

Question	Answer(s)
Which two nights are the dinner-on-our-own nights?	tuesday and thursday
Are there electrical outlets in the bathrooms, to use a blow dryer?	Usually
What type of road surface is on the trail?	Mostly crushed stone with some paved surfaces
Are there stops with water on the way?	two a day am and pm
What size (width) tire do you recommend?	700x28 or larger
Where does the ride leave from on Thursday, Rome or Verona Beach State Park?	Rome, we will corral all bicycles inside ft. stanwix and will shuttle you two and from verona beach. Coach style!
How to deal with severe thunderstorms?	We ride rain or shine. If you are on the trail, we try to find shelter at local businesses, or someone's porch until the worst of it passes
My bike is 35 years old and the handlebar stem is frozen in place. Is it OK to just remove the front wheel to turn the handlebars sideways?	Yes, Bob that will work
We are excited to hear all this good info! Whenever you get to it...what are the 2 nights that do NOT have dinner on the agenda? Thank you!	Seneca Falls and Rome
We are planning to stay in bnbs. What are the evening entertainment and education sessions like?	live answered
You will probably cover this...but if we sent in our vaccination info....should we still bring the vax card?	We will have it. thank you.
What is the name of and location of the park in Fairport?	Center Park West, Ayrault Road, Fairport
Hi Can you please tell me if there are still any openings?	Unfortunately the tour is full this year Anne
Please give examples of breakfast foods. Also examples of rest stop fare - water? electrolyte drinks?	Eggs, fruit, oatmeal, carbs. Rest stops always have Gatorade
will you accept Excelsior Pass?	We will accept an image of your proof of vaccination on your phone or a photocopy
Will you accept the Excelsior pass on phones as proof of vaccination.	We will accept an image of your proof of vaccination on your phone or a photocopy
On the CTEC Facebook page, I see that east of Herkimer House, there are 4 miles of mushy trail. Will you label a detour around this? Please - I have road tires.	Riders are welcome to use any on-road options they wish to detour around the designated route. Also, we do recommend tires with some tread for sections like this and in the event of poor weather conditions.
What's the mileage on the Saturday ride around BUffalo? That sounds wonderful!	10-12 miles
My COVID vaccination info is available in my NYS wallet. Is this acceptable proof or do I need to bring the physical vaccination card?	live answered
Will there be Ride with GPS routes for each day's ride?	They will be available just a few days before the ride. We will email you all the link

How are the breaks going to be organized?	If you are referring to the rest stops, they will be noted on your cue sheets, and will be the same all the way along the route. You can get water and Gatorade, fruit and snacks.
We will arrive in Buffalo late Saturday night via Amtrak, about 7-8pm. How may we register? Thank you	There will be registration on Sunday morning, the exact times will be on the schedule when it's posted.
Where is registration at?	At the Nichols School in Buffalo
what is the sag number (phone)?	The phone number will be on your cue sheet every day.
NYS pass OK as proof of vaccination or do we need actual vacine record	live answered
Water stations along route? Trying to determine number of bottles to bring along.	Two bottles are sufficient, as the rest stops are spaced around 20 miles from the start and 15 miles from the end
Understand the two bag limit. Should campers pack their tent and other camp gear in one of those bags or can they be separate?	Camping gear will be in one of your bags
Is there any availability to join the ride at this late date?	Sorry...the tour is full
Do we have shower at night and the morning?	Yes, we have a travelling shower truck at each location will be there morning and night
how are the bikes secured at night? besides our own lock is there other means in place	Only on Thursday night. Otherwise your lock.
Will there be interactive daily maps this year?	There will be GPS directions available a few days prior and paper maps/cue sheets available each morning for the daily routes.
Is there a schedule to stagger riders each day? Is that necessary?	Staggering isn't necessary, as riders are all leaving at different times in the morning
Understand we are being shuttled to Verona Beach for the overnight. Where will our bikes be? Thank You	Inside Ft. Stanwix
Is it okay to bring an ebike? Also, is it relatively easy to find a hotel last minute if we are tired in one of the cities and need a bed for the night? I have seen the wonderful list of hotels you sent. Thank you.	Unfortunately ebikes are not allowed on the tour this year. There is no means to charge them overnight and there are sstill some places they're not allowed legally.
is there room on the truck for cardboard bike boxes?	Yes. Take them there Sunday am so they can put them in the front for the whole week
Please tell me/us where the .tcx files are located (I may have to leave early if this will be mentioned during the presentation).	We will email GPS directions a few days prior and paper maps/cue sheets available each morning for the daily routes.
Which is the hilliest day?	Day 6 could be considered the hilliest being that the very final stretch to the overnight location is at the top of the longest hills on the tour.
When will the itinerary be available?	You can view the itinerary here: https://www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal/annual-bike-tour/itinerary

