



Dear Rider,

Thanks for joining the Des Moines Cycle Club Tour the Raccoon Ride on June 1-2, 2019! Here are a few details about this event to get you on your way!

Ride Information

The Tour the Raccoon ride is designed for the entire family to enjoy. Ideal for both the experienced rider wanting to add training miles and for those just getting into cycling. The daily mileage will be around 55 to 60 miles. The entire ride can be ridden entirely on almost flat, paved multi-purpose trails. There will be plenty of opportunities to take a break and that's where the real fun is! We will be doing a trail passport to encourage riders to stop in towns along the route to take a break and soak in the atmosphere. At each location, you will get a passport checkmark and can take advantage of the specials they are offering. The more stamps you get-the more raffle tickets you get to bid on prizes at the campsite. You can pick up your passport at registration/check in on June 1st or at Bike World if you drop your bags off early. We will be camping near the Depot in Jefferson, right off the trail (signs will be posted to direct you to the campsite).

Ride Details:

Sat. June 1st:

- Check-in and day-of registration is from 7 am to 10 am at Vince Meyer Learning Center, 430 Ashworth Drive, Waukee. This is also where overnight parking is available.
- You have two opportunities to drop off your bags:
 - o At check in on June 1st at the Vince Meyer Learning Center in Waukee, or
 - o On May 29th or 30th during normal business hours at Bike World in West Des Moines (5003 EP True Pkwy, West Des Moines). Please make sure your bags are marked TTR and have your name on them. Bike World will provide you an envelope with a wristband and the passport if dropping bags of early.
- We will bring your bags to Jefferson for you. You are responsible for the set-up and take-down of your tent.
- You are required to have a Raccoon River Valley Trail pass. They are available at any local bike shop and available at the Waukee Trail head as well.

- Dinner and drinks are provided at no additional cost

Sun. June 2nd:

- Light breakfast is available on Sunday morning June 2nd before heading back to Waukee.
- The truck needs to be loaded and everyone out of the campground by 9 am on Sunday.
- We will return your bags to the Vince Meyer Learning Center in Waukee. They will be available (and monitored) from 1 pm to 4 pm
- Bags not claimed by 4 pm can be picked up beginning on Monday, June 3rd at Bike World West Des Moines.

Ride Route:

Saturday June 1:

- We'll ride the north loop through Waukee, Dallas Center, Minburn, Perry, Dawson, Jamaica, Herndon (DMCC rest stop), and Cooper to Jefferson (via a well marked detour). Overnight is in Jefferson. Please watch for the DMCC route detour signs along the way or download the route in the "Map My Ride" app to find it easily. *Below is an attached preview of the detour.*

Sunday June 2:

- We will return to Waukee via the traditional South Loop passing through the detour to Copper, then Herndon, Yale, Panora Linden, Redfield, Adel, Ortonville and Waukee.

Gravel Ride:

- Riders wanting to do the Gravel ride: Due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, the gravel ride will be self-guided. Included are links to the routes in Garmin, screenshots, and the gpx files that could be loaded to riders GPS devices. As is normal with a gravel route, there could be last minute changes if the Raccoon River is high or if there is unexpected construction, so proceed with caution. The routes are designed to hit every town along the way and to give riders the opportunity to try gravel a little and then to continue on the trail if it turns out that gravel is not their thing. Garmin maps are provided here:
 - o June 1: <https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/23959495>
 - o June 2: <https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/23959712>

Get a Good Night's Sleep

Our overnight in Jefferson will include a designated campground just for Tour the Raccoon riders at the Trailhead Campground. The campground does have showers available. All camping gear is the responsibility of ride participants- please plan to bring your tent, sleeping bags, flashlight extra clothes, a towel and toiletries. Jefferson has many stores available in case you forget something. *NOTE:* Please bring earplugs if you are sensitive to noises. Jefferson is known to have many loud trains pass through during the night!

