



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.

Update #2

Thank you for your continued support of the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure - presented by Columbus Outdoor Pursuits!

Are you excited to explore the far northeast corner of Ohio? Its been a small challenge to shepherd our four new GOBA host communities to prepare for the onslaught of GOBA riders; but they've risen to the challenge and will be delivering an epic experience! And...the cycling routes will be unique and beautiful!

Just remember that we're exploring a region that GOBA has never visited.

Northeast Ohio - The 34th time is a charm!!



What to expect on this year's GOBA - Webinar next Sunday

Rather than bombard you with more written stuff right now - how about joining us for **a 30+ minute webinar on Sunday, June 4th at 7pm.** We'll share route details (current maps, distance options, elevation, attractions, & food opportunities). We'll also discuss the unique features of our host community camps - the attractions, food & basic itineraries. We'll share an update on our charging station, the Snooze Box, shower trucks, etc.

GOBA is changing to keep up with the evolving landscape of bicycle tours. And, our visit to this remote portion of the state requires some adaption to our longstanding model. You'll want to understand these subtle changes to best enjoy your GOBA experience. We think you'll be delighted!

There's a *500 participant max on this Zoom webinar.* We'll record it and make it available the following day. **Please put this link in your calendar for Sunday, June 4th at 7pm. (I'll open it up about 6:50pm)**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82480687573?pwd=Nm5Kb3lsWC93OVcyTG03amN5Tm82QT09>

E-bikes, vegans, shuttle needs & Thursday riders - Action Rquired!

In order to best plan and ensure we can meet the need for these specific services - can you take **ONE MINUTE and answer 4 very quick questions at this link?** Your response will help us plan appropriate quantities.

[Click here for quick survey](#)



We need Photographers & Videographers

Would you, or someone you know, like to join our photographers team? This role could be fulfilled by several GOBA cyclists during their daily adventure. Or, a non-riding partner could help. We have an experienced leader that will provide guidance.

We desperately need to add some video to our archives. If you can help with video capture...let's talk! For questions, or commitment, please contact Director Jeff at office@outdoor-pursuits.org

Here's a repeat of critical information from GOBA Digest #1:

GOBA check-in:

Saturday June 17th – Noon – 8pm.

Ashtabula County Fairgrounds

127 N. Elm St.

Jefferson, OH 44047

The exact building & traffic flow map will be provided later.

Late Check-in will also be available Sunday & Monday

Basic preparation – 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.
4. Make sure your bicycle is in good working order.
5. Make sure your body is in good working order.
6. **Bring your cheerful disposition and adventurous spirit!!**

The GOBA vibe – this is a good 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 to 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. When you see the compiled list of all the groups/organizations that have benefitted - you'll get the vibe!

The GOBA vibe - part 2 - Bring CASH! Lots of small, manageable denominations. Most of the local organizations will be swamped....serving a GOBA rider every 20 seconds for a crazy hour or so. **Assume that all your transactions will be in CASH.** (except for dinner restaurants in Willoughby & Kent)

Basic Itinerary for the Week

Saturday, June 17: Jefferson

— Arrive early and explore Ashtabula County's wineries and nightlife destinations. There will also be a community rib/foodfest and entertainment at the fairgrounds.

Sunday, June 18: Layover day in Jefferson (optional loop)

— 50 miles, Loop to Geneva on the Lake, wineries and covered bridges.

Monday, June 19: Layover day in Jefferson (optional loop)

— 50 miles, Loop to Conneaut, wineries and more covered bridges

Tuesday, June 20: Jefferson to Willoughby

— 50 miles, west through Ohio wine country with an amazing lunch stop in Fairport Harbor

Wednesday, June 21: Willoughby to Kent

— 50 miles, south through the Chagrin River Valley and Chagrin Falls

Thursday, June 22: Layover day in Kent (optional loop)

— 50 - 100 miles, southeast through remote Portage County

Friday, June 23: Kent to Burton

— 40-60 miles through Geauga County with the GOBA talent show and an Amish Feast at the oldest fairgrounds in Ohio.

Saturday, June 24: Burton to Jefferson

— 40 miles through the heart of Amish settlements to finish where we started.

Route details and mileages are approximate and subject to change. **Shortcuts will be available on optional/loop days.** Final routes, attractions and food stops will be provided the week prior to GOBA.

2023 CAMPGROUNDS

- Saturday, Sunday, & Monday nights, June 17-20: Jefferson, **Ashtabula County Fairgrounds** – 127 N Elm St., Jefferson, OH 44047
- Tuesday night, June 20-21: Willoughby, **Todd Field**, Glenn Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094
- Wednesday & Thursday nights, June 21-23: Kent, **Fred Fuller City Park** 601 Middlebury Rd, Kent, OH 44240
- Friday night, June 23-24: Burton, **Gauga County Fairgrounds**, 14373 N. Cheshire St., Burton, OH 44021

Stay tuned for more in the coming days!

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