



## Details for the 2023 CHOCOLATE TOUR

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**Saturday, AUGUST 5, 2023**

**“Thank you for supporting cancer research by participating in this event.”**

The 2023 Chocolate Tour is a BIKING or FUN WALK event supporting cancer research. The 2023 Chocolate Tour has been strategically located in Manheim, PA, which is a central location among three famous chocolate manufacturing towns in central PA. Manheim is located at approximately 15 to 30-minutes from the chocolate manufacturing towns of Hershey, Elizabethtown, and Lititz. It is a very friendly and welcoming place, that provides easy access to chocolate towns, Amish farms, covered-bridges, forests, rivers, lakes, and other features making it a beautiful as well as scenic area in which to bicycle or walk. The fun walk will be in the newly renovated Chiques Creek Park and includes walking through a covered bridge.

**LOCATION OF THE REGISTRATION and START SITES: Manheim Farm Show Complex, 502 E Adele Ave, Manheim, PA 17545**

**Registration FOR ALL EVENTS OPENS at 6:30 am**

**Cycling mass starts at:**

**7 am for the 100-mile route (honoring cancer warrior Jim Wilson)**

**8 am for the 75-mile route**

**8:15 am for the 50-mile route (honoring cancer warrior Rich Snively)**

**8:30 am for the 30-mile route (honoring cancer warrior Glenn Curtis)**

**8:40 am for the 25-mile route (honoring cancer warrior Bernard Robertson)**

**8:45 am for the 10-mile route (honoring cancer warrior John Richie)**

**Fun Walk STARTS at 9 am (Please register 1-hour before the event) with Cancer Warrior teams starting as follows:**

**Cancer Warrior Team honoring Jim Wilson @ 9 am**

**Cancer Warrior Team honoring Rich Snively @ 9:10 am**

**Cancer Warrior Team honoring Glenn Curtis @ 9:20 am**

**Cancer Warrior Team honoring Bernard Robertson @ 9:30 am**

**Cancer Warrior Team honoring John Riche @ 9:40 am**

**Parking for this event. Aside from ample street parking in Manheim PA, cars can be parked at the following locations.**

1. Manheim Brethren in Christ Church; 300 parking spaces in south lot; 54 N. Penryn Road; Manheim, PA 17545. 717-665-2133.
2. Manheim Central High School; 100 parking spaces; 400 Adele Ave; Manheim, PA 17545. 717-664-8400.

3. Manheim Veterans Memorial Park; 150 parking spaces; 320-398 Memorial Drive; Manheim, PA 17545. 717-341-2677.
4. Baron Elementary School; 50 parking spaces; 123 E Gramby Street; Manheim, PA 17545. 717-665-8900.

## **2023 Chocolate Tour Cycling Events:**

**WE ARE TRYING TO SAVE TREES THIS YEAR, SO IF YOU NEED A PRINTED ROUTE SLIP, PLEASE EMAIL A REQUEST FOR ONE FOR YOU AT THE EVENT AT [chocolatetour1@gmail.com](mailto:chocolatetour1@gmail.com)**

This year, cycling routes start and converge at the central location of the Manheim Farm show Complex. Bike routes head-out through a COVERED BRIDGE and through the CANCER WARRIOR banners from the central location. Routes will head in the direction of or go past a particular chocolate town. There will be a rest stop(s) along the routes featuring liquid refreshments and chocolate from that town. The 10-mile route does not have a rest stop. The central Manheim Farm Show Complex rest stop will be stocked with liquid refreshments, PBJ sandwiches, chocolate milk, muffins, cookies, ice-cream, sub-sandwiches (from 10 AM), a wide variety of other snacks and chocolates/candy. Participants can choose to ride from 10 to 100 miles. The Ride-with GPS file for each individual Chocolate Tour Route is listed directly below the description of each route.

**105.9-Mile Riders: This route consists of riding the Orange, Yellow and White Routes.**



**Cycling Rest Stops on the Orange Route will be OPEN between 8 am to noon and on the White and Yellow Routes from 8 am to 4 pm.**

**ROUTE MARKED ORANGE.** The 50-mile Orange Route (for Hershey, home of the Hershey Chocolate Factory) meanders through Amish farmlands, forests and past a lake. The ride passes through the picturesque town of Mt. Gretna, which is a major landmark and favorite cycling area. This route traverses areas with rivers, Amish farms and TWO covered bridges. This route is very scenic, and you will pass some of the prettiest farms in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. You will likely see Amish buggies on the roads. While the ride does not pass through the town of Hershey, there is a free ride at Chocolate World in Hershey, which is worth doing if you are staying overnight.

**ROUTE MARKED WHITE.** The 25.6-mile White Route (for Lititz, home of the Cargill Wilbur Chocolate Factory). This route will take you through THREE covered bridges in Amish farm country. One of the bridges (the Erb's Mill Covered Bridge) is known as the most picturesque in Central Pennsylvania so stop and take a picture. You will likely see Amish buggies parked at the farmsteads or on the roads. The ride also passes through side-streets in Lititz (one of the prettiest towns in the area). If you have time, you can bike into the town (visiting the central park area) and stop at the Wilbur Chocolate Factory store. Just ride-down route 501 to the store (on the left) when entering the center of town.

