



Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

Welcome to the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) 2023!
You're receiving this e-mail because you're registered for the 2023 ride.

This is Update #3

This is the 3rd of at least 4 e-mail updates you'll receive in advance of GOBA launch on Saturday, June 17th. **This update provides further details on the offerings from our four host cities.**

- **Action Required - Register now for the special tours provide by Willoughby & Kent. You don't want to be edged out of these unique opportunities!**
- **Update #4** - will provide links to the final GPS route files for downloading or printing & the "Rest/Lunch Stop Food Grid" to help you plan your riding days.

SOME HOUSEKEEPING FIRST....

Security on GOBA - We have a longtime GOBA tradition of *providing a security detail to watch your vehicles at the start/finish parking area for the entire week* you are pedaling around the region. Fairgrounds are traditionally the safest venue to leave our sea of cars, but having extra eyes on-site provides an additional layer of comfort.

We'll have *special duty law enforcement* patrol on-site at our stays in Willoughby and Kent. You should feel comfortable leaving your tent and gear as you ride the loops out of Kent on Thursday, or walk into the towns for all the special activities and food. We'll have law enforcement keeping a close eye on GOBAville while we're at both the fairgrounds sites in Jefferson & Burton.

That said - **BRING a BIKE LOCK**. There may be some secure bike corrals for some of the host city parties and festivals; however, there will be plenty of times you'll want to lock your bike if you go in a museum, shop, etc. Also, you'll feel more secure locking your bike to a fence (or even to your tent!) during your overnight sleep.

HOST CITY FOOD AND ACTIVITIES

Our host cities have worked hard to provide food opportunities to feed our 1,100 riders. Again, these offerings are often provided by local organizations to raise some funds for their activities. We highly encourage you to take advantage of these offerings; this support of local economies is a founding objective of GOBA. [Please bookmark GOBA's News & Resources page on your mobile device so you can access this detailed info all week \(when you need it most!\)](#)

NEW FOR 2023- GOBA BOOKLET!

We have printed a "GOBA Booklet" that you'll receive at check-in. It has the basic itinerary, host city food offerings, and the major entertainment offerings. Please carry that throughout the week and plan your days accordingly.

CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD DAILY

We'll post lots of information on the bulletin board at GOBA Info Booth. We'll post info such as - indoor sleeping location, meal times & locations, road markings and updates for tomorrow's route, emergency shelter, etc.



ACTIVITIES, SPECIAL TOURS, & EVENTS

GOBA host cities love to highlight their unique attractions. We always leave with a great appreciation for the communities we may have never explored if not for a bicycle tour! And, host communities often use GOBA as an opportunity to host special community festivals, parties and events. Again, this exploration and celebration of local communities is a founding objective of GOBA.

Jefferson - The Ashtabula Fair will be hosting a variety of food and entertainment activities throughout the weekend - ribfest, food trucks, concert, truck pull, etc. Check the Info Booth for detailed information.

After you set up camp, either enjoy activities in Jefferson, or drive to one of the wineries in the area or explore Harbor Street in Ashtabula. [Here's a link to the detailed schedule of the first three days in Jefferson. Don't miss the GOBA opening Ceremony and Four Kings Band on Sunday 6pm or the Wine Tasting event on Monday evening!](#)

PS - There's a [Strawberry Festival](#) in town - that means STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!!



Fairport Harbor - Tuesday's lunch stop is worthy of special consideration with our other host communities. Fairport Harbor is a beautiful harbor town located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Grand River. It's home to two historic lighthouses, two museums, a charming sheltered beach with a boardwalk, unique shops, & award winning restaurants.

This lakefront community has a rich history as a vibrant industrial community steeped with **Finnish, Hungarian, and other ethnic cultures**. Tuesday's lunch will feature all these ethnic delights, and then lead you to the various museums to pick up more ethnic desserts. Shopkeepers, like BethLynne Studios, will offer special GOBA merchandise. [Download the map now!!](#)

Willoughby - There's a lot to pack into Tuesday afternoon & even



several shuttles to **historic Kirtland**, the site of the first Latter Day Saint Temple and surrounding village. There will also be a **painting session at Stella's Art Gallery**, a **Ghost walk**, spaghetti dinner (along with 16 other bars & restaurants) How about a bourbon and cigar tasting event?

