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Hocking Hills Twisty Tour

June 15 – 18, 2023
Logan, Ohio

June is a time when people are busy with family activities and it is sometimes a little hot and humid. So the idea was to put together a weekend ride as close to home as possible. Hmmn, a ride in the Hocking Hills seems like a good idea.

Based in Logan, Ohio, the hotel is about 260 miles from Livonia by freeway or about 60 miles closer than Marietta. That's close enough that you could even work Thursday, slab it down to Logan Thursday evening, and get 3 days of good riding for the cost of only 1 day off. Since the ride home is only 4 hours, you can ride for a while on Sunday before heading north.

What's old is new again.

Back in the day, Don and Jan Pennington ran a ride in the Hocking Hills, so we are keeping the name, Hocking Hills Twisty Tour, in their honor. The routes cover the Hocking Hills and down around the southern tip of Ohio. They only briefly touch the edge of the roads we ride around Marietta, so for most of us, the roads are all new.

Most of the routes go down to the Ohio River and one route has lunch at Miller's Chicken in Athens. That's a really cool local joint that is not to be missed. I'm hoping to get points from Dave and Lee Ann Marcotte for that one. Going further with the relaxed weekend idea, most of the rides have really good lunch places and are less than 250 miles, so you can get back to the hotel, have a shower, and relax before dinner.

We will be staying at the MainStay Suites/Sleep Inn in Logan, Ohio. This is a 2-in-1 hotel with the MainStay rooms a little cheaper. It's also a newer hotel with a friendly staff and a decent breakfast. For dinner, we have 3 tasty restaurants in walking distance.

I don't know why, but room blocks seem to be unpopular with some hotels these days. Your plan should be to sign up for the Choice Hotels rewards program and book your room as early as possible. I booked my room in March and got a rate of \$110, but this area is a place that folks from Columbus come for the weekend. I have seen summer rates for this hotel and the next door Holiday Inn Express in the \$250 to \$275 range, so book early.

I will be bringing sign-up sheets to meeting or you can email me to be put on the list.

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I look forward to seeing you there. It is a beautiful area with some great roads and it's always good to discover someplace new or rediscover someplace that you haven't been in a while.

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