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Hocking Hills Twisty Tour

June 13 – 16, 2024
Chillicothe, Ohio

The Hocking Hills ride returns in 2024, but due to high hotel prices in the Logan/Athens area, we will be basing the ride out of Chillicothe, Ohio. The idea remains the same, a close to home 3 day weekend ride where it's possible to work on Thursday and still ride down on the freeway that evening. Livonia to Chillicothe is about 250 miles. For those who take the whole day to ride down, there will be two routes, one direct but mostly avoiding freeways and one longer, twistier that loops east.

There were some advantages to staying in Logan. Mainly, it was in the middle of the Hocking Hills so there were fun roads in every direction but moving to Chillicothe has opened up new opportunities out of reach from Logan. Among other things, one route goes through Knockemstiff, Ohio, although the town is mostly gone. The 3rd grader in me wanted to run a route through Pee Pee Twp., but it just didn't fit into any routes.



Speaking of Knockemstiff, how about a little history? If you zoom out on the Google Terrain map of southern Ohio, you will notice a wide flat valley running south from Chillicothe to the Ohio River and a few side valleys, smaller but similar. That is what is described as a "Proto Ohio" river. Apparently, near the end of the last glacial age, a large lake was formed when ice blocked the melt water. This river valley was created by the lake emptying into the Ohio valley. Today the valley is home of the Scioto (pronounced 'See O tow') River and a landscape feature we will ride through.

Moving forward a bit in history and back to Knockemstiff. There is a large, flat top hill directly west of Knockemstiff. 2000 years ago, the Hopewell Culture built a stone wall around the 140 acre top of that hill. Nothing really to see but an interesting place. For those riders that don't care about history, the plan is to skip the little side road to Knockemstiff and stay on Blain Hwy for a more interesting ride.



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I'm currently working on 6 or 7 routes that range from the Hocking Hills to the southern tip of Ohio. All of the routes have to be redone from last year, but the best roads from last year will be included in this years version.

We are staying at a nice little hotel close to the Scioto River. There is a room block for \$114.95 plus tax. Please email me if you want to sign up and get the room block details.

The hotel has an indoor pool and is in walking distance of several restaurants. For those willing to ride, there are some nice restaurants and shops in the old downtown area on the other side of the river.

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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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