

# TOUR DE DONUT

September 15-17



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The Miami County Visitors Bureau is so pleased that you are joining us in Troy, Ohio for the 2017 Tour de Donut Bicycle Challenge on Saturday, September 16th.

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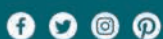
Additionally, our outdoor experiences are truly some of the best in the country. Miami County is very proud to be part of the longest hiking and paved trail network in the nation. And, the Great Miami River was recently designated as a National Water Trail, one of only 22 in the U.S.

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# Welcome to our city

On behalf of the city of Troy and its residents, I welcome you to beautiful downtown Troy and the 2017 Tour de Donut. My biggest hope is that your experience is beyond your expectations and you will want to return to our city year after year.

I want to congratulate Roger and Christina Bowersock for their hard work and dedication to this amazing event, and to thank them for choosing Troy, Ohio as the new home for the Tour de Donut. The city of

Troy, Troy Main Street, the Miami County Visitors Bureau, and all of our volunteers are ready for action when you arrive. And, they have planned a variety of activities throughout the entire weekend that will keep you entertained and engaged with our outdoor recreational opportunities.

We are all so proud of our city for recently becoming a bronze medalist as a "Bike Friendly" community that was awarded by the League of American



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Bicyclists. We strive to create a healthy lifestyle environment for our residents and visitors. When you bicycle on the

Great Miami River Trail, you are on the longest paved trail system in the nation. And our newly restored Treasure Island Park is the perfect venue for canoeing, SUP, or kayaking.

I wish you all success as you participate in the 2017 Tour de Donut Challenge and thank you for coming to our community. I will see you all on September 16th in Troy, Ohio!

— Troy Mayor  
Michael Beamish

## MORE INFORMATION

### What you need to know regarding the Rock the Bike Venue Area

It is prohibited to bring a knife, club or any other instrument, device or thing that is capable of inflicting serious physical harm. This does not apply to law enforcement officers or to canes, crutches or other similar devices used by persons who are visually or physically impaired.

No person shall bring any animal into the event area unless such animal is being or will be used by law enforcement officials in the performance of their duties, or as a guide dog or other handicap-assist animal, or is otherwise specifically authorized by the city of Troy, Ohio.

No person shall engage in the act of writing, painting, chalking or otherwise permanently or temporarily defacing or marking on the public streets, sidewalks, alleys or other public areas in the event area.

No person shall use drones except as approved by the city for event documentation and marketing purposes only.

Whoever violates these conditions is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.



## Welcome To Troy

### Tour De Donut Participants & Families Public Ice Skating Session

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# TOUR DE DONUT SCHEDULE



## Friday, September 15

9 a.m. — Troy Mountain Bike Area opens at Duke Park, 1670 Troy-Sidney Road, Troy.

Noon — Lunch ride

Noon — Tent camping opens at Troy Community Park, 200 Adams St., Troy. First come, first serve.

Noon — Downtown Troy Square closes to traffic for set up

3 p.m. — Motorhome camping opens \*Must call for reservations at (937) 335-7492, Miami County Fairgrounds, 650 N. County Road 25A, Troy.

5 p.m. — Packet pick-up opens — The Rec, 11 N. Market St., downtown Troy.

5:30 p.m. "Breaking Away" movie at Mayflower Arts Theatre, 9 W. Main St., downtown Troy, MayflowerArtsCenter.com — No ticket fee, but tickets are available at the door, first come, first served.

8-10 p.m. — Ice skating at Hobart Arena, 255 Adams St., Troy, HobartArena.com — \$3, includes skate rental

8 p.m. — Packet pick-up closes  
Dinner — Downtown Troy restaurants



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The Tour de Donut line-up will include thousands of riders.

## Saturday, Sept. 16

Park at Troy Junior High or High School — Use Junior High entrance, 556 Adams St, Troy.

5:30 a.m. — Packet pick-up opens — The Rec, 11 N. Market St., downtown Troy.

7 a.m. — Kids registration opens — The Rec Parking lot, corner of Market Street and Water Street

7 a.m. — Concessions/vendors open

8 a.m. — Packet pick-up closes. No exceptions. Doors to packet pick-up building will lock promptly at 8 a.m., please plan ahead.

8 a.m. — Kid's event begins, line the streets and cheer on the kids

8:15 a.m. — Costume judging

(start/finish)

8:15 a.m. — Welcome from Troy Mayor Mike Beamish

8:18 a.m. — Ceremonial eating of the first donut

8:25 a.m. — National Anthem

8:26 a.m. — Open cockpit WACO fly over (weather permitting)

8:28 a.m. — Final instructions by Head Donut

8:30 a.m. — BOOM and the start of the 11th Tour de Donut, Mini Donut and Double-D Challenge

10:30 a.m. — Riders on mini course must be finished to be considered for awards

11 a.m. — Awards for Mini Donut (NE Quad)

Noon — Full course time

limit for awards eligibility ends

12:30 p.m. — Full course awards (NE Quad)

