

2017 Tour of Minnesota

June 16th - 23rd, 2017

**The
Tour of Minnesota
is only
30 days 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.**



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.

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.



Bike Tune Up

If you haven't had your bike looked over by a trained mechanic, I highly recommend it. If you are in Minnesota, Penn Cycle does an awesome job. Our mechanics on the tour are from Penn Cycle are top notch, it is still a good idea to get your rig looked over in advance.



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.

Volunteers Wanted for Check In

We need volunteer riders to help with check in.

We have shifts available for one hour duration

Need 3-4 people per shift

4:00-5:00

5:00-6:00

6:00-7:00

7:00-8:00

Volunteers 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
- Hand out jerseys for those that ordered them

Please email me "Check In" in the subject line and the hour/hours you would like to volunteer. Thanks in advance.

Bob Lincoln

drumminglibrarian@hotmail.com

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.

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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.**

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.

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

What happens at check in?

Pick up your commemorative t-shirt, maps/itinerary, your wrist band for your food plan, your luggage tag(s) and meet new friends. You will pay your \$5.00 Wisconsin Trails Pass (please bring cash). If you are staying in a hotel, you will need to pick up the shuttle form.

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

The first letter of your last name

Fishbowl in Danbury

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.

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 be 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.

Emergencies

In the event of an accident, please use your best judgement. If it is anything but a minor scrape, please call me or Rich Daniels. If it is severe, please call 911. Then call me or Rich.

Your wristband will have my name and cell phone number on it. And 911.

Staff also have long-range radios so if your cell doesn't work, get a staff member to make the call on the radios.

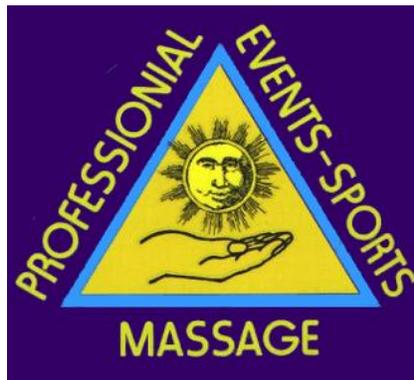


Pork Belly Ventures

Tent Service Poster

Lots of room to sign up for Pork Belly Ventures tent service.

[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

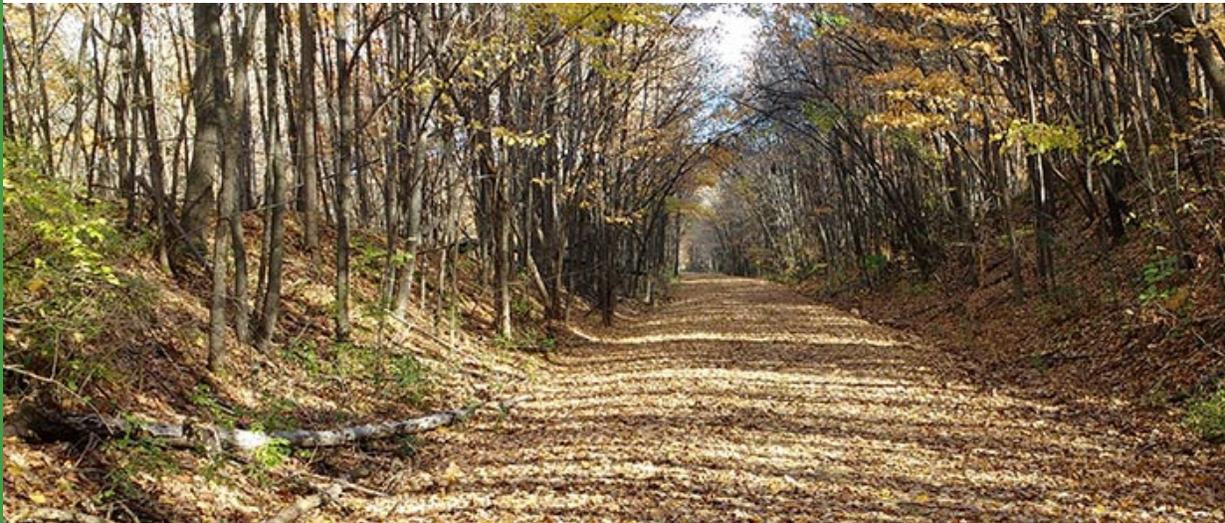
If you are staying in hotels, please make sure you pick up your hotel tags at check in.

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.



Gandy Dancer Trail Pass

We will be riding on the Gandy Dancer Trail while we are riding from Danbury to St. Croix Falls/Taylors 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

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. The lake is so large it creates its own 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.

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 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.

I have to say a BIG THANK YOU to RICH

DANIELS. This tour would not go on without him. Thanks, Rich

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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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Instagram

[drumminglibrarian](https://www.instagram.com/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/>

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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