

Motoring the Mighty Miss State HOG Rally

Mark Twain's river awaits you on this five-day tour down the "Mighty Miss" slated for June 20-24, 2010.

You'll begin your journey in Duluth on Sunday afternoon when you'll be able to pick up your materials and set your trip in motion. We'll guide you on your way and give you the tools you'll need at a rider's meeting in the early evening.

Your bike will be traveling west on Monday toward the headwaters of the Mississippi River. Take in the forested back roads of the Minnesota northwoods, have your photo taken with giant fish or Paul Bunyan and his ox Babe, and enjoy the Native American culture in the evening during a powwow.

Your true sense of river piloting will begin on Tuesday morning at Itasca State Park and the Headwaters of the Mississippi River. Take a short walk to stick your toes in before you climb aboard and meander south, skirting the river as you make stops to learn about fishing, the river, and the military in the area. End your afternoon at Fort Snelling where you'll have time to interact with those dressed in period clothing as you listen to the cannons fire. Jump aboard a paddleboat for an unforgettable dinner and spectacular experience that riverboat captains would have taken in days of yore.

On Wednesday you will be able to experience the grandeur of bald eagles that will soar overhead as you work your way downriver. Stop in at the National Eagle Center to see eagles up close and personal. For a minimal donation to help the birds, have your picture taken with an eagle, your bike, and the river, creating a long lasting memory. The quiet of the river road and its towns, which are a step back in time will be a contrast with the activity you will experience when you get to Lacrosse. Oktoberfest Grounds are just waiting for a great party. Toast to a memorable rally with local beverages, members of an Oktoberfest Royal Family, and Grand Marshalls from year's past. During the band breaks, find out about Pearl Street's tawdry history.

On the last morning of your adventure you will make a stop at the Potosi Brewery where you can take in their River Transportation Museum to learn how beer was shipped downstream in the days of the steamboats. Top off your afternoon with a dealership party at Dubuque Harley-Davidson before heading downtown for the final landing of your trip. At the Grand River Center you will enjoy dinner on the river followed by closing comments and prizes.

Need more than that? Throw in 7 meals, dealer events along the way, a special frontier style button down shirt, and adventures around every bend.

This adventure is priced at an economical \$150 per person. Register on line at www.wistatehogrally.com or www.mnstatehogrally.com soon. Registration is limited, and pre-registration closes on April 15 or when filled.