1 p.m. — Double D (64 miles) course time limit for awards eligibility

1:30 p.m. — Double D awards (NE Quad)

2 p.m. — Finish line closes and all riders must be off course

### DONUT STATION SCHEDULE:

Donut Stop #1 Mini: Closes at 11:30 a.m. (Garbry Big Woods)

Donut Stop #1 Full: Closes at 11 a.m. (Elizabeth Township house)

Donut Stop #2 Full: Closes at 11:30 a.m. (Garbry Big Woods)

Donut Stop #1 DD: Closes at 11 a.m. (Elizabeth Township

house)

Donut Stop #2 DD: Closes at 11:30 a.m. (Indian Creek Distillery)

Donut Stop #3 DD: Closes at 12:30 p.m. (Garbry Big Woods)  
Glazer Stop: Closes at 1:30 p.m. (Troy Stadium)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Shower service — Troy Aquatic Park, 460 W. Staunton Road, Troy. Limited towels available to rent, \$2.

### Sunday, September 17 Bike, Hike & Paddle Fun Day

8 a.m. — Bike-in church service at Treasure Island, Chaplain Ed Ellis, 409 N. Elm St., Troy

8 a.m. — Explore The Great Miami River Trail with J&D

Bicycles, 500 N. Elm St, Troy

8:30-11 a.m. — Breakfast options at Smith's Boathouse, Treasure Island, 409 N. Elm St, Troy

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Adventures on The Great Miami at Treasure Island Park, kayak/canoe rentals, 409 N. Elm St., Troy — 3-mile trip: \$25 per person or Paddle the Island: \$10 per hour/per person.

Hike trails available at:

- Charleston Falls, 2535 Ross Road, Tipp City

- Brukner Nature Center, 5995 Horseshoe Bend Road, Troy, BruknerNatureCenter.com (Trails open all day, Interpretive Center opens at 12:30 p.m.)

12:00pm Tent camping ends



# Tour de Donut moves to Troy

By Melanie Yingst  
myingst@civitasmedia.com

TROY — The city of Troy learned it had been tapped for the cycling enthusiast's most dunkworthy road race in the country in December 2016.

City officials announced the move to downtown Troy from its decade-long span of being held in the village of Arcanum.

Event creator Roger Bowersock, a former professional cyclist, said he and his family frequent the Troy historic downtown district, which is how they came to move the event from Darke County to Miami County.

"Troy is the community that is going to allow our event to continue to grow and offer the things our participants want and desire for the riding public and their family members," Bowersock said. "With the city of Troy's help, the hotels that are being offered, additional outside activities, shopping for family members, we believe we can continue to grow this event."

Troy Mayor Michael Beamish welcomes the move to the city, a bronze medalist as a "Bike Friendly" community, awarded by the League of American Bicyclists.

"We expect a great crowd coming down to see the living room of our community in downtown Troy," Beamish said.

The Tour de Donut will start and end around the square of historic downtown Troy on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017.

With the event moving to downtown Troy, the 2,000 number cap was increased to 3,000 in order to accommo-

## STRAWBERRY DONUT GETS COVETED GLAZER SPOT

TROY — "Head Donut" and event creator Roger Bowersock said the 2017 Tour de Donut tour will be using Schulers Bakery in Springfield for its 12,000-plus glazed donuts.

The Troy Strawberry Festival's fan favorite strawberry donuts, created by the Troy Music Boosters, will be the tour's famous "Glazer" donut.

"The band will be manning the glazer stop, which will make for a great experience for everyone," said Bowersock, who said the stop will be at the stadium where they make the doughnuts.

Bowersock noted that the Tour de Donut had tried to work with a local supplier though they required that they make all the doughnuts.

"We really liked the idea of adding the band's strawberry donut to the mix," he said. Another local connection to the tour will be Winan's Coffee + Chocolates, who will be providing coffee for participants at the Miami County Park District's Garby's Big Woods donut stop.

date the growing demand of interested cyclists who travel to this event from 30 states — including a rider from Alaska last year.

The Tour de Donut is a bicycle event in which participants' "ability to eat donuts is just as important as their ability to ride their bicycle."

In 2016, across all divisions, a total of 79 competitors joined the Dozen Club by eating 12 or more donuts. Each



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A Tour de Donut participant eats her reward at a donut stop at a past event.



donut they ate deducted 5 minutes from their finishing time.

Yasir Salem, who is ranked No. 9 in the world by Major League Eating, ate the most donuts of anyone in 2016. He ate 36 donuts in the men's 19-50 full race, down from his 44 in 2015 and a record 48 in 2014, when he competed in the longer Double D competition. Salem finished



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Riders celebrate following the Tour de Donut.

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in an adjusted time of negative-32:45.0.

During this timed bicycle event, riders visit donut stops along the course. For each donut the rider will eat (and keeps down), 5 minutes will be deducted from their ride time. The Glazer, a special donut stop, will return by popular demand. Each donut eaten at this stop is worth a 10-minute deduction in ride time. The Troy Music Boosters' strawberry donut, made famous by the Troy Strawberry Festival, has been chosen as this year's Glazer donut.

