



Hello Tandemists!

Come join us in beautiful North Central Massachusetts in August for a wonderful weekend of riding. Located in the Worcester Hills, these small rustic towns offer a wide variety of landscapes and features. As you ride through rolling fields and lush forests, you will see a number of old New England homes and historic landmarks that will bring you back to another era. In the town of Ashburnham, known locally as "the town of many lakes" you will find a plethora of small lakes, ponds, and brooks, which have escaped the hands of developers and provide homes for many birds and other wildlife. In neighboring Gardner, known as "Chair City", you will see the world's largest chair. From Leominster, the birthplace of Johnny Appleseed, you will follow the Johnny Appleseed Trail, which highlights many historic sights.


Tours meandering along country roads will give you a generous helping of the woodland scenery. An even more spectacular view of the area will be seen during our remote lunch at the Wachusett Mountain ski area. After lunch at the base lodge, you can work off the meal by challenging the mountain by bicycle, or take a leisurely ride up the chair lift. From the summit you will see a wonderful view of the area, and on a clear day you will likely see Boston and New Hampshire's Mount Monadnock. Other points of interest include Wachusett Meadow Audubon Sanctuary and the Old Stone Church on the Wachusett Reservoir.

The terrain will vary from gentle and rolling hills to more challenging climbs, so bring your granny ring! (They don't call this area the "Worcester Hills" for nothing!) Also, tandem mountain bikers will have the opportunity for some great single track riding through the Leominster State Forest. Hiking, rock climbing, and swimming are other options for a day out in the woods.

ETR exists solely through the efforts of people volunteering their time. If you might be interested in hosting an upcoming rally, come see what's in our future at the Saturday night board meeting!

And an extra special occasion this year! Malcolm Boyd and Judy Allison want to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> year of tandeming with all of you. They would like to invite all ETR participants arriving before 5pm Friday to a pizza party. Come join the festivity!!

*Eastern Tandem Rally '98 Committee*



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Hello Tandemists!

August will be here before you know it and we're ready for your arrival. Enclosed are directions to the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel.

- \* Rally registration will be open from noon to 10p.m. on Friday. Hotel check-in is 2p.m. If you will be arriving after 10p.m., please let us know and we will deliver your rally packet to your room. For participants arriving Saturday, please contact Brad and Diane directly to arrange rally packet pickup.
- \* Bikes are allowed in your room. We ask that you bring your own shop towels for cleaning your bike and not to use the hotel towels. Please be careful since damage to the walls or furniture may result in additional charges. We will also have a secured area for bike storage. If you plan to use this area, please bring a bike stand.
- \* Malcolm Boyd and Judy Allison's pizza party starts at 5 p.m. on Friday followed by the ice cream social at 8p.m.
- \* On site childcare will be provided by Xan Kinsman, a certified childcare provider. Childcare must be pre-arranged with Xan at 978-342-2292. Please call between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- \* Remember to bring your granny gear. You can expect rolling hills to stiff climbs.
- \* Don't forget to bring that bike stuff that's piling up in the garage for the tag sale on Saturday afternoon.
- \* We are excited about Saturday night's entertainment. Vance Gilbert, a nationally known folk artist from Boston, will be performing.
- \* Bring your off road tandem to ride the trails in Leominster State Forest. We will have a guided ride on Saturday morning. The trailhead is a one mile ride from the hotel.
- \* Checkout is 1 p.m. on Sunday. Teams wanting to stay Sunday night can make arrangements with the hotel directly, before the rally or when arriving. Make sure you tell the hotel that you're with the ETR so that you will get the ETR room rate.
- \* Unfortunately we have no one to run any post rally tours. Maybe someone will volunteer before the rally.
- \* If you would like additional information on the area, you can contact the North Central Mass Chamber of Commerce, 110 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA 01453 or 978-840-4300.

If you have any questions call Brad and Diane at 978-827-6801. Please call between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

We look forward to a rally of great riding and fun times. See you in August!

*Eastern Tandem Rally '98 Committee*

# Eastern Tandem Rally '98

Fitchburg, MA ~ August 7 - 9



Mail the following to:

**ETR '98, c/o Brad & Diane Willard, P.O. Box 853, Ashburnham, MA 01430**

- Completed registration form
- Release form signed by each participant. Applications without signed release(s) will be returned unprocessed.
- A check, payable in US funds, to "Eastern Tandem Rally '98".
- Self addressed stamped business size envelope for pre-rally information.

Team Captain (Note: Team registration and all correspondence will be made in the captain's name)

First Name (Nametag): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: (circle size) ( SM ) ( MD ) ( LG ) ( XL ) ( XXL )

Team Stoker

First Name (Nametag): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: (circle size) ( SM ) ( MD ) ( LG ) ( XL ) ( XXL )

Children's Names: (under age 18)

First Name (Nametag): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: (circle size) ( SM ) ( MD ) ( LG )

First Name (Nametag): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: (circle size) ( SM ) ( MD ) ( LG )

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are arriving before 5pm Friday, August 7 check here if you would like to attend the pizza party.....

