

Karen's Biking Detours Ride to Grey Cloud Island

Friday, May 23, 2014

**Meet at DNR Boat Landing under Wakota Bridge at E494
Ride consists of mostly city roads, some hills, some paths.**

About 20-25 miles

Meet at 9:00 am

Depart 9:30 am

Directions to: DNR Boat Landing under Wakota Bridge at E494.

South St. Paul Directions from West side of town:

Go 494 East toward South St. Paul

Look for exit 64B (Highway 156N; it is also called Concord Avenue)

Ramp down to stop light and take a left (north). Go under the bridge to the first stoplight.

Take a right onto Villaume Avenue.

Villaume will wind quite a bit. You will come to a STOP sign – continue to next STOP sign which is Hardman Avenue)

Take a left on Hardman (north), go a short distance. You will see Verderosa Avenue.

(There is a brown DNR Boat Landing sign at this road)

Take a right at Verderosa Avenue (east) and follow the curve, over the RR tracks/under the bridge and straight into the boat landing parking area. Porta potties available.

Dress appropriately and bring plenty of water, snacks for along the way. This year bring a small sandwich to snack on once we arrive at Grey Cloud Island (we are not going to stop at Tinucci's). I will provide some snacks such as cheese, crackers, oranges. My intent is to go to the Mississippi Pub on the river in Inver Grove for lunch.

Once we return to the DNR landing which should be about 18 miles, we will continue on the river path to the south in Inver Grove to the Mississippi Pub. We will, hopefully, sit out on the deck and enjoy the water and sun, cold beverage, and you might find the fish tacos as tasty as our other choice at Calhoun Lake.

In case of bad weather, or to verify the ride is not cancelled, call the ride leader, Karen Clarke. Home phone, 651.457.4007 or cell phone day of ride, 651.328.0600.

HELMET REQUIRED

This particular parking spot is well known in the south end of town and it will be used again for some other rides that I might plan. Most of these rides are somewhat hilly at this end of town. We will use local roads as well as some paths for these rides. We plan to bike at our usual pace (slower in the beginning of the season); in particular, to enjoy the scenery along the way. If you question your biking capability on this route, give me a call. Once we reach Grey Cloud Island, there are park tables where we can sit down and watch the eagles and just be.