The Donut Mini, a 16-mile course, will return with one donut stop at Garbry's Big Woods. The Mini awards its own prizes and allows younger



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A free children's event will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 on North Market Street.

riders and families to take part in the fun due to the shorter distance.

The 32-mile course, the Tour

de Donut, will offer two donut stops, one at Elizabeth Township Center and one at Garbry's Big Woods. And for the

experienced cyclist, the Double D Challenge is a 64-mile ride with three donut stops, the two previous stops and the Indian

Creek Distillery. Prizes will be awarded for these courses in age group classes. Special awards will be given for the most donuts eaten, fastest time (without donuts), and the coveted golden Tour de Donut championship belt for the best adjusted "donut time."

A free children's event will take place at 8 a.m. on North Market Street. All children participating will receive a free T-shirt, finisher medal and unlimited donuts and milk courtesy of Orthopedic Associates of Southwest Ohio.

A Rock the Bike event, featuring entertainment will also be part of the weekend's events, as will many other events planned throughout the downtown area, including sidewalk sales, a movie, and children's events.

For more information on the Tour de Donut, visit [www.the-touredonut.com](http://www.the-touredonut.com).

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# RULES FOR RIDERS



Tour de Donut bicycle riders are encouraged to know the rules of the road and event.

The roads used for the Tour de Donut will be open to vehicular traffic during the event. Riders must obey all traffic laws including stopping at stop signs and staying on the correct side of the road. No headphones or ear buds are allowed. It is illegal in Ohio.

Roads are marked with arrows with additional signage at major turns. Wear your helmet and keep it fastened always. Riders are encouraged to ride in a safe and predictable manner. Only pass on the left and be sure to announce your passing. If you stop along the route, get off the road as to not impede other riders.

Your timing chip must be attached to the seat post of your bicycle as a flag. Do not tape it to your frame. Your number must be worn on your body, it is your ticket into the rest stops and donut count keeper.

Line up at North Market Street may

begin after the kid's events have finished. Faster riders will be placed at the front to start the event. Your time will start once you cross the timing mats. There is no need to rush.

## Donut stop rules

You can take out three donuts at a time. Your donuts must be counted as they are taken. No donuts are permitted to leave the donut stop enclosure. If you are unable to finish a donut, please return to the donut counters for a recount. You must eat at least one donut to be eligible for awards.

## Finish

After a rider crosses the finish line, they will enter the donut counter area. Riders must go through this area to have their donuts counted. To be eligible for awards, riders on the Double D must be finished by 1 p.m.; Full Donut riders must be finished by noon; and Mini Donut riders must finish by 10:30 a.m.



Riders prepare to take off at the 2016 event.

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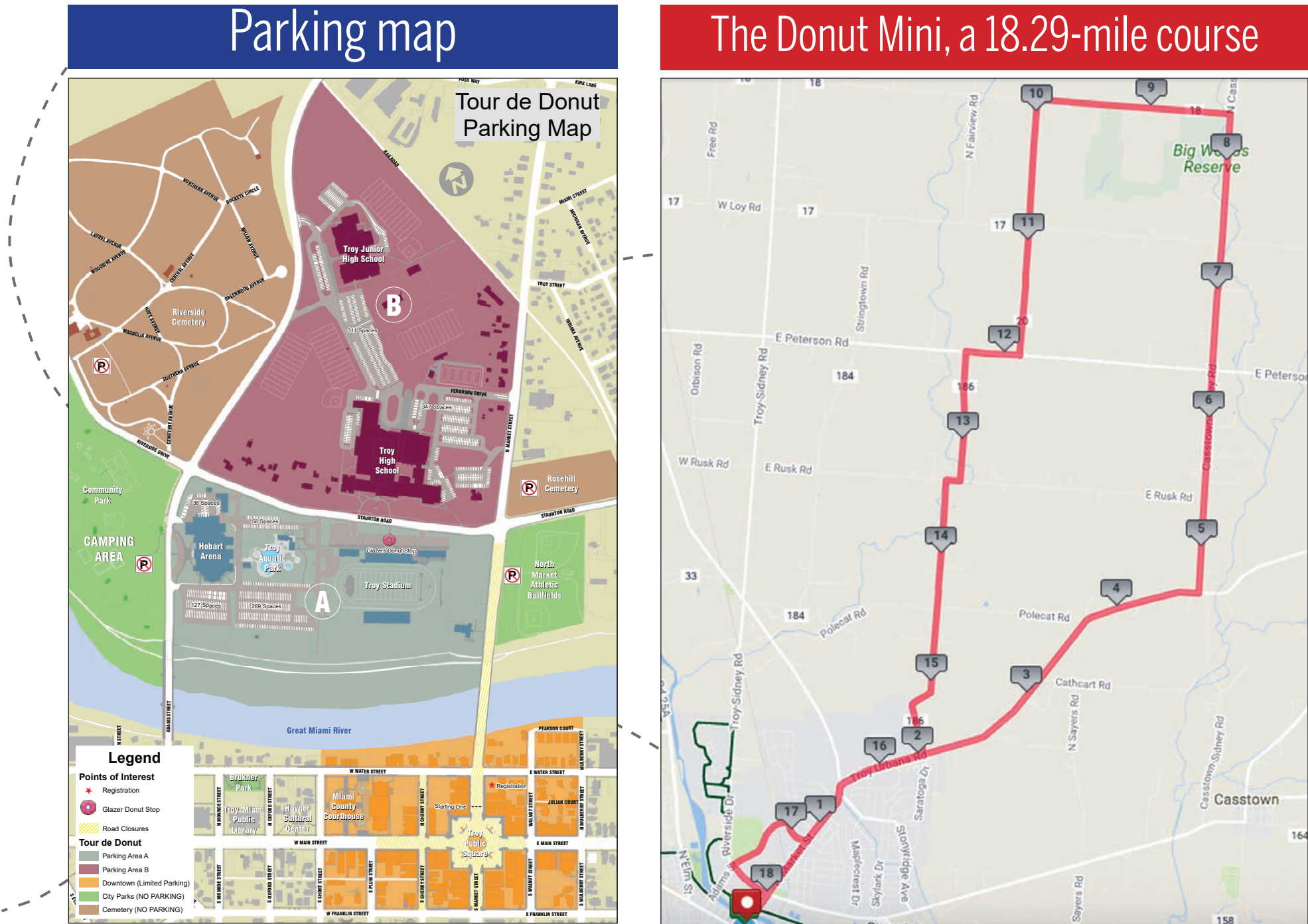