One of the Midwest's Best Trails

The Raccoon River Valley Trail offers riders a great view of what Central Iowa is all about. Most of the ride goes past vast Iowa farm fields and through some of the most scenic river

valleys Iowa has to offer. For more information visit the trail website at <http://www.raccoonrivervalleytrail.org/>

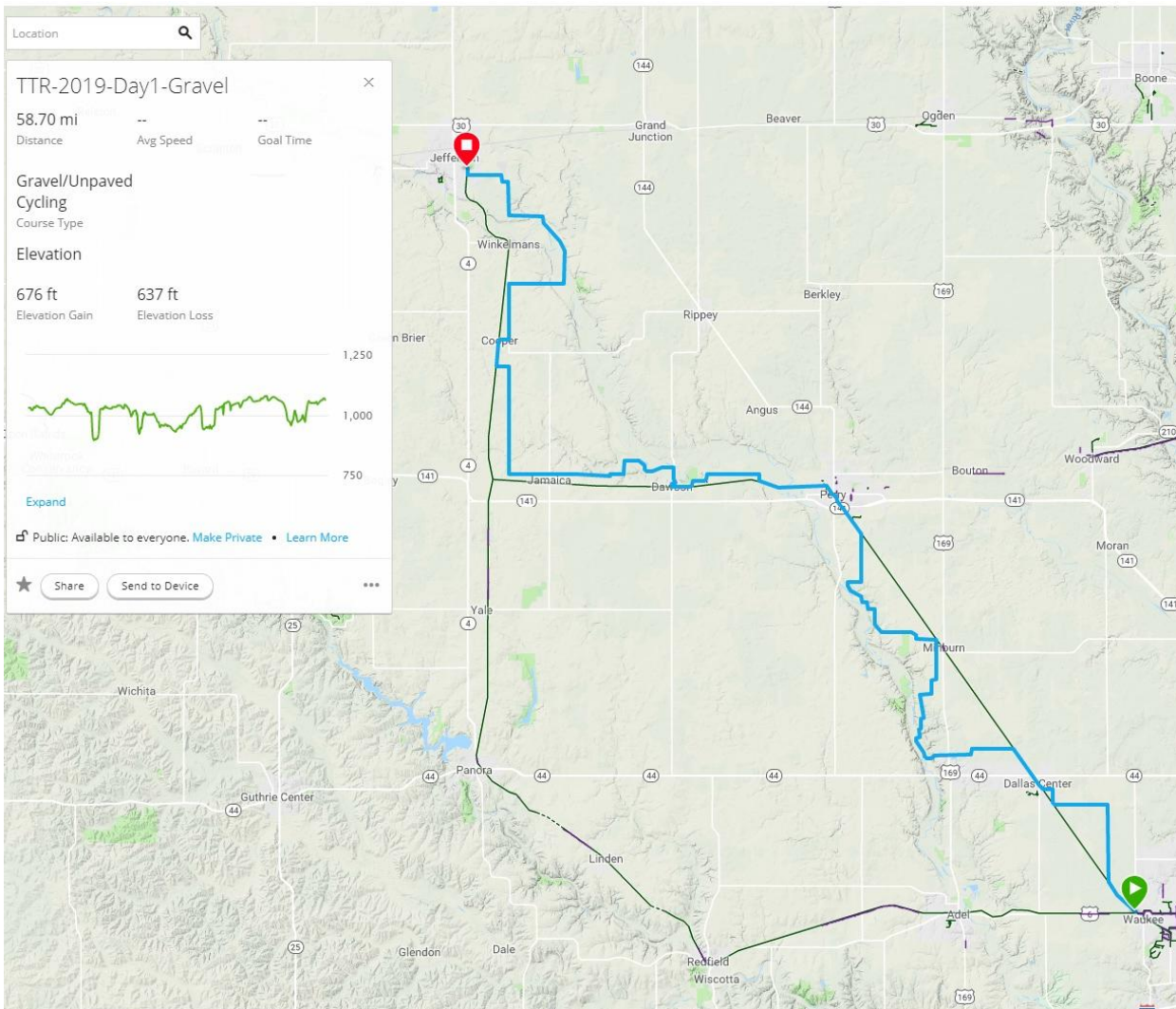
What else is there to do?

