

2017 Tour of Minnesota

June 16th - 23rd, 2017

**The
Tour of Minnesota**

Starts on June 16th

Only Two Weeks Away!

**Welcome to the
Tour of Minnesota.**

**There is a lot of information here
and on our archives pages. You
will want to review both.**

**Thank you for choosing the
Tour of Minnesota.**



FrontPack Maps

We will have maps in many formats including the [FrontPack](#) app designed by a friend of mine, Steve Resnick. You can find FrontPack on our web page, at the App Store and Google Play.

Steve provides the Tour of Minnesota complimentary service to FrontPack. You will also get a set of print maps at check in.

If you have not downloaded FrontPack, I would.
It is awesome!!!

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. Also, you can turn on live tracking and communicate with your friends, post pictures, find a local pub. Also, it will be very helpful in case of an emergency.

Please invite me to be your friend.

Maps for GPS units

You can find these buy searching for Bob Lincoln on Ride With GPS.



Mechanics

Mike Weiss and Robert Melcher from Penn Cycle will be our mechanics this year. They are top notch and will provide a critical support service for us. Make sure you stop by and say hi. We couldn't do this ride without them.



minnesota**NICE**
Purified Water

Minnesota Nice Water

I am glad to have Minnesota Nice Water providing our water this year. It is the best water I have ever tasted and it will rejuvenate even the thirstiest riders. Check them out at:

@MNiceWater

<https://www.facebook.com/minnesotanicewaterllc/>

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

Please follow, like and share Minnesota Nice.

Alcohol Prohibited

We will be camping on school grounds most nights this year. Alcohol is prohibited on school grounds in Minnesota and Wisconsin so please be respectful of that. There are plenty of locations you can visit at the host cities. Please keep alcohol **off** school grounds. The Tour of Minnesota wants to maintain the highest reputation.

Happy Hour on the Rocks

We will have happy hour on the rocks overlooking the St. Croix River in Taylors Falls put on by the Rotary Club of Taylors Falls/St. Croix Falls. It will be Thursday afternoon from 3-5. We will have a short presentation about the area and local history from Mike Prichard from the St. Croix Falls Historical Society. It is an easy ride down to the river with a more challenging ride back to camp. Beverages available for a small fee.

Beer/Wine Runs

Tour of Minnesota staff will not be going on beer/wine runs for riders. It is prohibited by our insurance policy. Tour vehicles are for Tour of

Minnesota activities only (support, sag support, shuttling riders to hotels and back, emergency situations).

See your photos on social media?

We need photos for the Tour of Minnesota web page, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. We would really like your help. If you want to help send a few photos each day to:

[Rich Gordon](#)

Social Media Manager

We are really looking for photos of people smiling, riding and the beautiful scenery.

Check In - the first 20 riders

Pedal MN, a part of Explore Minnesota has donated some really nice Pedal Minnesota a Bike Friendly State 20 t-shirts that will given away to the first 20 riders that register (sizes vary). So don't wait to check in.

Volunteers Schedule

[Volunteer schedule](#)

If you are a volunteer, please print your schedule.

Volunteers at check in will:

- Greet all riders
- Check in new riders on the roster
- Pass out commemorative t-shirts
- Collect \$5.00 for each rider for Wisconsin Trail Pass

- Distribute shuttle forms for hoteliers
- Have riders fill out luggage tags.
- Hand out jerseys for those that ordered them

See you there!

Medical

Are you a nurse, EMT or a doctor? Would you like to be a part of our medical team. If you would like to help us and you have experience, please email me with "Medical" in the subject line.

Bob Lincoln

drumminglibrarian@hotmail.com

Meal Plans

You signed up for your meal plan during registration. We will not be changing your meal plan, meaning the one you signed up for is what you will eat all week. At check in you will receive a color coded wristband that will remind you of your meal plan.

* Please eat the food on your meal plan. We have people with dietary requirements on a special meal plan.