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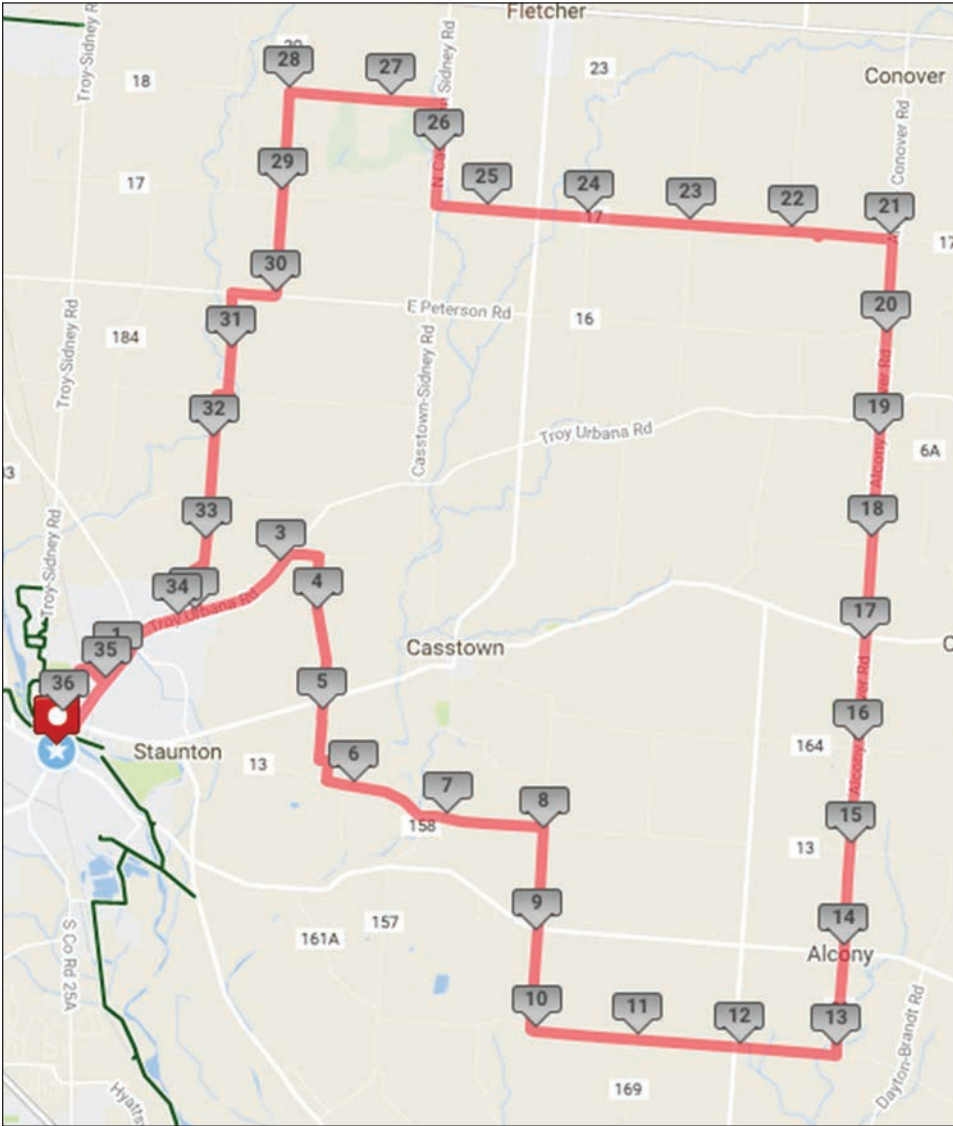
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