



BEAVER ISLAND BIKE FESTIVAL



Here is how to have a fun ride at the Beaver Island Bike Festival.

The full ride around the island **“big beaver”** is a challenging 32 miles, if that sounds like too much don't worry there is a **“little beaver”** about 17 miles and you still get to our lunch spot at Bill Wagner Campground. The majority of the ride is on well marked dirt roads, trails and a few sections that seem more like beach than road. This is a nature lovers paradise with many historical sites to see and unspoiled beauty to explore, plus much of the ride is just off the water with lots of public access, so be cool and go take a swim.

We start downtown at the Jewell Gillespie Park ride up to Whiskey Point Harbor Light, ride around Gull Harbor Drive (right on the beach), take Lake Drive back downtown then west to Donegal Bay (again, right on the beach) on bike path next to Donegal Bay Road, south on Allen's Lakeview Road, to The Kuebler Trail (fun section in the woods ***attention*** this is a trail not a road) go past Protar's Tomb and then go straight past the Engineer's Grave, go east on Sloptown Road, south on Donnell Mor's Lane to the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop across from the airport (our first rest stop, nice bathrooms in the airport, free water and snacks or delicious coffee and food for sale inside Paradise Bay Coffee). Continue south and turn right on the West Side Road *****STAY ON WEST SIDE ROAD ALL THE WAY TO THE SOUTH END***** (DO NOT take Mrs. Redding's Trail it is a dead end). Half way down the island you have the choice to ride the **“little beaver”** (shortcut to lunch, see below) or continue all the way to the south end of the island. West Side Road turns into South End Road, we will have another rest stop at the Lighthouse School (again nice bathrooms) you can also take a tour of the Beaver Head Lighthouse and there are some great public beaches down here. Continue east and the road turns into East Side Drive, start going north, Martin's Bluff is a nice view spot right off the main road, keep going north all the way north to Bill Wagner Campground our lunch stop (again, right on the beach). Now it's just 7-8 miles back into town on East Side Drive and King's Highway (pavement). That's it...you just road the whole island.

“Little Beaver” shortcut - take Fox Lake Road east to Hannigan's Road east then just a few yards south on East Side Drive to Bill Wagner Campground, this is our lunch stop (again, right on the beach). Now it's just 7-8 miles back into town on East Side Drive and King's Highway (pavement).





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There are plenty of little trails to take out to public beaches or exploring the interior of the island but remember to bring food and water and pace your self. The whole ride on the main roads can take 5-8 hours depending on how fast you ride and our last sag vehicle goes around the South End around 5:00 PM.

Important Times and Places

Registration: Friday Night 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Jewell Gillespie Park
Saturday Morning 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM - Jewell Gillespie Park

Start: Saturday Morning 9:00 AM – Jewell Gillespie Park

Late Registration & Start (after the Sat. morning ferry arrival)
Saturday 11:30 AM - Jewell Gillespie Park
(due to time we suggest you only ride the “little beaver”)

Lunch: Saturday 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Bill Wagner Campground
Food included in registration fee, provided by McDonough’s Market

Party: Saturday 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Jewell Gillespie Park
Band: **Teabag** – these guys are the ones who play at Horn’s on Zoo-de-Mack
Beer: Microbrews from **The Livery** Benton Harbor, MI
Food: burgers and dogs available on site



Lucky says *“Ride responsibly and let’s all have FUN!”*