



Team Road Kill presents RAGBRAI 2011 - Town Highlights & Entertainment



Sunday Tire Dip in Glenwood: Due to the flooding issues that most of western Iowa communities are currently dealing with, the Glenwood committee will arrange to bring in river water. The cross country team has a new twist on the pumped in water.... live catfish will be jumping in the river water tubs close to the Expo area at the High School!

Sunday 7/24/11 Glenwood to Atlantic

59 miles and just under 5,000 feet of climb.

“There is good variety of landscape, the pass-through towns are vintage small town Iowa, the hills are challenging, Griswold’s main street is classic, the six mile loop through Lewis is beautiful and the final miles into Atlantic are a breeze.

Every time RAGBRAI is in the neighborhood of the Loess Hills, you know to expect some climbing. There are quite a few hills, but no monsters like Potter’s Hill. The nice part about the hills on this day was that you could get pretty good momentum to help you up the next one. Not quite “rollers”, but very manageable if you grind them out.

Silver City

The Silver City Fire Department and the American Legion will be the main stopping points for breakfast treats, including breakfast burritos and biscuits & gravy. Be sure to find the **historic 1911 City Jail**, just behind the fires station. Live bands will entertain riders in the outdoor beverage garden to kick off RAGBRAI.

Carson (Meeting Town)

Cross the Nishnabotna River into Carson. Some other activities include live bands, the Windstream internet trailer and a bicycle ferris wheel, created by a local welder and a slew of vendors up and down the street.

Country Greenhouse

Canoyer Country Greenhouse invite you to pull off the road and relax on the grounds of the Greenhouse. The Canoyer’s grandkids will be serving all kinds of refreshing drinks for the riders. Tender Tom’s Turkey is planning to set up there and sweet corn, funnel cakes and shaved ice will also be available.



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Griswold

Griswold boasts several museums in their community including the Cass County Historical Society Museum and the personal collections displayed at the Rush Antique International Harvester Farm Display, the Allis-Chalmers Tractor and Farm Museum and the Fords and More Museums. The town will also have live entertainment in the shady park and the American Legion will host an outdoor beverage garden.

Lewis

Duane Weirich is busy welding the world's largest bike to display for RAGBRAI. Duane says the current big bike is in Germany, a mere 12 foot by 26 foot large. He envisions his bike will tower at 14 feet by 30 feet. The bike will be constructed of pipe and scraps and can actually be ridden. Riders will cruise into town along the scenic rollercoaster downhill past Cold Springs State Park and into Lewis.

Atlantic

The first day's ride will conclude in Atlantic, the Coca-Cola Capital of Iowa. The theme for Atlantic is "Coke, Spokes and Wonderful Folks" so expect to see a lot of red in the town of Atlantic. The local committee is planning some great entertainment that night including Dale Blue and the Nadas. The main stage will be located in downtown near the Rock Island Depot which houses the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce.

Entertainment

8 p.m - Midnight, Dale Blue and The Nadas (The bands are free for all riders.)

Monday 7/25 Day 2 – Atlantic to Carroll

66 miles and just under 5,000 feet of climb.

The big 19-mile stretch between Kimballton and Manning will have plenty of services including vendors and the Iowa Air National Guard water buffalo to support the riders.

Elkhorn

One of the big attractions of Elkhorn is the **Authentic 1848 Danish Windmill that was imported from Denmark 35 years ago and rebuilt by the community volunteers.** The windmill will feature Viking invasions again and folk music for all to enjoy. People will be invited to tour the windmill for free that day. Another must see attraction is the Danish Immigrant Museum that tells the story of Danish immigrants. Food booths will run the length of the street with Danish treats including Abelskivers and Danish Crepes as well as traditional RAGBRAI breakfast items like pancakes. The town will soon be home to the Norseman Brew Pub.



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Kimballton

Riders will enjoy the breathtaking and picturesque view as they coast down Creamery Hill into the Danish Village of Kimballton, The Little Mermaid Fountain and the Hans Christian Andersen Park is home of the newly recast bronze statue of the Little Mermaid of Copenhagen Harbor. The town also boasts a few buildings, the Immanuel Lutheran Church and Kimballton Town Hall, are listed on the National Register of the Historic Places.

