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Hocking Hills Twisty Tour
June 18 – 21, 2026
Chillicothe, Ohio

Once again we ride south across the great Black Swamp, surviving the flat, northern Ohio plains to get to the Appalachian foothills and curvy roads of southern Ohio. The idea behind this ride is a 3 day weekend as close as possible to southern Michigan. The 2026 Hocking Hill Twisty Tour is based in Chillicothe, Ohio and rides the roads of the Hocking Hills and roads of the southern tip of Ohio.

By the way, the name Hocking Hills Twisty Tour is a tribute to a ride of that name hosted by Don and Jan Pennington out of Lancaster, Ohio. As a sign of how things have changed, at the time there weren't any good hotels in the Hocking Hills so they were based in Lancaster. Now the freeway bypasses Lancaster and there are now many expensive hotels in the Hocking Hills.

Chillicothe is a great place to base a ride and it allows us to ride some new roads in addition to the well known Hocking Hills roads. I love the funny place names too. Knockemstiff, Ohio is southwest of Chillicothe and not much to see but I love the name. The 3rd 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..



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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 with a few updates.

We are staying at The Christopher Inn, a nice little hotel close to the Scioto River. We don't have a room block so you have to make your own reservations. If I were making a reservation today, in late April, the room would be about \$110 per night plus tax.

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. If you decide to come, make sure to email mail me so that I can get you on the signup sheet and keep you informed.

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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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