



Dear 2017 Grand Illinois Bike Tour Enthusiasts,

We appreciate the many comments about the 2016 motel option that were provided in the survey at the end of last year's event. We have attempted to work that into this year's planning where practical and possible.

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

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

- Day 1: Byron to Dixon - 43 miles
Comfort Inn, Dixon, IL
- Day 2: Dixon to Savanna – 55 miles
Savanna Inn & Suites
- Day 3: Savanna to Quad Cities/Moline - 59 miles
Stoney Creek Inn & Suites, Moline
- Day 4: Layover day in Moline – possible rest day, but routes will be available
Stoney Creek Inn & Suites, Moline
- Day 5: Moline to Sterling/Rock Falls – 56 miles
Holiday Inn Express, Rock Falls
- Day 6: Sterling/Rock Falls to Byron – 45 miles

The 2017 motel package's additional price is \$345 per person assuming double occupancy (\$690 total). For single occupancy, that cost increases to \$610. This represents a nominal increase from last year to reflect the fact that we had access to a higher quality in lodging. We also had the opportunity to place all our registrants in the same motel for each overnight. The Grand Illinois Bike Tour 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 the tour. We will probably have receptions on the other nights but ask that participants make a contribution to cover the cost.

A shuttle bus will transport you from the motel to the campground for all dinners except the second night in Moline (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 Moline. Bikes will be kept in your motel room.

This year we will have the routes marked from the campground to the motel to prevent some of the confusion encountered in the past. It will also be shown on the ride cue sheets you will be given at ride 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 2016 we had very strong demand for the motel option and we sold out by the end of February. We have increased the number of rooms we have reserved this year to 60, up from 55 rooms last year. We will operate on a first paid/first reserved basis.

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.

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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