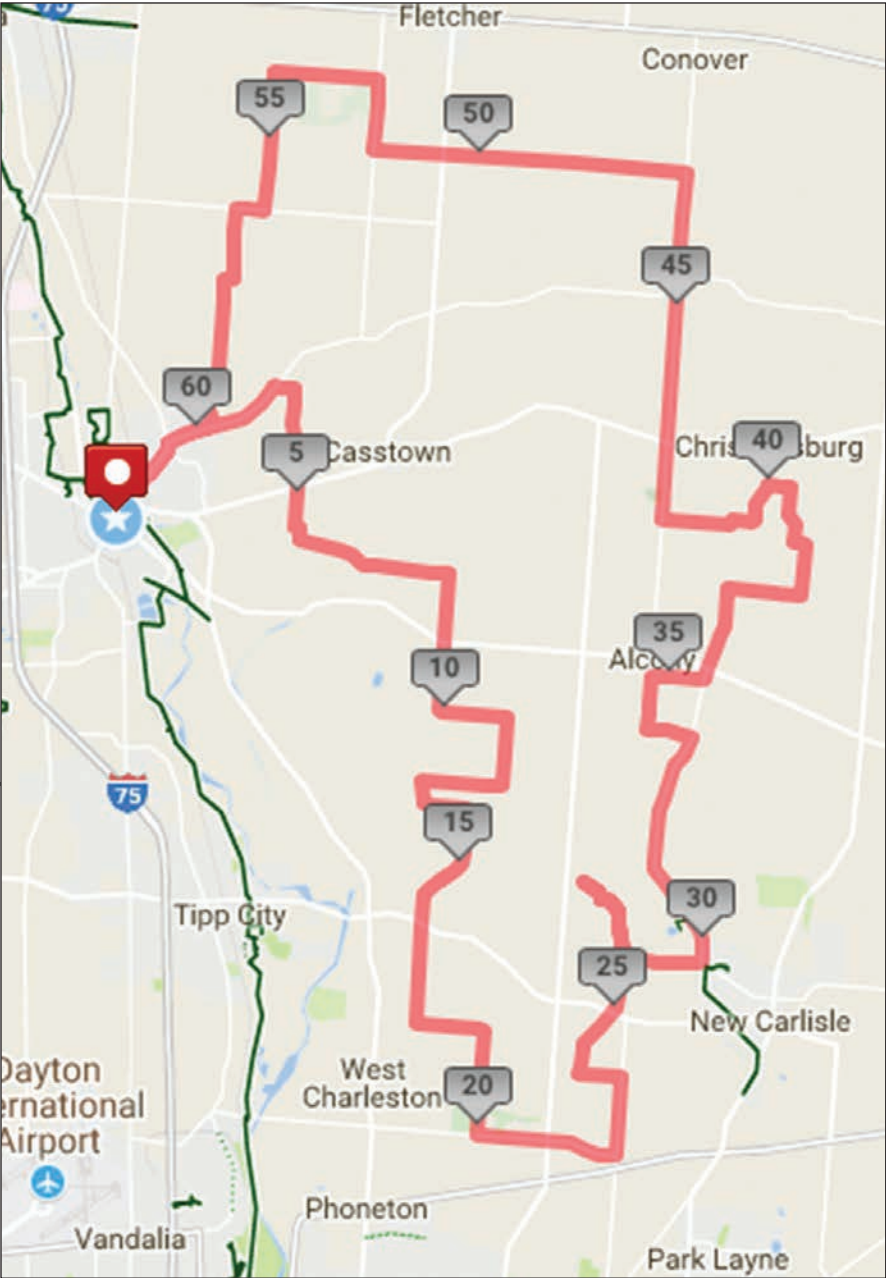
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# Tour de Donut full of food, fun, festivities