Manning

Authentic 1660 German Hausbarn on the eastside of town. **The German Hausbarn** will be a must see for all. The Hausbarn was original constructed in 1660 in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. It was dismantled, boxed and shipped to Iowa. In 1999, a German master carpenter worked with local volunteers to reconstruct the Hausbarn, or farmer's house. There will be no charge to tour the Hausbarn or Heritage Park during RAGBRAI (usually \$6.00), but they will gladly accept free will donations. To celebrate their German heritage, the Hausbarn will be serving homemade brats, German potato salad, beer-sauerkraut-fudge cupcakes and a variety of German beers. The **Barry Boyce Polka Band** will have people dancing and singing. The Hausbarn/Heritage Park facility also features a huge air-conditioned conference center with seating for several hundred riders trying to beat the heat and get out of the sun. Perhaps the most unique thing planned in Manning is a giant corn maze that carves out the RAGBRAI logo, the state of Iowa and the RAGBRAI XXXIX route. The volunteers have been busy push mowing the corn to create the unique maze image. They said the corn grew 3 inches in one day, so they are constantly working on the corn maze for the rider's enjoyment.

Templeton

The Templeton Rye distillery is a must hit stop along this year's route for their 4th Annual Rock & Rye Celebration. They will be offering tours of distillery, free group photos in front of the distillery, as well as small samples of Iowa most sought-after product, Templeton Rye Whiskey. There will be music and entertainment outside of the distillery as well as a beer garden benefiting the Town of Templeton.

Dedham

Two of Dedham's historical sites are the Southside Lounge & Bar, operating since 1914, and **Donna's Café**, feeding the town since 1958.

Willey

You see the towering St. Mary's Church that was built piece by piece that was carried by horses up those steep hills from the railway in Dedham. The church will be open for tours and surrounding the church will be a great assortment of food vendors. The 1908 American-LaFrance fire cart was purchased by the city in 1927 and restored in 2006. The fire cart will be on display during RAGBRAI. Willey also has the only open-aired post office in the state.



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Carroll - Carroll Family Aquatic Center. The large 11,245 square feet area provides plenty of room to bring friends and family to enjoy some fun in the sun. The Aquatic Center is close to the main campground in Grant Park. One of the top restaurants and places to see is the **Santa Maria Vineyard & Winery** in downtown. The winery recently opened in a renovated historic building along the Old Lincoln Highway.

Carroll's Entertainment Schedule – free for all riders

5:00 pm - Pianopalooza

7:00 pm - The Full Blown Woodies

9:00 pm - The Johnny Holm Band

Tuesday 7/26 Day 3 – Carroll to Boone

71 miles and about 1,800 feet of climb.

Twister Hill outside of Pilot Mound. Just so you know, Twister Hill sounds tough, but it was much easier than last year's Potter's Hill. I guess Potter's Hill is the measuring stick for all future RAGBRAI hills.

Lidderdale

Lanesboro

The town has recently opened a new bar and grill named The Real McCoy, which happens to be the team pub for Team Spin. The bar will be serving Sausage-on-a-Stick, a sausage dipped in pancake batter then deep fried.

Churdan (Meeting Town)

The town's name is pronounced SURE-DAN. The town will also showcase an agriculture theme with a variety of make and models. For a special attraction Churdan will have BIG BUD 450/50, Case 80hps stream engine, 9th scale miniature Rumley stream engine. The Churdan Centennial building will be open to tour. The park just north of Main Street will host number of events such as the Town and Country Band, Redneck swimming pool, peddle tractor obstacle course, the Kick ASS photo stop, along with much more. The Churdan Bar and Grill has the following lined up; large outside beer garden-large tented area within the garden. They will have 5 full service bars serving mixed drinks, wine, beer and apple pie shots, chicken wings and French fries. Music will be provided by the Cedar Creek Tunes.