And of course, there will be a rocking band, Follow the Sun. Come party with music, adult fizzy drinks, and more at the Wes Point Park in the heart of downtown Willoughby!

[Here's the link to the Willoughby offerings.](#) Register now!

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - KENT

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Wednesday, June 21st

- Local establishments - BELLENA Pizza & Stromboski Ice Cream will be at Pavilion #4 at Fred Fuller Park from noon to 4 PM selling sweet & salty food options plus cold beverages as riders arrive.
- GOBA Kickoff in Kent at North Water Brewing from 4 to 7 PM.
 - Formal Welcome and Brief History of Kent from the Kent Historical Society
 - Live Music featuring "Rachel Brown & the Beatnik Playboys"
 - Local Food Trucks - Roll Call Burgers & Fries, Broolis Homestyle BBQ, & Southern Comfort Kitchen
 - Visit local bicycle shop - Kent Circle
- Live Music on the patio at the KSU Hotel featuring "N Like Finn" from 7 - 9 PM

Thursday, June 22nd

- Light Breakfast at the park in Pavilion #4 offering coffee from local coffee shop - Bent Tree Coffee, muffins, fruit, and overnight oats.

Thursday, June 22nd Cont...

- KSU May 4th Visitors Center - Experience the events of May 4, 1970 on a guided walking tour with local Kent historian who was there and witnessed the events. Tours at 11 AM & 3:30 PM. Meet at the May 4th Visitors Center.
- KSU Campus Tours hosted by Admissions from 2 to 3 PM. Tours will leave every 10 minutes or so over one hour timeframe. Meet outside of the Kent Student Center KVIA on campus.
- GOBA-exclusive one-hour guided hike at Towner's Woods. **MUST PREREGISTER!** Leave by bike from Fred Fuller Park at 3 PM.
- Afternoon Yoga at the park with Sherry Rose Yoga
- KSU Game Night sponsored by Off the Wagon Toy Store at Bell Tower Brewing from 4 - 6 PM. Board and card games for ALL ages. Event is FREE but **MUST PREREGISTER!** Scratch made food & craft beers for purchase.
- GOBA Dinner and Five-Year Awards Program at Buffalo Wild Wings at 5 PM.
- Bars, Bands and Rock 'n Roll - local KSU alum, author, and musician will take you down memory

Kent - Two days and nights in Kent - can you squeeze in all that's being offered? First - Kent will host several block parties with live bands, adult fizzy drinks, and food on both evenings!

Special Tours (Registration required) - Kent has put together some unique and very special activities for GOBA riders. You won't want to miss Kent's kick-off on Wednesday at the North Water Brewing Company which will include a brief presentation from the Kent Historical Society (4pm). Of course, they've arranged guided presentations of the May 4th Visitor's Center.

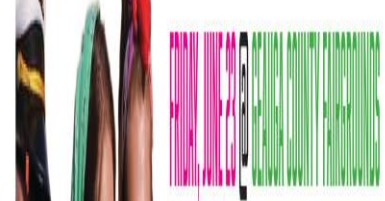
You'll need to pre-register for several special activities:

- 3hr. Kayak adventure on the Cuyahoga River,
- guided hiking adventure of Towner's Woods,
- KSU Game Night sponsored by Off the Wagon Toy Store,
- Bars, Bands, and Rock & Roll presentation about the history of Kent's vibrant music scene.

[Click this link to be directed to the Kent Chamber of Commerce special page of GOBA activities \(and registration\)](#)

Burton - The last night of GOBA will be in the heart of Geauga Co

GOBA FESTIVAL



A longtime GOBA tradition is to kick share your talent with fellow cyclists at the Geauga County "backgrounds in Burton."

Participants are encouraged to sing, perform, play an instrument or compete in your "beats, bridges & buggies."

Performances should not be more than 3 minutes or less.

Props and costumes are encouraged but not necessary.

worn out from an active week. So after a satisfying Amish feast, enjoy the traditional GOBA Talent Show and then some fun music from Mr. Haney String Band.

[All the Host Community details are posted on GOBA's News & Resources page. Bookmark it NOW on your mobile device!](#)

Stay tuned for more in the coming days!

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