TROY — To start off the weekend of festivities in downtown Troy, the Miami County Park District will offer Tour de Donut riders a lunch ride from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, on the bike path from Treasure Island to Eldean Bridge to Shook Bridge, where lunch will take place. Register for this event at [www.thetourdedonut.com](http://www.thetourdedonut.com).

On Friday evening, the Mayflower Arts Center will show "Breaking Away," a comedy-drama focusing on a teen's love of bicycle racing. The movie begins at 5:30 and is free of charge. Tickets will be given out at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Troy's downtown-area shops will be having

sidewalk sales, and don't forget to visit the Troy Farmer's Market, open from 9 a.m. to noon. South Cherry Street will be filled with vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, spices, homemade breads and pies, flowers, arts and crafts, jewelry, soaps and much more.

Kids will enjoy a variety of activities planned for the day. At 10:30 a.m. on the Dayton City Paper stage, visitors will be introduced to animals from the Columbus Zoo. From 1-4 p.m., Maddie and Howie dazzle children with face-painting and balloon artistry.

With all the entertainment and activities happening throughout the weekend, event-goers are sure to work up an appetite. There are many restaurants to choose from when

that hunger strikes. The following restaurants are available to fulfill these cravings:

## Bakehouse Bread & Cookie Company —

Open at 6 a.m. for breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 16

Bakehouse Bread & Cookie Company produces delicious hand-shaped batards, baguettes, boules, challahs, ciabattas, focaccias, cookies and pastries of every flavor. They also offer a café menu of fresh salads, soups and sandwiches.

## Basil's On Market

Basil's offers an upscale casual bistro with an affordable American flare. Chef Todd Uhler's inventive and creative menu offers diners the opportunity to experience a modern spin on

favorite dishes utilizing the best local products.

## La Piazza

La Piazza, Italian for "The Square" is the ideal setting to deliver an Italian dining experience right on the square in beautiful downtown Troy. La Piazza offers a full bar, an extensive wine selection, a sidewalk patio for those who enjoy dining outside in the open air and daily dinner specials.

## ReU Juicery Smoothie + Juice Bar —

Open at 6 a.m. for breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 16  
ReU Juicery provides raw, organic, cold-pressed juices and shakes. With locally sourced ingredients and community focus, they are driven to lift the minds, bodies, and quality of

life for the community and its visitors.

## Submarine House

For cheesesteak lovers, Submarine House is the place for you. Their menu includes cheesesteaks, subs, gyros, pizzas, salads and more. And, they serve it up in a bar and grill format with a full bar of traditional and local craft beer options.

## The Caroline

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**Winans Chocolates + Coffees –**

Open at 6 a.m. for breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 16

Established in the early 1900's and in its 4th generation of family ownership, Winans Chocolates + Coffees brings you cutting edge flavors and time-tested quality. Whether it's the coffee, chocolate or both you love, Winans is a must-visit while in downtown Troy.

The establishments below are located just outside the venue area and are within walking distance. They have a great selection of food and drink for people to enjoy in a nice atmosphere.

**Donato's**

Donato's of Troy offers the same

great Edge to Edge pizza people have come to love. Stop in to check out their extensive menu of pizza, flatbreads, sandwiches and salads.

**Dunaway's Beef 'N Ale**

Offering soups, salads, and their famous roast beef sandwiches, Dunaway's uses locally sourced fresh meats and veggies to bring amazing taste to the table.

**K's Hamburger Shop**

Open at 6 a.m. for breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 16

K's Hamburger Shop is a vintage diner that has been serving the Troy community and its visitors since 1935. They will take you back in time as you enjoy their extensive breakfast menu, mouth-watering hamburgers, homemade soups and salads and scrumptious malts and milkshakes.

**Leaf & Vine**

Part saloon and part midtown bar,

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Maddie and Howie will thrill youngsters with their face-painting and balloon artistry during the festivities at Tour de Donut, which takes place Sept. 15-16, in downtown Troy.

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# Festival to offer music, movie and more

## Event part of Tour de Donuts weekend

TROY — While the 1979 film “Breaking Away” shows at the Mayflower Arts Theatre, live entertainment will entertain music lovers during the Rock the Bike Music Festival on Friday, Sept. 15.

The festival, which will top off the Tour de Donut weekend in downtown Troy, will feature cycling, music and food in celebration of the city hosting its first Tour de Donuts Challenge, which is moving to Troy from Darke County. The event is the product of a partnership involving Rocketship Sports, the city of Troy, Troy Main Street and the Miami County Visitor's Bureau.

Starring Dennis Christopher, “Breaking Away” is a coming-of-age comedy-drama centered on a group of Indiana teens

who have recently graduated from high school. Christopher's character, Dave, dreams of competitive bicycle racing. The four friends face opposition from all corners as they decide to make Dave's dreams come true in the university's annual bicycle endurance race.

The film will begin at 5:30 p.m. There is no ticket fee, but tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meanwhile, live stage entertainment will begin at 5:45 p.m. with Corey Breth, followed by The Floorwalkers at 7 p.m.

Entertainment on Saturday, Sept. 16, will begin at 10:30 a.m., when zookeepers and handlers from the Columbus Zoo will introduce six to eight animals and speak about their indi-

vidual habitats, status in the wild and conservation issues.

Downtown activities begin with 9 a.m. sidewalk sales and the Downtown Troy Farmers Market, and beer and wine sales will start at noon. In addition, downtown restaurants will be open throughout the day.

Musical acts slated to perform during the day include Ashley Martin, the Seventh Street Band, The Fries Band and the Eric Jerardi Band.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., shuttles will be on hand to transport visitors to and from the WACO Fly-In and to Indian Creek Distillery, at no charge. WACO biplane rides will be available at the Fly-In until 5 p.m. for \$100 per person. The biplane will take two people up at a time.

