

TCD – 2018 Lake Superior Circle Tour

July 28th to Aug 3rd

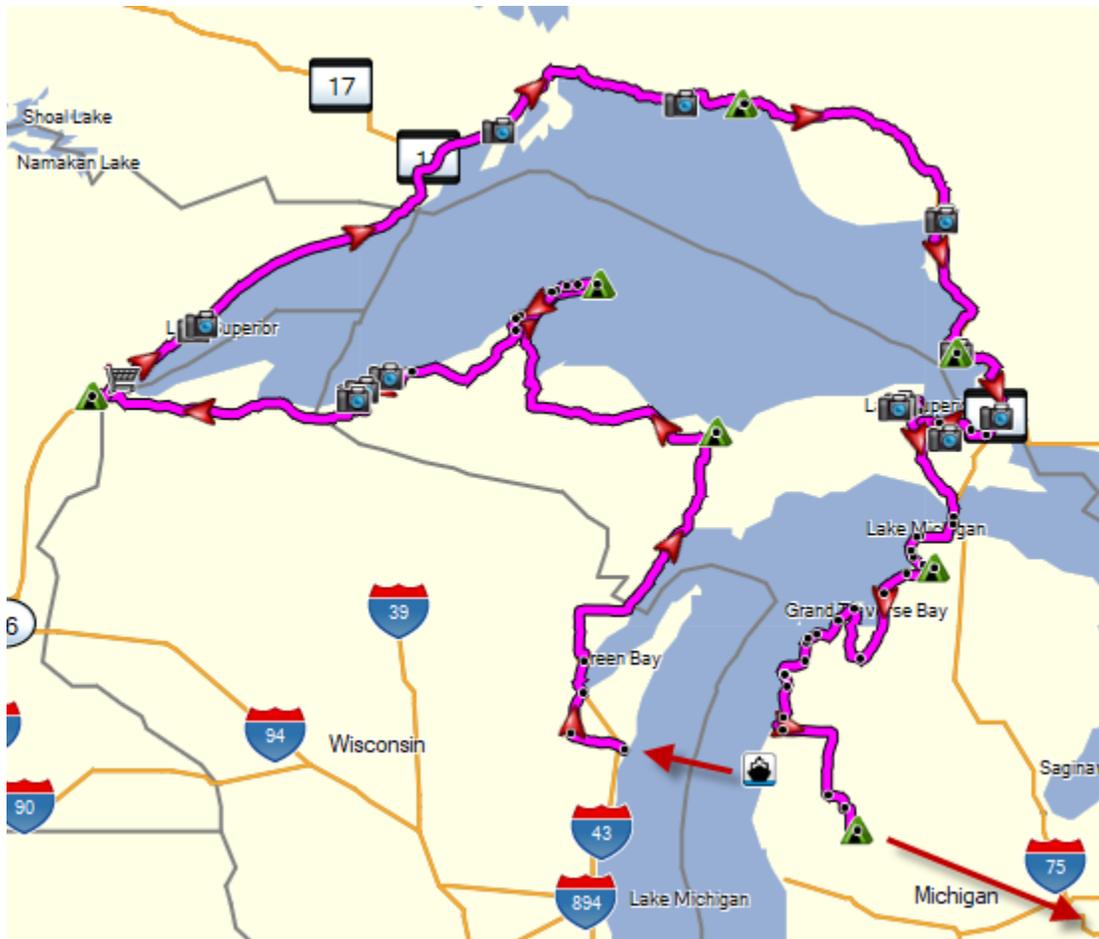
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General Overview

One week trip going clockwise around Lake Superior starting in Ludington and ending in Newaygo/Baldwin. This is the route and campgrounds that Pat O'Neill and Dale Estes are planning on and will be the 'official' TCD spots, however, you are certainly encouraged to do your own thing whether that is different campgrounds or hotels, different stops along the way or whatever. We will pick a morning breakfast spot for each day where we can all meet up, talk about that day's coming ride and break into riding groups.

General Route Map:

Watch the TCD forums for posting of the official GPS routes and tracks. Here is a general look at the plan:



Itinerary:

The table below shows estimated miles and riding time as determined by Basecamp. Of course this will be extended with site seeing and food stops but gives a very general idea of minimum time on the bike.

Note that this is a 'leisurely' pace compared to a strict ride around the lake as quick as you can.

This list mentions camp grounds as destinations but there are also motel options near each destination – see lodging details further below.

