

The ride starts in Sikeston, Missouri, 980 miles from Denver, and you are responsible for your own transportation to starting location.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 OPTIONAL 64 MILES

Check-in overnight site at the YMCA, 510 Taylor St. 11 AM-4 PM in Sikeston, Missouri.

Set up your outdoor tent or indoor campsite; if you check-in before 1 PM, you may choose to ride a short introductory route in the immediate area.

After 4 PM, visit the Hot Air Balloon Festival and enjoy food trucks, beer (and wine) garden, live music, tethered balloon rides, and twilight "balloon glow"!

Orientation meeting for the week at the YMCA overnight site at 8:30 PM.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 65 MILES

Breakfast on your own OR with the meal plan, then ride to the Stars & Stripes" military museum in Stoddard County, Missouri. Recognizing the contributions of the famous military newspaper, the museum also has exhibits on many other aspects of American defense and the soldiers that have provided it.

Hang out at the campsite, have dinner at a local restaurant, or partake of our popular trip to "The Riverhouse" wine place offering a spectacular view on the banks of the Mississippi River. Dinner available there if you wish. Limited reservations for this trip available during check-in on Saturday.

MONDAY, JUNE 19 29 MILES

Pack up your gear, then take a short 30 mile "wake-up" ride through area farming country.

Have a farewell lunch at the Sikeston eatery of your choice, then drive to Hickman, KY, where from 2 PM-5 PM the residents will show you the best of southern hospitality on the local history tour! This is our most talked about tour because it includes.....free tasting of fresh-baked homemade cakes!

Climb to the top of the century-old courthouse and take a look at the still-functioning Seth-Thomas mechanical "hand-wound" clock, one of only 4 remaining. Stop in at "Kentucky Kernel" nut company and vacuum-pack your own souvenir can of "Munchin' Pecans". Finish with a tour of the period Coulson family home, with free slices of freshly baked cakes! Each year this is our most-talked-about tour!!

Enjoy the meal plan dinner 6:30-8:00 PM in the cafeteria followed by an expert speaker on the history and causes of the great New Madrid fault earthquakes of 1811-1812.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 55 OR 74 MILES

Begin your ride to New Madrid, Missouri by cycling to the ferry landing to cross the river.

Once on the Missouri side of the river, cycle through river bottomlands that are some of the most productive farmland in the U.S.

Arrive in New Madrid, Missouri, namesake community of our tour! Visit a comprehensive museum featuring earthquake and river lore, an Antebellum period home to tour at the Hunter-Dawson state historic site, a restored 1800's era one-room schoolhouse, and a river observation deck.

Reverse course and return to our overnight home at Fulton County High School in Hickman.

OR choose the longer 74-mile return option if you need more mileage! Just remember to allow time for a shower before the meal plan dinner is served at 6:30, then a speaker with information on tomorrow's ride to the Columbus-Belmont civil war battlefield at 7:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 50 MILES

After breakfast, ride northward to one of Kentucky's most popular state historic sites, location of one of the earliest battles of the Civil War. Nicknamed "The Gibraltar of the West" for its strategic location on the river bluffs, you'll be able to tour a museum, see trenches where the troops took cover, and examine the huge anchor chain used to block boats traveling downriver, as well as many other artifacts. Check out the spectacular view of the Mississippi River, highlighting again the strategic significance of the site

Return to Fulton County High School in Hickman, load up your gear, and drive about 45 minutes south to our final overnight site at the First Baptist Church in Newbern, Tennessee.

Dinner at your choice of local restaurants.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 65 MILES

After breakfast, you'll leave the outskirts of Dyersburg/Newbern and cycle northwest toward the first rest stop at the Dew Drop Church. Continuing on, the route takes you along the scenic Bluff Road, dividing line between the Mississippi River floodplain and the west Tennessee hills. Soon you'll pass through the lakeside Spicer Park rest stop in Samburg, with outstanding views of Reelfoot Lake, which was created by the earthquakes of 1811-1812.

You'll be able to stop in at the state park visitor center, browse the exhibits on the great earthquakes and area wildlife, and maybe have fun paddling through the cypress trees in a canoe or kayak! After lunch you return to Dyersburg through mostly flat river floodplain. Today's route takes you very close to or even directly over the New Madrid Fault in several places, so be prepared to hold on to your helmet!! 7:30 PM "Farewell to the Fault Line" meeting!

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 40 MILES

After breakfast, today's route will take you to the small town of Trimble, Tennessee, home to the Full Throttle Saloon and Distillery. Here, you can taste real hill country moonshine and some Tennessee whiskey! Take a tour of the production facilities

Return to Dyersburg/Newbern overnight site.

This year's Ride the Fault Line tour concludes upon your return to the fairgrounds.