

2009 Great Allegheny Passage Trip Packages and Bike Rides

Half GAP Expedition for Two

\$230.00 for two (\$115 each additional person)

Offered by Savage River Lodge, Frostburg, MD
www.savageriverlodge.com, (301) 689-3200

This 70 mile bike ride starts at the Savage River Lodge. Arrive and get settled into your cabin, enjoy dinner* on the deck and watch the wildlife. Depart the next morning for Ohiopyle. We will send you with a packed lunch and souvenir water bottle. You will peddle your way to the Meyersdale Train Station where we will be waiting to bring you back to the Lodge. Pick up a book and rock on the front porch until dinner*. Pack your car and be ready to say goodbye to all of your new Lodge friends in the morning as we head back to the train station (after we drop your vehicle in Cumberland) and pick up on the trail right where you left off the day before. Enjoy the scenery at a leisurely pace and snack on your packed lunch as you coast down the hill and through the tunnel to Cumberland where your journey ends and your trip home begins.

* Dinner and lodging are additional charge.

Bike the GAP: The 50/40/30 Adventure

\$395 for two (\$175 each additional person)

Offered by Savage River Lodge, Frostburg, MD
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This adventure is designed so you don't have to worry about the planning logistics of food, luggage moving, shuttle service, or moving your car to the end of the trip once you have completed the entire Great Allegheny Passage. Over a 3 day time frame you will bike 50 miles the first day from Boston to Ohiopyle, 40 miles the second day from Ohiopyle to Meyersdale and 30 miles on the last day from Meyersdale to Cumberland. This special package is offered to guests staying at the Savage River Lodge, with shuttling provided to the trail and back to the lodge each night. All lodging, meals, taxes and gratuities are extra and need to be booked in advanced. For additional information, contact Savage River Lodge at www.savageriverlodge.com or call (301) 689-3200.

Great Allegheny Passage Rentals and Trip Support

(Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD or Pittsburgh to Washington, DC)

\$100 - \$400

Offered by Golden Triangle Bike Rentals, Pittsburgh, PA

(412) 600-0675, tom@goldentrianglebikenblade.com

Let us fit you with the right bike and help arrange transportation for your trip along the Great Allegheny Passage from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, or Pittsburgh to DC. We'll get you and your bike to a great starting point and get you on your way. Also, we can arrange transportation back to Pittsburgh if needed. We highly recommend a good comfort bike but we have a wide range of high-end bikes that will suit your needs. Racks, pedals, panniers...we can equip your bike with whatever you need. Give us a call!

Mountainside Bike Tours Custom Trips

Locations and Prices Vary

Offered by Mountainside Bike Tours

(301) 722-4887 or (240) 727-7039, www.mountainsidebiketours.net

Mountainside Bike Tours and the Inn at Decatur offer a variety of custom trips. Some sample trips:

- A Pampering Pedal
- A Pleasant Pedal
- A Tale of Two Trails
- Pedal, Pedal, Pedal
- Pedals and Ponies: A Family Bike Tour
- Ladies Only

Full descriptions of all trips are available at www.mountainsidebiketours.net.

Great Outdoors Week Bike Ride

May 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$15 Venture Outdoors Members, \$20 Non-Members

Offered by Venture Outdoors and the Trail Town Program

(412) 255-0564 or www.ventureoutdoors.org

Celebrate spring as we bike the oldest section of the Great Allegheny Passage. This 22-mile round trip ride will take us to Confluence, a charming valley village, and back. Lunch will be on your own in Confluence, with a listing of bike-friendly restaurants provided. The trip will end upon our return to Ohioypyle. All are welcome to stay and explore the town and park. Bike rentals are not included in the fee, but are available to rent in Ohioypyle.

Produce Pedal

June 20, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$15 Venture Outdoors Members, \$20 Non-Members

Offered by Venture Outdoors and the Trail Town Program
(412) 255-0564 or www.ventureoutdoors.org

We're not going to start in Massachusetts, but we are starting in Boston! Join us for a 28 mile round-trip ride from little Boston to West Newton and back as we travel along the Great Allegheny Passage. We will stop for lunch in West Newton and enjoy its local eateries and explore the town before pedaling back to Boston. On the return ride, we will stop at Milestone Specialty Produce for a greenhouse tour and the chance to buy some hydroponic lettuce. Bike rentals are not included in the fee, but are available to rent in Boston.

Confluence to Rockwood Bike Ride

July 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$15 Venture Outdoors Members, \$20 Non-Members

Offered by Venture Outdoors and the Trail Town Program
(412) 255-0564 or www.ventureoutdoors.org

Discover one of the most scenic sections of the Great Allegheny Passage! The 38-mile round trip ride begins in Confluence's town square and follows the Casselman River to Rockwood. Lunch will be on your own here with a listing of bike-friendly restaurants provided. After lunch, we will pedal back to Confluence. Bike rentals are not included in the fee, but are available to rent in Confluence. (Bike rentals here include recumbent bikes.)

Bike and Brunch

July 5, 2009

\$20 (\$35 with bike rental)

Offered by Ohiopyle State Park
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/ohiopyle.aspx
(724) 329-0986 or eeohiopyle@qcol.com

Join an Ohiopyle State Park naturalist for a ride along the Great Allegheny Passage. Participants will ride nine miles from Ramcat to Ohiopyle along the Middle Youghiogheny. Stops will be made along the way to learn about the history of the area and trail. Brunch will be provided upon arrival in Ohiopyle.

Trail Ride: Women Only

July 12

\$30 (\$45 with bike rental)

Offered by Ohiopyle State Park

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/ohiopyle.aspx

(724) 329-0986 or eeohiopyle@qcol.com

Enjoy a 20 mile bike ride along the Great Allegheny Passage. We will ride from Markleton to Ohiopyle with many stops along the way. Cost includes meals and shuttle. Registration required by June 6, 2009.