Day	Date	Location	Miles	Seat Time	Notes
0	Fri.7/27	Get to Ludington the night before			Alpine Motel
1A	Sat.7/28	Meet at USS Badger Ferry 8AM			4 hour trip across the lake – de-board into Manitowoc 12:30 Central Time
1B	Sat.7/28	Manitowoc to: AuTrain Campground (AuTrain, MI)	230	4.5	Visit Munising & Wagner Falls
2	Sun.7/29	To: Fort Wilkins State Park (Copper Harbor, MI)	190	3.5	Short day – lots of time to explore Copper Harbor. Mine tour, Fort tour
3	Mon.7/30	To: Jay Cooke State Park (Duluth, MN)	330	6.75	Early start, couple stops in Porcupine Mtns., then to Duluth, Swinging bridge, River Gorge
4	Tue.7/31	To: Neys Provincial Park (Ontario)	379	7	Aerostich opens @ 9am(till 5pm), Gooseberry falls, Split Rock Lighthouse, Pass Lake Trestle
5	Wed.8/1	To: Pancake Bay Provincial Park (Ontario)	218	4	Silver Falls, Magpi High Falls, Agwa Rock Pictographs, Edmund Fitzgerald Lookout
6	Thur.8/2	To: Petoskey State Park (Petoskey, MI)	259	6	Via Tahquamenon Falls & M119
7	Fri.8/3	To: Newaygo State Park (Newaygo, MI)	284	5.5	(or some may just blast home)
8	Sat.8/4	To: Home			Back home Saturday afternoon

NOTE on camping: If you intend to go on this trip and are camping, you should not delay in making reservations! The provincial parks in Canada are filling up fast. Also the Petoskey State Park is getting near full. The others seem to have plenty of room. If you reserve a campsite and have room for others to share your site please post on the forums.

NOTE on hotels: the notes below show some hotel location suggestions but everyone has different price points and needs. Best thing to do is once you make your reservations please post them on the forum so others can join your location if they wish.

Lodging:**You will also need tickets for the USS Badger Ferry:**

One-way departs 9:00AM Saturday, July 28th.

\$110 (for motorcycle and 1 person)

<https://www.ssbadger.com/shop/book-online.html>

Friday, July 27th

Alpine Motel – owner=Lori

\$64+tax 231-233-2973

7831 US-10, Branch Township, MI 49402

http://www.pjgpropertiesllc.com/alpine_motel/motel_rooms#Next

19 miles from ferry... everything else closer to town is much more expensive.

Saturday, July 28

AuTrain Lake N.P. Campground

[Rustic, no electric]

\$28

Reserve online: <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/autrain-lake-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=72064>

Hotels: Lots of options in nearby Munising.

Sunday, July 29th

Fort Wilkins State Park (Copper Harbor)

\$33 (check in 3pm)

Reserve online: <https://www.midnrreservations.com/FortWilkinsHistoricStatePark>

Hotels: Copper Harbor has a couple options, more options in Houghton.

Monday, July 30th

Jay Cooke Campground (Duluth)

\$32 + \$7 park fee

[Rustic (bathroom renovations during 2018). yes electric]

Reserve Online: <https://reservations1.usedirect.com/MinnesotaWebHome/Facilities/SearchView.aspx>

Hotels: Lots of options in Duluth.

Tuesday, July 31st

Neys Provincial Park (Ontario)

\$52.53CAD

<https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/neys>

Reserve online: <https://reservations.ontarioparks.com/Neys>

Hotels: Suggest looking in Marathon – 20 minutes down the road from Neys. Or the Coach House Motel which is 30 minutes before Neys.

Wednesday, August 1st

Pancake Bay Provincial Park (Ontario)

\$64.42CAD

<https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/pancakebay>

Reserve online: <https://reservations.ontarioparks.com/PancakeBay>

Hotels: Looks like just 3 motel choices nearby

Thursday, August 2nd

Petoskey State Park (Petoskey)

\$41

<https://www.michigan.org/property/petoskey-state-park>

Reserve online: <https://www.midnrreservations.com/PETOSKEYSTATEPARK>

Hotel: lots of choices near and around Petoskey

Friday, August 3rd

Newaygo State Park

\$25

[Rustic, no electric]

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?id=477&type=SFCG>

Reserve online: <https://www.midnrreservations.com/NEWAYGOSTATEPARK>

Hotel: Big Rapids has better hotel choices.

More details to come.... Including GPS routes/tracks and daily meetup locations etc.

If you have any comments or suggestions post them in the forum thread about this trip.