

Tour des Trees Ride Guide

March 2018



Welcome! We're glad you're joining us for this year's Tour des Trees. This monthly e-newsletter contains Tour updates, and it highlights what you need to know as you prepare for the ride.

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Tour Checklist

To have the most successful Tour possible, there are a few items you should attend to:

- **Order your jersey.** Topless riding is prohibited!
- **Set up your fundraising page.** You can't meet your goal if no one can donate to you!

Arbor Day Fundraising Incentives

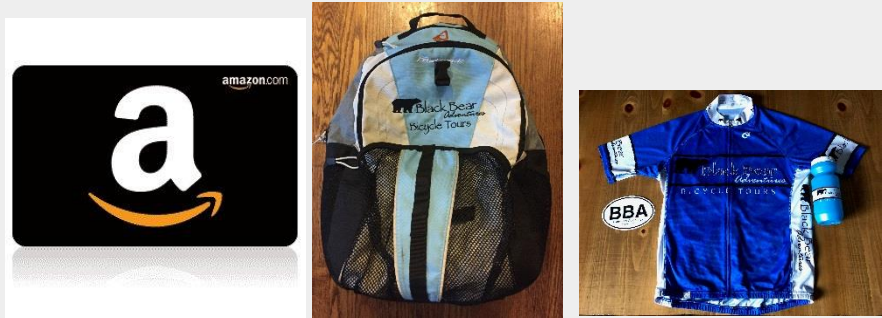
If you haven't already started, NOW is the time to start your Tour fundraising. We're offering incentives for both you and your donors to get things rolling.

April 23-29 ONLY, in honor of National Arbor Day, each \$50 donation to the Tour earns your donor one chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card (\$100 earns two chances, etc.). Let your donors know about this great prize!

AND...

For each \$50 Tour donation you raise during this same period, you earn a chance to win a Black Bear Adventure (BBA) cycling gift pack. You'll be the envy of the Tour with your BBA-branded cycling backpack, jersey, water bottle and other cool swag. Many thanks to Tour Director Paul Wood and Black Bear Adventures for making this promotion possible!

- **Join a team.** (Log in to your fundraising page and choose a team). Your fundraising won't show up on the team roster unless you've joined it.
- **Participate in our Tour des Trees Event Page on Facebook.** The ride is more fun when it's social!



Welcome New Participants

Please help us in welcoming the new riders and virtual participants who have registered so far!

- David Gorden, IN
- Daniel Lippi, FL
- Philip Potyondy, MN
- Marcia Brom Smith, IL (Virtual)
- Peter Sortwell, CA
- David White, NH
- Tyler Winans, OH

Say "hello" to them in the discussion section of our new Tour des Trees Event Page on Facebook.

Route Sneak Peek

The 2018 Tour des Trees in Ohio is going to be *awesome*! Team Ohio has provided outstanding levels of support and guidance as we put together the stops and events - thank you!

Here are just a few of the treats we have in store for you:

- Tree Campus Denison University
- Malabar State Park/Shawshank Redemption Tree
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Johnny Appleseed tree plantings
- Arborwear headquarters
- Cleveland's Public Square
- Cleveland's Metroparks "The Emerald Necklace"

Practice Safety while Training

Don Roppolo, Tour Safety Lead

While you are training for the ride please do what you can to take charge of your safety. Some simple ways to do that are:

- Always ride with lights
- Wear high visibility and/or reflective clothing on your moving body parts
- Use contrast of color

We'll have more about this in the *Ride Guide* in the coming months. In the meantime, please take a few minutes to explore this link with basic cyclist safety info that we all should follow. Enjoy your training by doing it safely!

https://www.trekbikes.com/us/en_US/abcs_of_awareness/

2018 Travel Logistics

Recommendations from Paul Wood, Tour Director

Here are my recommendations on the best way to get you and your bike to and from this year's Tour. Tour registration includes lodging for the nights of Saturday, July 28 through Friday, August 3. If you wish to come early or stay longer at your own expense, I've outlined that information here as well.

Flying to and from the Tour

- While in Columbus we will be staying at the Marriott Columbus University Area at 3100 Olentangy River Road.
- The recommended airport for getting to Columbus is John Glen International.
- Recommendations for getting to and from the airport to our host hotel: <https://flycolumbus.com/getting-to-from>

Driving to the Tour

- Driving directions
- As part of the contract I negotiated with the Marriott, our Tour participants can park their cars at the hotel for free for the duration of our event.

Packing your bike: <https://www.bikeflights.com/Pack>

Shipping your bike

- Multiple Professor Pricklethorn performances
- Dinner at Davey headquarters
- Vermeer Olympics
- Liberty Tree planting at the Ohio Statehouse
- Finale ride into the International Tree Climbing Championship

More details to come in future *Ride Guides*!

- Ship via FedEx to the Marriott Columbus University Area - 3100 Olentangy River Road - Columbus, OH 43202
- Label your bike box with both your name and TREE Fund Tour des Trees.- Attn: Banquets
- Time your shipment to arrive between July 25 and 27.
- I recommended using Bike Flights to ship your bike. It is simple and very cost effective.
- The Marriott was kind enough to waive the fees for package handling for our Tour participants. They are also willing to store our bike boxes during our event for free.

Pre-Tour and post-Tour lodging at the Marriott Columbus University Area

- A limited number of rooms are available 3 days prior to the Tour start date of July 28 and 3 days after the Tour's last included hotel night of August 3.
- You may use the following links to reserve your pre and/or post Tour room:
 - Pre-Tour Rooms
 - Post-Tour Rooms
 - You may also do so by calling the Reservations Line at 1-844-200-1026, please reference the TREE Fund Tour des Trees Room Block. The group rate is \$139 + 17.5% occupancy tax.

Get Tour des Trees information at treefund.org/tourdestrees.