

Niagara Tour June 11-14, 2010

Preliminary Planning (1-25-10)

Friday, June 11

Check into Sleep Inn, 75 Innkeepers Lane, Niagara Falls Blvd., at i-290, Exit 3, Amherst, NY 716-691-6510 must speak with Yvonne McPhail-Osterman

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For those who went to Michiana this past season this place will feel like déjà vu all over again it appears. Although this has two more floors. Rate quoted us is \$79 when you also mention we are friends of the Niagara Frontier Bike Club. (20% discount). We will stay here each night for the entire time.

From here we would be driving cars for the most part. The highway is probably busier than we would be comfortable riding on. The local club will provide us maps for many different options from here, which we will go over later. This location is very central, close to many restaurants, shops, the bridges, you name it.

Saturday, June 12

We will ride with the Niagara Frontier Club at least part of the day. A picnic of some sort with them is being planned. Again, many options to be detailed later. Expect a morning ride that stops for lunch some where then something in the evening. Travel this day is all on US side.

Sunday, June 13

Probably going over into Canada this day. Drive cars over bridge and head out from that side. Welland Canal is a likely destination.

Monday, June 14

Maybe more US biking, maybe more Canada... Niagara on the Lake and Fort Erie. Too early to decide.

Return home that late afternoon/evening.

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Riders going up, leaving on Tuesday, June 8. No details yet. If you are a member of Adventure Cycling Association (or not) we will be following their route most of the way up. Look for the North Tier – you can get the Great Lakes sections of the route for about \$15. When we rode up before we stayed in Geauga On The Lake and Erie, PA with the last day riding into Niagara-Canada. The Niagara Frontier people are offering to pick up riders outside of Amherst to avoid riding on Niagara Boulevard. Obviously another detail to be completed yet. The ride up is a terrific ride. Not hilly, very scenic, fruit stands, unbusy roads – even the ones with numbers – they have huge shoulders. Distance around 70 miles per day.

Arrangements will need to be made for the riders to get home somehow, if not riding back. You will need to find others who are going up who will be able/willing to tote you and your bike and gear back. These nice people will also be able to haul your other gear up that you don't want to carry on the way up. Details, details.