Check if interested in POST ETR ' 98 Tour.....

Number of people desiring vegetarian meals.....

**Tandem Team weekend rate:**.....\$380.00

> (captain & stoker): Includes Friday evening lodging, Pizza Party  
Saturday evening lodging, breakfast, picnic lunch, evening meal  
Sunday breakfast, and lunch, cue sheets, T-shirts

> Children 12 years and under in same room ( Each ) .....# ( ) @ \$37.00 =

> Children over 12 years of age in same room ( Each ) .....# ( ) @ \$65.00 =

**Commuter Rate:**.....\$220.00

> (captain & stoker): Includes Friday Pizza Party  
Saturday breakfast, picnic lunch, evening meal  
Sunday breakfast, and lunch, cue sheets, T-shirts

**Check Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Refund requests must be made in writing.** The following fees apply.

- \$35 refund fee prior to 1 June 1998
- \$160.00 refund fee after June 1, 1998
- No refunds after 8 July 1998
- \$30.00 charge for all checks returned from the bank for any reason.
- Registration closes June 1.

**\*\*\* Helmet Wear Mandatory on all Eastern Tandem Rally rides \*\*\***

**LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN d/b/a LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS ("LAB")  
 RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AND PARENTAL  
 CONSENT AGREEMENT  
 ("AGREEMENT")**



IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in \*\*\* Eastern Tandem Rally '98 Aug. 7 to Aug. 9, 1998. \*\*\* an event sponsored by Eastern Tandem Rally, Inc, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of travelling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH ("RISKS");(b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Club, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

_____ Signature of Entrant (only if over 18)	_____ Date	_____ Signature of Entrant (only if over 18)	_____ Date
_____ Printed name of Entrant		_____ Printed name of Entrant	
_____ Street Address		_____ Street Address	
_____ City	_____ State	_____ City	_____ State
_____ Zip		_____ Zip	

**Minor Release**

\*Please copy and complete this release for all minor children \*

AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF BICYCLING ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

_____ Printed name of Parent/Guardian:	_____ Date		
_____ Parent/Guardian signature (only if age 18 or over)	_____ Phone		
_____ Street Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip

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## Welcome!

### Friday

- 5:00pm Pizza party sponsored by Malcolm Boyd and Judy Allison in the Royal Ballroom.
- 7:00pm Ice cream social in the Royal Ballroom.

### Saturday

- 7:00 - 8:30am Breakfast in the Royal Ballroom
- 11:30 - 2:00pm Remote lunch at the base lodge of Wachusett Mountain Ski Area.
- 12:00 - 3:00pm Take a chairlift ride to the top of Mt Wachusett and take in the views. There will be a committee member there to watch your bike while you ride the lift OR take the Mt Wachusett Challenge and ride the access road to the top!
- 3:30pm Tag sale
- 6:00pm Dinner in the Royal Ballroom - If you asked for a vegetarian meal, please bring the green coupon card which can be found in your welcome bag.
- 8:00pm Vance Gilbert performing in the Royal Ballroom
- 9:00pm ETR Board meeting in the Harvard Room. ETR exists solely through the efforts of people volunteering their time. If you might be interested in hosting an upcoming rally, come see what's in our future.

### Sunday

- 7:00 - 8:30am Breakfast in the Royal Ballroom
- 8:00am Those interested in off road rides at Leominster State Forest, please meet in the lobby
- 12:00pm Hotel checkout for those leaving Sunday
- 12:00pm Lunch in the Royal Ballroom

- \* Bike Storage will be in the Fitchburg Room. The room will be locked from 9pm to 7am.
- \* The Park Tool Van will be available for technical support throughout the weekend.
- \* We will have sag support for emergencies on the road. Mechanical problems and sag please call 978-342-7100. For medical emergencies, please call 911.

# Special Thanks To...



**Chuck Webster**



**Gamache Cyclery Inc  
65 Laurel Street  
Fitchburg, MA  
978-343-3140**

## **ETR 1999**

Where is it? Stay for the membership meeting after Saturday dinner!

### **ETR ELECTIONS**

For the first time in ETR history, there will be elections for the ETR Board of Directors. Candidate biographies and ballots are in your registration material. Over the winter the Board of Directors made by-law changes to elect four members of the ETR Board. The Board, effective after the Board Meeting at ETR 1998, will be comprised of seven members as follows:

- A representative from each of the last three ETRs, chosen by the respective ETR Organizing Committee, will be on the Board for three years
- Four elected board members each serving two years. To start this process, this year two elected Board members will serve one year and the other two will serve two years.