Is poison ivy fairly common along the ride? Do you know if the medical folks may have something like oral steroids on hand for treating an allergic reaction to it?	Answered live
Are there laundry facilities within the ride or do we need to plan facilities outside to accommodate our dirty laundry?	There are laundromats along the way. When you arrive into Tent City at the end of the day, there will be local volunteers at the Information Tent who can give you information about
When will the gps files become available?	We will email GPS directions a few days prior and paper maps/cue sheets available each morning for the daily routes.
Is there a charging station at the camp grounds	There are typically a number of outlets available, as well as our own charging station. It's up to everyone to share and remove their items when they are charged.
I see that we're staying at the park when in the Rome area. The notes say "dinner on your own - if you're staying in Rome". What if you're not staying in Rome? Will you have dinner meals at the park? Thanks.	Dinner is on your own Thursday, no matter if you stay in Rome or at the park. You will miss breakfast if staying in Rome.
Are the daily ride itineraries available for download to GPS devices (like Garmin)?	We will email GPS directions a few days prior and paper maps/cue sheets available each morning for the daily routes.
If we do a 60 mile ride, still just 2 rest stops? one at 15 and one around 45 or so?	Correct
Will we have daily routes to download to gps (ride with gps)?	We will email GPS directions a few days prior and paper maps/cue sheets available each morning for the daily routes.
Do we need to bring our own shampoo, soap, towels and sheets?	You need to bring your own toiletries and sleeping bag. There is a towel rental service available, where you pick up a clean towel when you come into Tent City and leave the wet
is there a recommended navigation app?	You can ask former and current riders on our Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/events/487962181934572
Do we run into any pre-historic canal sights that we visit?	live answered
I am leaving the ride Tuesday to spend the night at home. What do I do about my luggage? I would like to leave it on the baggage truck until Wednesday. To whom do I speak about my plans?	You should make arrangements with the luggage truck drivers, they are very accommodating.
Do you know how many riders camp versus hotel/motel? On "normal" years how many riders would you max out at?	We guess about 10% do motels. 650 was our max in the past.
when can we get a list of actual overnight sites	They are posted on the website on the itinerary page with addresses.
How will phone charging stations work? I've never used a public one before.	live answered
If we are staying at a hotel in Rome, can we take the shuttle to swim/visit Verona Beach Park?	live answered

