

The NWM Bike Rally



Join a 2-day ride on the challenging and adventurous No Winter Maintenance route. Riders can test out their bikepacking skills, learn from seasoned veterans and meet new cycling friends. It's also a good training ground for more ambitious bikepacking adventures such as the BT 700.

Date: June 1 – June 2 2024

Start/Finish: Orangeville, Ontario

Overnight parking will be available at the Compass Church in Orangeville

Overnight: Group camping will be provided by Bowering Lodge (www.boweringlodge.com) which is close to the halfway mark of the route. Riders can also choose to book one of their indoor rooms on a first come first serve basis. This option is best done well in advance as space is very limited. Pricing for camping will be communicated at a later date. Tent camping does not need to be booked in advance.

For the Saturday evening, dinner will be catered on-site by The Nomad Chef (<https://thenomadchef.ca>) so no need to haul around your camp cooking gear. Details on the menu and pricing to come.

There will be a breakfast option at the Kimberly General store (<https://kimberleygeneralstore.ca/>) for the Sunday morning. The store will be opening early for riders on the Sunday morning.

There will be two ride options for riders: the full route which is more challenging, or a paired down version of each day which shortens the distance and removes much of the singletrack riding. Routing will be finalized in advance of the ride. Here are the preliminary routes.

Harder

Day One: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41932970>

Day Two: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41932976>

(Note: Riders taking the longer day two option will be required to purchase a day trail pass for the Mansfield Outdoor Center.)

Easier

Day One: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41933127>

Day Two: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41933337>

As with the 2023 edition, this year's event will also be a Kevin Walsh memorial ride. A local rider who was tragically killed by a hit and run driver.

<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/friends-and-family-mourn-death-of-man-killed-while-walking-in-eugenia>

Kevin was a great asset to both the NWM and BT 700 bikepacking routes by assisting in finding exciting terrain to add to these trips. We will also be riding a trail in Kolapore on day one dedicated to his name.

If you would like to register for this ride please fill out the form that is the bottom of the route webpage. Questions can be directed to mattkadey@gmail.com

It must be stressed that the route is entirely unsupported and unsanctioned with no insurance provided. All riders are responsible for their own well-being on the No Winter Maintenance route and ride at their own risk. The route developer takes no responsibility for personal injury, damage to personal property or any other circumstance that might happen to individual riders.