



Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

Welcome to the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) 2022!
You're receiving this e-mail because you're registered for the 2022 ride.

This is Update #2

This is the 2nd of at least 4 e-mail updates you'll receive in advance of GOBA launch on Saturday, June 18th. Our host cities are ready for you and our veteran GOBA team is polishing up the on-road and camp logistics. We're almost ready to ride!

- **Teaser** - General route overview graphic at the end of this e-mail
- **Update #3** - will highlight host city activities, attractions, food & party plans, and sign-up links for special tours in Troy.
- **Update #4** - will provide links to the final GPS route files for downloading or printing.

GOBA ROUTES AND FOOD STOPS

On GOBA, getting there is MORE than half the fun! Each year, our route planners search out safe, scenic cycling roads that are guaranteed to bring miles of smiles. How many miles? As little as about 125 miles if you ride only on the **three “mandatory” days — Monday, Wednesday and Saturday — when we break camp to pedal to the next town.** Or as much as about 400 miles if you pedal on all seven days, including the long option Monday and both loops of the century ride Friday.

The terrain is varied, with the roads north of Sidney being fairly flat, and those south of Sidney more rolling, particularly as we ride in and out of the river valleys.

Thanks to the herculean efforts of Jeff Pierron our previous GOBA Director and current Food Stop Coordinator, you'll stay well-nourished along the way at the lunch and snack stops. **Most are organized by churches, school groups and other local nonprofits as a fundraiser.** Although it's difficult to find volunteers these days — particularly in a busy month like June — these groups have really stepped up to show us their hospitality! Other food stops will be at restaurants and stores. **Each route will have at least two stops**

with food availability. Additionally, there are water stops (no food) to ensure that riders have access to toilets and drinking water about every 10-20 miles.

BRING CASH! You'll be able to use a credit card at established restaurants, food trucks, and convenience stores, **but many of these small snack & lunch stops that are provided as fundraisers for local organizations, won't have the capacity to swipe credit cards. BRING CASH!**

The routes will be finalized and revealed on goba.com (along with the stops) early in the week of June 12 after veteran routemeister Dwaine Wheeler paints the pavement markings and makes adjustments where construction projects pop up.

On-Road Support - GOBA's team of SAG Drivers, HAM radio operators, and Medical professionals, keep you safe and respond to your incidents during the cycling day. Check out this website to understand the breadth and depth of the support on the road - <http://www.gobahams.org/> Additionally, if you're a licensed HAM, carry a unit on your bicycle, and would like to join the bike-mobile team during GOBA week, follow the specs on that website!

Dedicated SAG Emergency phone - - this will ring directly into one of our SAG vehicles and they'll activate an appropriate response. We'll provide this phone number several more times and as a sticker on your bike number.

SAG Emergency line - 937-419-9957

Route Maps, Cues, and GPS Files

GOBA cyclists can stay on course by using Dwaine's road marks and by following the Ride With GPS digital maps on their bike computer or phone. Paper maps will be in limited supply, but pdfs of the routes and cue sheets will be posted on goba.com so **riders can print them at home or store the files on their phone for easy off-line access.**

Route Highlights

Here are some of the route highlights for GOBA 2022 (distances and feet of climbing estimated; details subject to change):

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 — 50 miles (1,150 feet of climbing). GOBA week begins with an optional ride during our Father's Day layover in Sidney. The route makes a counter-clockwise loop out to Versailles High School, where a student group will serve lunch. There's a morning snack stop at a store in Fort Loramie, and an afternoon water stop in Houston at Congregational Christian Church before we return to the Shelby County Fairgrounds.

MONDAY, JUNE 20 — 55 miles (770 feet) on the long route, 40 miles (700 feet) on the short route. Everyone rides today as we move our camp from Sidney to Wapakoneta. A school athletic team will host a morning snack stop in Port Jefferson. Lunch is in Jackson Center, the headquarters of Airstream travel trailers, and boxed lunches from the Airstream cafeteria can be purchased at the stop in Village Park. Cyclists can visit the Airstream Heritage Center (small admission fee) before leaving town. Just north of Jackson Center, the routes split, with the long option heading to town of Lakeview along Indian Lake, where there are stores and restaurants. The long and short routes reunite near the village of St. John, where there will be a water stop at the fire station. Then it will be mission accomplished at the fairgrounds in Wapakoneta, hometown of Neil Armstrong.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 — 45 miles (750 feet). This is an optional layover day loop. After a water stop at First Church in New Knoxville, we visit New Bremen for a lunch hosted by the American Legion at the beautiful Crown Pavilion. The nearby Bicycle Museum of America will open at 10 a.m. (small admission fee). From New Bremen, we head northwest to Grand Lake, where there's a FOYO (food on your own) snack stop at the Villa Nova. We pedal through the park along the northeastern shore of the lake before heading back to Wapakoneta, with a water stop at historic St. Patrick Church along the way.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 — 50 miles (1,100 feet), no shortcut. After tossing our gear on the luggage truck in Wapakoneta, we embark on the journey to the next camp, in Troy. St. Jacob Lutheran Church in Anna will host an A.M. snack stop, and there will be a water stop at a beautiful family farm near Sidney. Then a stretch of shady roads along the Great Miami River takes us to downtown Piqua for lunch at the restaurants and food trucks at Canalplace. From there, it's about 15 miles to our new home, in Troy City Park.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 — 55 miles (1,100 feet). We use the first of our two layover days in Troy to explore the region west of town, including scenic Greenville Creek. After a water stop at a church in Pleasant Hill, we pass Bear's Mill en route to the Gettysburg area for lunch at Oakland Church of the Brethren. Some scenic rolling roads along the

creek take us to Covington, which has a number of FOYO options for an afternoon snack to fuel the 13-mile ride back to camp.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 — 50 miles (775 feet) or 100 miles (2,100 feet). St. Paris is the hub for both loops on our century ride. The 25-mile ride to St. Paris includes a morning stop at a general store in Christiansburg. Lunch will be hosted by the Lions Club at Harmon Park in St. Paris, where riders will have the option to continue 25 miles back to Troy, with a water stop in Fletcher. Or they can take the century challenge and add a second 50-mile loop north that returns to Harmon Park for another lunch stop. Century cyclists then rejoin the first loop for the trip back to Troy. The extra loop will have FOYO snack stops in DeGraff and Rosewood, and the first loop will have an afternoon water stop in Fletcher.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 — 31 miles (750 feet). A short route today as we break camp after three nights in Troy and head back to our cars in Sidney. A morning snack stop at a gas station/convenience store on the western edge of Piqua is followed by lunch at the Lockington Volunteer Fire Department, where the firefighters will sell grilled chicken dinners. Take a moment to enjoy the restored canal locks in Lockington. Then enjoy some river views on the final 10 miles back to the Shelby County Fairgrounds, where GOBA will end in the same place we started. Have a safe trip home!

2022 CAMPGROUNDS

- Saturday & Sunday nights, June 18-19: Sidney, **Shelby County Fairgrounds** – 655 S Highland Ave, Sidney, OH 45365
- Monday & Tuesday nights, June 20-21: Wapakoneta, **Auglaize County Fairgrounds** – 1001 Fairview Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, June 22-24: **Troy, City Park** – 200 Adams St, Troy, OH 45373

Stay tuned for more in the coming days!

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General Overview of all 2022 GOBA Routes (below)

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Utilize the daily narrative above to see the general routing.