** We sent in the numbers to food vendors on May 16th.

*** We are not changing plans.

Wrist bands color coded for meal plan

Red = regular meals

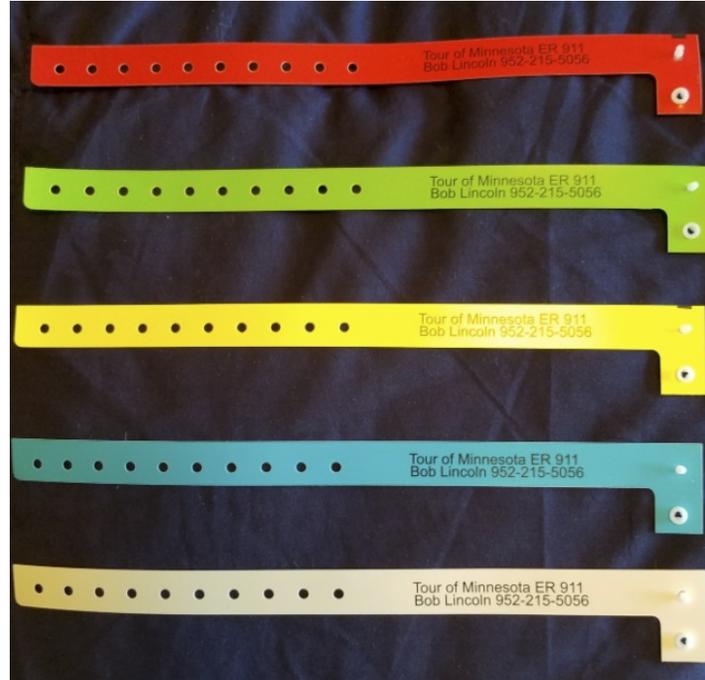
Green = vegetarian

Yellow = vegan

Blue = gluten free

White = lactose free

Wrist Bands for meal plans image below.



Guest Meals

We will not be able to provide meals for guests visiting you on the bike tour this year. We are above capacity at a few locations and the logistics are difficult with 185 people.

Tacos Anyone?

Are you staying for tacos at the end of the ride? If you did not reply to the survey I sent out last week, you can click on the link below so I can get accurate numbers for the caterer, Acapulco.

Taco Survey

Accordian Museum

The Accordion Museum in Superior will be open

for our group from 10AM-12PM on June 20th, our day off. I hear it is really cool. Check it out.

Check In

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

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 served?

Breakfast 6:00-7:15

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

Safety message and route update from Bob at 7:20 or so

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.

Grizzly's in Superior

First group at 5:00 A-L

Second group at 6:30 M-Z

Based on the first letter of your last name.

Fishbowl in Danbury

First group at 5:00 M-Z

Second group at 6:30 A-L

Based on the first letter of your last name.

Please eat at your respective time.

With our group size at 185, we need to eat in two waves.

Meet Your Staff

Bob Lincoln - Ride Director

Rich Daniels - Co-Director

Tom Gray - Snackshack

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

**We won't be hard to spot, we will be in yellow
reflective vests when around camp.**

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 labeled
with:**

**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.

Electronics

Pork Belly Ventures will be providing cell phone charging stations for all Tour of Minnesota riders. Make sure you thank them if you use their services. Thank you Pete!

Hotel Shuttle

We will provide shuttle services for you and your gear for \$2.00 per person per ride. Please have ones available for shuttles to make it easy on the gear guys. They have enough to worry about.

Sun Screen

I would be irresponsible if I didn't mention sunscreen. I would definitely bring some sort of sunscreen.

History

The Tour of Minnesota formerly the Klobuchar Ride is in our 43rd year. Jim Klobuchar, writer columnist, adventure travel writer with the StarTribune news paper in Minneapolis for 30 years started it. He led 39 tours and created an warm culture and friendly attitude. One thing that makes our ride unique is that we reqroup.

we have breakfast together, head on down the road at about 7:30, stop and regroup at a rest stop after 15-20 miles. We have beverages and snacks available at all rest stops. Get refueled and head on down the road for lunch where we regroup again. You get the idea. It is a philosophy that has deep roots in this ride. And because of it, the ride becomes about the people. I think you will meet some really awesome people on this ride.

In 2013, Jim asked me to take it over with the goal of keeping the ride alive. Over the past few years, we have gone from 90 riders the year before I took over, to 108, 120, 125 and this year with 175 riders. We look forward to seeing you on June 16th.

