



2017 AHCT *Lake Michigan Challenge*
ROUTE

September 9 - 16

DRAFT 5/19/17 – Subject to Changes



Day	Date	Start/Finish	Distance	Route	Elevation Gain
	Friday, Sep 8	AHCT arrives in Madison		Overnight: Madison	
1	Saturday, Sep 9	Madison to Milwaukee	65 miles	Final route pending per Rachel English, Jim Conway, Tom Rolfs, Laura Dries. Lunch 20 miles west of endpoint where additional day riders will join for final 20 miles. Ride endpoint: Veteran's Park Overnight: Milwaukee	100'
2	Sunday, Sep 10	Escanaba to Manistique	55 miles	(Early morning shuttle from Milwaukee to Escanaba – 225 miles/3.5 hours) 41 North to Route 2 East Overnight: Manistique	279'
3	Monday, Sep 11	Manistique to St. Ignace	88 miles	Highway 2 East Overnight: St. Ignace	608'
4	Tuesday, Sep 12	Mackinaw City to Charlevoix	62 miles	(after shuttle over the Mackinac Bridge – cyclists permitted over the bridge only one day/year) Start on the east side of Wilderness State Park at the intersection of Wilderness Park Drive and Cecil Bay Road, south to Elder Road to East Gill Road to Lakeview Road to North Lake Shore Drive to Cross Village to Highway 119 south (aka "Tunnel of the Trees Scenic Heritage Route") to Harbor Springs to Petosky State Park to Highway 31 west to Bay Shore to Charlevoix Overnight: Charlevoix	869'

5	Weds, Sep 13	West of Traverse City to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	46 miles*	<p>Leelanau Trail (paved) north to Suttons Bay to 204 west to Highway 22 west to Sleeping Bear to an afternoon of R&R on the beach, on the dunes, etc.</p> <p>*Additionally: for anyone who wants to ride a longer distance this day, they can continue north on Highway 22 to Northport, an additional 12.5 miles, and then take Highway 22 west to Leland and then on to Sleeping Bear for a total additional 24 miles and 500'. Totals for the day would then be 70 miles and 1125'.</p> <p>Overnight: Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore</p>	820'
6	Thurs, Sep 14	Sleeping Bear to Manistee	64 miles	<p>Highway 22 south (we will then shuttle 150 miles from Manistee to South Haven via Grand Haven. Those interested in including a "Century Ride" as part of this year's "tour", will be dropped off in Grand Haven for the night – see below)</p> <p>Overnight: South Haven (or Grand Haven)</p>	2018' (2159' descent)
7	Friday, Sep 15	South Haven to Michigan City -or- Grand Haven to Olivet College	64 miles -or- 105 miles	<p>South Haven to Michigan City – Blue State Highway/Route A-2 to 63 south to Lake Shore Drive to Marquette Woods Road to Notre Dame Avenue to Thompson Drive to Red Arrow Highway to Lake Shore Road to Hwy 12 to Moore Road to Lake Shore Drive(initial stop for Day Seven had been New Buffalo, but availability, quality, and cost of lodging led to the change)</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Grand Haven to Olivet College -</p>	768' -or- 1257'

				via Holland, Jamestown, Caledonia, Middleville, and Hastings (more precise route details to follow. Riders taking this route will be shuttled from Olivet to Michigan City when ready) Overnight: Michigan City	
8	Saturday, Sep 16	Michigan City to Notre Dame	42 miles	Route: Michigan City to Tire Rack - (route details pending discussion with colleagues at Tire Rack, Note Dame, and after Ann and Laura's June drive of the AHCT 2017 route) Lunch at Tire Rack and perhaps a bit of "last day fun" on the Tire Rack test track. Connect with additional day riders for the last 10 miles over to ND. Tire Rack to Notre Dame (10 miles) – Olive Road north to Brick Road east to Lilac Road south to Darden Road east to Juniper Road south to Douglas Road to Notre Dame Overnight: Michigan City	587'
		AHCT Departs Michigan City			