21 Superior to Danbury **52**

6/22 Danbury to St. Croix Falls/Taylor's Falls **55**

6/23 St. Croix Falls/Taylor's Falls to Stillwater **56**

Shortest day **48** miles

Longest day **71** miles

Average day **56** miles

Approximately **338** miles

Your mileage may vary.



Maps

We will have maps in many formats including FrontPack app available online and you will receive a print set of maps at check in.

Download the app here:
[Download FrontPack App](#)

You can find it online at:

<https://www.thefrontpack.com/Maps/Tour/2297>

If you are not familiar with FrontPack, check out the web site for more information. One thing I really like about it is you can download the route to your phone and use it without cell coverage.

Please invite me to be your friend.

Thank You

A great big thank you Brenda Potter, Jeri Kennelly, Julie Heuer, Chris Larrin, Doobie Kurus, Rich Gordon, Steve Reynolds, Dick Borst, Jim Moyle, John Ameel, Vi Olson, Bob Fier, my son James (who will hopefully be riding/working the tour) and so many more. I know I have forgotten some people so I apologize in advance. This job could not be done without agents in the field.

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Tour of Minnesota Web Site

www.tourofminnesota.com

Bob's Blog

<https://drumminglibrarian.me>

Bob's Bikers Group started by Dusty Pence

Registration cost \$485

The registration cost will include meals on riding days, 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners, camping facilities, showers, gear transport to camping sites, sag vehicle support, bicycle repair service by Penn Cycle, and a commemorative t-shirt by [Innovative Graphics](#). Riders will pay for meals on the day off, snacks along the route and other items of interest along the route.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us:

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