The elections will also follow Saturday dinner

### **PRESENTATIONS**

ETR 10 year patches will also be presented after dinner. In addition, a special award will be presented to a very special, long-time ETR participant.

### **ETR BOARD MEETING**

Finally, the 1998 ETR Board meeting will be held after all of the above at a different location. Check your program book for time and place. The following ETR members comprise the 1998 ETR Board of Directors:

Bob Friedman (South), Virginia - President  
Malcolm Boyd, New Jersey - Acting Treasurer  
Harvey Sachs, Virginia - Acting Secretary  
Chuck Dye, New York - Board Member  
Bob Friedman (North), New Jersey - Board Member - 1997 Rally Rep  
Rodney Moseman - Pennsylvania - Board Member - 1996 Rally Rep  
John Weisgerber - Pennsylvania - Board Member - 1995 Rally Rep

## ETR Board of Directors Candidates

**Bob Friedman:** I have been active in tandemming for over 15 years. I was on the Organizing Committee for GEAR 91 in Williamsburg, VA, Willa and I organized ETR Williamsburg, 1993, the MATES Tandem Rallies in Williamsburg, 1994-1997, and GEAR Williamsburg 1997. I was Chairman, 1988, of Potomac Pedalers Touring Club, the largest bicycle club in the US. I am the founder of Washington Area Bicyclists In Tandem Society (WABITS) and the Mid-Atlantic Tandem Enthusiasts (MATES) tandem rallies. I have attended over 12 ETRs and been on the Board for five years. This year I am the President of ETR and want to continue on the Board. "Tandeming is life"

**Malcolm Boyd** rides a tandem with his wife, Judy Allison. Together, we seem to get drawn into promoting and working on road tandem rallies every 10 years: SouthWest Tandem '77 (Oceanside, CA), and ETRs '87 (Stockton, NJ) and '97 (Lancaster, PA). In 1976 we founded the Tandem Club of America, and its newsletter, DoubleTalk, in order to link together the dispersed community of tandemists in the US. We've also hosted a series of five small offroad tandem rallies in the Pine Barrens of South Jersey (too much fun!). Tandeming is the metaphor for our marriage.

**Harvey Sachs** and Susan Sachs have been tandem riders for a quarter century, and earned our 10-rally ETR patches a long time ago. We believe in helping groups we care about. Susan and I chaired Tandem '80 (Princeton), and were part of the Tandem '87 (South Jersey) committee. I have served on the ETR Board for 11 years. I have worked to create just enough ETR "structure." I want it to be as easy and safe as possible to produce a rally. After Tandem '80, we put together a notebook of helpful hints for the next group, and encouraged them to add to it and pass it on. I co-authored the 1991 ETR Mission and Policies Statement, and drafted the new ETR By-Laws. I am now ETR's Secretary. I'd appreciate the opportunity to serve another term, to help the transition to the new system. I believe that my experience on the Board and as organizer is helpful. I am a member of WABITS, the Potomac Pedalers Touring Club, and the Washington Area Bicyclists Association. Professionally, I am Technical Director of the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium, managing its R&D program, environmental initiatives, and educational programs.

