

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL BICYCLE TOUR



Welcome to the 11th Annual Strawberry Festival bicycle tour! This tour was first organized in 2002 by Life Scout Chris Slagle of Boy Scout Troop 104 as his Eagle Scout Project. It is being continued by the Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails.

The tour consists of four different routes: a 21-mile, 44-mile, 61-mile, and a 107-mile Century Ride option. All rides will kick off between 6:30 and 8:00 am from the Prairie Grass trailhead located behind the Madison County Senior Citizens Center at 280 West High Street in London. The courses will wind through Madison, Clark, Fayette and Greene Counties, featuring flat to gently rolling terrain.

The 21-mile route will be solely on the Prairie Grass Trail, and will include one rest stop at the turn around point in South Charleston. The 44-mile route features additional mileage on the Prairie Grass Trail, along with some roadways around Cedarville. The 61-mile and 107-mile routes will include rest stops in Jamestown and South Charleston, and will also feature some mileage on the Prairie Grass Trail. All riders have the option of riding the entire tour on the Prairie Grass Trail, of any distance you may choose.

The \$20.00 pre-registration fee includes detailed tour maps, identification number (which must be displayed at all times), support services, food stops, and a membership in the Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails. Food items provided at rest stops include granola bars, fresh fruit, water, and sports drinks such as PowerAde or Gatorade. The 61-mile and 107-mile routes also pass through several small communities where facilities and items are available for your purchase. The Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails will also have t-shirts available for purchase on the day of the tour for \$15.00.

All pre-registrations must be received by Saturday, May 31, 2014. We plan our tour by the number of pre-registrations received, so please help us out by signing up early. We are sorry but refunds cannot be made if you are unable to ride after you have registered. All registrations received after May 31, including the day of the tour will be \$25.00.

How do I get there? London is located in Central Ohio approximately 25 miles west of Columbus. It is easily accessible from any area of Ohio. From I-71 take exit 85 (St. Rt. 56). Then go north on State Route 56 into London (10 miles). From I-70, you may take exit 79 (St. Rt. 42). Then go south on St Rt. 42 into London (8 miles). As you enter the city of London, **sign-in at the Prairie Grass Trail trailhead located at the Madison County Senior Citizens Center at 280 West High Street.**

For updated information on our bike tour, visit our web site at www.fmcpt.com.

Strawberry Festival Bicycle Tour
Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails
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London, Ohio 43140
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Please fill out a separate registration for each person!

Entrant's Name (please print) _____

Entrant's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Area Code & Phone Number _____ Age ____ Sex ____

Entrant's E-mail Address _____

In Case of Emergency Call: (Name and Phone Number) _____

Which route do you plan to ride? 21-mi____ 44-mi____ 61-mi____ 107-mi____

Rider # _____ (please do not use this space)

Pre-registration fee for the tour: \$20.00

(Registrations received after May 31, including the day of the tour: \$25.00) \$_____

Enclose check or money order payable to: **FMCPT** and mail to:

FMCPT – Strawberry Festival Bicycle Tour
P.O. Box 308
London, OH 43140

Safety Pledge and Release of Organizers: You must read and sign the following safety pledge and release.

Our primary concern is safety! For your safety, *helmets will be required*. Please obey all traffic laws and regulations. The route is along public roadways shared with private and commercial vehicles. I realize that the road surface may contain cracks, gravel, potholes, etc., which cannot be controlled by tour organizers. I will be observant and cautious as I share these public roadways with other cyclists and motorized vehicles. I will be courteous to other cyclists and will ride in a predictable and safe manner, keeping them informed of my intentions by using proper signals. I will give audible warning when passing other riders. I will not ride more than two abreast so that vision will not be impaired and vehicle traffic may easily pass. I will keep my personal safety and the safety of others always in mind. I understand that *pace lines are discouraged*. It is my personal responsibility to have myself and my equipment properly conditioned for a long distance tour! Riders under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Upon signing this release for myself or the named entrant (when under 18 years old), I fully understand the intent of this release and agree completely and fully to absolve all sponsors, workers, and organizers, singly and collectively for all blame or liability for any injury, death, misadventure, harm, loss, property damage, or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in the **Strawberry Festival Bicycle Tour** including but not specifically limited to the failure to wear a helmet when cycling. By signing this release, I also consent to any medical treatment that may be deemed necessary or appropriate in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during the event. *I fully understand and agree that my safety is my personal responsibility.*

If entrant is 18 or older, he/she must sign for themselves. If not, parent or legal guardian must sign.

I have read and fully and completely agree to the safety pledge and release of organizers and sponsors!

Signature of entrant _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian if entrant is under 18 yr. old _____