Paton

The town's name is pronounced PAY-TON. Did you know that the tiny town of 265 people is the hometown of Astronaut Loren Shriver? Colonel Shriver will be riding on RAGBRAI this summer! Shriver has logged over 194 hours in space.



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Dana (Optional Karras Loop)

Tiny Dana, Iowa (population 84) is our smallest town and will be the only town on the optional Karras Loop. Riders will make a return visit to Paton on the Loop. Registered riders will receive their Karras Loop patches in Dana and CLIF Bar will be on site again handing out CLIF products to riders. Polar Bottles will also be in Dana with ice cold water. Polar will also be trading a new Polar Bottle filled with ice water in exchange for your old bottle.

Pilot Mound

Pilot Mound was the location that some of the most exciting scenes of the 1996 movie “Twister” were filmed. The scene where Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton are chasing the tornado up a hill with hail is filmed up the hill just east of Pilot Mound. Locals dubbed the hill, Twister Hill, after the movie. Be sure to pop in the Twister Lounge to see the articles from the filming of the movie in town.

Boone

The town’s train heritage will be on full display. The Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad & Museum will be offering a RAGBRAI special train into the Des Moines river valley leaving from both the Story Street downtown depot and the Museum Depot.

Entertainment

5:30 pm - Dale Blue
7:15 pm - Damon Dotson
9:30 pm - Hairball

Wednesday 7/27 Day 4 – Boone to Altoona

56 miles and a mere 1,250 feet of climb!

Luther

Slater (Meeting Town)

Crossroads on the Heart of Iowa Trail and the High Trestle Trail. Nelson Park will have entertainment and plenty of food under huge shade trees and a gigantic pavilion to keep the sun off sun-baked cyclists. The town will also have vendors and a beverage garden in there downtown. The fire department and the bike friendly Take Down Bar will be ready for the influx of cyclists.

Sheldahl

The High Trestle Trail cuts through the heart of the town that is located just a few miles south of Slater.



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Alleman

White Oak Vineyards

The family owned and operated White Oak Vineyards is nestled in the White Oak Creek Valley and surrounded by acres of vines. The winery will provide a unique stop for all during RAGBRAI.

Elkhart

Bondurant

The city plans to extend the connection of the Chichaqua Valley Trail in the next few years with the trailhead at Lake Petocka Park. The city was recently awarded the 2010 Tree City USA award by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Altoona

As riders get into town they can enjoy half off an admission to Adventureland on RAGBRAI day. Adventureland has a wonderful new waterpark addition that is a great place to relax and have fun.

Entertainment

Riders will take a truly EPIC ride with **Grand Funk Railroad** at Altoona's RAGBRAI beverage garden. The line-up also will include A Pirate Over 50—a Jimmy Buffet and classic rock cover band, along with Cowboy Mouth, a New Orleans based rock band.

- Pirate Over 50 and the Mississippi Band 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- Grand Funk Railroad 8:00 to 9:30 pm
- Cowboy Mouth 10:00 - 11:30 pm

RAGBRAI riders with wristbands are admitted free. Your Altoona RAGBRAI community t-shirt is your ticket to the event. For \$15 you receive admission to the beverage garden with all three bands, plus half off an admission to Adventureland on July 27th and many other community specials and offers.

Thursday 7/28 Day 5 – Altoona to Grinnell

57 miles and about 3,300 feet of climb.

The day has a few nice hills to it, especially Mount Colfax that will produce some groans.

Mitchellville

Thomas Mitchell came to Iowa in 1840 and was the first white settler in Polk County. He was very friendly with the Indians. Upon learning that the railroad was coming to the area, he moved to the current area and founded Mitchellville. He was very active in the Underground Railroad and helped runaway slaves. Mitchell built the Universalist Church in 1868 that still stands today.