## ROCK THE BIKE MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULE, DOWNTOWN TROY

### Friday, Sept. 15

5:30 p.m. — “Breaking Away” Movie at Mayflower Arts Theatre, 9 W Main St, Downtown Troy, MayflowerArtsCenter.com - No ticket fee, but tickets are available at the door, first come, first served.

Live on Stage:

5:45-6:30 p.m. — Cory Breth  
7-9 p.m. — The Floorwalkers

### Saturday, Sept. 16

Live on Stage:

10:30-11:30am - Zoo Animals from the Columbus Zoo

12:15-2:15 p.m. — Ashley Martin  
3-4:30 p.m. — Seventh Street Band

5-7 p.m. The Fries Band  
7:30-10 p.m. — Eric Jerardi Band

9 a.m. to noon — Troy Farmer's Market, Cherry Street

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Downtown Troy Sidewalk Sales

10 a.m. to

4 p.m. — Shuttles to WACO Fly-in and Indian Creek Distillery  
WACO biplane rides will be available at the WACO Fly-in until 5 p.m. Rides are \$100 per person.

The biplane will take two people up at a time.

Noon to 10 p.m. — Beer and wine sales (21-plus, proper IDs required)

1-4 p.m. — Face painting and balloon sculptures for the kids

Downtown Restaurants open throughout the day



## Festivities

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Leaf & Vine provides an intimate, cozy atmosphere to enjoy music and unwind. They offer a wide selection of beer, wine and liquors as well as the finest, handrolled cigars. Limited food menu.

### Mojos Bar & Grille

Mojos is a tavern with a variety of sandwiches, soups and salads and regionals brews on tap. Many of their dishes are served with their homemade house chips.

### Tim Horton's

At Tim Horton's, you can sip a variety of hot and cold beverages, enjoy breakfast and lunch sandwiches, soups, snacks and baked goods.

### The Tavern Downtown

The Tavern is a local bar and restaurant serving pizza, burgers and wings.

In addition to the fantastic restaurants that call downtown Troy home, there will be three food trucks available to residents and visitors during the Rock the Bike Music Festival as well.

### The Crazy Redhead Canteen

The Crazy Redhead Canteen

food trailer specializes in gourmet grilled sandwiches all on fresh Italian bread and tots smothered in a variety of ingredients.

### Cupzilla Korean BBQ

This popular food truck specializes in Korean BBQ in a cup with your choice of spiciness. All bowls are served with rice and veggie.

### Fly BBQ

Flyby BBQ showcases regional BBQ flavors from across the USA under one roof. Their menu is simple: slow-smoked BBQ sandwiches or bowls made to order. Pick your protein, pick your toppings and pick your sauce.

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The weekend doesn't end there. On Sunday morning, Sept. 17, at 8 a.m., there will be a non-denominational service with Chaplain Ed Ellis on the island at Treasure Island. Following this service, there will be a limited breakfast offered at Smith's Boathouse.

All weekend long, you can explore the region riding on the Great Miami Recreational Trail, the largest paved trail network in the nation. Hike Charleston Falls or Brukner Nature Center or enjoy a ride on the Great Miami River, a National Water Trail by renting kayaks and canoes from Adventures on the Great Miami at Treasure Island Park.



# Musical acts to rock festival stage

**TROY** — A new event coming to downtown Troy will bring with it an array of local, area and regional acts playing a variety of genres. Beginning on the evening of Friday, Sept. 15, and continuing until 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, the Rock the Bike Music Festival also will feature other entertainment, as well as food.

“It was decided that it would be something that would enhance Tour de Donut, the event that is coming to Troy for the first time and will be making its home here,” Miami County Visitor’s Bureau Executive Director Diana Thompson said.

The lineup includes some acts that performed downtown during Mumford and Sons’ Gentlemen of the Road Stopover Festival in Troy four years ago.

Here is the full lineup for the Rock the Bike Music Festival, including times and information about each act.

## • Friday, Sept. 15

### Cory Breth — 5:45 p.m.

Blending sounds from folk, alternative, pop and soul, Breth crafts a style and sound that transcend the traditional castes of genre.

The Chillicothe native has had a passion for singing for as long as he can remember, starting with roles in elementary school musicals and continuing through his senior year of high school. It was during this time that Breth began experimenting with the guitar and honing his skills through casual performances for friends and family.

His passion for sharing his music has fueled his frenetic schedule during the last three years, each opportunity to perform live merely adding more fuel to his already brimming tank.

### The Floorwalkers — 7 p.m.

Growing up together in the suburbs of Cleveland, The Floorwalkers played Little League baseball together as children. In high school, they formed a band and played music together from 2000 to 2004. After high school, part of the band moved to Columbus, traveling the Midwest as a trio and releasing a self-titled acoustic EP in 2005. By 2007, the whole band had relocated to Columbus.



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Cleveland’s The Floorwalkers will be among the diverse acts performing at the Rock the Bike Music Festival in downtown Troy during the Tour de Donut in September. Set to play at 7 p.m. Sept. 15, the band has visited Troy many times, including a performance during Mumford and Sons’ Gentlemen of the Road Tour in 2013.

