



24th Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

● **THE ADVENTURE: Saturday, June 16 - Saturday, June 23, 2012** ●

Hillsboro ➤ Chillicothe ➤ Ashville ➤ Washington Court House ➤ Wilmington ➤ Hillsboro

Each year the GOBA route features a different part of Ohio, traveling through peaceful countryside and stopping at exciting tourist destinations.

Highlights of the 2012 tour

- 5 days of cycling 45-55 miles from town to town and 2 days of optional loops
- Terrain: rolling with some hills ... hillier than 2011
- Mileage for the week: minimum: 245... maximum: 404
- Primitive tent camping at fairgrounds, schools, and parks
- Opening day bicycle parade with costume contest
- Optional bus trips on Monday and Thursday (details in confirmation packet and March newsletter)
- Discount for registering early
- **Raffle for Rider #24 Prize Package worth \$350**
- Song Contest tradition on Friday

GOBA 24: Where the Spirit moves us! From the timeless monuments of our ancestors to the modern landmarks of progress, bicyclists will bridge the ages on this 24th tour of a lifetime. Nestled in the undulating landscapes of southern Ohio, Native American earthworks await your discovery. Feast your eyes on the scenery, nourish your cycling soul on the challenge of the route, satisfy your appetite for meeting hospitable communities and comrades in cycling ... and let yourself be moved by the experience.

Saturday, June 16: Hillsboro

- Gather in our starting town, where Hillsboro = Hospitality.
- Discover the lore of Highland County, rooted in natural beauty, Native American earthworks, and more.
- Settle in at the Highland County Fairgrounds.
- Don't miss the annual Bicycle Parade and Launch Party.

Sunday, June 17: Hillsboro to Chillicothe, 52 miles

- Follow the arrows to your adventure on a bicycle.
- Take a photo at the charming covered bridge.
- Warm your legs on the hills; feast your eyes on the scenery.
- Let the Adena Trail guide you to the mysteries of the Hopewell Mounds.
- Save time for a visit to historic Adena Mansion, home of Thomas Worthington, "Father of Ohio Statehood".
- Camp in Chillicothe's tree-filled Yoctangee Park for the next 2 nights.

Monday, June 18: Chillicothe (layover day), 54 optional miles

- Explore your shady campgrounds and seek out the pool, the Railroad Museum, or the Pump House Center for the Arts.
- Exercise your options: ride a challenging loop of hills.
- Dig up the stories on the area's pre-historic earthworks.
- Witness "Tecumseh!", the epic outdoor drama of the legendary Shawnee leader.
- Or take a bus trip to more distant locales for "Castles, Caves, and Chiefs".

Tuesday, June 19: Chillicothe to Ashville, 50 miles

- Pedal out of town past the view that inspired the Great Seal of Ohio.
- Then, enjoy gently rolling terrain that leads you to the Tarlton Cross Mound.
- Coast into the friendly village of Ashville, occupying territory once inhabited by the Mound Builders.
- Stake your tent space at Teays Valley High School, then head out to Ohio's Small Town Museum and the famous traffic light.



Wednesday, June 20: Ashville to

Washington Court House, 50 miles

- Start out on gentle roadways, “on the beaten path”, then more rolling closer to your destination.
- Round the corner and check out the dam at Deer Creek State Park.
- End your journey at the beautiful Washington High School.
- Find your way to the newly restored Courthouse and the town murals.
- Weave your dreams with plans for tomorrow’s layover, a day of options.

Thursday, June 21: Washington Court

House (layover day), 54 or 103 optional miles

- Cycling options abound! For the shorter loop, enjoy flat to rolling landscapes and Amish areas. For the Century ride, get ready for a hilly ride to Rocky Fork State Park. Or take it easy on the Tri-County Triangle Trail.
- Sightsee in town, take a nap, take a swim, catch a fish...or all of the above.
- You could sign up for a trip to The Beach Waterpark or try your hand at canoeing.
- Get your rest... there’s more GOBA to come.

Friday, June 22: Washington Court House to

Wilmington, 53 miles

- Fill up on pancakes, then push hard on your pedals. A mixture of cornfields and woods beckons you on.
- Today’s route is gentle on your muscles while introducing you to the best of small town Ohio.
- Enter the tunnel of trees of Wilmington’s Luther Warren Peace Path, a serene gateway to your home for tonight.
- Take a look at the history and culture of the Quakers at the unique Quaker Heritage Center at Wilmington College.
- Walk the self-guided tour in Downtown Wilmington, on the National Register of Historic Places with the landmark Murphy Theatre.
- Warble in the shower truck to get ready for tonight’s ever-popular Song Contest.
- Sleep peacefully in your tent-home at the Clinton County Fairgrounds.

Saturday, June 23: Wilmington to Hillsboro,

40 miles

- Get up! Get ready to roll!
- Visit a developing “Earthship” in progress, a fully sustainable house on a lavender farm.
- Save some steam for the last hills, and for your smile of achievement as Hillsboro welcomes you back.



Join us for 8 glorious days in June, where you’ll find the true spirit of bicycle touring.

◆ **GOBA registration** GOBA registration includes primitive tent camping. Expect additional costs for food, other lodging, optional side trips, and some activities. More fun stuff with sign-up forms and prices will appear in the GOBA March and May Newsletters. Route and town details and mileages are approximate and are subject to change.

◆ **Request an application:**

Call 614-273-0811
visit goba.com or
write GOBA, 1525 Bethel Rd., Ste. 100,
Columbus, OH 43220.

Brochures will also be available in the spring in selected bicycle shops around Ohio.

Application deadline is May 16, 2012.

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