



# **SPECIAL TOUCH**

## **FLORIDA TO WISCONSIN FUNDRAISER BIKE RIDE!**

Come join us for an amazing 14-day cycling experience as we ride from Dade City, Florida to Waupaca, Wisconsin. Riders can ride the planned 100 miles each day or any distance they'd care to ride.

You can also meet up with us along the way for a day ride in your state or join us farther. There will be a ride for those individuals with disabilities in Waupaca Wisconsin on Saturday September 1. We hope to see you!



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**Aug 20<sup>th</sup> –**

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

**Ride Any Distance**

**No Set Mileage**

**Required**

**Vehicle  
Supported Ride  
with Food &  
Beverages**

**Accommodations  
available**

**Moderate  
Relaxing Pace**

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# Special Touch FL to WI Bike Ride Information

## Overview

This event begins Monday August 20 at 6am. Participants will meet at Harvest Assembly, 2120 Airport Rd in Lakeland Florida, 33811. We will load up the support vehicle, leave by 6:30am, drive to the Withlacoochee trailhead in Dade City, and begin the first leg of our amazing journey.

Each day we plan to ride 100 miles starting at 7am and finishing between 2-3 pm. Following this, we will proceed to our accommodations, eat an evening meal, and spend a few moments debriefing the day and planning for the next day.

We will arrive in Waupaca Wisconsin the night of Friday August 31. On Saturday Sept 1, some friends with disabilities will join us for a short Fun Ride (not 100 miles).

Charlie Chivers the founder of Special Touch Ministry will take us on a tour around Waupaca and the Special Touch National Office. At 6am on Sunday, we will load up and take the support vehicle back to Florida stopping for an overnight hotel stay. We plan to arrive back in Lakeland, Florida on the evening of Monday, Sept 3.

## Riding Details

### Pace

The pace for the ride will be a moderate endurance pace of 16 to 18 mph. Speeds may be faster or slower due to terrain or wind speed. We would like all participants to have some experience with group riding communication. Participants will stay together throughout the ride. There is no urgency on the ride; the important thing is to complete each section.

### Gear and Equipment

A bright flashing light, visible by day, will be required for safety. A quality road bike is recommended. Mountain bikes or other types may not be able to keep pace. Road style hybrids are ok if they can keep the pace. Bring extra tubes and a tire, if possible. Also, consider extra spokes specific to your wheels. We plan to bring a spare bike that will work for most riders. We will try to locate a bike shop for major repairs.

### Support Vehicle and Breaks

During the ride, there will be a support vehicle stopping every 10 miles with drinks and snacks. We will stop at each point for approximately 5 minutes. Hydration and fuel are the keys to a successful ride.

### Riding Any Distance and Joining the Ride Along the way

Some participants may not desire to ride the full 100 miles for the day. Any participant is welcome to ride in the support vehicle to start later or take a break from riding. Any registered participant can join us to ride for a day (from one point to another) or for several days, if they meet the fundraising requirements (see section titled **Fundraising**).

Please keep in mind that those joining along the way will need to arrange for transportation to or from their home. The support vehicle will only provide transportation along the planned event route at the predetermined times.

## Fundraising

This is a fundraising event to support the mission of Special Touch Ministry in easing and enriching the lives of people impacted by disability. The overall goal is to raise as much funding as possible. Funds will be collected through the online Special Touch fundraising event portal (FirstGiving) where each participant registers, customizes, and promotes their own personal fundraising page. The *minimum* funds needed to participate in the ride are as follows:

**\$3,000.00 for all 14 days:** includes bus fuel, hotel, snacks and drinks during ride, evening dinner, cycling shirt, water bottle, and cycling goodie bag.

**\$225 per day with accommodations:** Includes bus fuel, hotel, snacks and drinks during, ride, water bottle, and cycling shirt with at least 4 days of riding.

**\$150 for 1-day ride:** includes bus fuel, snacks and drinks during ride, and water bottle.

## Ride Schedule

In order to stay on the 2-week schedule each day's distance must be met. If circumstances such as weather or other unforeseen events do not permit riding that day, we will drive to the stopping point to ensure we start as scheduled the next day. As some of the route and destinations are based on maps, they are subject to change if needed. In order to stay on schedule, driving additional miles will also be necessary. For example, we may ride 100 miles and then drive further to our next stopping point.

# Planned Daily Schedule Route

Day 1 Mon 8/20	Dade City, FL to Newberry, FL
Day 2 Tues 8/21	Newberry, FL to Valdosta, GA
Day 3 Wed 8/22	Valdosta, GA to Vienna, GA
Day 4 Thurs 8/23	Vienna, GA to Griffin, GA
Day 5 Fri 8/24	Griffin, GA to Adairsville, GA
Day 6 Sat 8/25	Adairsville, GA to Tracy City, TN Then drive after ride to Nashville, TN
Day 7 Sun 8/26	REST and Church Drive from Nashville, TN to Nortonville, KY
Day 8 Mon 8/27	Nortonville, KY to Hazleton, IN
Day 9 Tues 8/28	Hazleton, IN to Montezuma, IN
Day 10 Wed 8/29	Montezuma, IN to Schneider, IN
Day 11 Thurs 8/30	Schneider, IN to Crystal Lake, IL
Day 12 Fri 8/31	Drive from Crystal Lake, IL to Watertown, WI Ride to the ST National Office Waupaca, WI
Day 13 Sat 9/1	Fun ride with our friends with disabilities
Day 14 Sun 9/2	Start Drive Back to Florida with overnight hotel stay
Day 15 Mon 9/3	Arrive back home to Lakeland, FL

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