Jefferson tourism offers a lot of ideas, the Bell Tower Tour will offer tours for DMCC until 8 pm. Or visit the Thomas Jefferson Gardens of Greene County, go shopping, check out the local museums or just take in the sites! The movie showing Saturday night at the local theater is the new Aladdin movie, which would be appropriate for all age groups that starts at 7 pm.

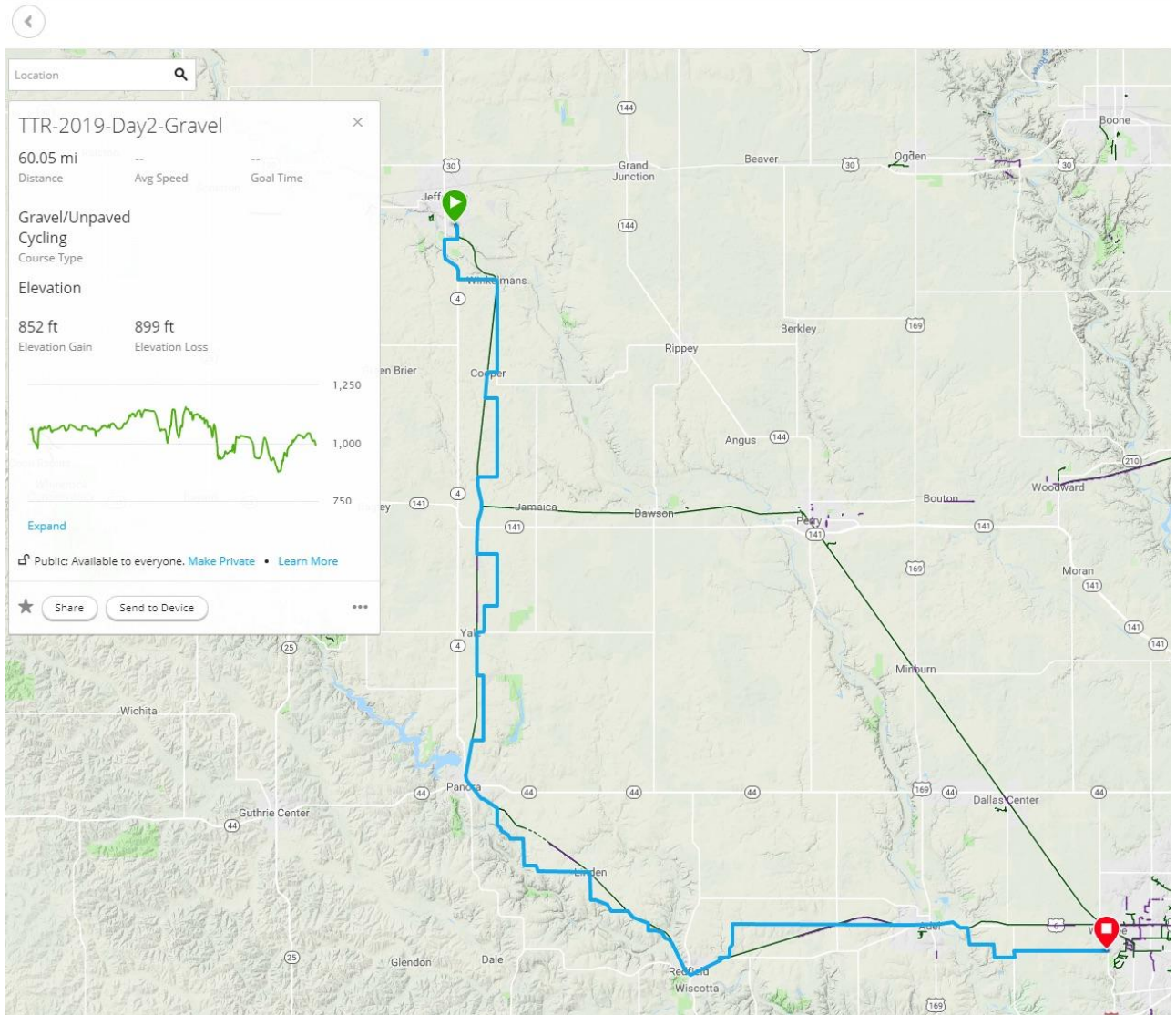
We hope you have fun and look forward to seeing you next year! Please feel to reach out to the club with any questions, concerns or feedback.

