

OMAHA PEDALERS NEWSLETTER



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NEW Ride!! Thursday Night Taco Ride Starting on May 5th, Cinco de Mayo

Monthly Club Meeting

The Next Meeting is

Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM

New Location for April and May

We will meet at Oklahoma Joe's

1912 S 67th St

In Aksarben Village

Your ideas and suggestions are always needed. All are welcome.

BRAN 40.2

Rates go up April 15th

Registration closes May 20th

Check out what's new for 2022 and any other questions you have about the ride under our FAQ page.

The BRAN 2022 Route



What's New for 2022

- **Bicycle Transport from Wahoo to Alliance on Saturday June 4th**
 - New to this service is that Pork Belly Ventures will provide a Semi and transport your bike to the start. Bikes will be hung and do not need to be boxed. If you prefer to box your bike that is available. BRAN will reach out to all riders who sign up for the bus as to which option you plan to bring your bike. This is included with your bus registration.

- **Baggage Transport for ALL Registered Riders**
 - This service will be provided by Pork Belly Ventures and includes loading and unloading baggage at each overnight town. Riders will only need to bring their bags to the back of the baggage trailer and Pork Belly Ventures crew will load/unload baggage. This service is included in your Registration fee.
- **Charging Trailer for ALL Registered riders**
 - Pork Belly Ventures will provide a dedicated charging trailer with lockers for charging your devices. This service is included in your Registration Fee.
- **Charging for all E-bike Batteries**
 - If you have an E-bike bring it. We will have charging service for all E-bike batteries provided by Pork Belly Ventures and included in your Registration Fee.
- **The Bike Way will provide Bicycle Support**
 - The Bike Way in Omaha, Nebraska located at 15115 Industrial Road will provide bicycle support if needed on the ride. They will provide limited repairs, tubes, tires, nutrition, clothing and other bike needs during the week of the ride. Costs for these services is determined by The Bike Way.

For more information, please visit [BRAN – Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska | A Bicycle Ride. By Bicyclists. For Bicyclists \(bran-inc.org\)](http://bran-inc.org)

Signature Rides

Saturday, May 21

Great American Pie Ride - Meet at Missouri Valley Park at 8:30 AM for rides of 22 38, and 50 miles (4 pie stops). Fully supported. Bring money for pie.

Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29

Little Sioux Overnighter - Meets at Crescent Elementary School at 8:30 AM for 44 mile ride to Little Sioux Boy Scout Ranch. Steak Fry dinner and Breakfast provided. Fish, hike or relax at the ranch (Fee Required).

Saturday, June 18

Member Family Picnic - Members Only. Ride from Council Bluffs or Mineola to Silver City for a Gourmet Hot Dog Roast with all the fix'ns.

Saturday, July 16

Breezy Hills Summer Wine Ride - Meet at 2803 East Kanesville Boulevard, Council Bluffs and ride to Breezy Hills near Minden IA.

Sunday, August 7

Omaha Historical Tour - Urban ride to some of central Omaha's Historical landmarks starting and ending at Starbucks, 15th & Douglas.

Friday, August 26 thru Sunday, August 28 (*ONABIKE XXV on Saturday, August 27*)

ONABIKE Weekend Tour - Three day self-contained ride. Ride with a group to Onawa, IA. Tent-camp at the Library. Ride [ONABIKE](#). Return to Council Bluffs. 140-180 mile options over three days. A good introduction to self-supported touring. Each rider pays his or her own way.

Saturday, September 3 to Sunday, September 4

Wabash Overnight Weekend - Labor Day Ride on Wabash Trace (54 miles) to Shenandoah, IA for overnight camping. Optional short ride from there into Missouri. Fully Supported. (Fee required)

Saturday, September 24

Magnolia Member Appreciation Ride - Ride to the Sawmill Hollow aronia berry farm near Magnolia. Free Aronia Berry chili lunch for OPBC members. Fully supported.

Saturday, October 8

Pedaler's Pasta Pigout (P3) - Short ride from Omaha Public Safety Training Center to Elk City and back. Meal at Mangia Italiana, Irvington

Great American Pie Ride

Saturday May 21, 2022
(Rain or Shine)



Start between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM

This will be a Show & Go event. Come register and feel free to start your ride.

Ride starts and ends in Missouri Valley at City Park / Fairground

Small's Fruit Farm (Included with online registration only!!!)
Mondamin in the Park (Add in online registration only!!!)
Dave's Old Home (Pisgah)
Penny's Diner (Mo. Valley)

Bring cash for pie.

Ride at your own risk

Helmet is Required

Mostly Flat

Both Routes Sagged (H²O, Mechanical)



Cost: \$5 Members
\$10 Non-members
\$3 for Pie in Mondamin

More information and register online:
www.OmahaPedalers.org or
[Facebook.com/OmahaPedalers](https://www.facebook.com/OmahaPedalers)





Little Sioux Overnighter

Saturday/Sunday May 28-29
Meet at 8:30 AM

Start Point: Crescent, IA Elementary School

Mileage: 45 miles each day

Terrain: Mostly flat

Support: Fully sagged

Cost: \$50 (Membership Required)

Food: Lunch, Dinner, Breakfast in Camp
(We will buy food in Mo Valley during ride. Pick what you want)

Bring tent, sleeping bag & camping gear.
Cooking, Showers, and Shelter
Facilities provided.

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THE GAP IN THE MOPAC TRAIL BETWEEN LINCOLN AND OMAHA WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

LINCOLN, Neb. (April 7, 2022) – In a historic vote for trails in Nebraska, the Nebraska Legislature voted today to override Governor Ricketts' veto of LB 1013. The items in this budget bill included \$8.3 million in funding to construct the gap in the MoPac Trail between Lincoln and Omaha, which was originally introduced in LB 813 by Senator Robert Hilkemann of Omaha.

The Governor's veto of LB 1013 on April 4, 2022 cut the appropriation in half, to \$4.15 million. The full amount is now restored with today's vote.

Julie Harris, Executive Director of Bike Walk Nebraska said that a partnership made it happen. "In 2018, Bike Walk Nebraska formalized a partnership with the Nebraska Trails Foundation with the goal of closing the gap in the MoPac Trail. We've been making steady but incremental progress since then, so today's vote validates all of our hard work. Many late nights and weekends have contributed to today's result. We are so thankful for every Senator that voted to support trail development, and of course, Senator Hilkemann who has been a tremendous champion for bicycling during his time in the Unicam."

Jason Buss, President of the Nebraska Trails Foundation, said the route for the trail through the gap has not yet been determined, but it will be built within existing public right of way. "We are thrilled to see the trail funding fully restored with this vote," said Buss. "By getting the MoPac Trail fully connected between Lincoln and Omaha we will be improving this great amenity for Nebraskans and also making a regional connection to over 260 miles of off-road trails, stretching to the Kansas border on one side and from Iowa south to the Missouri border on the other."

Trail advocates throughout Nebraska came together to educate state senators across the state about the benefits of this trail. Brittany Helmbrecht, President of the Northwest Nebraska Trails Association said, "Nebraska has the most mileage of any state for the Great American Rail Trail, which stretches from Washington DC to Washington state. Getting the MoPac Trail connected in the eastern part of the state will complement our work to get the Cowboy Trail completed in northwest Nebraska. Eventually people will be able to ride across the state from Omaha to Chadron, which will increase bicycle tourism in many rural communities."

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