



Spring Sojourn—Tour Program

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Welcome to the Spring Sojourn!

Congratulations and thank you for choosing to adventure with us. We have a remarkable experience ahead and much to discover along the way. We're thrilled you're in the ride set to take off, let's saddle up!

This program is intended to whet your interest for the road ahead by featuring our hosts and hotspots along your route. We're offering a breadth of options along this tour and encourage you to go to with what interests you most. Everything is optional. Think of it like a midway. It's your adventure; go wild!

We look forward to seeing you at brunch and around the fire ring; bring your stories!

Day 1—Chico to Colusa

Saturday, 47 Miles

The WM Sendoff with MaMuse! Downtown Fountains, Chico



This morning marks the formal beginning to our adventures. Families, dear friends, and bike lovers from the community will join a Chico farewell to WM. The ever lovely MaMuse will bid adieu with a very special performance beside the fountains as we turn our wheels westward. As we depart, WM will be joined by others in a smooth jaunt through the blossoming fringes of our hometown, and as miles pass, folks will slowly peel away leaving us with the wide open road and the mighty Sacramento river.

Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area

This deeply historical community restoration project is now a vacation point along the Pacific Flyway and host to many, long before us.

The Patwin lived here for over two hundred years before settlers came. According to the Colusa-Sac website, “the surrounding wealth of resources provided them with all they needed to live. Their primary food source was the acorn. After harvest and drying, the acorn was cracked and the nut was pounded with a mortar and pestle. The resulting flour was then leached with water and used to make acorn mush and bread.”

“The Patwin hunted tule elk, deer, antelope, bears and water fowl with hunting implements tipped by sharp edged obsidian. They caught salmon, trout and steelhead using weirs made from wild grapevines and milkweed fibers. They traveled the river in boats made from bundles of tule balsa bound with grapevine. These watercraft, up to 20 feet long and 6 feet wide, were propelled with long poles.”

Once teeming with more salmon than settlers, the river and its people have moved gold, produce, grain, and history down these waters. The river spills its banks carrying away everything, leaving a thick layer of fine silt behind. This silt is responsible for some of the finest farm land in the world.

We will rest here with warm showers and a WM feast celebration. It's our first night!

Day 2—The Davis Domes!

Sunday, 70 miles

Colusa Wildlife Refuge



This 4,507-acre refuge of wetland, grassland, and riparian habitat is among the most important wintering areas for waterfowl in North America. Colusa Refuge supports more than 200,000 ducks and 50,000 geese through winter.

A series of wetland impoundments are intensively managed to provide habitat for the dense concentration of waterfowl, as well as habitat for resident wildlife and spring/summer migrants. The grassland habitat supports several populations of endangered and sensitive species of plants. We will slowly roll through the refuge en route to Davis.





The Davis Domes

This community of students have shaped their lives to coexist with ecology. With a low-impact lifestyle, this historical UC co-housing project is learning to live within their means for those to come. Their land is host to organic agriculture and permaculture projects, low-impact construction design, examples energy efficiency, and alternative forms of waste management.

Practicing an interdependence ranging from emotional to economic, residents learn conflict resolution and decision making through consensus. In addition to all their course work, these students make it their mission at home to encourage creativity, inspiration, initiative, personal growth and diversity.

The land is teeming with bike culture lovers, burners, young skill, and creativity. These are our hosts for the second night! We will meet over an explosive potluck of inspiration and intelligence. Oh the fire will be hot!



Day 3—Stockton in Style

Monday, 64 miles

Bicycle Hall of Fame

This morning Wheeled Migration is guest to a very special destination in California. Curators of the American Bicycle Hall of Fame will present us with a preview tour of the new museum.

With a new home in the Davis community, the BHF is a mecca to cyclists. Historical machines, fashions, and recognized figures of the bicycle galaxy are honored and on display in the heart of this community. Thank you Davis!

The Unity Baptist Church of Stockton

Church organizer Ray Ledesma and the good people of Unity Baptist have opened their sanctuary of Stockton to WM. Here we feast, rest, and recharge before our climb into the Sierra Nevada Range.

Feast with Stockton Harvest

This evening members of the urban agriculture project Stockton Harvest will join us to peel fruits and break bread. The folks at Stockton Harvest buy fruit and produce grown by the “urban and sub-urban farmers” of Stockton – or anyone with an unkempt tree, and sell it back to their hungry community. As they say, “we deliver to the doorsteps of people who appreciate natural foods and growing the local economy.”

This group of backyard orchardists know the taste of good food. Proud supporters of localized agriculture, Stockton Harvest will offer a presentation of their community through the eyes of Stockton's unsung bounty.



Day 4—University of the Pacific

Tuesday, Layover Day

The Community Gardens of Stockton



This morning WM riders have an opportunity to give back and dig into Stockton. Literally. The neighborhood gardens of Stockton are rife with aphids, so we're introducing the ladybug! We will release thousands of ladybugs across the land and work the soil of this years local crop with other community volunteers. This is our chance to get deeper into Stockton. To feel the roots and hear the voices of one of California's most challenged and inspiring cities. From there we depart for UOP and bring closure to the first leg of our journey.

University of the Pacific/Chico State Student greetings

WM will meet up with students of UOP on the heels of their first protest march in history. California's economic trauma has crashed hard on its once renown higher education system. Students though out the state are galvanized to speak for the value of equal education and state wide change.

On the UOP campus actions are springing up everywhere. This week marks the beginning of a student initiative taking on plastic products. Campus groups will be tabling and networking though out the day presenting WM riders a chance to hear the issues and see the work of students working for real sustainable change and justice in education.

UOP/CSUC&WM Presentation and Dinner

A dinner for WM riders hosted by University of the Pacific's Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences in partnership with REELL, Residence for Earth Environmental Living Learning. Here we share in food and celebrate our tour with new friends. Everyone is welcome to submit their memory cards as the WM presents our tour. Stories, awards, with laughs and sighs. Enjoy the feast!



Day 5—Onward and upward!

Wednesday, Farewells and onward to Yosemite!



From here we open the WM to the spirit of bicycle touring and ride into the unknown. We will say goodbye to the Goodie Bike and do the tour in a whole new way from our first half. While WM has loosely routed this afterparty through the Sierra Nevadas, our team will be exploring new roads too. This is our time to let go and lean into skill sharing and collaboration as we discover the journey together.

We'll see you on a bike!

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