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2015 Trailblazer Tour: The Route of the Badger

Our 2015 Trailblazer Site Tour will support the vision, coordination and resources being put forward by RTC and our partners on the Route of the Badger trail development project. Establishing a network linking urban, suburban, and rural communities, the Route of the Badger will serve as a template for future regional trail development projects nationwide. Participants will have a VIP seat for conversations with prominent local, state, and national bike/ped advocates, and planners sharing ideas on the future of trails in Wisconsin and beyond.

Preliminary Itinerary

This itinerary is subject to adjustments. Final itinerary with additional information will be available for booked participants in May 2015.

Day 1 - Monday, June 8

Hank Aaron Trail

13 miles

This is an introductory day to meet the group, get oriented with gear, lodgings and explore the Milwaukee area.

- 12pm pickup at Milwaukee airport (several flight options from east coast and Midwest cities with arrivals between 11 and 11:45)
- Check in at Iron Horse Hotel-Milwaukee
- Lunch and ride prep at hotel
- Ride the Hank Aaron Trail

Day 2 - Tuesday, June 9

Oak Leaf Trail + Ozaukee Interurban Trail

50 miles

On our first full day riders will depart from Iron Horse by bicycle to ride toward Sheboygan. We will end the day in historic Cedarburg.

- Breakfast at hotel
- Approx. 50 mile trail ride
- Lunch on the route
- Shuttle to Washington House Inn, Cedarburg



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Preliminary itinerary (cont.)

Day 3 - Wednesday, June 10

Glacial Drumlin Trail

50 miles

Riders will depart Cedarburg by shuttle to ride between Waukesha and Cottage Grove, passing through many small towns and overlapping the Ice Age Trail. We will complete the day with a shuttle to the resort community of Lake Geneva.

- Breakfast at Washington Inn
- Shuttle to Glacial Drumlin Trailhead
- Ride Glacial Drumlin Trail going west ending in Cottage Grove
- Lunch on the route
- Lodging at the Maxwell Mansion in Lake Geneva

Day 4 - Thursday, June 11

White Lake State Trail /Seven Waters Trail/Racine-Sturtevant Trail

Approx. 40 miles

Riders will depart lodging and ride the Seven Waters Trail and White Lake State Trail. We will then visit an out-of-use rail corridor on the west end of the White Lake State Trail for a project site tour. Across the trail gap on the corridors east side, we'll ride to Racine along the Racine-Sturtevant Trail.

- Breakfast
- Shuttle to ride on Seven Waters Trail and White Lake State Trail
- Lunch on the route
- Afternoon will be spent touring unused rail corridor section
- Racine-Sturtevant trail to North Shore Trail into Racine
- Shuttle to Iron Horse Inn – Milwaukee

Day 5 - Friday, June 12

After farewell breakfast at the Iron Horse Hotel, shuttles to Milwaukee airport will be available.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach Orhan Belding at orhan@railstotrails.org or call 202-974-5118.

