

Illinois AFCT

2018 Annual Ride Calendar

February:

Rocheport Roubaix

- Saturday, 28 Feb 2018
- Rocheport, MO
- 20, 50, and 70 mile distances are offered.
- Rocheport Roubaix gravel grinder is a gravel cycling race that will take you through the picturesque views of the Missouri River and rolling hills of the Missouri countryside. The entire event will be chip timed with fully stocked aid stations and course support.
- <http://ultramaxsports.com/races/roubaix/>



March:

Death by Gravel

- Saturday, 18 Mar 2018
- Steelville, MO
- 50 and 101 mile distances are offered.
- We regret to inform you that you've been invited to Death by Gravel 2018. Our condolences. Please notify your next of kin and make sure your affairs are in order. Your day of reckoning is March 18. Better start riding.
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/237715506637469/>

April:

Beautiful Southern Bike Ride

- Saturday, 14 Apr 2018
- Carbondale, IL
- 30, 62, and 75 mile distances are offered.
- Bike through the hills and plains of beautiful southern Illinois, including Giant City State Park and Makanda to the south, the edge of Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge to the east, and Elkville to the north.
- <http://beautifulsouthernride.com>

Chain of Rocks Bridge Duathlon

- Sunday, 22 Apr 2018
- St. Louis, MO and IL
- 1.5mi run, 12mi bike, 1.5mi run
- The event starts and finishes at the foot of the Chain of Rocks Bridge on the Illinois side. Participants will run from Illinois to Missouri and back, followed by a flat, fast out and back bike

circuit, returning to a final out and back run leg on the bridge with great views of the mighty Mississippi River.

- <http://bigshark.com/about/2017-the-chain-of-rocks-bridge-duathlon-4-23-17-pg1268.htm>



de Tour through Jefferson County

- Saturday, 29 Apr 2017 *(NO NEW INFO FOR 2018 YET)*
- Mt. Vernon, IL
- 35 and 65 mile distances are offered.
- Roll through scenic countryside and small towns that wind through the relatively flat terrain of Jefferson County, IL, experiencing the Midwest in ways you never could while driving.
- <http://www.southernillinois.com/detour-through-jefferson-county.html>



May:

Tour of Hermann

- Saturday-Sunday, 5-6 May 2018
- Hermann, MO
- 5 different loops: Day 1 - Three 30+ mile loops, and Day two - Two 50+ mile loops.
- All 5 loops = 203 total miles/6960 vertical. You can do one, two, three, four, or you can do all five loops!
- Gravel challenge through wine country hills.
- <https://alpineshop.webconnex.com/2018TOHGravelChallenge>



Tour de Stooges

- Saturday, 5 May 2018
- Lebanon, IL
- Distances up to 100 miles.
- <http://www.tourdestooges.org>



Vino Fondo

- Saturday, 12 May 2018
- Defiance, MO
- Mini = 42.5mi/2284ft climb, Midi = 75mi/3651ft climb, Mondo = 104mi/5042ft climb.
- Through scenic, hilly wine country, to include the majestic Schluersburg climb.
- A traditional pairing of challenging riding and a tour of some of Missouri's best and oldest vineyards.
- <https://bigshark.com/about/2015-vino-fondo-gran-fondo-5-16-15-pg796.htm>



Broken Spoke Brew Ride

- Saturday, 20 May 2017 *(NO NEW INFO FOR 2018 YET)*
- Edwardsville, IL
- Distances: 14mi, 28mi, 53mi.
- Great bike trails, country roads and post-ride party!
- <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Edwardsville/BrokenSpokeBikeRide>



June:

McLean County Wheelers Spring Metric

- Saturday, 10 June 2017 *(NO NEW INFO FOR 2018 YET)*
- Hudson, IL (Comlara Park)
- 20, 40, and 60 mile distances are offered.
- Roads are sometimes challenging in the lovely Mackinaw River Valley, but the views are worth every pedal stroke.
- <http://www.mcleancountywheelers.com/rides-and-events/spring-metric>



Big BAM (Bicycle Across Missouri)

- Sunday-Friday, 17 - 22 June 2018
- MO
- 6-day bike tour and music festival across MO.
- In 6 days of riding, experience the stunning hospitality of small towns, gorgeous roads, and incredible live music every night.
- <http://www.bigbamride.com>



Ride Across Illinois Rail South

- Saturday, 23 June 2018
- St. Louis, MO to Vincennes, IN
- 165 miles.
- The route will go from west to east because the prevailing winds are generally out of the west and also the sun will not be in your eyes at the end of ride when you're more tired and less able to concentrate.
- <http://www.bicycleillinois.com/rail/south/south.htm>



Tour de Witt

- Saturday, 30 June 2018
- Clinton, IL
- 20, 40, and 62 mile distances are offered.
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- <https://tourde Witt.weebly.com>



July:

Tour de Belleville

- Friday night, 13 July 2018
- Belleville, IL
- 5 and 15 mi distances are offered.
- Family-friendly, scenic night ride.
- <http://tourdebelleville.com>



RAGBRAI (Iowa):

- Sunday-Saturday, 22-28 Jul 2018
- Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa
- Average distance is 472 miles, 7-day trek across Iowa from Missouri river to Mississippi river, featuring the oldest, longest, and largest recreational bicycle tour in the world!
- <http://ragbrai.com>



August:

Lupus Foundation Wolfride

- Saturday, 5 August 2017 *(NO NEW INFO FOR 2018 YET)*
- Eureka, MO
- 30mi, 50mi, 70mi route options.
- Includes Route 66 BBQ Blast.
- http://lfach.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1270&pg=entry

Moonlight Ramble

- Saturday night, 5 August 2017 *(NO NEW INFO FOR 2018 YET)*
- St. Louis, MO
- 10-15 mi ride through St. Louis at night.
- Friendly fun ride.
- <http://moonlightramble.com/>

September:

Pedal the Cause

- Saturday - Sunday, 29 - 30 September 2018
- St. Louis, MO
- 6 distances offered: Petite (10mi), PTC (20mi), Two Bridges (37mi), Big Hitter (50), Metric Century (62mi), Century (100mi).
- Fundraising event (\$500-1000). A world without cancer.
- <http://stlouis.pedalthecause.org/>



October:

(NO NEW INFO FOR 2018 YET)

November:

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December:

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