

2nd ANNUAL



**Saturday, October 19, 2013
LONDON, OHIO**

Welcome to the 2nd Annual Deer Creek Fall Color Ride! This budget tour is this season's final fling to enjoy the lovely autumn colors along the byways in the Darby Creek and Deer Creek valleys, sponsored by the Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails.

The tour consists of two different routes: a 38-mile short loop to Darbydale and around toward London along Deer Creek; and a 77-mile option meandering along Darby Creek to Williamsport and over to the Deer Creek valley via Deer Creek State Park near Mt. Sterling and back to London. All rides will kick off between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. from the Prairie Grass Trail trailhead located behind the Madison County Senior Citizens Center at 280 West High St. in London. The courses will wind through scenic rural countryside in Madison, Franklin, Pickaway, and Fayette Counties, featuring gently rolling terrain.

Both routes start on the Prairie Grass Trail, go to Roberts Pass on the east side of London, and on to the Camp Chase Trail before turning south to Darbydale following rural roads through the two valleys on the way back to London. Since this is a budget tour, you may opt to take a counter clock-wise loop and come back via the bikeway. Also, there are places to stop and refresh along the way at various restaurants, grocery and convenience stores en route - or save your appetite for the many fine restaurants in London post ride. The locations are indicated on our maps, and for London area, see the large map at the Prairie Grass Trailhead.

The \$5.00 pre-registration fee includes detailed tour maps, identification number (which must be displayed at all times), and support services. The Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails will also have t-shirts available for purchase on the day of the tour for \$15.00.

All pre-registrations must be received by Saturday, October 12, 2013. We plan our tour on the number of registrations received. We are sorry but refunds cannot be made if you are unable to ride after you have registered. All registrations received after October 12, including the day of the tour will be \$8.00.

How do I get there? London is located in Central Ohio approximately 25 miles west of Columbus. It is easily accessible from any area of Ohio. From 1-71 take exit 85 (St. Rt. 56). Then, go north on State Route 56 into London (10 miles). From 1-70, you may take exit 79 (St. Rt. 42). Then go south on St Rt. 42 into London (8 miles). As you enter the city of London, **sign-in at the Prairie Grass Trail trailhead located at the Madison County Senior Citizens Center at 280 West High Street.**

For updated information on our bike tour, visit our web site at www.fincpt.com and/or www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/73237330 for the short loop and www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/125002087 for the 77-mile loop. At the *Map My Ride* site, click on the box with the arrows in the upper right-hand corner to view the routes full-screen.

Deer Creek Fall Colors Tour
Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails
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Please fill out a separate registration for each person.

Entrant's Name (please print) _____

Entrant's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Area Code & Phone Number _____

Entrant's E-mail Address: _____

In Case of Emergency Call: (Name and Phone Number) _____ Age ____ Sex: M F

Which Route do you plan to ride? 38mi 77mi

Rider # _____ (please do not use this space)

Pre-registration fee for the tour \$5.00
(Registrations received after Oct. 12, including the day of the tour - \$8.00)

Enclose check or money order payable to: **FMCPT** and mail to:

FMCPT - Deer Creek Fall Color Ride
P.O. Box 308
London, OH 43140

Safety Pledge and Release of Organizers: You must read and sign the following safety pledge and release.

Our primary concern is safety! For your safety, *helmets will be required.* Please obey all traffic laws and regulations. The route is along public roadways shared with private and commercial vehicles. I realize that the road surface may contain cracks, gravel, potholes, etc., which cannot be controlled by tour organizers. I will be observant and cautious as I share these public roadways with other cyclists and motorized vehicles. I will be courteous to other cyclists and will ride in a predictable and safe manner, keeping them informed of my intentions by using proper signals. I will give audible warning when passing other riders. I will not ride more than two abreast so that vision will not be impaired and vehicle traffic may easily pass. I will keep my personal safety and the safety of others always in mind. I understand that *pace lines are discouraged.* It is my personal responsibility to have myself and my equipment properly conditioned for a long distance tour. Riders under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Upon signing this release for myself or the named entrant (when under 18 years old), I fully understand the intent of this release and agree completely and fully to absolve all sponsors, workers, and organizers, singly and collectively for all blame or liability for any injury, death, misadventure, harm, loss, property damage, or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in the **Deer Creek Fall Color Ride**, including, but not specifically limited to the failure to wear a helmet when cycling. By signing this release, I also consent to any medical treatment that may be deemed necessary or appropriate in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during the event. *I fully understand and agree that my safety is my personal responsibility.*

If entrant is 18 or older, he/she must sign for themselves. If not, parent or legal guardian must sign. I have read and fully and completely agree to the safety pledge and release of organizers and sponsors.

Signature of entrant: _____ Date ____/____/2013
mo. day

Signature of parent or legal guardian if entrant is under 18 yr. old: _____