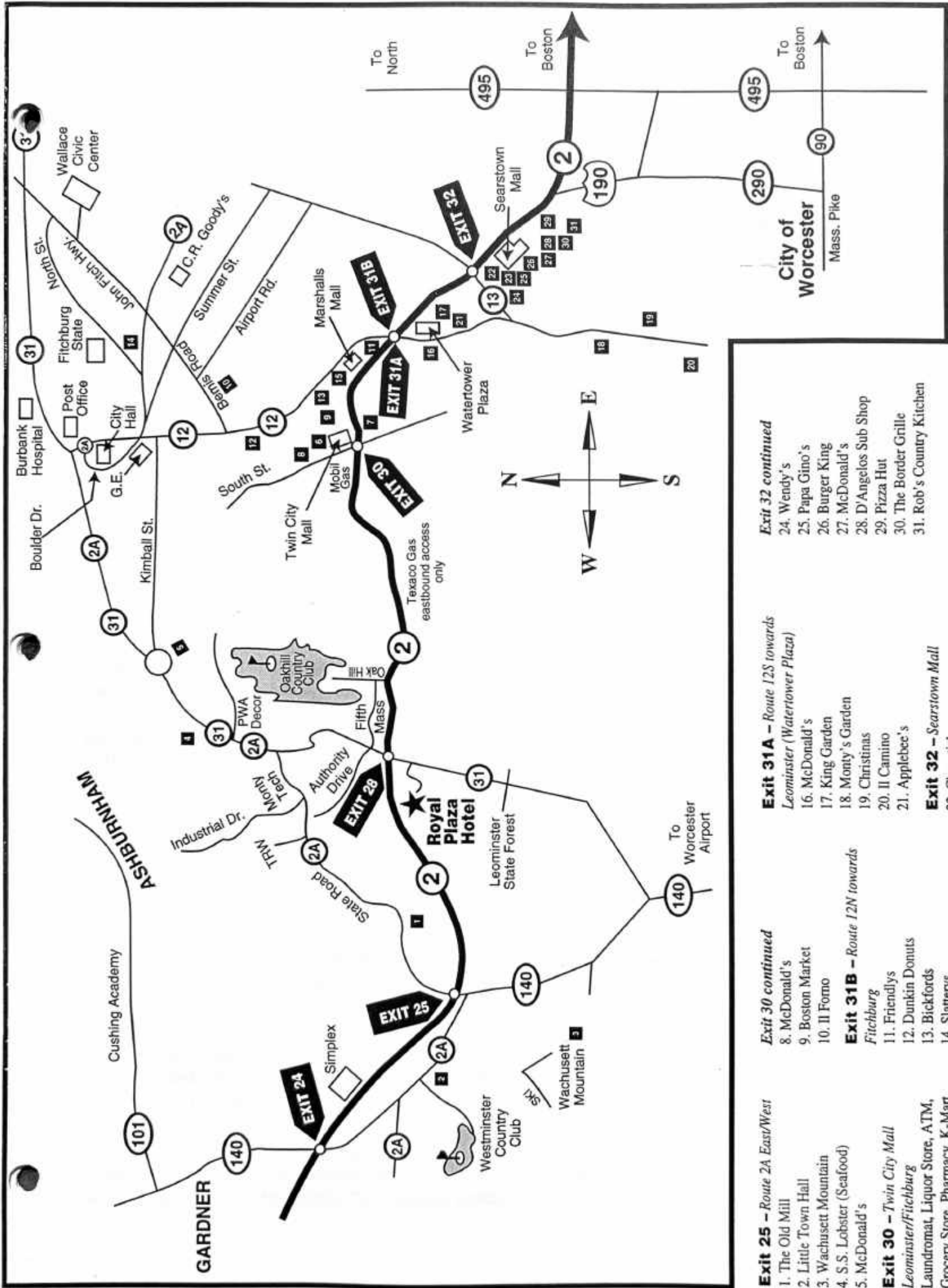
**Chuck Dye:** I have been an active Rochester Bicycling Club member since 1981, serving as Ride Chairman, Vice-president, and President. Member of "The Great Society" (Greater Rochester Eating and Tandeming Society). Chaired ETR 1986 (Penn Yan, New York) and ETR 1995 Geneva, New York). I have been an ETR Board member (including President) since 1986. With my wife Bonnie, serve as Tandem Club of America district rep for New York, New Jersey et al. I regularly commute to work by bicycle, and enjoy road and off-road cycling. Unlike many cyclists, I have no interest in building frames, maintaining bottom brackets, or debating the relative merits of the newest gruppos. I just like to ride and eat.

**Laura Oftedahl:** I have been riding a tandem for 12 years and, in fact, only ride a tandem (not a "half" bike) because I am blind. Tandem cycling is the perfect recreational activity for someone who is blind, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled and not able to handle a single bike. I am eager to help get more people active in tandems, as it's the best way I know to enjoy the outdoors, meet fun people, go interesting places and stay fit. I raced with the U.S. Disabled Cycling Team for several years, but now enjoy recreational riding and touring. If elected, I will use my polished communications skills and organizational expertise to help ETR re-gain a solid financial footing and flourish in the coming years.

**Bob Dollar:** As one who has tandemmed [with the same stoker!] for over twenty years, attended, I believe, sixteen Eastern Tandem Rallies, co-chaired one ETR, and maintained the ETR database for numerous years, I submit I qualify for the ETR Committee because I have shown that I am committed to tandemming.

**Barbara Kornbluh:** Has cycled on the back of a tandem for 26 years and racked up well over 110,000 miles as Mel's stoker. Participated as one of the organizers for two ETR rallies and has attended more rallies, centuries and rides than she can count. Co-founder with Mel of The Tea Burner, The Sizzler, Double or Nothing, Pineland's Metric Century, The Fort Mott Get Ready Metric, Race Across New Jersey, several races and tours and the Family Cycling Club with many other tandem enthusiasts. Barbara and Mel have been featured guests in New Jersey Network's program, "Cycling in New Jersey", Bicycling Magazine and many publications and newspapers promoting tandemming and family cycling. She is partners with Mel in Tandems East, a business selling tandems and tandem accessories in the USA and internationally. If elected to the BOD of ETR Barbara will add her input from the back saddle and has had many years experiencing first hand the necessary ingredients for promoting successful bike events. Barbara is a professional classical pianist and teacher as well as a feature story writer for a Gannett publication.





