

2021 Ride Guide







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- Info about over 20 fun rides and events
- Local bike shops around the state
- Friendly, social bike clubs in Illinois
- Reasons & ways to support Ride Illinois

Making Illinois better through biking!

2021 Ride Guide

Hey Friend!

It's never too early to start planning some adventures by bike! The **2021 Ride Guide** highlights some fun, organized rides around Illinois and in nearby states. To learn more about the events in the Ride Guide – and even more events from other bike clubs and organizations – go to **rideillinois.org.**



Ride Illinois shares our annual Ride Guide with over 10,000 individuals and 200 local bike shops. This is just one way that we are **working to promote safe cycling for recreation and transportation** in Illinois!

As the statewide advocacy organization, **Ride Illinois is dedicated to making Illinois more bike-friendly**. We are advocating for better road design, creating municipal bike plans, promoting trail development and funding, pushing for favorable legislation, and educating both motorists and cyclists about safely sharing Illinois roads so you can get out and Ride Illinois!

If you are already Ride Illinois member – thank you! The work we do would not be possible without your financial support.

If you are not a Ride Illinois member yet, please join today!

Together, we will make Illinois a safer, more enjoyable place to ride a bike for recreation and transportation!

Contact us at info@rideillinois.org with your suggestions, concerns, thoughts and questions. Thanks!

Your Bike Pals, Dave, Gina, Ed and the Ride Illinois board



Reasons to Become a Ride Illinois Member



You believe in the MANY BENEFITS of bicycling.



You want Illinois to be a MORE BIKE-FRIENDLY state.



You appreciate THE WORK WE DO on behalf of all cyclists.





Ride Illinois is a member-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to making biking better across Illinois! Here are a few facts that measure our impact over the past 29 years:



Since 1992, we've worked diligently on behalf of cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Provided technical assistance to dozens of communities – from Rockford to Carbondale!





Helped craft policies: 3-foot passing law, Dutch Reach, and bikes on transit.

Our free, online BikeSafetyQuiz has been completed by over 130,000 people in Illinois!



Go to rideillinois.org to learn more about Ride Illinois and the ways we're working to make bicycling better and safer in Illinois. If you value what we do, become a member or make a donation today to support our efforts. Together, we can do more!

Education from League Cycling Instructors

- Do you want to learn to how to ride a bike?
- Do you want to improve your skills and confidence?
- Do you want to learn how to ride safely with traffic?

There are more than 50 League Cycling Instructors in Illinois that have been certified through the **League of American Bicyclists**. Learn more about Smart Cycling classes and find other useful resources at **rideillinois.org/safety/education**.

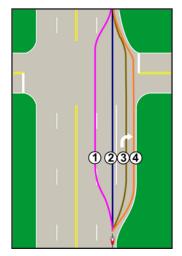
Share the Road License Plates



Support safe bicycling even when you drive! Most of the incremental fee for these state-approved specialty license plates fund Ride Illinois' driver and bicyclist education efforts. Visit **rideillinois.org/share-the-road-license-plates** to learn more.

BikeSafetyQuiz.com

Challenge your knowledge of relevant state laws, learn safety strategies, and help make our roads safer by completing our free quizzes. Ride Illinois has developed quizzes for adult bicyclists, child bicyclists, motorists, and truck drivers.



Sample Question

When going straight at an intersection WITH a right turn-only lane, where should you ride?

- (1) Right edge of the left of two through lanes
- (2) In the rightmost through lane
- (3) Center of right turn lane
- (4) Right edge of right-turn lane, by road's edge

Want to learn more? Visit **BikeSafetyQuiz.com** today!

Generous Corporate Members

Ride Illinois appreciates the support of the following businesses, foundations, and organizations for their generous contributions. **Corporate Members** help us promote bicycling for all ages around the state and assist with our bike advocacy efforts.





Platinum Level



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Gold Level



Learn more at rideillinois.org/corporate-members

Generous Corporate Members

Silver Level





Bronze Level





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Partner Level









Friend Level







The Ride Illinois Community

Ride Illinois wants to build community on bikes across the state and we want you to be part of the Ride Illinois community! We don't care how far or often you ride, whether you ride a bike for recreation or transportation (or both), what kind of bike you own, where you ride or your Strava stats. Let's pedal forward together! Use #ridelLcommunity on your social media posts.

#ridelLcommunity



Sweet Ride Illinois Merchandise

Check out a wide variety of swag, gear and other items to **show your support of Ride Illinois!** Jerseys, t-shirts, neck gaiters, car magnets and more are available on the **shop on our website**.







You can also find a variety of items on our new Redbubble Shop!





