

What's Included?

Included in your registration fee of \$425 is transportation to Alpena, day-to-day transport of any gear you don't carry on your bike, SAG support, and volunteers to help you have an enjoyable ride. The total number of riders, exclusive of volunteers, will not exceed 25. Double occupancy lodging is included for both Friday and Saturday nights. Meals included are lunch (Metz) and dinner (Nettie Bay) on Friday; and breakfast (Nettie Bay) and dinner (Cheboygan) on Saturday. In addition to covering our costs, the intent of this tour is to raise funds for TOMTC. At the conclusion of the tour we will send you a letter acknowledging the amount in excess of actual tour expenses. This amount may be used as a charitable donation and will entitle you to membership in this excellent trails organization.

Rider Safety

Bill Prall, TOMTC's Safety & Maintenance Director, will be driving a SAG support vehicle each day of the ride and will be available to help with mechanical problems. Make sure your bike is in good condition, is equipped with at least one water bottle, and a pump. You should also have at least two inner tubes with you and the tools needed to fix a flat tire. At least one experienced volunteer cyclist will be riding the route with you each day. HELMETS ARE MANDATORY.

Thursday Reception

Join us at 6 pm on Thursday, September 21 at our Trails Council office (1687 M 119, Petoskey) for a pre-ride reception. We'll go over ride details and get to know each other while partaking in beverages and light snacks. This is not mandatory, but we're hoping you will be able to attend.

If you are interested in staying in Alpena on Thursday night, please contact us.


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LAKE TO LAKE TOUR

**From Lake Huron
to Lake Michigan
by Rail Trail**

**Friday, September 22
to
Sunday, September 24**

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With the completion of the North Western State Trail in 2016, the possibility of traveling from one Great Lake to another on a series of rail trails became a reality. This bicycle tour gives participants the opportunity to dip their back wheel in Lake Huron and two days later to dip their front wheel in Lake Michigan.

The tour will begin in Petoskey Friday morning at 7:00 am at a place to be determined. You will leave your vehicle at that location; then you, your gear and your bike will be transported to Alpena. Once you dip your back tire in Lake Huron, you will ride as a group on Alpena's Bi-Path for two miles to the new trailhead on Woodard near Alpena's Event Complex (APlex). Once the group reaches the trailhead you will begin riding, at your own speed, on the North Eastern State Trail (NEST) for 37 miles to Nettie Bay Lodge, which is about a mile off the trail between Hawks and Millersburg.

Saturday will begin at the Lodge and then back to the NEST and a scenic 41-mile ride to Cheboygan where your lodging will be at the Best Western River Terrace.

Sunday you will ride the North Central State Trail to Mackinaw City, then on to the North Western State Trail for a total of 50 miles, ending in Petoskey. There you will dip your front tire in Lake Michigan, marking the end of the Lake to Lake Tour.

Points of Interest, Lodging and Meals

Friday: The first day's ride will take you from Alpena to Nettie Bay Lodge. On your way you will stop at Metz for lunch. The trailhead at Metz has a wonderful display of historic markers commemorating the fire of 1908 that claimed 37 lives. Mark Thompson, Curator of the Presque Isle County Historical Museum, will give further details regarding the fire during lunch. Nettie Bay Lodge offers comfortable rustic cabins on Nettie Lake which is well known for its loons. Dinner will be in the Lodge's dining room, and a presentation on loons will be offered by Mark Schuler, owner of the lodge.

Saturday: After breakfast at the Lodge you will ride back to the NEST and continue through Millersburg where you may stop at the depot turned museum; then on to Onaway, to Tower, and to Aloha. At Aloha you may opt to purchase lunch at the village store. The day will end in Cheboygan where you will stay at the Best Western River Terrace. A group dinner will be held at Pier 33 and you'll be transported to the restaurant by boat. Matt Friday, former Chamber manager and historian, will provide an overview of Cheboygan's history during dinner.

Sunday: The day will start with breakfast on your own in Cheboygan; then on to Mackinaw City. From there you will travel south on the North Western State Trail through Pellston, Brutus and Alanson before ending the day in Petoskey. Lunch will be on your own at one of several restaurants along the NWST.

Right: Metz fire



Below: Nettie Bay Lodge



Left: Iconic Aloha Store



Right: On the North Eastern State Trail.



Above: Best Western River Terrace, Cheboygan



Right: Pier 33