

## What's Included?

Included in your registration fee of \$450 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 30. Single or 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, and is equipped with at least one water bottle and a pump. You MUST have at least two inner tubes with you (per rider) 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 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 13 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.

## Reviews from 2017

I want to thank you and the team for making the Lake to Lake tour so pleasurable. "Bike rescue Bill" gave me info on tire pressure and adjusted my seat. "Sag Jim" was at every intersection with water, snacks and a camera. "Helpful Steve" was there to answer questions and see us off in the dark on Sunday morning. Jeff was always willing to carry luggage, bikes and buy us refreshments. I was introduced to Old Orchard Cider! All the support made us very comfortable, knowing we wouldn't be left in the woods. You also had little extra side trips, the pontoon rides to see the loons, the pontoon ride on the river to dinner, the historians telling us about Metz and Cheboygan, and the cheering when we arrived at Petoskey with cokes and cookies. Oh, and thanks to Steve for giving us the name Trail Warriors. Don't know if we are worthy but we'll try to live up to it. —*Marilyn, Traverse City*

My mother, aunt and I had always talked about a rails-to-trails bike ride and your organization provided us with an experience we will remember for a lifetime. We thoroughly enjoyed the Lake to Lake tour during the fall of 2017. We appreciate all those who took the time to provide us with such a memorable weekend of riding, local history and hospitality. Thanks for a bike trip that was special, because my family and I were able to enjoy an outdoor activity with other cyclists that I now call my friends. —*David, Rochester, MI*

Wow it's over! Three days of heat, crushed stone, loons, museums, heat, pontoons, good food, great volunteers, heat, and great riders. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort. —*Jim Conboy, Cheboygan (TOMTC board treasurer and tour coordinator)*

**For more information on the tour, and to download a registration form, visit our website ([trailsCouncil.org](http://trailsCouncil.org)) and click on events:**

**<http://www.trailsCouncil.org/event/lake-to-lake-tour-2018/>**

**Or you may call (231.348.8280) or email ([admin@trailsCouncil.org](mailto:admin@trailsCouncil.org)) with any questions!**



*Second Annual*

# LAKE TO LAKE TOUR

**From Lake Huron  
to Lake Michigan**

**by Rail Trail**

**Friday, September 14  
to  
Sunday, September 16,  
2018**

**Top of Michigan  
Trails Council**  
*connecting Northern Michigan by trail*

**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.**

Our second annual Lake to Lake Tour is planned for Friday - Sunday, September 14 -16, 2018. We thought it couldn't get any better after last year's event, but thanks to careful planning on the part of Trails Council staff and board members, this year's event promises to be a memorable and enjoyable one, even if you're a veteran from 2017!

This tour takes in the best of the best of our trail network. The three main trails, the North Eastern State Trail (NEST), the North Central State Trail (NCST) and the North Western State Trail (NWST) feature a hard-packed crushed limestone surface. Keep this in mind when deciding what bike to use. We recommend your tires be at least 700 x 35 or 26 x 1.5

## Points of Interest, Lodging and Meals

**Friday: (39 miles)** Our tour will begin on Friday morning at 6:15 am at Petoskey's Bayfront Park. You will leave your vehicle at that location; then you, your gear and your bike will be transported to the Alpena City Marina, where you will dip your rear tire in Lake Huron. After a short ride on Alpena's city bike trails, you will embark on the North Eastern State Trail, where you will ride at your own pace toward Metz, where lunch will be provided. 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. Next stop is Nettie Bay Lodge (about one mile off the trail) which offers rustic cabins on Nettie Lake, a place 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: (41 miles)** 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. Lunch will be available for purchase in Aloha. The day will end in Cheboygan where you will stay at the Best Western River Terrace. After a scenic boat ride down the Cheboygan River, a group dinner will be held at one of the scenic restaurants on the Inland Waterway.

**Sunday: (53 miles)** The day will start with breakfast on your own in Cheboygan; then on to the North Central State Trail to Mackinaw City. From there you will travel south on the North Western State Trail through Pellston, Brutus and Alanson. Lunch will be available for purchase along the route. You will end the day by pedaling on the Little Traverse Wheelway through Petoskey for four miles to Bayfront Park, where you will celebrate your successful trip by dipping your front tire in Lake Michigan.

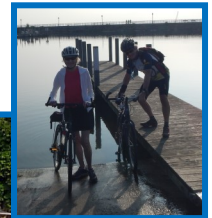
**Right:** Metz fire



**Below:** Nettie Bay Lodge



**Left:** On the North Eastern State Trail in Tower



**Above:** Early start in Alpena



**Above:** Best Western River Terrace, Cheboygan