Useful Resources

Visit the Ride Illinois website for a wealth of useful resources to help you ride your bike more, be safe and enjoy the ride!

- Finding routes
- Maps
- Bike to Metra guides
- Route guides
- Webinars
- Classes
- BikeSafetyQuiz
- Enjoy Bike-Friendly Illinois Map
- Advocacy resources

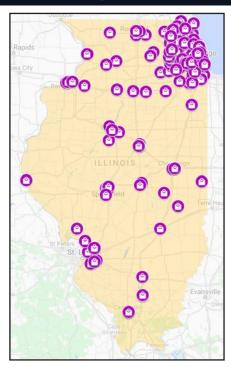
Support Illinois Bike Shops

Illinois has around **200 local bike** shops throughout the state!

Visit our regularly-updated Enjoy Bike-Friendly Illinois map to find bike shops near you.

Local bike shops and their staff have the products and knowledge for new and returning cyclists, as well as those who have been biking for many years.

We encourage you to support local bikes shops whether you're purchasing a bike, getting a bike repaired or picking up some accessories. Please support small business and shop local!



Safety Tip: ABC Quick Check

A is for Air

	Inflate tires to the pressure listed on the side of the tire
	Use a gauge to insure proper pressure
	Check for wear and tear; replace damaged and worn tires
B is 1	for Brakes
	Inspect pads for wear and replace worn pads
	Check pad adjustment; make sure they do not rub
	Make sure you can fit your thumb between the brake lever and handlebar when the brakes are squeezed
C is	for Cranks and Chain
	Pull up and down on your cranks. Tighten loose bolts
	Check your that your chain is free of rust and gunk
Quic	k is for Quick Releases

☐ Make sure all quick release levers are closed ☐ Make sure levers are pointing to the back of the bike

Check is for Check It Over

☐ Take a short ride to make sure all's well before leaving home

Safety Tip: Scanning

Scanning allows you to avoid dangerous situations before they happen. This skill also communicates to others that you are about to maneuver to another position or change lanes.

Get comfortable looking over your shoulder to see who or what's behind you - without swerving! Occasionally checking behind you will increase your safety when biking on roads and trails.



Affiliated Bike Clubs & Community Organizations

Ride Illinois would like to recognize these **fun, social bike clubs and community organizations** for their generous contributions:

Platinum Level (\$1,000+)

Blackhawk Bicycle & Ski Club Evanston Bicycle Club Joliet Bicycle Club McHenry County Bicycle Club Quad Cities Bicycle Club Starved Rock Cycling Association Wheeling Wheelmen

Gold Level (\$750 - \$999)

Fit Life Social Club

Silver Level (\$250 - \$749)

Arlington Heights Bicycle Club
Bike Psychos
Decatur Bicycle Club
DuPage Cycling Foundation
Downers Grove Bicycle Club
Elmhurst Bicycle Club
Folks On Spokes Bicycle Club
Fox Valley Bicycle & Ski Club
Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove
GOATS Bicycle Club of Galena
Illinois Valley Wheelm'n
Kankakee River Bike Club
McLean County Wheelers
Springfield Bicycle Club

Bronze Level (\$100 - \$249)

Bicycle Club of Lake County
Bike Palatine
Chicago Area Tandem Society
Chicago Cycling Club
Kish Bike and Rec Club
Tri Right Coaching
Oak Park Cycle Club
Prairie Cycle Club
Schaumburg Bicycle Club
Team224, Inc.
Z Tour

Friend Level (\$1 - \$99)

Boxing Out Negativity
City of Warrenville Bicyclist &
Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Rock River Valley Bicycle Club
Ten 27 Cycling Club

Click here to learn more

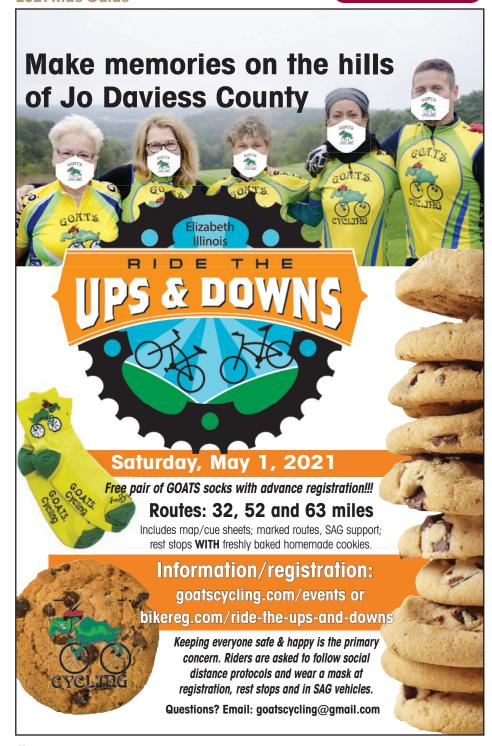
about our affiliated bike clubs and community organizations.