While working on their first full-length album they managed to garner a strong Midwest following due in part to weekly performances — 129 Wednesdays to be exact — at Ruby’s on the campus of The Ohio State University. In 2010, The Floorwalkers released their first LP, “The Natural Road,” touring nationally to critical acclaim.

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## • Saturday, Sept. 16

### Ashley Martin Band — 12:15 p.m.

Martin is a singer-songwriter from Dayton, born into a family where music was a basic part of life. She quickly found her place in her family’s 75-piece gospel choir, belting her first solo at just 6 years old. At age 12, she was competing in vocal competitions and started her solo singing career at retirement homes and assisted living facilities. At 19, she attended Belmont University in Nashville and studied music business. After eight years of honing her craft as an artist, retiring from a rock band and declining an offer in the pop world, Martin now tours the country with her four-piece band. She has created a unique style all her own — a mix of country, rock and pop.

This seasoned artist traveled thou-

sands of miles to perform over 500 live performances in the last three years. The band has opened for the likes of Brett Eldridge, The Band Perry, Tracey Lawrence, Dustin Lynch, Frankie Ballard, Trick Pony and Zac Brown Band. She released her third CD, “Take 2,” in October 2016. Her latest single, “He’s Mine,” has generated more excitement than any of her previous works.

### Seventh Street — 3 p.m.

Formed in May 2012, Seventh Street performs at festivals, music bars, and the occasional block party. Jason has fronted quite a few bands, like The Mod Rats and Plan B; Jimmy can be found jamming with Hidden Assets, Electrobek (aka Jakubek and friends), Clark Manson and BJ Brown; Matt’s been — and is still known to be — an Alabastard, a Sellout, and a member of The Black Cigarettes; Wes spent some time with Rude Mude and serves as the missing link in Electrobek; Jon and Wes played in Zeo’s Funkyard throughout the 90’s. Jon also plays drums for Wiseblood and Electrobek.

### The Fries Band — 5 p.m.

The Fries Band and their trio, A Side of Fries, have become known as the premier vocal band in the Dayton area. They focus on very tight three, four and five-part vocal harmonies that are primarily



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Dayton blues rocker Eric Jerardi, who has played with well-known artists across the country, will perform Sept. 16, at the Rock the Bike Music Festival in downtown Troy.

driven by acoustic guitars with keyboard, bass and drums.

### Eric Jerardi Band - 7:30 p.m.

Jerardi’s live shows are legendary all across markets in the United States. He has released six CDs since 1997 and has worked with some of the industry’s best. From producer David Z (Prince, Fine Young Cannibals, Johnny Lang) to recording with Chuck Leavell (Rolling Stones, Allman Bros., Black Crowes), Jerardi is having the time of his life.

For the last few years, Jerardi has limited his rigorous touring schedule to take a step back and reflect. During this period, he has written his most compelling music to date.

After almost 15 years, he reconnected with Gary Gates, a longtime friend and polished bass player who performed on the “Had Enough” CD. Jerardi was also introduced to progressive rock drummer Adam Wheeler and the trio has developed a style of blues rock that is pushing the boundaries. This blend comes from Gates’ experience in the iconic Dayton funk music scene of the 70’s, and Wheeler’s world-class ability, not only as an accomplished drummer, but a skilled keyboardist. On several tracks of the new material, Wheeler plays keys and drums at the same time, making The Eric Jerardi Band one of the most powerful blues rock trios around.



# Go wild for Columbus Zoo presentation

## Animals to visit Rock the Bike fest

TROY — In addition to the obvious musical offerings, the Rock the Bike Music Festival on Sept. 15-16 will feature entertaining and educational appearances by guests — both human and “other” — from the Columbus Zoo.

During the assembly-style program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, six to eight animals will be presented one at a time by handlers, who will speak about the animals' habitats, their statuses in the wild, conservation issues and more. The length of the program is anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes, although handlers generally stay for an hour to allow time for questions.

“Everyone will be in front of the stage for this. It will be very cool,” Miami County Visitor's Bureau Executive Director Diana Thompson said. “These outreach programs are very important to the conservation efforts at the zoo.”



The binturong — also known as the bearcat — might be among the furry friends from the Columbus Zoo that come to the Rock the Bike Music Festival in September.

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Animal lovers can see and learn about critters like this barn owl when handlers from the Columbus Zoo visit the Rock the Bike Music Festival in September.

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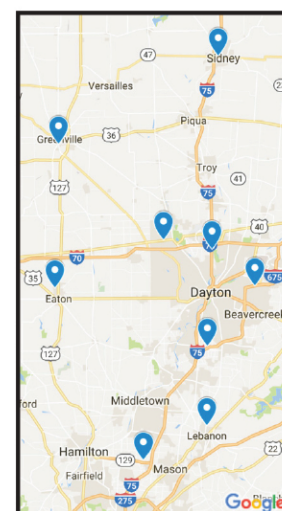
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