

6TH Annual October Trek Information



The Weiser River Trail October Trek will be held the weekend of October 7 & 8, 2017. We invite you to join us for another fun weekend on the Weiser River Trail.

CONTACT INFO

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REGISTRATION

Register for the event by September 13 at Blue Circle Sports <http://www.bluecirclesports.com>

MEMBER DISCOUNT

Members of the Friends of the Weiser River Trail receive a discount by using the discount code “friends” when registering. Please make sure your membership is current. You can renew your membership or join today at www.weiserrivertrail.org (click on Join Renew).

CYCLING JERSEYS

We have a custom cycling jersey made by Canari available at an additional cost. Jerseys can be ordered at Blue Circle Sports when you register.

WEISER TRAILHEAD CHECK-IN

On Saturday morning check in opens at 7:30 at the Weiser Trailhead at the end of East Main Street in Weiser, Idaho. You will receive an event T-shirt when you check in. Please park in the grassed lot east of the paved parking area.

Your bike will be loaded on a truck for transport to West Pine Trailhead and your luggage will be loaded in a trailer for transport to Mundo Hot Springs. Before you load your luggage, be sure to take out what you need for cycling that day. Items such as a windbreaker, rain jacket, gloves, camera, water, snacks, and your helmet need to be with you on the bus. Please remove packs and panniers from your bike and carry them with you so we can efficiently carry and protect everyone’s bike.

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NON-SHUTTLED PARTICIPANTS – NEW MEADOWS AREA

Participants who want to meet us at the start point near New Meadows need to contact us at octobertrek@gmail.com by Wednesday prior to the ride for directions. Check in will be about 9:30 am at a location yet to be determined. We will need your signed liability release before you start to ride.

Water is **not** available at the start location. Chemical toilets will be provided. There may be **limited shuttle service** returning to the start point at the end of the event. If you want to leave your vehicle at the start point, you will need to make arrangements for parking.

WHAT TO BRING

We recommend luggage be durable, water-resistant duffle bags weighing no more than 30 pounds. We will transport your luggage during the event so that you can travel comfortably on your bicycle. Please have your name on the baggage for identification. Rain, snow, and frost are guaranteed so please expect your luggage to get wet and pack accordingly.

Choose the proper clothing for the event. Cycling-specific shorts with synthetic chamois padding help prevent saddle irritation. Moisture-wicking, layered clothing with a wind/rain shell works well for staying comfortable in changing weather conditions. Come rain, snow, sun, hot, or cold, we will ride so be prepared.

A helmet that is CPSC or Snell approved is required. Suggested items for your bike ride are water bottles, rack trunk or handlebar bag, air pump, spare tubes, patch kit, headlight, cycling gloves, first aid kit, sunscreen, insect repellent, and sunglasses. Identification and medical insurance cards should be carried with you at all times.

YOUR BICYCLE

Your bike should be in good condition for riding 45 miles per day over varying dirt and gravel surfaces. Tires should be in good condition with adequate tread without cuts or bald spots. Knobby tires or a smooth center tread with knobby sides are recommended to handle surfaces with gravel, dirt, mud, or uneven surfaces. Wide tires work better than narrow tires. The trail is rough in some areas and a suspension bike can be an advantage, but is not necessary. Be prepared to deal with the 3-Rs (Ruts, Rocks, and Roots) in addition to loose gravel surfaces.

Know how to repair a flat tire, carry a pump, spare tubes, and patch kit. *Tribulus terrestris* (a.k.a. tackweed, puncturevine, goathead, devil's thorn) is present in the area and has caused many flats. We control it by spraying and pulling, but have not eliminated it. Check with your bike shop for equipment that may stop a flat from occurring. This could include slime tubes, Stan's No Flat in tubeless tires, or tire liners that stop large thorns. We recommend you carry more flat tire equipment than you normally carry.

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Have your bike serviced before you come to the event. We suggest riding the distances you will be traveling during the event to discover and remedy any bike-fit problems like an uncomfortable saddle.

A mechanic may be available for emergency repairs during the event. This is not a substitute for bringing a well prepared bike to the event. Mechanics will have normal items for general repairs. Expect to pay for parts. Mechanics are not paid by us for their time and do not charge you for their time, so please tip generously.

CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Camping will be at Mundo Hot Springs. The campground and hot springs pool are located about two miles north of Cambridge near the trail. You should bring a tent, sleeping bag, flashlight, swimsuit for the hot pool, change of clothes, washcloth, towel, and related items you prefer to have at camp. If you prefer RV hookups, a hostel with 8 bunks, or hotel-style room, they are available at additional cost. They may fill fast. Contact Mundo Hot Springs at 208-257-3849 for questions and to reserve these upgrades on a first come, first served basis. The Mundo Hot Springs website is <http://Idaho-rv.blogspot.com>. If you prefer to stay at motel accommodations in Cambridge, those arrangements are your responsibility and the event price is not reduced. See the Weiser River Trail website for information about lodging in Cambridge. You may purchase camping and campground privileges including the hot pool for non-riders when you register.

ON THE TRAIL

This is a supported ride. We will have riders with the group plus a sweep of the trail to ensure that everyone is off the trail each day. For your safety, we would appreciate it if you would not explore side trails in a way that we could miss you with the sweep. We will have a sag support vehicle if someone cannot continue. There is limited opportunity for access to the trail in some locations. We will do our best to get to you conveniently if you need help.

Saturday we will ride 43 miles from our drop-off point at West Pine Trailhead to Mundo Hot Springs. Supper will be at the campground. If you want to ride into Cambridge in the evening, headlights may be needed if you return to camp late.

On Sunday, we will ride from Mundo Hot Springs to Weiser Trailhead, a distance of about 43 miles. Sunday is a more relaxed day, with breakfast in Cambridge and a box lunch along the trail. The sweep will leave Cambridge at 10:00 am so please be on the trail before that time. We will wait in Weiser with your baggage until everyone is off the trail.

There is a sweep that will follow the ride and be available if anyone is having mechanical or “engine” problems. We will make sure you are safely off the trail each day.

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MEALS AND DRINKING WATER

We will have aid stations with water and Gatorade at the following locations

- Starkey about mile 16 on Saturday about 11:30 am until 1:00 pm
- Presley Trailhead about mile 30 on Sunday about 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.

The following four meals are furnished during the event

- Lunch Saturday will be near Council Trailhead from 12:30 to 2:00 pm
- Supper Saturday will be from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Mundo Hot Springs
- Breakfast Sunday will be in Cambridge from 7:00 am to 10:00 am
- Lunch Sunday will be a box lunch distributed along the trail from 11:30 to 2:00.

Non-riders can register for the Saturday lunch or supper. The Sunday breakfast can be purchased from the restaurant. Sunday lunch may not be in a location accessible to the non-riders.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Registration will close September 13. We will maintain a wait list if the event fills.

WAITING LIST

If the event is full and will not accept your registration, contact the event director at octobertrek@gmail.com (no phone calls, please) to request placement on the waiting list. Include your name and phone number and send the message from the email account you want us to use to contact you. The waiting list will be first come, first served based on email date and time. You will receive a confirmation that you are on the list. You will have 24 hours to respond after we contact you by email with an opening.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

If you need to cancel for any reason, you will receive a full refund only if we can fill your vacancy. Refunds are not guaranteed for vacancies that cannot be filled. No refunds will be given for cancellations after September 15.