2021 Ride Guide

Date	Ride	Start City	Organizer	#
May 1	Ride the Ups & Downs	Elizabeth	GOATS Cyclng	14
May 19	Ride of Silence	many locations	Ride of Silence	
May 21	Illini Weekend Getaway	Champaign	Bicycle Illinois	15
May 30	McHenry County Century Ride	Lake in the Hills	True Blue Dogs/People for Parks/RPT	16
June 6	FOS Spring Fling	Monee	Folks on Spokes	17
June 11-13	TOMRV	Bettendorf, IA	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	18
June 13-18	Grand Illinois Bike Tour	Litchfield	Ride Illinois	19
June 13	Blood, Sweat and Gears Cycling Series	Lansing	Fit Life Social Club	20
June 19	Food Bank Flyer	Normal	Team 224	21
July 1-17	Z Tour	Virtual	Z Tour	22
July 4	4th of July Century	Plainfield	Joliet Bicycle Club	23
July 18	Biking with Beanzie	DeKalb	Kish Bike & Rec Club	24
July 31- Aug. 12	CowaLUNGa	Gurnee	Respiratory Health Association	25
July 30- Aug. 2	Ride Across Wisconsin	La Crosse, WI	Wisconsin Bike Fed	26
Aug. 1	Harmon 100	TBD	Wheeling Wheelmen	27
Aug. 7	Hammer for Hope	Dixon	Rock Riv. Vly. Bicycle Club	28
Aug. 15	Everybody Rides	St. Charles	Project Mobility	29
Aug. 21	Street Love Ride	Chicago	Boxing Out Negativity	30
Aug. 21	Ride Like an Egyptian	DeKalb	Kish Bike & Rec Club	31
Aug. 28	Busse Woods Night Ride	Elk Grove Village	Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove	32
Aug. 28	No Baloney Bike Ride	Morton	Illinois Valley Wheelm'n	33
Aug. 29	Bike for the Kids	Elgin	Easterseals DFV	34
Sept. 12	Swedish Days Ride	Maple Park	Fox Valley Bike & Ski Club	35
Sept. 18	Amish Country Tour	Arthur	Decatur Bicycle Club	36
Sept. 19	North Shore Century	Evanston	Evanston Bicycle Club	37
Sept. 25	Heartland Century	Geneseo	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	38
Sept. 26	Tour de Cure	Virtual	American Diabetes Assoc.	39









2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

Illini Weekend Getaway

Champaign, IL May 21st - 23rd

GRABAAWR

Eagle River to Prairie du Chien, WI June 12th - 19th

Ride Across Illinois (RAIL) North

Moline to Chicago, IL

June 20th

Ride Across Illinois (RAIL) South

St. Louis, MO to Vincennes, IN

June 26th

Bike Northwoods Tour

Boulder Junction, Park Falls, & Mercer WI July 4th - 10th

Tri-State Tour Chicago Century #1

Hammond, IN to Kenosha, WI July 12th

RAGBRAI® Transportation Service

Chicago, IL to the start and from the end of RAGBRAI

July 24th and July 31st

SAGBRAW

Wisconsin Dells, Green Lake & Columbus, WI August 7th - 13th

Bicycle Illinois

Cairo to Chicago, IL August 21st - 27th

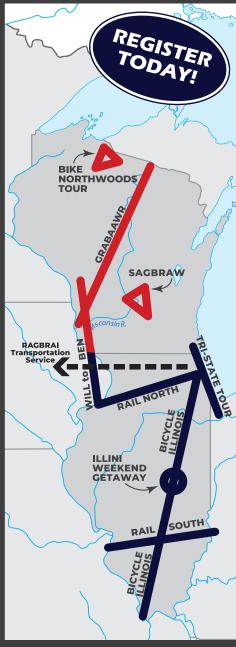
Tri-State Tour Chicago Century #2

Hammond, IN to Chicago, IL August 28th

Will to Ben

Port Byron, IL to Sparta, WI
October 2nd - 8th

(877) TOUR-ILL bicycleillinois.com



(888) BIKE-WI-1 bikewisconsin.com





40TH ANNUAL
SPRING FLING
(FORMERLY THE EASTER RIDE)

Sunday June 6 2021

New Start Location:
Monee Reservoir
27341 South Ridgeland Ave
Monee, IL

Cloverleaf routes 18+19+44 miles Registration Open May 1st Register Online: www.folksonspokes.com

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Homemade cookies!!