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Colfax (Meeting Town)

Riders will remember climbing “**Mount Colfax**” from previous visits to the town. Riders will be rewarded for their climb with tattoos and water at the peak of the hill. Riders will step back in time during a visit to **Weirick Drug Store** in downtown Colfax. The drug store was built in the late 1800’s and includes many artifacts from their early years. Riders can sit at the new renovated (actually renovated in 1963!) Old Fashion Soda Fountain and enjoy a malt, Cherry Coke or milkshake served by a soda jerk located at the corner of Howard and Walnut. The history of Colfax includes a high mineral content well that was discovered near Colfax while drilling for coal in 1875. The city flourished with this new discovery and trainloads of people visited the town to discover the healing powers of the fourteen mineral springs there. Nine hotels offering mineral baths and spa treatments opened to house guests, and four bottling companies opened to produce bottled mineral water for the masses. In 1912-1913, the city received funding to build a Carnegie library and the library is still in use today. The booming business of the city’s mineral springs industry declined and died out as the Great Depression swept the country. The mineral spring water will be available to “heal” sore riders!

Baxter

O’ Kelly’s Steak & Pub will have “Apple Pie Shots” in sticking with the theme. A neat stop is Robin’s Bakery Barn on Main Street. Her specialty is Bread Dough Taco that will be made fresh. Chichaqua Valley Trail, a scenic recreational trail, begins just east of Bondurant and extends for 20 miles to Baxter. This trail is paved from beginning to end, making it popular with rollerbladers as well as cyclists and hikers. Along the trail, one will spot mile markers showing the distance to Kansas City for this former railroad route. The trail also crosses stone bridges dating from the Wisconsin, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad that built this rail line in 1885.

Rock Creek State Park

When you get off your bike, you can rent a pontoon, canoe, hydro-ski or paddle boat at the Rock Creek Marina to enjoy your afternoon on the lake.

Entertainment

Grinnell - home to Grinnell College and has a legendary downtown. Here's the band lin-up:

- [Whiplash: Heavy metal](#)
- [Turlach Ur Bagpipes and Drums](#)
- Tang
- [Route 66: Country & Rock](#)
- [LASER LIGHT SHOW BY LASERTAINMENT](#)
- [STANDING HAMPTON](#)

DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES:

- Central Park Activities
- Farmer’s Market



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- Fun Photo Spots
- [Tiny Circus](#) (stop motion animation) after dark
- Karaoke in the evening

Friday 7/29 Day 6 – Grinnell to Coralville

75 miles and about 2,800 feet of climb.

The day is pretty flat, but has a few nice hills towards the end of the ride. Friday's ride will be the inaugural RAGBRAI College Spirit Day, where we encourage RAGBRAIers to wear their college colors.

Brooklyn

Brooklyn is known as the “Community of Flags.” The town proudly displays a year-round, gigantic outdoor flag display unfurling the pride of 50 states, the armed services and more. RAGBRAIers can explore the Brooklyn Opera House, the quaint Brooklyn Historical Museum housed in an 1869 home and a **1930s Standard Oil Station which still provides full service.**

Victor

Belgian heritage. The town is showcasing their ethnic background with the theme, “Rollen’ into Victor”, showcasing their love of Rolle Bolle. Riders will be invited to play the Belgian game of Rolle Bolle on an official Rolle Bolle court in downtown Victor. A good Rolle Bolle player knows you needs drink in your non-rollen hand to keep your balance while playing. The court in town was developed by the late Spyder DeBrower. Victor’s specialty food will be the Breakfast Sundae, which consists of scrambled eggs, sausage links, tater tots and *a squirt of cheese* and a variety of food vendors. The town will also have food and drink in the city park. **The American Legion will be serving pancakes and Bloody Marys.** They will also have plenty of pies.

Ladora

The town also boasts the Ladora Bank Bistro, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Marengo (Meeting Town)

Amana Colonies (West Amana, South Amana & Homestead)

There are seven historic villages of the Amana Colonies that were founded by German immigrants as a religious communal society in 1855 and have been collectively named a National Historic Landmark. The Colonies are one of Iowa’s most famous tourist attractions. RAGBRAI will visit three of the villages including West Amana, South Amana and Homestead. West Amana will have the Village Association and Artist Guild serving food, pies and drinks. Be sure to rock in the Largest Giant Rocker in the world and see the basket exhibits.



