

Bikepacking Trip Policy

Rochester Bicycling Club (RBC) members are permitted to organize bikepacking trips. The Rides Director is the primary point of contact for posting bikepacking trips. All bikepacking trips are subject to approval by the Rides Director. Rides that are preplanned and listed in the description of a bikepacking trip are covered by club insurance. Participants are required to sign a waiver of liability for each ride they participate in. No other activity is covered by club insurance. Participation in any other activity, including but not limited to camping, is solely at the participant's own risk.

Bikepacking trips (hereinafter referred to as "trip" or "trips") must adhere to this policy and the following guidelines:

1. Each trip must have a clearly defined organizer who is responsible for coordinating the trip and communicating directly with all participants.
2. Trips are open to all RBC members.
 - a. Non-members that wish to participate must purchase an RBC membership prior to the start of the trip.
3. The number of people that can participate (spots available) must be clearly communicated in the trip description. The trip organizer will update the trip's Meetup description to reflect real-time availability.
 - a. If space is limited, participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. Trips must be announced with sufficient notice for participants to secure a campsite and/or related reservations and accommodations.
5. There may only be one (1) trip for a given time period. Multiple trips should not be scheduled concurrently or with overlaps. A trip is permitted to begin on a day that another ends.
 - a. Members are encouraged to coordinate with each other to avoid conflicts.
6. All rides associated with a trip must be preplanned and listed in the trip description. If not an official route, the ride difficulty should be adequately described.
7. A separate waiver must be signed by all ride participants for each individual ride that is part of a larger trip.
 - a. Ex. The ride to the destination is considered one ride. The ride back to the start from the destination is considered a second ride. A separate waiver must be

signed by each participant for each of these rides. Any additional rides that are planned during the trip also require a separate waiver.

8. Members may participate in any individual ride associated with a trip without partaking in the larger trip.
 - a. Ex. A member may want to join a one-way ride and make it an out-and-back ride.
9. Trips that are shared through RBC communication mediums (ex. Meetup, social media, newsletter) must adhere to the Bikepacking Trip Template outlined in Appendix B.
10. The disclaimer of liability provided in Appendix A must be included in its entirety in all trip descriptions and shall not appear in a font smaller than 9pt (print) or 10px (web).

APPENDIX A - Disclaimer of Liability

Rides that are preplanned and listed in this description are covered by club insurance. Participants are required to sign a waiver of liability for each ride they participate in. No other activity is covered by club insurance. Participation in any other activity, including but not limited to camping, is solely at the participant's own risk. By participating in this bikepacking trip, in part or in its totality, you are agreeing to these terms and the [RBC Waiver of Liability](#).

APPENDIX B - Bikepacking Trip Template

BIKEPACKING TRIP: <bikepacking trip name> — <date range>

<description>

Organizer: <organizer name> (<organizer phone or email>)

Spots available: <remaining> of <total> or UNLIMITED

Camping/Lodging: <details> - <cost per night>

Round-trip mileage (excluding optional rides): <miles>

RSVP deadline: <date and time>

Start location: <start location name/address>

Destination: <destination location name/address>

Ride to destination (<date> at <start time>) - <leader>

- <miles> / <description> (<link to route>)

Ride back to start (<date> at <start time>) - <leader>

- <miles> / <description> (<link to route>)

<optional ride name> (<date> at <start time>) - <leader>

- <miles> / <description> (<link to route>)

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