**Exit 25 - Route 2A East/West**

1. The Old Mill
2. Little Town Hall
3. Wachusett Mountain
4. S.S. Lobster (Seafood)
5. McDonald's

**Exit 30 - Twin City Mall**

- Leominster/Fitchburg*
- Laundromat, Liquor Store, ATM, Grocery Store, Pharmacy, K-Mart
  6. Singapore Rest.
  7. Burger King

**Exit 30 continued**

8. McDonald's
9. Boston Market
10. Il Forno

**Exit 31B - Route 12N towards Fitchburg**

11. Friendlys
12. Dunkin Donuts
13. Bickfords
14. Slatterys
15. Bagel Inn

**Exit 31A - Route 12S towards Leominster (Watertower Plaza)**

16. McDonald's
17. King Garden
18. Mony's Garden
19. Christinas
20. Il Camino
21. Applebee's

**Exit 32 - Searstown Mall**

22. Chopsticks
23. Denny's Fast Food Family Restaurant

**Exit 32 continued**

24. Wendy's
25. Papa Gino's
26. Burger King
27. McDonald's
28. D'Angelos Sub Shop
29. Pizza Hut
30. The Border Grille
31. Rob's Country Kitchen

# Interesting People, Facts, and Firsts of Worcester County

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John Chapman "Johnny Appleseed" (1774-1884) was a skilled nurseryman who planted apple trees in the frontier. Born in Leominster, he was regarded as a healer and almost saint by settlers and natives alike.

Ebenezer Butterick, Sterling, Fitchburg. Founder of Butterick Patterns. Butterick, a tailor from Sterling, with advice from his wife, Ellen, cut the first commercial paper patterns in Fitchburg on June 16, 1863.

Jerome "J." Geils, Worcester. Guitarist of the J. Geils Band started out playing Worcester clubs.

Robert Goddard, Worcester. Goddard (1881-1945) invented the liquid-fueled rocket. He is known as the Father of modern rocketry. NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center is named in his memory.

Abbie Hoffman, Worcester. Hoffman (1937-1989), the sixties radical, founded the Yippie party and coined the phrase, "Never trust anyone over 30," when he was 32.

Elias Howe, Spencer. Howe (1819-1867) was the inventor of the sewing machine. He was the first to develop the lockstitch sewing machine patented in 1846.

Ebenezer Merriam, West Brookfield. Merriam started a family printing business in 1798. He printed Noah Webster's First Dictionary of the English Language in 1843. The company evolved into the current Merriam Webster Publishing Company.

Mary Sawyer, Sterling. Sawyer was the subject of "Mary Had a Little Lamb", written by John Roulstone in 1816 based on a true incident. The schoolhouse was relocated and can be seen today at the Wayside Inn, just off of route 20 in Sudbury, MA.

## Curve Ball Baseball Pitch

W.A. "Candy" Cummings of Athol pitched the first curveball in 1867 when he played for the Brooklyn Stars. A plaque in Cooperstown credits Cummings with turning baseball into a science, transforming the sport.

Marshall "Major" Taylor, Worcester. Taylor (1878-1932), a world class cyclist known as "The Worcester Whirlwind", was the first black athlete to win an international competition. He moved to Worcester in 1895 where he lived for 35 years.

## Elm Park, Worcester.

Elm Park, designed by Olmstead of Central Park and Boston's Emerald Necklace fame, is considered to be the nation's first public park.

## Farmer's Almanac, 1792, West Boylston.

Robert B. Thomas, a schoolteacher, published the first Farmer's Almanac, which farmers consider second in importance only to the bible. The Almanac published weather predictions and other helpful hints.

Pink Flamingo Lawn Ornaments, 1950's, Leominster.

Union Products in Leominster first manufactured the ubiquitous plastic pink flamingos that decorate so many American lawns.

Rickshaw, 1846, Worcester.

Albert Tolman built a "man-drawn lorry" in Worcester for a missionary heading to South America. From there, the rickshaw made its way to popularity in Asia.

White Chocolate, 1950's, Shrewsbury.

Developed and first sold by Hebert's Candies.

Yellow "Smiley Face" button, 1963, Worcester.

This "national icon" was designed by Worcester graphic artist Harvey Ball, for an in-house morale boosting promotion at The American Group Insurance Company in Worcester. The company wanted to promote a "smile attitude" among workers and with customers. The rest is history.

## EASTERN TANDEM RALLY 1998

### RIDE DESCRIPTIONS

All of the ETR '98 rides offer a mixture of scenic backcountry roads and small, quaint New England towns.

#### **Saturday Morning Hotel to Lunch Rides:**

##### 19.1 Miles Rolling - Country Club Cavort

This ride takes you through the small New England town of Westminster and over some of its back roads. You'll ride past the Westminster country club before coming back into town. You then have an easy, rolling ride to the lunch stop.

