

# DALMAC® 2008 ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

## All Routes

Our routes have changed in various places. These are common to all except the 4 Day East Sunday short route: There is a new route on Old State and Mt. Bliss Road before you get to East Jordan. Your ride out of Boyne City will be on Wildwood Harbor Road, a route not taken on DALMAC for a number of years. Then, out of Walloon Lake, you'll use US-131 instead of River Road.

### Five-Day

**575 Riders 338 Miles**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>to Mt. Pleasant - CMU Campus</b>	<b>82 Miles</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>to McBain/Northern Michigan Christian School</b>	<b>68 Miles</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>to Elk Rapids High School</b>	<b>61 Miles</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>to Petoskey Middle School</b>	<b>75 Miles</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>to Mackinaw City High School</b>	<b>52 Miles</b>

This is the "Traditional" Five-Day route. You will leave MSU with the Five UP riders on Wednesday. You'll see all of the important landmarks: the VFW in Perrinton, the Lake George Campground, Elk Rapids, Alden, "The Wall", the "Tunnel of Trees," Goodhart and Cross Village.

### Four-Day East

**500 Riders 303/327 Miles**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>to Bullock Creek High School near Midland</b>	<b>81 Miles</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>to Houghton Lake High School</b>	<b>76 Miles</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>to Gaylord Middle School</b>	<b>69 Miles</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>to Mackinaw City High School</b>	<b>77/101 Miles</b>

The Four-Day East route will leave the Four-Day West riders in DeWitt on the way to a new overnight at Bullock Creek High School. You won't go through Perrinton. For the next 3 days, you won't see the other 4 Day riders until you get to Mackinaw City (unless you do the optional Century on the last day). Friday's route takes you on the Pere Marquette Trail from Midland to Loomis on to your destination in Houghton Lake. After Grayling, ride on to Gaylord Middle School for Saturday night. On Sunday, you will ride through scenic rolling countryside from Gaylord through the Indian River area at Burt and Mullett Lakes to Cheboygan. The route then heads inland to avoid riding on US-23. The Century option will go through Boyne Falls and Boyne City to Petoskey/Bay View, Harbor Springs and the "Tunnel of Trees."

### Four-Day West

**575 Riders 324 Miles**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>to Vestaburg High School</b>	<b>72 Miles</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>to Lake City High School</b>	<b>84 Miles</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>to Boyne City High School</b>	<b>99 Miles</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>to Mackinaw City High School</b>	<b>69 Miles</b>

The 4-Day West route has changed this year. You will ride to Vestaburg High School on Thursday. You'll follow the same route as before until just north of Perrinton. Friday's overnight is still at Lake City High School after riding through Farwell and Lake George. You'll pass through Kalkaska and Alden and ride up the "The Wall" on the way to our new overnight site at Boyne City High School on Saturday. The last day takes you through Walloon Lake, Petoskey/Bay View, Harbor Springs, the "Tunnel of Trees," Goodhart and Cross Village.

### Five UP

**500 Riders 373/402 Miles**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>to Shepherd High School</b>	<b>73 Miles</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>to Lake City High School</b>	<b>85 Miles</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>to Central Lake High School</b>	<b>66 Miles</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>to Pellston High School</b>	<b>69/98 Miles</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>to De Tour High School</b>	<b>80 Miles</b>

The 5 UP route will leave MSU on Wednesday with the 5 Day riders. It follows the same route until Shepherd. You will still camp at Lake City High School on Thursday. After a new route through Kalkaska, your overnight site for Friday is at Central Lake High School. The Saturday short route will go north from Bay View. There is a century option that follows the "Tunnel of Trees" through Goodhart to Cross Village. It then turns south to reconnect with the short route. After a 17 mile ride on Sunday morning, you cross the Mackinaw Bridge. Your final day continues through St. Ignace and past the casino on Mackinaw Trail. The route then follows the Lake Huron shore line in Michigan's Upper Peninsula east to De Tour High School. The route along the shoreline has some beautiful scenery and there are many turn-out areas to stop and experience the view of the lake. Many of these turn-outs have sandy beaches.

### Quad Century

**250 Riders 414 Miles**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>to Morley Stanwood High School</b>	<b>110 Miles</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>to Mesick High School</b>	<b>105 Miles</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>to YMCA Camp on Torch Lake</b>	<b>96 Miles</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>to Mackinaw City High School</b>	<b>103 Miles</b>

The Quad Century route will overnight at Morley Stanwood on Thursday. After Westphalia, you will ride into Carson City, through Lakeview and Morley to Morley Stanwood High School. On Friday, you will head north through Big Rapids, Hersey, Leroy, Luther and the Caberfae Ski Area on your way to Mesick. The White Pine Trail north of Big Rapids has been made an option near Paris. There will be 3 long ascents on this day. Saturday's ride from Mesick takes you through the beautiful, rural, lake-filled countryside of Grand Traverse, Antrim and Charlevoix Counties. We have placed 2 good climbs today, too. The YMCA Camp will be your overnight site. Sunday is your day to experience "The Wall". The towns of Central Lake, East Jordan, Boyne City, Walloon Lake await you. There is also Petoskey/Bay View, Harbor Springs, the "Tunnel of Trees," Goodhart and Cross Village.



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