

One Week Check In for the 2018 Huntington Towpath Century Ride

Hello Century Riders!

We're just over a week away from the 2018 Huntington Towpath Century Ride and are currently at \$117,629.60 in pledges. That puts us at 78% of our goal. Please keep up the hard work fundraising- there is still time to raise the additional **\$32,370!** It's essential to our fundraising goal that *everyone* meets her or his individual fundraising goal.

Fundraising Tips

We have had some creative and effective fundraising activities:

- 1) a teacher who cooked lunch for his colleagues at school and accepted donations of over \$300;
- 2) a burrito-loving rider who worked with her local Chipotle to raise over \$200;
- 3) a civic-minded rider received donations from both the local VFW and Lions Club of over \$200; and
- 4) the current Development & Event Coordinator received donations last year by placing materials at his church and local bike shop.

Don't forget to pitch in towards your own ride- this adventure is worth investing your own funds!

For those needing transportation...

Day 1: Saturday, June 9th

Arrive at Ernie's in Massillon (135 Lake Avenue) by **6AM** at the latest to ensure that we have plenty of time to load your bike into our U-Haul trucks and get everyone on the buses bound for Cleveland. **Be sure to check in with OECC staff.** We depart at 6:30AM from Ernie's. Remember that we have a police escort, as a group, from Settler's Landing to the Harvard Road Trailhead. After this point, everyone goes at their own pace.

Note: Please do not park in Ernie's main lot; use the grassy lot across Lake Avenue (see below).

If you are meeting us in Cleveland, please arrive by **7:30AM** and be sure to **check in** with OECC staff.

You must also **check in** upon arrival at the Richard Howe House, Ernie's in Massillon, and New Philadelphia (for One-Day riders).



Day 2: Sunday, June 10th

Arrive at Ernie's in Massillon by **7:30AM** at the latest. Buses depart at 8AM.

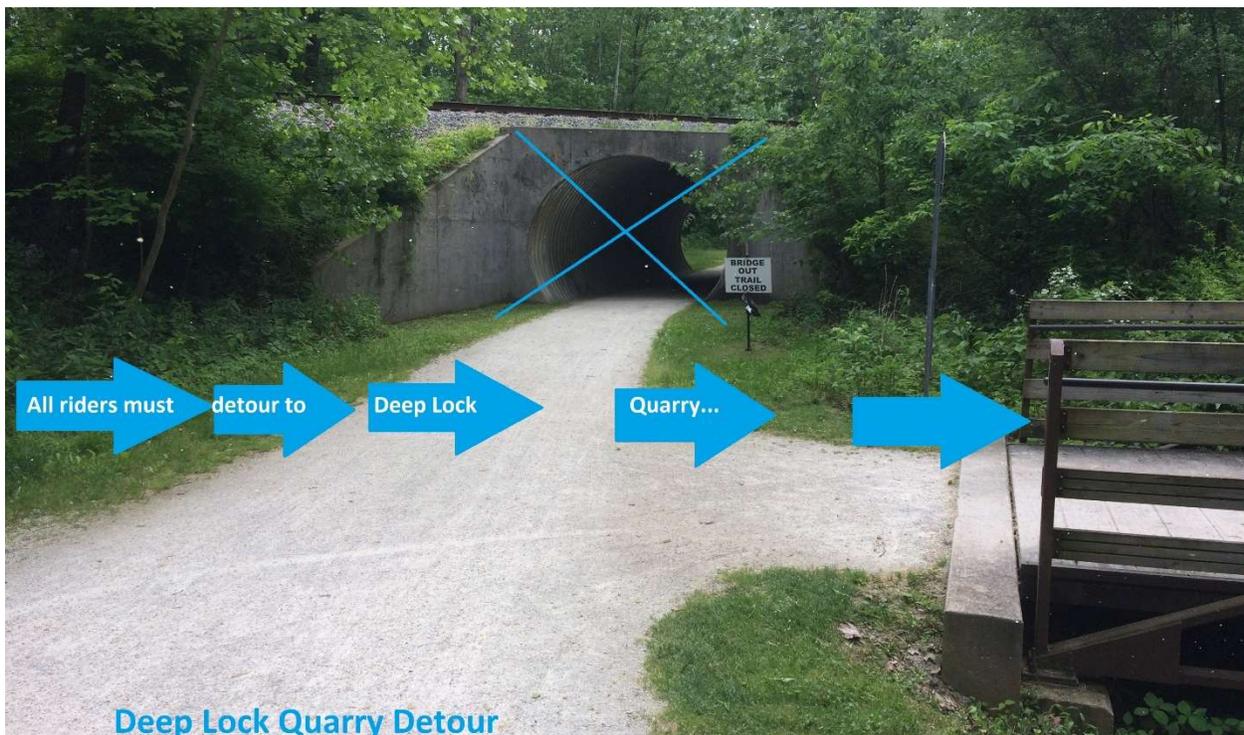
Rider Bags

Rider Bags will be available for pickup on Monday, **June 4th**. The Rider Bags will include: your jersey (for those who are receiving one), ride instructions, identification bike license plates, and luggage tags (**green** for Massillon and **orange** for New Phila). The luggage tags will be for those needing us to transport a change of clothes to the finish line for them.

Please retrieve your Rider Bags by Thursday, **June 7th**. If you are unable to pick up your Rider Bag, please let us know and we will make arrangements to bring them to you.

Route Updates

We expect the Towpath Trail to be open all the way from Harvard Road to Deep Lock Quarry in Peninsula. At Deep Lock Quarry, riders will head up to the trailhead and then onto Riverview Road. After a 3.5 mile ride south, riders will get back on the Towpath Trail at Bolanz Road (by Szalay's Farm).



Akron's detours will still be in effect.

All riders **must** follow the Century Ride route so that we can provide support and keep track of all riders.

Special Info for One-Day Riders

- 1) Please download the Glympse app to your mobile phone and test it out *before* the day of the ride. We use this to keep track of your progress from Fort Laurens in Bolivar down to New Philadelphia.

- 2) Please watch this YouTube video, so that are familiar with the route:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdmyJ7Uaplo&t=107s>
- 3) Finally, you must leave Ernie's in Massillon by 3PM to be permitted to complete the Century Ride in one day. This is for your own safety, as the last several miles are on-road.

Thank you for all of your efforts, and I look forward to seeing everyone for the ride on Saturday, June 9th!

Sincerely,

Gabriel Riggle