##### 32.6 Miles Rolling - Gardner Big Chair Ride

This ride has the same beginning as the Country Club Cavort, taking you through the small New England town of Westminster. You'll then pass through Gardner, also known as the Chair City due to its history in the furniture industry. The Big Chair has been a landmark in the city for many years. Near the middle of the ride, you can enjoy a pleasant rest stop by Dunn pond in Gardner Heritage State Park. The route gradually descends into the small town of Ashburnham. This is followed by a long downhill and rolling section into Fitchburg, before gradually climbing up to Princeton to the lunch stop.

##### 40.5 or 45.1 Miles Climber's Special! - Holden Hustle

Even without braving the "Thin Air" alternative ending to this ride, you will encounter some challenging climbs. The good news is that this ride also includes an equal number of exhilarating descents and some beautiful backcountry roads! You'll ride through the towns of Holden and Princeton before reaching the entrance to Wachusett Mountain State Reservation. From here, you have the option of climbing to the top of 2,006 foot Wachusett Mountain. Your elevation gain from this point will be close to 700 feet in 3 miles. The climb consists of a number of short steep sections with opportunities for recovery in between. The park road is scheduled to be closed to automobile traffic until August 10, but open to bicyclists and hikers. The descent is a screamer, so enjoy, but please use caution. The cue sheet takes you past the lunch stop and then brings you back up via the back entrance in order to avoid making a turn in the middle of a 45 mph downhill!

##### 42.3 Miles Rolling w/a few long hills - Reservoir Ramble

This is one of our favorite rides. You start out with a nice long roll down Route 140, a smooth, tree shrouded road. Then the ride takes you around Wachusett Reservoir offering a number of scenic views along the way. There is a bit of a climb to the top of the dam on Route 62 and of course you'll have to climb back up Route 140 on your way back to lunch. These climbs are somewhat long, but gradual. You can take a detour to visit Tower Hill Botanical Garden at 24.4 miles (an admission fee is charged).

##### 62.6 Miles Hilly - Kimball's Ice Cream Special

This ride offers some nice winding roads along the shores of Lake Monomonac. Most of the hills come in the middle part of the ride, but then so does some of the best ice cream in the area. At 33.5 miles, you can fuel up at Kimball Farms, where the Kimball's Special rivals Wachusett Mountain for size and elevation. Other noteworthy sights along the way are Annette State Forest and Cathedral of the Pines.

## **Saturday Afternoon Lunch to Hotel Rides:**

### 8.9 Miles Rolling - Shortest Route Home

This is a quick and pleasant way to get back to rest up for the swap meet.

### 19.1 Miles Easy Rolling w/a 4 mile hilly stretch - Get Down, Get Back Up Again!

This ride has the same rolling downhill start as the Reservoir Ramble, but at 7.9 miles you turn right and climb back up for the better part of 4 miles. Your reward is an enjoyable 2.5 mile rolling descent. The roads on this route are all scenic and tree-lined.

### 28.3 or 25.8 Hilly - Justice Hill "Hurts So Good" Ride

While most of this ride consists of rolling terrain, we called it hilly because at 4.9 miles, you climb the steepest hill (aside from Wachusett Mtn) to be found among the ETR 98 rides. This one will strain your chain! The other hilly section is the same 4 mile stretch in "Get Down, Get Back Up Again". The bailout ending offers a less hilly, but more heavily trafficked option.

### 41.0 Miles Rolling - Ashby Amble

After passing through some small towns, you reach country roads and one of the longest downhill sections of any of our rides. Around the middle of the ride, you will enjoy some lovely vistas across rolling farm country. There is one long, but very gradual climb in the last half of the ride (payment for the long downhill).

## **Friday and Sunday Rides (Round Trip from Hotel):**

### 12.4 Miles Rolling - Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation

This is an interesting little ride because it seems to go down more than it goes up. Hobbs road offers a fun, winding descent.

### 19.0 Miles Rolling - Hang on Swoopy

This ride features some nice back roads and some fun, curvy downhill sections.

### 27.8 Miles Rolling - Round Trip Gardner Big Chair Ride

This is a round trip version from the hotel, of the Saturday morning Gardner Big Chair ride.

### 39.8 Miles Rolling - Little Light House Ride

After rolling through Westminster and South Gardner, you will climb gradually up to the common in Templeton. At this point you turn left onto scenic New Templeton Road. After passing through yet another small New England town (Hubbardston), the rest of the ride consists of pleasant backcountry roads.



