



## HeartCycle Bicycle Touring Club TRAVERSE BAY MICHIGAN

**DATES:** Wednesday May 31 Orientation, Riding June 1 - June 8

**LEADERS:** Jimmy Schroeder, Ron Finch

**SAGS:** Mayoma Pendergast, Kathleen Schindler

**RATING:** Intermediate to Advanced: 404 miles up to a maximum of 517 miles. 4 short days averaging 44 miles and 3 long days averaging 76 miles. Manageable climbs during the week. Optional routes on June 6 day off in Glen Arbor

**RIDERS:** 30 riders max

**PRICE:** \$2240 (double occupancy); single supplement \$ 3360  
\$600 deposit @registration. Balance due Feb 28, 2023

**CANCELLATION:** [Standard cancellation policy](#). Travel insurance is recommended

### OVERVIEW

Welcome to this country's northern coast in the heart of the Great Lakes. The Traverse Bay includes Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Leelanau Peninsula, plenty of Lake Michigan beaches and smaller lakes inland. Traverse City is also known as the Cherry Capital and there are many other fruit orchards and vineyards. Therefore, quite a few wineries abound. The club's Sprinter Van will be going east so there will be room available to rent a spot for your bike. I had been riding many late summers up in this area awhile ago and am looking forward to this wonderful fresh water coastal playland.

HeartCycle has done this tour in the past, and Ron and I have mixed it up a bit with some new lodging and route arrangements. We'll be alternating short and long mileage days to assist in your pleasure.

Traverse City has a surprisingly busy Cherry Capital Airport with Delta, American, United, and Allegiant airlines for your traveling convenience.

## **ITINERARY**

Wednesday, May 31



Our host hotel is at the downtown Hotel Indigo. We think you'll enjoy the vibe with the plenty of restaurants to choose from downtown. Orientation will be at 8pm.



**Thursday, June 1**

Our first day will be a short one as we circumgate Old Mission Peninsula and return to the Indigo for more downtown delectables.

46mi, 1100ft



**Friday, June 2**

What's a petoskey? Find out while we hug the west coast up to the city of Petoskey. We'll go inland a few miles midday so you won't get bored of the sailboats. 79mi, 2265ft



### Saturday, June 3

We head north through the iconic “tunnel of trees” on M-119, and turn around at Cross Village. Be sure to stop at Legg’s Inn for a perogi or two! Group dinner at our historic hotel. 56mi, 2064ft



### Sunday, June 4

We return to Traverse City on a more inland trek east of Torch Lake with undulating hills in and out of pine forests and along some popular beach hang outs. 78mi, 2700ft



### Monday, June 5

We take a short ride to Glen Arbor for a long awaited day off. There are optional routes around a couple of inland lakes if you’d like. We end skirting through some of Sleeping Bear. 43mi 1803ft



### Tuesday, June 6

Our long awaited day off can be spent checking out Glen Arbor or hiking the dunes of Sleeping Bear. A short or long bike route is also available. Beware of the 7.5mi Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive! 20-62 miles



Wednesday, June 7

M-22 is a famous scenic cycling favorite all through Leelanau Peninsula and its wineries and lakeside bays. There is an optional 16 mile out n back to the Grand Traverse Lighthouse at the top. 71-88mi 2265ft



Thursday, June 8

Just a short trip through rural towns to Traverse City. You'll arrive early enough to fly home today. If not, reserve another night at Hotel Indigo. 31mi 1203ft

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