If someone drops us off on Saturday night in Buffalo, can they join us for dinner (with proof of vaccine of course) and the evening presentation?	Unfortunately we cannot sell dinners to non participants
Is NY State Excelsior Pass suitable for proof of vaccination?	live answered
Is hard-sided luggage allowed?	Yes, as long as it's under 40 lbs
We have a 7:15pm Amtrak reservation from Albany to NYC on Sunday, 7/18. Will we be able to make the train on 7/18, or should we change the reservation? Thanks	Yes. You can make that easily.
what can we expect for night time temperature ranges? do we need light weight sleeping bags or just sheets?	I have always used a sleeping bag. Some nights can get chilly
can you speak about the shower schedule and availability. thanks	The shower trailer is open 2-10 pm. Re-opens at 5 am.
My husband is following our ride with our RV. Can we park overnight at all the sites?	That has been done in the past.
Can friends stop by camping area to check out site? Maybe buy a beer from the vendor before they head home? Or is it closed and used only by participants?	Locations are open to the public so visitors are allowed
Can you give us some advice on packing.	As Al said, wrap everything in plastic! If you ask this question on the Facebook group page, you will probably get some specific packing tips from past riders.
The handbook says bring a swimsuit, are there pools available at the campsites?	Yes! Some overnights have pools
Is there room on the trucks for a hard-sided bike box?	yes
is the itinerary on the website. When will we be in Rochester	https://www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal/annual-bike-tour/itinerary
when will the 2021 GPS routes be posted?	A few days prior to the tour
Other than the one night where we take buses to our overnight location, are the camping sites close to the Canal?	They aren't right on the canal, but they can range from 1-5 miles from the trail.
We signed up for the tent service. Will their representatives be at Registration and are their sites close by to the rest of the folks	They have their own gazebo set-up at every tent city, including registration. They set up their tents in a group, in the same campgrounds as everyone else. They also have coffee and towel
Are there any marked historical sites close to the canal?	
Will there still be a place near Rome to do laundry?	There is a laundromat right across from Fort Stanwix
So, if we are staying in hotels, we will come and get things out of our suitcases. How do we let the luggage guys know that we are done with the suitcases until the next morning. And that they can be put in the truck and be out of the rain?	The luggage truck drivers will not be hard to find — ask at the information tent or ask Jonathan if you can't find them near their trucks. They are very accommodating, and they certainly don't want your luggage getting wet!
Will you accept a xerox copy of the vaccination card	live answered

the pass can be printed out	
will that work?	yes
If it's possible to have the GPS info for the routes sent out no later than July 7 for those of us travelling to the site a few days ahead who won't have our computers with us, that would be great, even if not 100% accurate becuae of last minute updates!	Please send me this question. aprilamodei@gmail.com
Which is the hilliest day?	Probably Rome to canajoharie
Luggage is total 40lbs but it's only one bag right? Not 2 bags	Two bags per rider
I've heard that there are trail issues in Rochester and Rome. Any updates?	live answered
2 bags- 40 lbs each or total?	2 bags, each bag no more than 40 lbs. the general rule is if you can't carry it, it's too heavy
(2)up to 40 lbs pieces of luggage is allowed	live answered
Do bags have to be duffels or can they be a backpacking backpack? As long as it's soft-sided is any type of bag okay?	Yes any type of bag is okay as long as it remains under 40lbs.
what are typical enterance fees to the musuems/ attractions along the way	live answered
Will there be shower facilities at the end in Albany?	live answered
When are showers available?	live answered
Can the Sag cars help with little bike things like fixing flat tires?	If they are capable of it. They will have a full size pump, and possibly a tube or two, but they are not designed to be mobile repair units. They will be happy to take you to Paul Kingsbury,
Is the charging station USB port or regular plug	The charging station is a rack that holds several phones, with power strips along the sides to
Are there various swimming holes along the trail where you can pull over for a swim on a hot day?	live answered
What would you say average speed is?	Most complete the day in 7-9 hours but that's with stops along the way. Each day averages about 50 miles.
Are there a lot of people who travel alone? Are there restrictions for seating/Eating/ due to Covid?	live answered
Thanks!	
Does shower truck area allow for hair dryer?	No
what is the percentage of female riders?	This year is 39% women
is there a charge for the showers?	No.

You can try the restrooms .

Do you have the actual location of end spot in Albany yet? it was TBA in the riders guide	The finish line will be at the Corning Preserve Boat Launch, Colonie & Water Street, Albany NY
Percentage of singles?	It's difficult to tell from our registration since many people register on their own but may be part of a small group
thank you!!!	
Thank you!!!! Great info all the way around....	
Clap Clap Clap Cheer Cheer Cheer Thanks	
what time do volunteers have to be there saturday	We will email a Saturday schedule to volunteers
In the past a souvenir water bottle was given to riders. Will there be one this year?	We will be going bandanas this year instead

Yayyyyyy!