

Bike Van Buren

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- **Are there route maps available? When can I get a route map?**
 - Route maps for both Saturday and Sunday will be provided to all registered riders upon registration or check-in. We DO NOT give out route information in advance.
- **Where does the ride begin and end each day? What if it rains?**
 - Both Saturday & Sunday the route will begin & end in Keosauqua. Therefore, there is no need to “shuttle” you or your gear. Bike Van Buren is NEVER cancelled due to weather. Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.
- **Will there be food provided along the route?**
 - There will be several hospitality stops and one designated lunch stop along the route each day. The hospitality stops, which will be 5-12 miles apart, will have various items (i.e. fresh fruit, baked goods, bottled water, etc) available. You can purchase your lunch (\$8 adults, \$5 children) at registration and ALL of the hospitality stops are FREE. There will be NO donations accepted. Please keep in mind, if you arrive before or after the designated “open” times listed on your map, service may not be available.
- **Will there be restrooms available on the route?**
 - All hospitality stops with restrooms are marked on your route map. Restrooms facilities will be noted on the map (primitive, modern, etc.).
- **Is there SAG or technical support available along the route? How do I contact them?**
 - There will be SAG support provided by the Villages of Van Buren. Technical Support will be available and is provided by Bickels Cycling & Fitness. Phone numbers for each are provided on your route maps. We strongly encourage all riders to carry a cell phone!
- **Are there short cuts available on the route?**
 - We have 2-3 route options available on each day, however, you are free to ride as far as you’d like. The map will have mileages of each paved road in the county. Please keep in mind that if you vary from the designated routes/times, the hospitality stops may not be set up when you ride through. SAG and technical support may take longer to arrive.
- **Where can I stay? Is there camping or lodging available?**
 - There are several [camping](#) and [lodging](#) options in the Villages. This year Lacey-Keosauqua State Park will be CLOSED for renovations. We have made arrangements for camping (tent & RV) at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds on Hwy. 1 North, Keosauqua. Electricity, bathroom and showers are available. The cost is \$15 per night and will be paid during registration. Camp fees are refundable.
- **Am I required to wear a helmet on the ride?**
 - No, you are not *required* to wear a helmet. However, helmets are strongly encouraged as you will be sharing roadways with vehicular traffic.
- **Can I purchase an event T-shirt at registration?**
 - This year, purchasing Event T-shirts will ONLY be available for pre-registered riders. There will be no sales or ordering shirts during registration.
- **Can my children participate? Can I bring my child who is unable to ride? Can I bring my pet?**
 - Yes, Yes & Yes! We do not have an age limit. However, children under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian signature on the Release of Liability form. Children can ride in a “buggy” at no charge. If the child is riding their own bicycle, they will have to pay the reduced child registration fee. You can bring your pet in a “buggy” but please remember to bring vaccination records with you, should they be needed.
- **Can I bring my own alcoholic beverages on the ride?**
 - NO! This is a family friendly event! There are restaurants and taverns in some of our Villages that serve alcohol that would welcome your patronage. Please be responsible. Any unruly behavior or careless riding will be reported to the sheriff’s office.