

## **Karen's Biking Detours Wabun Picnic Area to Como Park**

**Tuesday June 17, 2014**

**Meet in Wabun parking lot near Minnehaha Parkway at 9:15 am**

**Leave at 9:30 am**

**Should be about 21+ miles**

**Bring snacks and plenty of water**

**Bike approximate route:**

Leave Wabun Park, bike east across Ford Parkway Bridge, north on East River Road to Summit Avenue. North on Cleveland which turns to Transfer Rd. Transfer Rd. turns into Pierce Butler Rd. We travel east to Lexington Parkway N. and go up a little hill to the bike path on Lexington. This path will take us north to Horton Avenue where we turn east toward Como Lake. Once we find the lake we will bike around it and return to the main building by the lake and stop for a rest break. Coffee, beverages, snacks. I suggest we don't stop too long because when Karen Holmquist and I took this route, we stopped at Gabe's on Lexington for a beer and cup of soup and found our next 20 minutes of biking hard to get back into the groove. We will maneuver around Como Park and find our way to Como Avenue going east. We will go past the fair ground and possibly take a little tour into the St. Paul Campus. I will show you the building where you can go and get meat on Wednesdays. They are noted for their bacon! Continuing out of the St. Paul Campus we will get on the Intercampus Transitway and go to the Minneapolis Campus ending on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Make our way to Washington and go east for two blocks to Oak Street where we will turn left (southish) to East River Road. At this time I am figuring we will stay on the parkway to Marshall/Lake, cross over the bridge, and look for someplace to eat because we are probably only 6 miles away from Waubun. How's that???

**In case of bad weather, or to verify the ride is not cancelled, call the ride leader, Karen Clarke. Home phone is: 651-457-4007. Cell phone day of ride: 651-328-0600. If you have any questions, please call me.**

**HELMET REQUIRED**

### **NOTE:**

Many of the bike tours I do are not on trails. When I, teasingly, say my bike rides are called detours, that is truly the case since I may be on the lookout for a shortcut or safer way to travel, or something different. We will bike on roads shared with traffic, paths, streets and sidewalks at the University and around town, so if any of this kind of biking scares you or you are apprehensive, you may not want to do this bike ride. I prefer to be a cautious/aware rider and am always on the lookout around me and I would expect our bikers do the same thing. I will caution the group as we move into areas that may be more congested than usual. We will move at a gentle speed to stay together and enjoy the scenery along the way. Generally, I have a great time travelling like this and I hope everybody else will enjoy it too!!