

## What's Included?

Included in your registration fee (\$495 if paid by June 15) 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 35. Double occupancy lodging is included for both Friday and Saturday nights. Meals included are lunch (Metz) and dinner (Nettie Bay) on Friday; breakfast (Nettie Bay), lunch (Aloha) and beer reception (Cheboygan) on Saturday, and breakfast (at the hotel) on Sunday. The intent of this tour is to not only show off the great trail system at the Top of Michigan, but also to raise funds to continue to advocate for these facilities. At the conclusion of the tour we will send you a letter acknowledging the amount in excess of actual tour expenses. This amount is a charitable donation and will entitle you to membership in this excellent trails organization. **Register early—rates increase on June 16! See registration form for details.**

## 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. 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 12 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 and 2018

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

I am fairly new to the sport of bicycling. The Lake to Lake Tour this fall was my first time riding for any distance and I was a bit nervous before starting this event. I have to say that I plan on going back every year from now on. The Trails Council was so organized and helpful. Our group was so impressed with how well they thought of every little detail. They were waiting for us at every checkpoint with water and trail mix. We felt safe and looked after. The trails were absolutely beautiful. Our group made such precious memories. My favorite part was the personal touch in each small town. The meals were fabulous and the hosts were so proud and happy to show off their communities. This trip was the highlight of my fall. Thank you Trails Council for making us feel so special. —Kathy, Grand Rapids

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

**<http://www.trailsCouncil.org/event/lake-to-lake-tour-2019/>**

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



# LAKE TO LAKE TOUR

Third Annual

From Lake Huron  
to Lake Michigan  
by Rail Trail

Friday, September 13  
to  
Sunday, September 15,  
2019

Sponsored by:



**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 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 third annual Lake to Lake Tour is planned for Friday - Sunday, September 13 -15, 2019. This is a tour worth repeating! Journey with a small group (maximum 35 participants) across Northern Michigan on two wheels. For just over 130 miles you will traverse scenic and rural northern Michigan from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan along the Top of Michigan's Trail Network; the trails used will be the North Eastern State Trail (NEST), North Central State Trail (NCST), North Western State Trail (NWST) and the Little Traverse Wheelway.

*The trails featured on the tour often feature a hard-packed crushed limestone surface. Keep this in mind when deciding which 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: (37 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. Upon arrival there will be a reception before heading off to your rooms. 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: (42 miles)** After a hearty 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 State Park, where a picnic lunch will await riders. The day will end in Cheboygan where you will stay at the Best Western River Terrace. A beer reception at Cheboygan Brewery awaits, followed by dinner on your own at one of many wonderful local eateries.

**Sunday: (52 miles)** Start the day with breakfast at the hotel; then on to the North Central State Trail where you'll pedal to the top of the lower peninsula and the Mackinaw Bridge. Enjoy the views and if you wish visit the local shops in Mackinaw City. From there, travel south on the North Western State Trail through several small communities including Pellston and Alanson; lunch is on your own, restaurant recommendations will be provided. A great rest stop south of Alanson is the Fish Visitors Center in Oden. You will end the day by pedaling on the Little Traverse Wheelway for three miles into Bayfront Park where you will celebrate your successful trip from lake to lake by dipping your front tire in Lake Michigan.

**Right:** Metz fire (learn about it on Friday)  
**Below:** Nettie Bay Lodge



**Left:** Scenic stop on the North Eastern State Trail



**Above:** Early start in Alpena

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