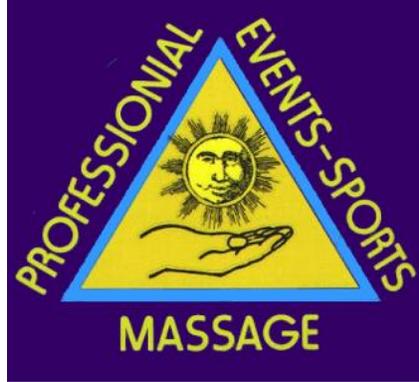


Pork Belly Ventures

Tent Service Poster

Lots of room to sign up for Pork Belly Ventures tent service. Pork Belly Ventures will also be providing cell charging stations for all riders.

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



Massage

This is our first year having a massage service.
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](#)

Hotel Options

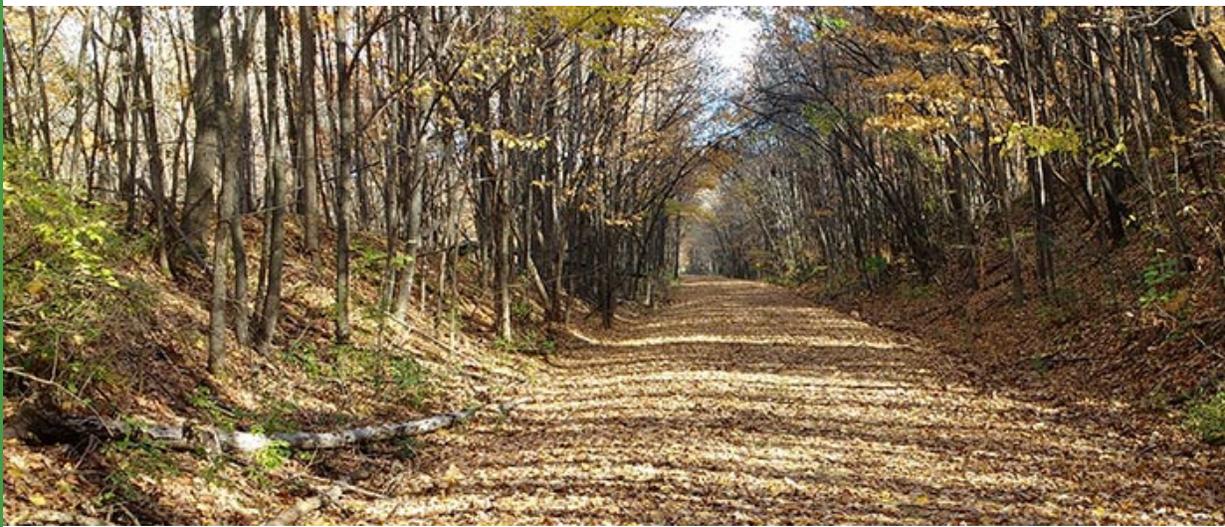
If you are staying in hotels, please make sure
you pick up your hotel tags at check in.

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 as you go I cannot guarantee
shuttle service except to the hotels/motels listed
on our web page.

Taco Lunch at the End

Please reply to the survey about having tacos
for lunch at the end of the ride. Right now we
have 111 people signed up. If you want to join
us, you need to complete the survey with your
meal choice.



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 at check in. All riders need a pass for day 6.

[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

Bring a dry sack with you on the bike for your electronics. Pack your things in dry sacks inside your luggage bags, that way if they are caught out in the rain, your clothes will be dry.

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.

Thank You

A great big thank you Steven Stueck, Brenda Potter, Jeri Kennelly, Julie Heuer, Chris Larrin, Doobie Kurus, Rich Gordon, Steve Reynolds, Dick Borst, Jim Moyle, John Ameal, 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.

I have to say a BIG THANK YOU to RICH DANIELS. This tour would not go on without him. Thanks, Rich

TOUR OF MINNESOTA

CANCELLATION POLICY 2017

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

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[drumminglibrarian](#)

Tour of Minnesota Web Site
www.tourofminnesota.com

Bob's Blog
<https://drumminglibrarian.me>

Bob's Bikers Group started by Dusty Pence
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BobsBikers/>

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