

## **Lake Michigan bike Trip**

**August x-xx, 2017**

I learned a great deal in 2017 with our trip to Cincinnati. It is great to always have a plan but, something is going to happen and you have to be able to adjust many thanks to everyone who helped to save the day (you know who you are).

The 2018 trip will feature the Beach Towns of South Haven, Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon and Whitehall along the banks of Lake Michigan think beer on an outdoor patio over the water!!!!

We will begin our trip in Holland Michigan with a two night stay followed by two nights in Muskegon and one night in Grandville (outside of Grand Rapids).

This will eliminate the need for the luggage truck and the party bus (you are driving to Holland and back). We will be paying someone to move our luggage from hotel to hotel. I am hoping that someone from the local bike club will provide this service and act as a guide through Grand Rapids. Therefore, I am requesting that each rider contribute \$50 to cover the cost of transportation and guide services. I will provide a full accounting of expenses at the end of the trip and refund any overage.

The second critical issue is lodging. This seems easy until you need rooms along a bike trail or in a small town with few options. We need to reserve these rooms now. Space is limited if we want to be together. I have detailed the trip's itinerary and room options below. You are responsible for making your own reservations.

Of course, you are welcome to arrange your own lodging (i.e., camping, etc.) if you like.

**If you want to go on this trip, you need to: 1) Notify me and submit a check for \$50.00, and 2) find a roommate, if you want one, and make your hotel reservations.**

The trip is detailed on the next page.

1. The estimated mileage is 324 mile over 5 1/2 days
2. I am assuming most people will drive to Holland Sunday morning. The first ride begins at 3pm Sunday. The drive time is 5-6 hours.
3. Day 1, Day 2 and Day 4 are loop rides and can be shorten for those individuals who wish to ride less miles. I plan to offer a 25, 50 and 75 miles option each day.
4. Day 3, Day 5 and Day 6 are one way routes between towns and can't be shorten.
5. The routes are a combination of small towns, county roads, 125 miles of bike trails and YES a trip into downtown Grand Rapids to see Millennium Park. This is summer time along the lake and I expect traffic to many of the beaches.
6. The route elevations are on the sheets. The maps on loaded on RWGPS "Holland 6 – 11". Day 1 is number 6 and so on. These are drafts and subject to change. I plan to drive every mile and do my usual check of EVERYTHING!!!!
7. When you call the three hotels use the code "silver wheels" to get the room block and rate. Remember to ask for two nights in Holland and Muskegon, one night in Granville. The phone numbers are on the next page.

## Lake Michigan Bike Trip 2018

Day 1 Sunday August 12 elev. +707 features the 8 mile Bee Line Trail  
0.0 Start time 3 pm Haworth Inn Holland Michigan  
16.2 RR Boardwalk Ice Cream Saugatuck  
36.2 Return to Haworth Inn 225 College Ave. Holland, Michigan 616-395-7200 \$152.10  
Dinner 7 pm at Boatwerk's 216 Van Raalte Ave.

Day 2 Monday August 13 elev. +1508  
0.0 Start time 8:30 Haworth Inn  
14.5 RR Boardwalk Ice Cream Saugatuck  
34.3 Lunch Sub's and More 529 Phoenix St. South Haven (take food to beach)  
61.5 RR New Richmond Bridge Park Old Allegan Road  
72.5 Return to Haworth Inn  
Dinner 7 pm at 8<sup>th</sup> Street strip multi options!!!!

Day 3 Tuesday August 14 elevation 960 features the 20 mile Lakeshore Trail  
0.0 Start time 8:30 Haworth Inn  
17.5 RR Pigeon Lake Boat Ramp, Port Sheldon  
29.8 Lunch Grand Haven 3 option  
49.5 RR BP Heights Ravenna Road  
57.1 Holiday Inn 939 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Muskegon, Michigan 231-722-0100 \$139.99  
Dinner 7 pm Dockers' 3505 Marina View Point

Day 4 Wednesday August 15 elev. 886 features the 12 mile Muskegon Area Trail  
11 mile Fred Meijer/Barry Junction Trail and 14 mile Scenic Drive Connector Route  
0.0 Start time 8:30 Holiday Inn  
21.2 RR Duck Lake Beach  
27.6 Lunch Crosswinds on the lake, Whitehall  
40.5 RR Crosswinds on the lake, Whitehall  
50.1 RR BP gas station, Dalton  
59.1 Return to Holiday Inn  
Dinner 7 pm Multi options

Day 5 Thursday August 16 elev. +873 features the 26 miles Musketawa Trail, 6 mile Fred  
Meijer Standale Trail and 20 mile Fred Meijer Millennium Park  
0.0 Start time 8:30 Holiday Inn  
18.1 RR Ravenna Trail Head  
29.1 Lunch Rinaldi Pizza Marne 14675 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
56.1 RR Millennium Park  
62.4 Comfort Inn 4520 Kenowa Ave. SW Granville, Michigan 616-667-0733, \$109.99  
Dinner 7 pm Texas Road House or Logan's Roadhouse Canal Ave

Day 6 Friday August 17 elev. +924  
0.0 Start time 8:30 am Comfort Inn  
16.2 RR Gas Station  
43.6 Hotel Haworth Inn pickup your car!!!!