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### Hocking Hills Twisty Tour

June 19 – 22, 2025  
Chillicothe, Ohio

The Hocking Hills ride returns in 2025 and once again based in Chillicothe, Ohio. We had a good time last year, riding in the Hocking Hills on Friday when the tourist load was lighter and riding some of the new roads south of Chillicothe on Saturday. 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 by freeway. For those who take all of Thursday to ride down, there will be two routes, one direct but mostly avoiding freeways and one longer, twistier that loops east.

Chillicothe is a great place to base a ride and it has opened up new opportunities to visit roads and places not on our usual routes. I love the funny place names too. Knockemstiff, Ohio is southwest of Chillicothe and not much to see but I love the name. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in me wanted to run a route through Pee Pee Twp., but it just didn't fit into any routes.



The area we ride through wasn't covered by glaciers so the hills and valleys are mainly formed by the creeks and rivers that flow through it. 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. That is what is described as the "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 when the ice dam broke and the lake emptied very quickly forming the Ohio valley. Today the valley is home of the Scioto (pronounced 'See O tow') River and a landscape feature we will ride through.



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We currently have 7 routes that range from the Hocking Hills to the southern tip of Ohio. The routes will carry over from last year, possibly with a few updates.

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. Last year one group found a nice little restaurant downtown.

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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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