# 32.6 Miles - Rolling

## Gardner Big Chair Ride (Sat Hotel to Lunch Stop)

Notes: ( ) indicates no signage  
*Points of interest in italics*

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Miles	Action	Miles	Action
0.0	RIGHT at end of hotel driveway (Rt 31 S)		
3.4	RIGHT onto Rt 140 N/Worcester Rd		
4.3	<i>Redemption Rock on left</i>		
5.2	<i>Mt Wachusett entrance on left</i>		
6.7	LEFT staying on Worcester Rd		
7.7	MERGE LEFT onto Leominster St		
8.0	STRAIGHT at stop sign onto Rt 2A W <i>Westminster Cracker Factory on left</i>		
8.6	STRAIGHT to Rt 140 N		
10.3	LEFT onto Betty Spring Rd CAUTION - heavy traffic		
11.1	LEFT onto Saunders St		
13.0	RIGHT at 2nd stop sign onto Green St		
13.2	<i>Gardner Big Chair on right</i>		

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13.5	RIGHT (Rt 101 S)		
14.2	<i>Gardner Heritage State Park on right - nice rest stop</i>		
15.2	STRAIGHT at lights - 4 way		
19.5	RIGHT onto Rt 12 S - Nice long downhill run coming up soon!		
25.3	RIGHT onto Westminster Hill Rd		
25.3+	IMMEDIATELY BEAR LEFT		
25.5	RIGHT onto Temple St		
25.7	STRAIGHT at stop sign		
25.9	RIGHT at stop sign (Rt 2A W)		
27.8	<i>Wachusett Brewing Company on left</i>		
28.0	LEFT onto Depot Rd		
29.9	LEFT onto East Rd (becomes Gate House Rd)		
31.7	RIGHT (Rt 140)		
31.7+	LEFT onto Mile Hill Rd		
32.6	RIGHT into lunch stop		

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# 40.5 or 45.1 Miles - Climber's Special!

## Holden Hustle (Sat Hotel to Lunch Stop)

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Miles	Action	Miles	Action
0.0	RIGHT at end of hotel driveway (Rt 31 S)	<b>THIN AIR ALTERNATE ENDING:</b>	
2.5	RIGHT (Rocky Pond Rd)	39.1	LEFT into Wachusett Mountain State Reservation
3.1	RIGHT onto 140 S/Worcester Rd	39.1+	IMMEDIATELY BEAR RIGHT - walk bike through closed gate, then follow bike lane to summit
5.9	LEFT staying on Worcester Rd	41.9	LEFT to summit
6.9	LEFT onto Leominster St	42.0	Summit - pavement ends
7.2	LEFT at stop sign onto South St <i>Westminster Cracker Factory on left</i>	42.0	Turn around for descent to lunch stop
11.8	LEFT onto Lombard Rd (becomes Gates Rd)	42.2	LEFT at stop - CAUTION steep, windy road with some rough spots
15.0	CAUTION - at bottom of steep hill RIGHT onto (Rt 62) - Railroad Tracks	43.0	CAUTION - RIGHT turn at stop at bottom of steep hill

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18.4	LEFT onto Rt 68 S	43.7	LEFT (Mountain Rd becomes Mile Hill Rd)
28.2	LEFT onto Rt 31 N	44.5	GO STRAIGHT past Wachusett Mountain Ski Area lunch stop
29.3	CAUTION - at bottom of hill, oncoming traffic crossing in front of you	45.0	LEFT onto Bolton Rd
35.8	STRAIGHT at stop sign	45.1	LEFT into Wachusett Mtn Ski Area
39.1	<b>Go to alternate ending if desired</b>		
39.8	GO STRAIGHT past Wachusett Mountain Ski Area lunch stop		
40.4	LEFT onto Bolton Rd		
40.5	LEFT into Wachusett Mtn Ski Area		

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# 62.6 Miles - Hilly

## Kimball's Ice Cream Special (Sat Hotel to Lunch Stop)

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Miles	Action	Miles	Action
0.0	RIGHT at end of hotel driveway (Rt 31 S)	37.6	RIGHT onto Old New Ipswich Rd
1.2	RIGHT onto Notown Rd	38.5	LEFT onto Perry Rd
2.3	RIGHT onto Depot Rd	39.4	RIGHT (East Main St)
3.5	LEFT onto Rt 2A	40.7	LEFT at T onto Rt 119
5.3	RIGHT at lights (Rt 2A)	46.4	RIGHT onto 101 S/Ashby Rd
7.3	STRAIGHT to Rt 140 N	50.4	RIGHT onto Rt 12
8.3	LEFT onto Betty Spring Rd	50.5	LEFT onto 101 S
9.1	LEFT onto Saunders St	51.6	LEFT onto Williams Rd (becomes South Ashburnham Rd)
10.9	RIGHT at second stop sign	57.5	RIGHT onto Rt 2A
13.2	LEFT onto Rt 140 N	57.9	LEFT onto Depot Rd
18.0	LEFT onto Rt 12	59.8	LEFT onto East Rd (becomes Gate House Rd)
19.5	RIGHT onto Rt 202	61.6	RIGHT onto Rt 140 N

