

# Tour des Trees Ride Guide

July 2018



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## Last Minute Checklist

- Send in your fundraising minimum by **July 23**
- Make [travel arrangements](#)
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- Connect with the [Remind App](#)
- Inform us if you will have a dining guest (see below)

## Action Required: Fundraising Minimums Due Monday

All rider fundraising minimums must be at TREE Fund by midnight on Monday, July 23. Not sure what your fundraising minimum is? Find it [HERE](#). Any shortfall will be charged to your credit card on July 24. Thank you for your cooperation! Questions? Contact [Karen Lindell](#).

**July 23** - Tour fundraising minimums due to TREE Fund

**July 24** - Credit cards charged for any fundraising minimum balances due

- Load your electronic navigation tool (see article on right)
- Help Davey Tree promote the Tour (see below on right)
- Review the [2018 TdT Tips & Expectations](#)

## Tour Dining Guests

We are happy to have guests join us at Tour breakfasts, lunches or dinners. Please let Paul and Karen know in advance if you're planning to bring a guest(s), so we can accommodate everyone. The cost per guest (age 12 and older) for breakfast or lunch is \$20 and for dinner it's \$40, payable by credit card to Karen the day of the meal. *Please note that we do NOT make any money off guest meals; we are simply covering our costs so we can keep Tour expenses in line.*

From the team at Davey Tree:

We are excited to be welcoming everyone to our corporate campus on July 31 for a fun, relaxing dinner. To ensure that we are adequately prepared for everyone, we are requesting that this event is limited to the riders and support staff of the Tour. If you would like to request an addition to the group, please email [Elaine Mattern](#) by July 24. Thank you!

## Yoga on the Tour

Lisa Meranti, one of our part-time riders who is also a yoga instructor, has offered to provide post-ride yoga sessions on the days she's participating. The first will be on July 29 at 4:00 pm - meet in the bike room.

Watch the white board and Remind App for notices on additional sessions. Thank you, Lisa!

## Action Required: Tour Navigation

**Paul Wood, Tour Director**

Hello Tour Riders,

A critical element of what I do as the Tour to provide you with options for navigating After I've designed and vetted the route, I one last time noting any current construction making final edits while also marking the



Director is the route. drive it and roads.

In addition to the navigation options listed below, you will also be given copies of the cue sheets that can be used to assist you in navigating or determining where you may have gotten off course.

Navigation Tools:

### Road Markings

The road markings I use are the classic [Dan Henrys](#). I do my very best to ensure that you can navigate the route primarily using these markings, but there will be occasions when the route isn't marked, such as through dense urban settings (Cleveland), communities that restrict such markings (Chagrin Falls and Westerville, although I may have snuck a couple in 😊), and park roads (metro, state or national).

I use white spray paint, and my marks look like the image below, where the extended line indicates the direction of travel. While it's awfully nice not to have to use other tools to navigate, please note that road markings in urban environments aren't perfect due to the safety issues of marking on busy streets, traffic that may obscure the markings, your required focus on traffic while in an urban setting, neighborhoods that prohibit road markings, and vandalism of my markings. Thus I recommend that even if you don't use a bike computer or mobile device to navigate, take your cell phone with you on the ride and use it if necessary to navigate to the site of an event or the evening's hotel.



### Electronic files for a mobile device/Garmin/other navigational tool

I generate my routes and files in RidewithGPS, and I firmly believe the most efficient method for navigating the route is via your mobile device using their app with the voice navigation turned on.

Below are the instructions for joining the event I have generated for this year's Tour des Trees. Each day's route will be listed in the 2018 Tour des Trees event page.

1. Go to the [Event page](#)

## Tour Itinerary & Route

These are as final as they're going to get! Here are the [Tour Itinerary](#) and [Route Map](#) as of July 19.

## Fundraising Promotion

Congratulations to **Joni Morgan** of Harriman, TN, winner of the June Tour des Trees fundraising promotion. Joni contributed to Melanie Sherrod's ride, and her name was drawn for the Arborwear Stretch Cambium Jacket. Most importantly, we raised over \$30,000 for tree research and education during the promotional period!

Thank you to all who participated in these promotions, and we are grateful to **Arborwear** for making them possible.

2. Click the [RSVP button](#)
3. This will prompt you to sign up, or sign in.
4. Once you sign up or sign in, you will be returned to the event page. **Click the RSVP button one more time.**

This will approve you and give you access to the event. Last step will be to download the mobile app, if you haven't already.

From [iTunes](#)  
From [Google Play](#)

Then you are all set. Sign into the mobile app with the same account info, and then on your home screen in the upper left corner click on the text navigation icon, select [My Events](#) and the 2018 Tour des Trees page will be waiting for you with all of the routes.

Additional Tools and Help:

- [Voice Navigation](#)
- [Offline Maps-iPhone](#) OR [Offline Maps Android](#)
- [Downloading Routes to Garmin device](#)

Contact me with any questions. Ride On!



## Action Requested: Help Promote the Tour

We are grateful to The Davey Tree Expert Company for providing public relations support for the 2018 Tour des Trees. They have put together [a few slides](#) to explain how they are promoting the Tour and the help they need from you to do this.

Please take a minute to contact [Helen Thompson](#) with responses to the following:

1. Is your hometown on the [Tour route](#)?
2. Are you willing to be interviewed by media on the Tour?
3. Why are you riding the Tour?
4. My Twitter, Facebook and Instagram handles are... (for instance @daveytree)

Thank you for your help!

Get Tour des Trees information - including previous *Ride Guides* - at [treefund.org/tourdestrees](http://treefund.org/tourdestrees).