



**Outdoor  
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Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

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**Welcome to the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) 2022!**

**You're receiving this e-mail because we've got you registered for the 2022 ride.**

**Thank you** for your patience with our limited communication as we prepare for this event! I'm sure it's been unsettling to not hear details. That said, due to the pandemic, we've been stretched very thin with human resources to operate the entire Columbus Outdoor Pursuits organization. Thankfully, through your continued support of our beloved GOBA, we're confident we'll keep providing safe, full-service outdoor adventures into the future.

Next – **a very special “thanks”** to the many GOBA riders that had a deferred registration since the untimely cancellation of GOBA 2020. We really appreciate your patience, flexibility, and support as we've rebuilt from that scenario. Not all organizations and tours have been so fortunate. Again, our loyal and passionate riders have been the foundation for our survival.

We plan to ***e-mail you several times in these last two weeks before GOBA*** opens on Saturday, June 18th in Sidney, Ohio. This e-mail will contain a few basics, the itinerary, a prompt to review preparation documents on our website, and hopefully some reassurance that GOBA 2022 will be fun!

We'll follow up with e-mails containing specific host town activities and sign-up directions, and route details and GPS/map links.

In the meantime – please review these three webpages for procedures, guidelines, and tons of answers to all your questions on what to bring and how to survive. (click on the link)

1. [“How to GOBA”](#) – webpage includes basic guidelines...lots of them!
2. [“GOBA Camp Rules”](#) – webpage includes more details about the camping arrangements.
3. [“The Way to GOBA: Rider Handbook”](#) – A comprehensive handbook of operating standards, packing list, etc. This version is dated from 2019, but should be currently relevant. (e.g. We haven't arranged massage therapists yet)

**GOBA check-in:**

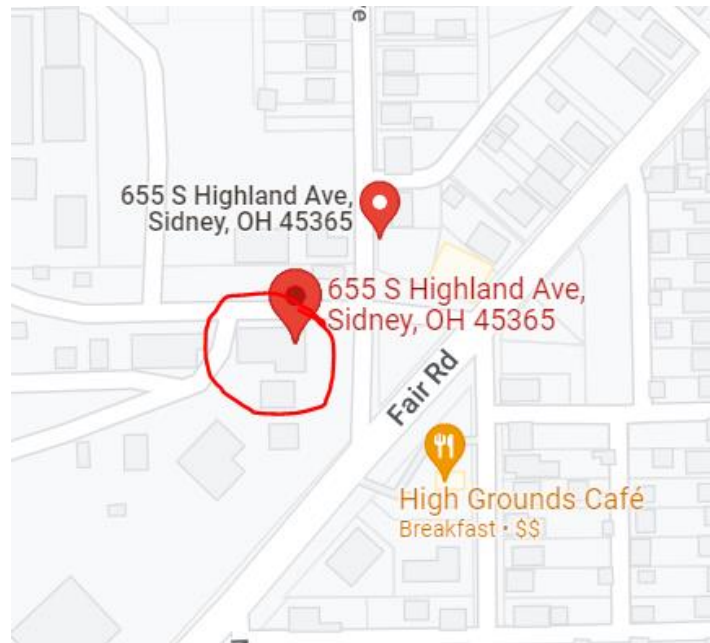
Saturday June 18th – Noon – 8pm.

Shelby County Fairgrounds

655 Highland Ave.

Sidney, OH 45635

1st Building on the left when entering fairgrounds – there's only one entrance



### Check-in Procedure

- Please bring your name, ID, and happy disposition!
- You can bring your Event ticket or e-mail confirmation just in case – it’s not necessary.
- Exception – those that had some adjustment in registration and have an e-mail “promise” from Director Jeff.
- You’ll pick up your GOBA wristband, identifiers for add-ons you purchased (e.g., Knight’s Kingdom camping, towel service, indoor sleeping, etc) GOBA 2022 bike number, and any merchandise you ordered.
- We will have some paper documents (e.g., the itinerary for week, attraction/lunch/snack stop “grid”, etc) but will offer many of these on-line in advance so you can print them before coming.

