



Committed bike/trike riders (end to enders in red): **Scott Saunders, John Porcari, Matt Guinane**, Dwayne May (Buffalo to Weedsport), Kevin Fitzpatric (trying to get as far as he can go with his tricky knee, Fairport to Weedsport), one other from Buffalo to Greece, one other from Medina to Fairport. Doesn't count Chuck Porcari (Saturday to Tuesday), Tim Guinane (Tuesday to Friday), Heidi Porcari driving SAG wagons (two vehicles).

Expressed interest but not specifically committed yet, or riding much less than one leg: Armando Toppi (rent electric bike Tiz!), Matt Flanigan (1 or 2 legs), Kevin Mannix (1 or 2 legs), plus 5 others that will ride out to greet us as we ride towards Pittsford/Fairport, plus 3 others that will ride out to greet us as we approach Albany, plus 1 more that wants to ride with us a long ways if he can get excused from his home duties.

Itinerary: Refer to "canal ride 2024 simplified.pdf" document that uses "Erie Canal Trail Ride 2024" page header.

Background Information and Training advice: Refer to "notes ride 2024.pdf" document that uses "Notes for Erie Canal Trail Ride 2024" page header.

Communication: When we are not riding, we'll all keep in touch by cell phone text message, to synchronize our evenings out and our mornings. Keep cell phones charged when not out on the trail, or out on the town.

Overnight bags: No suitcases please! For those riders staying overnight, one medium size soft sided overnight duffel bag or backpack can be transported during the ride day per rider, to next overnight location. In the morning (when riding another day), if rider is not at the same hotel as the SAG vehicles, it's up to the rider to attach their duffel bag to their bike and ride to our designated gathering spot that the days ride will launch from. The duffel bag can then be loaded into a SAG vehicle. Keep in mind that we ride in rain (but not lightning), so such bag carrying riders should pack an extra-large garbage bag to protect their duffel bag from getting wet, during short morning ride to SAG wagon. Note that if riders are split between only two hotels, it might be possible (depending on that morning's timing) for one SAG vehicle to visit the other hotel to pick up bags, relieving riders of a short ride with their bag. We'll try to remain as flexible as possible with SAG deployment, relative to time and distance in the morning.

Lodging: **New riders need to make their own overnight reservations!**

Buffalo Vrbo/Expedia house reservation Friday 7/5: limited to my core group of riders, located at 127 Davey St, Buffalo, NY, 14206. New riders should find overnight accommodation on Vrbo or Airbnb in that neighborhood, or at hotel in downtown Buffalo further west (will be closer to morning bike detour route), and we'll designate a time/place to meet on bikes in the morning (7/6). Perhaps all new riders could make reservations at the same hotel, so they aren't scattered across Buffalo. Note that our ride route goes by the front door of the Hilton Garden Inn Buffalo Downtown, and the Hotel At The Lafayette is nearby. Since I'm assembling the list of riders (and their emails), I could put them in touch with each other, for them to decide on one unified hotel location.

Medina Bunkhaus Hostel apartment reservation Saturday 7/6: at 511 West Avenue, Medina; limited to my core group of riders, owned by **Hart House Hotel** (<https://www.harthousehotel.com/>) next-door at 113 W Center St, Medina. New riders are advised to make reservation at **Hart House Hotel**. Once that is no-vacancy, only other hotel in town is Comfort Inn & Suites in Medina, 11591 Maple Ridge Rd, Medina, NY, 14103. After that, it's Vrbo or Airbnb. **Medina only has two hotels to choose rooms from, so make those reservations as soon as possible!!**

Fairport Sunday 7/7, for out of towners without family in Rochester area, needing place to stay:

- Saunders house (2 air mattresses, 1 couch).
- Nearby Fitzpatric house (2 air mattresses, 2 couches). Note: the extra bed is taken by one of our SAG drivers.
- Closest hotel to my house (4 miles west) is Hampton Inn Rochester-Penfield (<https://www.guestreservations.com/hampton-inn-rochester-penfield/booking>).

Weedsport Red Roof Inn Monday 7/8: 9050 Route 34, Weedsport, NY 13166. Once that is no-vacancy, there is one more hotel in town, the <https://www.choicehotels.com/new-york/weedsport/rodeway-inn-hotels/ny674?mc=llgoxpx>.



Weedsport only has two hotels to choose rooms from, so make those reservations as soon as possible!! After that, it's Vrbo or Airbnb.

**Canastota, Days Inn by Wyndham Canastota/Verona** Tuesday 7/9: 377 North Peterboro Street, Canastota, NY 13032. Once that is no-vacancy, it's Vrbo or Airbnb. **Canastota only has ONE hotel to choose rooms from, so make those reservations as soon as possible!!**

**Herkimer Red Roof Inn** Wednesday 7/10: 100 Marginal Rd, Herkimer NY 13350. Town also has the Inn Towne Motel. Once that is no-vacancy, it's Vrbo or Airbnb. **Herkimer only has two hotels to choose rooms from, so make those reservations as soon as possible!!**

**Amsterdam Super 8 by Wyndham** Thursday 7/11: 5502 Route 30 South, Amsterdam, NY 12010. Town also has 3 other hotels. After that, it's Vrbo or Airbnb.

**Albany Hyatt Place** Friday 7/12: 82 Montgomery St, Albany, NY 12207. Once that is no-vacancy, this city has plenty of other hotels to choose from.

**Bike Transport out of Albany on Saturday 7/13:** Truck rental to return bikes to Rochester has been canceled due to lack of need.

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