



Dear 2016 GITAP Enthusiasts,

I am pleased to announce that Dick Westfall and I will again be coordinating the motel option. We appreciate the many comments about the 2015 motel option that you provided in the survey run by Chuck and have attempted to work that into this year's planning.

For the first time this year, ride and motel registration should be done at the same time. You will be able to do this online or by check at Ride Illinois, in the "Events" section.

Here are the rough mileages motels we are using for the motel option:

- Day 1: Coal City to Oglesby – 52 miles
Days Inn and Best Western, Oglesby
- Day 2: Oglesby to Washington – 63 miles
Sleep Inn, Washington
- Day 3: Washington to Normal – 47 miles
Country Inn, Normal
- Day 4: Layover day in Normal – possible rest day, but routes will be available
Country Inn, Normal
- Day 5: Normal to Pontiac – 44 miles
Best Western and Quality Inn, Pontiac
- Day 6: Pontiac to Coal City – 43 miles

This year's motel price is \$320 per person assuming double occupancy (\$640 total). The single supplement is \$270 (\$590 total for single room). Note that this is down from previous years as we were able to negotiate some better motel prices based on our increased numbers. The GITAP ride fees and any other fees are not included in the motel package pricing. The motel package fee includes transportation of your luggage from motel to motel each day, a welcome wine and beer reception on the first evening and a farewell gathering on the final night of GITAP.

A shuttle bus will transport you from the motel to the campground for all dinners except the second night in Normal (day 4). Because all motels will provide breakfast there will be no shuttle service to the campground for breakfast. The motel option price includes a credit for breakfasts and one dinner on our layover night in Normal. Bikes will be kept in your motel room and not at the campground.

This year we will have the routes marked from the campground to the motel to prevent some of the confusion encountered in 2015. It will also be shown on the ride cue sheets you will be given at check in.

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We will only be able to accept one 40 pound bag per registrant as we have in the past. Remember: if you can't carry it, then neither can we. If this presents a problem please contact me. We will have a secure area in the truck for daypacks and small fragile items.

We do not provide a roommate service but if you are interested in the motel option and have no one to room with, let us know and we will put the word out to let other riders know to see if someone wants to share.

In 2015 we had very strong demand for the motel option and we sold out by the end of March. We have increased the number of rooms we have reserved this year to 55, up from 45 rooms last year. We will operate on a first paid/first reserved basis. In Washington and Normal we will all be in the same motel. In Oglesby there will be two blocks between two comparable motels while in Pontiac the comparable motels are right next door to each other under common ownership. We have done site checks on all the motels.

Once we have received payment for your motel registration, you will receive an email confirmation. The price of the package includes only the room and applied taxes; other options, such as movies, room service or phone calls, will be charged to you. Please have a credit card available when you check in if you choose to use other motel amenities.

Please send a check for the full amount payable to **Ride Illinois** with your ride/motel application to Ed Barsotti at Ride Illinois at 2550 Cheshire Dr, Aurora, IL 60504.

We are looking forward to another wonderful ride in June and meeting all of you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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