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21.1	RIGHT onto Mill Circle	61.6+	IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Mile Hill Rd
21.2	STRAIGHT onto Lakeview Dr	62.6	RIGHT into lunch stop
22.2	RIGHT onto Beachview Dr (becomes East Monomac)		
25.0	LEFT at T (Rt 119)		
28.8	RIGHT onto Rt 202 <i>Views of Mt Monadnock on left of this stretch</i>		
32.6	RIGHT onto Main St		
32.6+	IMMEDIATE STRAIGHT onto Rt 124 E		
33.5	<i>Kimball Farms Ice Cream on right</i>		
34.9	RIGHT onto Prescott Rd		
35.5	LEFT onto Squantum Rd		
36.0	Annette State Forest - nice rest stop with restrooms		
36.9	LEFT onto Shaw Hill Rd or detour to Cathedral of the Pines straight ahead on right, instead of turning		

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# 28.3 or 25.8 Miles - Hilly

## Justice Hill "Hurts So Good" Ride (Sat Lunch Stop to Hotel)

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Miles	Action	Miles	Action
0.0	LEFT onto Mile Hill Rd		
0.9	RIGHT onto Rt 140 S		
3.3	LEFT onto Hobbs Rd		
4.0	CAUTION - winding, narrow descent		
4.9	LEFT		
5.8	<i>Justice Hill</i>		
10.1	RIGHT onto Rt 12 S		
11.3	RIGHT onto Greenland Rd		
12.1	<i>View of Mt Wachusett on right</i>		
12.6	CAUTION - metal grate bridge		
12.6+	IMMEDIATE LEFT after metal bridge onto John Dee Rd		
14.0	RIGHT onto N. Main St/140 N		
17.2	<b>Go to alternate ending if desired</b>		
17.2	LEFT onto Rt 62 W		

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20.7	RIGHT onto 31 N		
23.2	LEFT staying on Rts 31 N/140 N		
24.8	RIGHT staying on Rt 31 N		
28.3	LEFT into hotel driveway		

### **BAILOUT ALTERNATE ENDING:**

17.2	Stay on Rt 140 N		
22.4	RIGHT onto 31 N		
25.8	LEFT into hotel driveway		

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# 41.0 Miles - Rolling

## Ashby Amble (Sat Lunch Stop to Hotel)

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Miles	Action	Miles	Action
0.0	LEFT onto Mile Hill Rd		
0.9	LEFT onto Rt 140 N/Worcester Rd		
2.4	LEFT staying on Worcester Rd		
3.4	MERGE LEFT onto Leominster St		
3.7	STRAIGHT at stop sign onto Rt 2A W <i>Westminster Cracker Factory on left</i>		
4.2	STRAIGHT to Rt 140 N		
7.9	RIGHT onto Rt 101 N		
12.2	RIGHT onto Rt 12 S		
12.3	LEFT onto Rt 101 N		
16.3	RIGHT onto Rt 119 E		
16.3+	IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Pillsbury Rd		
18.0	LEFT onto West Rd (Stop sign at bottom of hill at 19.8 miles)		
19.8	RIGHT onto Ashby Rd		

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24.1	RIGHT (Rt 119 W)		
24.1+	IMMEDIATE LEFT onto South Rd		
24.3	BEAR LEFT staying on South Rd		
25.9	RIGHT onto Richardson Rd (becomes Piper Rd)		
27.1	RIGHT onto Rindge Rd		
29.4	LEFT onto Marble Rd		
29.6	BEAR LEFT onto Holt Rd (hidden sign)		
30.1	RIGHT		
30.7	LEFT (Rt 101 N)		
32.9	LEFT onto Rt 12 S		
38.5	RIGHT onto Westminster St		
38.6	BEAR LEFT		
38.8	RIGHT onto Temple St		
39.1	RIGHT (Rts 31 S/2A W)		
39.6	BEAR LEFT staying on Rt 31 S		
41.0	RIGHT into hotel driveway		

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# 27.8 Miles - Rolling

## Round Trip Gardner Big Chair Ride (Sunday Round Trip from Hotel)

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0.0	RIGHT at end of hotel driveway (Rt 31 S)		
3.4	RIGHT onto Rt 140 N/Worcester Rd		
4.3	<i>Redemption Rock on left</i>		
5.2	<i>Mt Wachusett entrance on left</i>		
6.7	LEFT staying on Worcester Rd		
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8.0	STRAIGHT at stop sign onto Rt 2A W <i>Westminster Cracker Factory on left</i>		
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10.3	LEFT onto Betty Spring Rd CAUTION - heavy traffic		
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19.5	RIGHT onto Rt 12 S - Nice long downhill run coming up soon!		
25.3	RIGHT onto Westminster Hill Rd		
25.3+	IMMEDIATELY BEAR LEFT		
25.5	RIGHT onto Temple St		
25.7	STRAIGHT at stop sign		
25.9	RIGHT at stop sign (Rt 2A W)		
26.4	LEFT onto Rt 31 (Princeton St)		
27.8	RIGHT into hotel driveway		

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