Sincerely,
The Des Moines Cycle Club
DMCycleClub.com

Gravel June 1

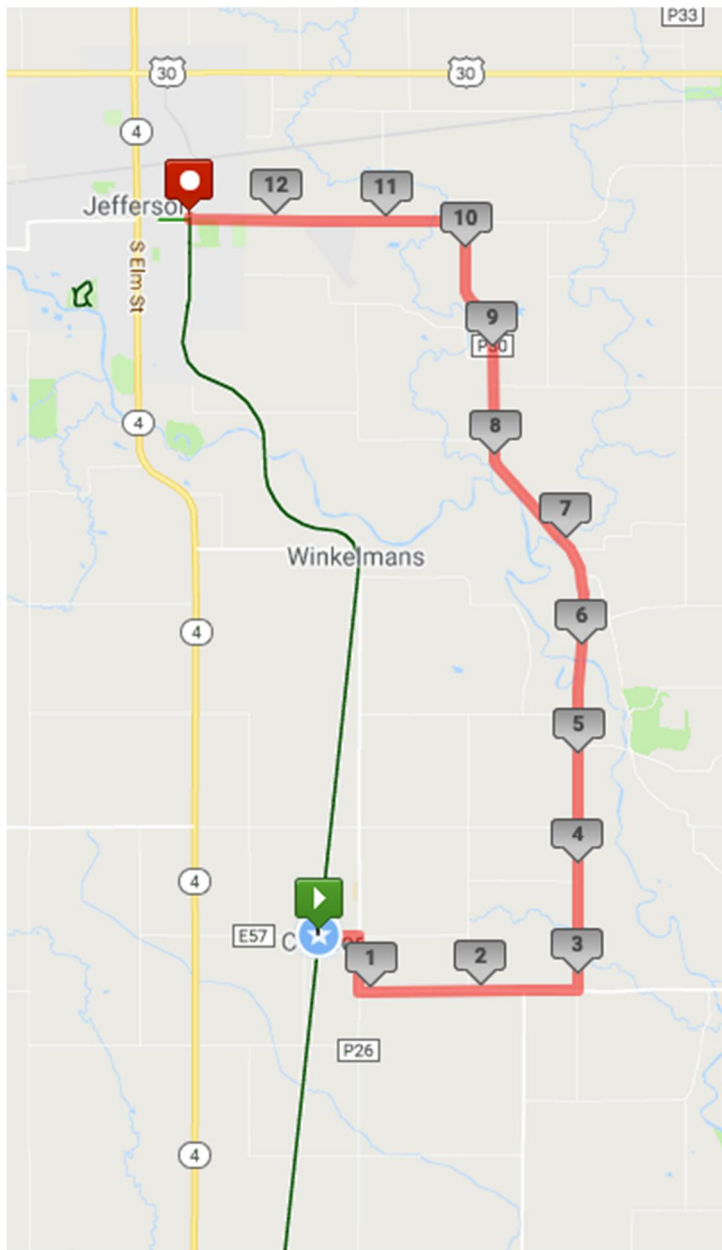


Gravel June 2



Detour:

You can follow these directions for the ride. Please add to your *Strava* or *Map my Ride* apps to get exact detour directions. There will be detour signs along the way as well.



Directions / Notes	
0 mi	Head east on 300th St toward 1st St Destination will be on the left
0.36 mi	Head west on 300th St toward P Ave
0.37 mi	Turn left onto P Ave
0.39 mi	Head south on P Ave toward 305th St
0.88 mi	Head north on P Ave toward 305th St
0.89 mi	Turn right onto 305th St
2.88 mi	Turn left onto Quaker Ave/R Ave
2.88 mi	Head north on Quaker Ave/R Ave toward 290th St Continue to follow R Ave
6.93 mi	Continue onto Quaker Ave
9.42 mi	Continue onto Q Ave
10.25 mi	Head north on Q Ave toward 235th St
10.28 mi	Turn left onto 235th St
12.27 mi	Continue onto E Lincoln Way
12.78 mi	Turn right onto Raccoon River Valley Trail Destination will be on the right
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