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Homestead will be the largest of the celebrations, AJ's Copper Garden will host a large tented beer garden serving locally brewed Millstream Beer, Amana produced Ackerman Vines and Budweiser products. 17 vendors will be serving great food while bands "Let it Ride" and "Past Masters" perform. Henry's Market will have food and a farmer's market as well as Middle Amana's Rose and Thorn that will be serving chicken.

- From Chris Kane - DO plan on taking the side trip to the Millstream Brewery in Amana on Friday (<http://www.millstreambrewing.com/>) it is just a mile or 2 off the route and was tons-o-fun several years ago. Bring a headlight for the ride, it may be a late night. 835 48th Ave

Oxford

For entertainment, the Polks Dots will kick things off followed by the Dixie Swing Band. Next up will be a family of three generations performing (Carolyn, Holly & Hanna) and lastly, the Randy Harker band which plays country music.

Coralville

Riders will once again get to relax at State Morrison Park that has large acreage for camping of riders close to all activities. The pool will be available for riders to cool off after the 75 mile day.

Entertainment

Southern Rock band [38 Special](#), presented by [Two Rivers Bank & Trust](#), will bring their signature blast of Southern Rock to the RAGBRAI® overnight celebration at the Town Center Parking Ramp on July 29, 2011. Tickets for the concert will be \$10 and free for anyone wearing the official RAGBRAI wristband.

Saturday 7/30 Day 7 – Coralville to Davenport

64 miles and roughly 2,400 feet of climb.

The day's ride has a few nice hills around West Branch and a few in Davenport.

Iowa City

The ride travels through the University of Iowa campus and you will bike past the Old Capitol and cross the Iowa River.

West Branch

West Branch is the **birthplace of Herbert C. Hoover**, the 31st President of the United States. Visitors enjoy the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and Prairie. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum is one of twelve presidential libraries operated by the National Archives. The papers of President Hoover and Lou Henry Hoover are among those housed in the library archives. Museum exhibits tell the story of President Hoover's life and career.



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Springdale

Moscow

Tender Tom's Turkey

Wilton (Meeting Town)

Riders will enjoy a mini petting zoo, the Wilton FFA's milking cow and farm equipment display. You can also have your picture taken with **Beaver Biker!** The town is the home of the world renowned **Wilton Candy Kitchen that was founded by R.A. McIntire in 1860.** This Little Ice Cream Parlor Confectionery, Soda Fountain is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest on-going "Ice Cream Parlor/Confectionery/Soda Fountain" in the world!

Durant

For years, Durant hosted the Polka Fest and the Polka Bear was part of the festivities. The town has not hosted the town celebration recently but that will not stop the Polka Bear from dancing with RAGBRAI riders. Durant will have a live Polka Band playing as well as the rock band Deliverance. Durant will also have a giant big wheel that will be a popular photo op.

Walcott

Although known usually for the "World's Largest Truck Stop", the actual town of Walcott is a few miles south of Interstate 80 Riders will be detoured off of Main Street to "Walctoberfest" at Victory Park- a German Octoberfest in July. Victory Park, a city park that is one entire city block, will be the site of plenty of bike parking, clean bathrooms, and lots of Shade!

Davenport

The final mile of the ride will start at historic Credit Island and ride the Mississippi River Trail along the river to the dip site.

[Centennial Park](#) and the Marquette Street Landing boat ramp (315 S Marquette Street) is the location of the dip site. This 250 acre park is located on the banks of the Mississippi River just west of the Centennial Bridge. A newly construction veteran's memorial will look down under the dip site. Rider's can cool off at the new Sprayground located a block from the dipping site. Food and drink will be on-site and music will play to keep people entertained. Friends can watch the riders dip from the terrace railing from above the boat landing. The dip site will be festive! After dipping your tires, stroll up river just a short walk from the dip site to the Street Fest. The runners from BIX 7 will have already finished their race and will be celebrating their accomplishment in the multiple-block StreetFest celebration. The StreetFest is the perfect location for BIX runners and RAGBRAIers to enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening. Loads of food and drink vendors will cover the downtown streets. Live bands will start playing at the Street Fest at 10:00am.