**Merchandise** – we’ll have **VERY LIMITED** supply of jerseys and t-shirts to sell. We bought just a few extra for sizing exchanges.

**Deluxe Camping, Towel Service, Car Camping, and Indoor sleeping passes will be for sale at check-in.**

#### **Limited Availability of paper maps & stuff**

We’ll send links of the route maps by June 13th and encourage those that crave a paper map/cue sheet to print them out at home beforehand. We’ll have a few, but don’t want to print gobs of materials that’ll be wasteful.

#### **Camp Set-up at the Shelby County Fairgrounds**

After you’ve checked in, there will be local volunteers guiding you to the camping area. You’ll drive your car through the camping area, drop your bags, tents & stuff at a site, then proceed to park your car in a designated parking area as directed by the local volunteers. Baggage shuttle to the luggage truck on Monday morning will be offered by enterprising locals. Tip accordingly.

**The GOBA vibe** – this is a perfect segue to explain one of the principal objectives and expectations of GOBA. **This tour was created to introduce cyclists to often-unexplored regions of Ohio, and to allow these communities to showcase their unique offerings and warm hospitality.** GOBA riders, in turn, provide economic support of the local businesses and organizations that roll out their hospitality. These local organizations (youth, adult, civic, church, etc) generate meaningful support for their local activities, and hopefully are left with a warm feeling for cyclists after we leave. As cyclists on the road, we can use all the love and respect we can generate...yes? So – **support the local offerings** for breakfasts on site, snack & lunch stops, and dinners at the local eateries. Can we stay away from the national chains for a week? I think so.

**Saturday night** – After you've set up camp and re-acquainted with your old cycling friends, **venture into downtown Sidney for their Community Arts and Music Festival.** It's a 0.7 mile/15 minute walk. Or, there will be a bike corral for secure bike parking! This will be the night to enjoy the heart of Sidney!

**Sunday** – we'll continue to check in late arriving riders beginning at 7:00am. Our optional, but highly encouraged, riding route will be a 50 mile loop west to lunch in Versailles. You might as well ride, because many local businesses and attractions will be closed/limited due to it being Father's Day Sunday.

**Sunday evening** – Sidney will be bringing dinner and ice cream to GOBAville at the Fairgrounds. We'll offer our opening ceremony, light DJ tunes, and possibly a few other activities. Get a good night's rest and prepare for Monday's trip to Wapakoneta.

### **Basic Itinerary for the Week**

#### **Saturday, June 18: Sidney**

— Arrive early and explore the local trails. Enter the bicycling costume contest, ride in the parade to downtown, and enjoy a festival with arts, music and food.

#### **Sunday, June 19: Layover day in Sidney (optional loop)**

— 50 miles, west to lunch in Versailles.

#### **Monday, June 20: Sidney to Wapakoneta**

— 50-55 miles, with a 10-15 mile shortcut, northeast to include Lakeview on Indian Lake.

#### **Tuesday, June 21: Layover day in Wapakoneta**

— 45-50 miles, west to include Grand Lake St. Marys and New Bremen, home of The Bicycle Museum of America.

#### **Wednesday, June 22: Wapakoneta to Troy**

— 50-55 miles, south with a lunch in Piqua. Possible short-cut on the Great Miami River Trail.

#### **Thursday, June 23: Layover day in Troy (optional loop)**

— 50 miles, west to Gettysburg with sections along the Greenville Creek.

#### **Friday, June 24: Layover day in Troy (optional loop)**

— 100-mile "century" ride to the northeast of Troy, with a 50-mile cutoff loop.

#### **Saturday, June 25: Troy to Sidney**

— 35-40 miles to finish where we started. No shortcut.

Route details and mileages are approximate and subject to change.

### **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!

Jeff Stephens,  
GOBA Director

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