**ROUTE MARKED YELLOW.** The 30.3-mile Yellow Route (for Elizabethtown, home of M&M Mars Candies) is the flattest route and includes THREE covered bridges, one of which is the longest in the world. The route will take you through the Kreider Farms farmstead and then past the famous Kreider Farms Tower. Tours of the Kreider Dairy Farm and Tower are available if you have time (cost \$15.90). Amazing views of Lancaster county's Amish country can be seen from the top of the tower. Kreider Farms are providing ice-cream and chocolate milk for the 2023 event. Amazing Pennsylvania farm country scenery will be at your fingertips on this route.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/40088268>

**75.6-Mile Riders: This route consists of riding the Orange and White Routes**



**Cycling Rest Stops on the Orange Route will be OPEN 8 am to noon and on the White Route from 8 am to 4 pm.**

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<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43797710>

**50-Mile Riders: This route consists of riding the Orange Route**



**Cycling Rest Stops on the Orange Route will be OPEN between 8 am to noon.**

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<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43796726>

**31-Mile Riders: This route consists of riding the Yellow Route**



**Cycling Rest Stop on the Yellow Route will be OPEN between from 8 am to 4 pm.**

**MARKED YELLOW.** The 31-mile Yellow Route (for Elizabethtown, home of M&M Mars Candies) is the flattest route and includes THREE covered bridges, one of which is the longest in the world. The route will take you through the Kreider Farms farmstead and then past the famous Kreider Farms Tower. Tours of the Kreider Dairy Farm and Tower are available if you have time (cost \$15). Amazing views of Lancaster county's Amish country can be seen from the top of the tower. Kreider Farms are providing ice-cream and chocolate milk for the 2023 event. Amazing Pennsylvania farm country scenery will be at your fingertips on this route.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43797145>

**25.6-Mile Riders: This route consists of riding the White Route**



**Cycling Rest Stop on the White Route will be OPEN between from 8 am to 4 pm.**

ROUTE MARKED WHITE. The 25.6-mile White Route (for Lititz, home of the Cargill Wilbur Chocolate Factory). This route will take you through THREE covered bridges in Amish farm country. One of the bridges (the Erb's Mill Covered Bridge) is known as the most picturesque in the Central Pennsylvania so feel free to stop and take a picture. You will likely see Amish buggies parked at the farmsteads or on the roads. The ride also passes through side-streets in Lititz (one of the prettiest towns in the area). If you have time, you can bike into the town (visiting the central park area) and stop at the Wilbur Chocolate Factory store. Just ride-down route 501 to the store (on the left) when passing over the road.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43797475>

**10.2-Mile Riders: This route consists of riding the Green Route**



ROUTE MARKED GREEN. The 10.2-mile Green Route is a flat picturesque route in Central Pennsylvania's Amish farm country. The route will take you through the Kreider Farms farmstead and then past the famous Kreider Farms Tower. Tours of the Kreider Dairy Farm and Tower are available if you have time (cost \$15.90). Amazing views of Lancaster county's Amish country can be seen from the top of the tower. Kreider Farms are providing ice-cream and chocolate milk for the 2023 event. There is ONE covered bridge on this route.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43797025>

**Mechanical Support:** If you experience mechanical issues with your bike, please proceed to the **MANHEIM REST STOP** at the Manheim Farm Show Complex located at 502 E Adele Ave, Manheim, PA 17545. **Hush Money Cyclery will be on site from 7 to 10 am to provide mechanical assistance.**

**SAG Support:** Vehicle SAG support will be available on the day by calling **Gavin at 717-307-8296.** He will then dispatch the nearest SAG vehicle to provide you with assistance.

**Thank you for supporting the 2023 CHOCOLATE TOUR**

Please sign up for the 2023 CHOCOLATE TOUR on August 5, 2023 at:

<https://www.bikesignup.com/Race/PA/Manheim/ChocolateTour>



**2023 Chocolate Tour FUN WALK Event:** The FUN WALK event for the 2023 Chocolate Tour is around the Chiques Creek Park in Manheim. The key is to have fun while supporting cancer research! There are numerous stops along the way to taste chocolate ice-cream (from Kreider's Farms), chocolate treats from Hershey, M&M Mars and the Cargill Wilbur Chocolate Factory as well as chocolate milk (from Kreider's Farms). Aside from music, raffles, and prizes during the event. Local vendors or event supporters will line the course and offer samples of chocolate and other goods/services. The event will be MC'd by our very own Cheryl Gamber. The events will be followed by lunch of many items and include a sub-sandwich and ice cream/chocolate milk from Kreider Farms.

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**Walk through the Shearer's Mill Covered Bridge and along the Chiques Creek with chocolate ice-cream, chocolate milk and chocolate stops.**

#### **Route Map**



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