



Michigan City Coastal Cruise

Presented by Hoosiers Out On Tandems
June 4-6, 2021



A weekend of tandem riding in northwest Indiana

Our headquarters will be in the town of Michigan City, Indiana on the south shores of Lake Michigan. Located just 12 miles west of Indiana Dunes National Park, Michigan City has its own zoo, riverboat casino, and quick access to lightly traveled county roads. The city is the birthplace of actress Anne Baxter and Don Larson, who is famous for his perfect game in the 1956 World Series. Even John Dillinger spent time in Michigan City at the Indiana State Prison.

This year's HOOTS weekend will be different than past years. Due to the ongoing Covid concerns, the scheduled activities will be limited to the rides: we will not schedule any formal social gatherings. The routes have been planned with local support and ridden to determine that they are safe and appropriate. We will not be able to check the routes immediately prior to the event but will be in touch with local riders and the local highway departments to identify construction and other problems along the routes.

Weekend Schedule: All times are Central Daylight Savings Time (Chicago Time)

All rides will start at the host hotel parking lot. Expect flat to rolling terrain on all routes.

Friday, June 4

- 3:00 p.m. – Dinner Ride: 30 miles. We'll head west towards Indiana Dunes, and then return to Michigan City with several dining opportunities in town near the lake. Sunset is at 8:18p.m.

Saturday, June 5

- 8:00 a.m. – Beverly Shores: Routes of 34, 42, 54 and 61 miles. All routes will ride into Beverly Shores along Lake Michigan just east of Indiana Dunes. The longer routes will go to LaPorte and Westville.

Sunday, June 6

- 8:00 a.m. – Michigander: Routes of 22, 36 and 41 miles will head east and then north to the Michigan state line

Overnight Accommodations:

We have a block of rooms at the [Hampton Inn and Suites](#) at 3674 Frontage Rd. in Michigan City that will be held until May 5, 2021. The nightly rate for a room is \$135 plus 12% tax. You may reserve your room in our block at the [Hampton Website](#). If you prefer to phone the hotel, call 1-800-Hiltons and use the code "TBC" or "Tandem Bicycle Club." Reservations can be cancelled 24 hours before planned arrival with no penalty.

Bicycles are not allowed in guest rooms.

Camping – There is camping at the Michigan City Campground (michigancitycampground.com) located less than three miles south of the host hotel. Camping is also available at Indiana Dunes National Park located 12 miles west of the host hotel.

Event Registration

This ride is presented **FREE OF CHARGE!** We are fortunate to have surplus funds from the Midwest Tandem Rally, allowing us to host the event without charging you. **We do require that all participants complete the [online waiver and registration form](#).**

Ride Information

All rides will start at the host hotel parking lot. All participants must sign the Central Indiana Bicycling Association [online waiver](#). Maps and cue sheets will be available online at www.tandemhoots.org. GPS files are at [RideWithGPS](#). **Please print your own copies of maps and cue sheets as hard copies will not be available at the start.** Routes will NOT be marked with Dan Henrys. There will be no formal SAG support. Although our cell phone number will be provided on the cue sheet, we will be riding the event, and will not be able to respond immediately. Routes are designed to allow rest stops at convenience stores and restaurants along the route. There is one bicycle store in Michigan City; Bike Stop Cycling, located about 2 miles north of the host hotel. However, we recommend that you bring extra tubes and supplies.

Non-Riding Activities in the Michigan City Area

- [Indiana Dunes National Park](#) (12 miles west of host hotel)
- [Washington Park Zoo](#) (downtown Michigan City)
- [Old Lighthouse Museum](#) (downtown Michigan City)
- [Friendship Botanic Gardens](#) (just east of Michigan City)
- [The Barker Mansion](#) (downtown Michigan City)
- [LaPorte County Historical Society Museum](#) (LaPorte)
- [The Antique Market](#) (1/4 mile north of host hotel)
- [Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets](#) (downtown Michigan City)
- [Boat Tours and Water Sports](#) (downtown Michigan City)

More Information www.tandemhoots.org or ja_calhoun@indy.rr.com