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2 DAYS OF CYCLING • 2 CENTURY OPTIONS 2 SHORTER MILEAGE OPTIONS EACH DAY

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FORTY-FOUR 2021

>>> JUNE 11 - 13 <<<

A QUAD CITIES BICYCLE CLUB EVENT







SAVE THE DATE!

2021 Food Bank Flyer

A ride to benefit Midwest Food Bank

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 20 • 40 • 60 Mile routes Lunch served • Rain or shine

The Food Bank Flyer offers multiple routes through beautiful central Illinois countryside. Due to support from generous sponsors, 100% of the proceeds go directly to Midwest Food Bank.



Team 2

For complete details or to register, go to

EST 2012 MATTHEW 25:35-36 **Team 224.org**



Virtually anywhere! Z Tour Bike Ride July 1st-17th, 2021

"Show and Go" Routes will be featured each weekend leading up to the day of the ride.

Choose one of our featured routes or you can ride anywhere you choose and any date you choose!

T-shirt for every ticket purchase! Register at Eventbrite. Sponsorship ticket options available!



See ztour.org for updates







jolietbicycleclub.com

Visit our website for more information



6:30 AM Ride Start!

33% Discount on a JBC Membership!

- Come Celebrate the 47th Annual 4th of July Century!
- Pre-register between April 1 June 30 for only \$25.
- Register on July 4th for \$30.
- Start Location: Plainfield South High School.
- 7800 West Caton Farm Rd, Plainfield, IL.
- Very Low Traffic Roads in Kendall County.
- Choose from 25, 50, 75, and 100 mile routes.
- Receive a 33% discount on a JBC membership when bundled with your registration.*

• Visit the JBC Website for more details.

Rider Testimonials:

"I look forward to this ride every year!"

"It's a quality ride for a great price."

"JBC has the best SAG support I have ever experienced."

Questions: jbc4thride@gmail.com



More Ride Info and Registration www.kishkiwanis.org

> Facebook beanzieride

- COVID-19 guidelines, and expect all ride participants to do so as well.
- Hydration options and individually-packed snacks will be available.

COWALUNGA CHARITY BIKE TOUR



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF GREAT RIDES FOR HEALTHY LUNGS AND CLEAN AIR!

This scenic ride through N. Illinois & S. Wisconsin is fully supported with SAG vehicles, volunteer medical, bike mechanics, gear transportation, & stocked rest stops. Our staff and volunteers go the extra mile to make sure you have an amazing ride.

The 2021 CowaLUNGa tour will follow all federal, state, and local public health guidelines.

Please visit our website to learn more about our plans for a safe & healthy event this

year.

Learn more

resphealth.org/ridecow





225 MILES1, 2, 3 & 4 DAY OPTIONS





July 30th-August 2nd 2021

For more info please visit

RideAcrossWisconsin.Com

Ride Across Wisconsin is a fundraiser for the Wisconsin Bike Fed.



BIKE FED

wisconsinbikefed.org





100K/100 mi/50K/10 mi

Registration: homeofhopeonline.org

Adults 14+ \$35/before 7/11/ with t-shirt \$45 after 7/12 with t-shirt Youth 13 & under \$20 w/pd adult-no T

Proceeds benefit
Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Center
815.288.4673 for information

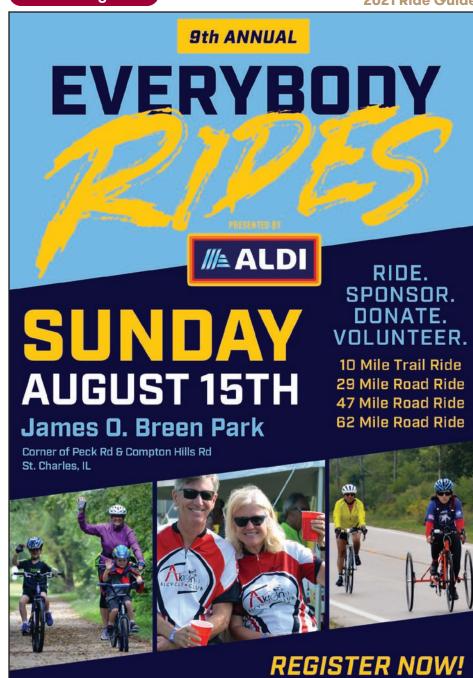
Healthy Bike Ride for All Ages SAG supported w/rest stops











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Rolling Deep for Peace in North Lawndale

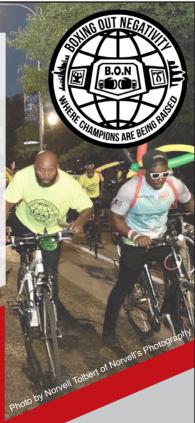
Saturday August 21, 2021

RSVP: streetlove2021.eventbrite.com (there's no fee to participate!)