GAPCANDO Bike Tour

June 13-20 and Sept. 5-12

\$930/\$950 full tour; \$635/\$650 C&O Canal option; \$535/\$550 GAP option

(Lower price for Venture Outdoors' members)

Offered by Venture Outdoors, Pittsburgh, PA

(412) 255-0564, biketour@ventureoutdoors.org

www.ventureoutdoors.org

Join us for the vacation of a lifetime! Set your wheels down in Georgetown and kiss the smog and congestion goodbye as you pedal back in time. In the 1800s canals were big improvements to the transportation system. You'll be riding on the C & O Canal Towpath, part of George Washington's grand vision for the next 184.5 miles. Your wheels then roll over the smooth surface of the Great Allegheny Passage, a first class rail trail that winds through the Appalachians to the greatest steel town of the industrial age. Photograph breath taking sites, enjoy delicious catered meals, and share the company of other cyclists like you that see life as an adventure. **There are three options on this trip:** Take the entire 8-day tour, the 5-day C & O Canal option or the 4-day Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) option.

Keels, Heels, and Wheels: An Ecotour

August 14-16, 2009

\$175-\$220

Offered by Ohiopyle State Park

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/ohiopyle.aspx

(724) 329-0986 or eeohiopyle@qcol.com

Explore Ohiopyle and Laurel Hill State Parks on this two day two night ecotour. We will bike, hike and boat our way through the Laurel Highlands. Activities include a moonlight canoe trip on Laurel Hill Lake, an interpretive bike trip on the Great Allegheny Passage, 2 hikes in 2 State Park Natural areas, a tour and tasting at CW Klay winery and a 9 mile float trip down the Middle Youghiogeny River (class II water). All food, equipment rentals,

overnight accommodations, shuttles and guide services are included in the package. This trip is not for couch potatoes! Cost \$175-\$220 based on accommodation price and double occupancy.

Big Savage Tunnel Ride

August 15, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$15 Venture Outdoors Members, \$20 Non-Members

Offered by Venture Outdoors and the Trail Town Program
(412) 255-0564 or www.ventureoutdoors.org

The Big Savage Tunnel may be the coolest attraction along the GAP. The old railroad tunnel cuts 3,294 feet through Big Savage Mountain near the Pennsylvania-Maryland border. We're going to ride through the tunnel on the 32-mile round trip ride to Frostburg, MD and back. Lunch will be on your own in Frostburg, with a listing of bike-friendly restaurants provided. The trip will end upon our return to Meyersdale after a slightly uphill incline. All are welcome to stay and explore the town and park. Bike rentals are not included in the fee, so please bring your own bike on this ride.

Summer Cycling on the Great Allegheny Passage

August 20-23

\$535 Venture Outdoors members; \$550 non-members

Offered by Venture Outdoors, Pittsburgh, PA
(412) 255-0564, biketour@ventureoutdoors.org
www.ventureoutdoors.org

Starting in Cumberland, enjoy the smooth trail of the GAP as we pass through the coal towns of a bygone era. We'll wind our way along the Casselman, Youghiogheny, and Monongahela Rivers as we travel down river to the greatest steel town in our nation's history. You'll also have a chance to visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and Ohiopyle State Park. Choose to sleep under the stars or rent a room each night. Photograph breath taking sites, enjoy delicious catered meals, and share the company of other cyclists like you that see life as an adventure.

Trail Ride: Markleton to Ohiopyle

August 30

\$30 (\$45 with bike rental)

Offered by Ohiopyle State Park
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/ohiopyle.aspx
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Enjoy a 20 mile bike ride along the Great Allegheny Passage. We will ride from Markleton to Ohiopyle with many stops along the way. Cost includes meals and shuttle. Registration required by June 6, 2009.

Fall Foliage Bike Tour on the Great Allegheny Passage

October 9-12

\$875 Venture Outdoors members; \$925 non-members

Offered by Venture Outdoors, Pittsburgh, PA
(412) 255-0564, biketour@ventureoutdoors.org
www.ventureoutdoors.org

Ride the Great Allegheny Passage in style and comfort. See the beautiful fall colors of the Laurel Highlands at their peak. We'll stay at bed & breakfasts and resorts along the way. This tour will cover just 30 miles a day allowing you ample time to take in the scenery, the quaint towns, and the history of the bygone steel era. This trip is fully supported, making it perfect for avid cyclists and their spouses that don't ride as often, as we can shuttle riders along the way. This trip includes tours of two of the most famous homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright: Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob. This will be a small trip, maxing out at just 16 riders.

Custom Bike Tours by Venture Outdoors

Offered by Venture Outdoors, Pittsburgh, PA
(412) 255-0564, biketour@ventureoutdoors.org
www.ventureoutdoors.org

Are you looking for the perfect active vacation for you and your friends? Maybe the perfect anniversary gift has eluded you? Enjoy a custom bicycle tour along the Great Allegheny Passage or the C & O Canal Towpath. From the tour of Antietam Battlefield to a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, from hiking in Ohiopyle to perusing quaint antique stores, there is something for everyone along the historic paths that lead from Pittsburgh to Washington DC.

There is nothing better than enjoying a wonderful meal and a comfortable bed after a full day of fresh air and pedaling through beautiful scenery. From two day excursions on the gorgeous Great Allegheny Passage to week long adventures from Washington DC to Pittsburgh, we can provide you the support and expertise for the vacation of a lifetime.

No matter the size of your group, from two to twenty, Venture Outdoors can put together the tour that fits your desires. Contact Seth at biketour@ventureoutdoors.org or 412.255.0564 x 35 to start planning your vacation. You do the dreaming, we'll do the work.