

CSG Cycle Tour 100-Mile Route

The Cornhusker State Games Cycling Tour has taken place in the Lincoln area over the past 36 years. It has offered cyclists an opportunity to travel and see many of the local roads and sites in and around Lincoln and Lancaster county. The CSG Cycling tour offers different challenges for each cyclist based on their comfort level and riding ability. Whether a new or experienced cyclist, riders can pick from either a 25-mile, 50-mile, or 100-mile route. The basic description for the 100-mile route is as follows.

100 Mile Route:

The 100-mile route will start at **Wheelie Good Bike Shop**. It will take riders through the rolling hills of Western and Southwestern Lancaster, Saline, and Gage county. This route goes through one of Lincoln's iconic parks, Pioneers Park and passes by Conestoga Lake Rec Area towards the first SAG stop that will be in the town of Denton.

The first SAG stop will be in the town of Denton. The **Denton Daily Double** will be our SAG host for the 25-50-100 miles riders. After Denton, the 50-100 miles riders will continue West and Southwest towards Crete. The second SAG stop is located in downtown Crete. **Artisan Mark Coffee + Goods** will be our SAG host for the 50-100 miles riders. After Crete, the 100 miles riders will head South towards Wilber.

In Wilber, the "Czech Capital of Nebraska" there is a Casey's General store that would provide a place to stop and refuel before continuing. This section will be (30 miles) long before the village of Firth which is our next SAG stop. Next, the route passes through the village of DeWitt and then on through the backroads to Clatonia. At Clatonia there is a KOM-QOM challenge noted as 'Clatonia Creek Hill' on Strava. The fastest male or female rider on this challenge (on July 26th only) will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate from **B & R Stores** after verifying all

times on Strava. Winners will be contacted within a few days regarding the gift certificate.

After the KOM-QOM, the route continues East on Hwy 41 until State Hwy Spur-34B, which heads north towards the village of Firth. The third SAG stop located in Firth is **Papa D's Pizzeria**. They will be our SAG host for the 100 miles riders. After leaving Firth, riders will head west on Firth Road until Hwy 77, then North on HWY 77 until State Hwy Spur-55G (also known as Hickman Road) where we will then ride East towards Hickman. **Hickman Bar & Grill** will be the last SAG host for the 100-mile riders before completing the last section to Lincoln. Leaving Hickman the route will head North and West back towards the village of Roca and the Homestead Trail access point.

****Due to major construction on Highway 77 we felt this would be the safest way to stay off of Hwy 77 this year. The Homestead trail section is only 4.6 miles of crushed limestone before getting back on pavement again. Road bikes are able to handle the crushed limestone and we have ridden it many times with our own road bikes.****

The Homestead trail also runs along Lincoln's biggest park, Wilderness Park. The last section of the route will go along Lincoln's busiest bike trail Rock Island Trail before ending the 100-mile ride at **Wheelie Good Bike Store**.