W Long

5-8pm: Community Expo & Cookout 8-10pm: Ride & Call to Action

St. Agatha Catholic Church 3147 W. Douglas Blvd. in Chicago



Come join the phenomenon as we gather in love and positivity for our

2ND ANNUAL STREET LOVE RIDE

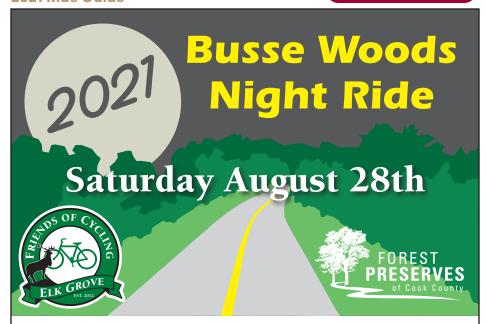
Boxing Out Negativity's annual Bike Ride for Peace evolved into a citywide phenomenon in 2020, when more than 400 riders from across Chicagoland showed up for our inaugural **Street Love Ride**.

We felt the love on that ride, and it deepened our belief that our city stands strongest in the fight against violence when we stand as one!

Learn more at boxingoutnegativity.org/event/street-love-ride-2021

Contact Julie Globokar at info@BoxingOutNegativity.org to sponsor this event.





RIDE THE BUSSE WOODS TRAIL AT NIGHT!

The Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove and Forest Preserves of Cook County are hosting this exciting, unique event. It's the one and only day when you can ride the trail at Busse Woods after dark! This event/fundraiser takes place at the Busse Lake Boating Center in Busse Woods.

Additional activities, amenities and entertainment will be determined prior to the event based on the latest public health guidelines.

All revenue generated by this event will be used to support safe cycling in Elk Grove Village, the northwest suburbs of Chicago and Busse Woods.

For more information, visit egybikes.org/busse-woods-night-ride















Share in the joy of cycling with children with developmental delays and disabilities.

CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE









PLUS A FAMILY FUN RIDE FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES

Bike for the Kids is a supported road ride with rest stops, SAG vehicle & post-party





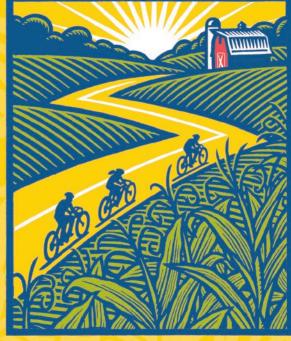
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AUGUST 29, 2021 | ELGIN IL

USE DISCOUNT CODE: RIDEIL FOR \$5 OFF

\$40 early bird pricing until July 30





The Fox Valley Bicycle & Ski Club's premier recreational bike tour featuring quiet, scenic, paved roads through rural Kane, Kendall and DeKalb counties.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Maple Park, Illinois

25 • 50 • 72 • 100 • 124 mile routes Featuring the Double-Metric Century

Fully supported with SAG and indoor rest stops

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EVANSTON BICYCLE CLUB

EBC CELEBRATES 50 YEARS! —



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
— ROUTES OF 25, 50, 62, 100 —

THEJOYIS IN THE JOURNEY

The Evanston Bicycle Club's North Shore Century offers incredibly scenic biking on routes of 25, 50, 62, and 100 miles. You'll experience beautiful neighborhoods, view unique architectural treasures, pedal down tranquil tree-lined streets and feel the refreshing breezes of Lake Michigan. There are frequent, well-stocked rest stops. Sags and bike mechanics are provided. Helmets are strongly urged!!

The 2021 North Shore Century is on **Sunday, September 19**. All rides start and end at Dawes Park (near the corner of Church Street and Sheridan Road) in Evanston, IL.

For more info and to register, go to www.northshorecentury.org | #northshorecentury



Registration and Fees

• July 1 - August 12, 2021	\$3
 August 13 - September 16, 2021 	\$40
Day-of-Ride	
(Registration ends at 11a.m.)	
Riders age 17 and under	\$10
(Must be accompanied by a registered adult ride	or)







The Evanston Bicycle Club will comply with all state and local COVID-19 guidance in effect at the time of the 2021 North Shore Century, including any requirements pertaining to face coverings, maintaining social distancing, and sanitizing.







Chicagoland Tour de Cure Sunday, September 26, 2021 Register today: diabetes.org/chicagotour 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6562

National Sponsor:







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