

June 2022

MANITOULIN PASSAGE RIDE

Welcome to summer time riding on Manitoulin! The biking season got off to a great start with this weekend's annual Manitoulin Passage Ride. Once again, the ride was sold out with 250 avid cyclists exploring and enjoying our great Island.

Day one included hiking one of Ontario's most popular trails, the Cup and Saucer. Most of the registered riders on the short and medium routes took advantage of this great opportunity and enjoyed their lunch and the view atop the 70 metre cliffs on the east side. Understandably, most of those who were registered for the 120 km route opted to continue riding after their refreshment break at Cup and Saucer. Day two was also an incredible ride, showcasing the many lakes on Manitoulin. All cycling routes encircled Bass Lake/Pike Lake with a refreshment stop at Green Bay beach on Lake Manitou. Next was lunch at Sheguiandah which is a hamlet nestled into a bay on Lake Huron. Participants on the longer ride had the opportunity to cycle to the community of Manitowaning, rest up, have refreshments on the beach beside the historic S.S. Norisle and dip their toes into Lake Huron before joining those of us lunching at the Sheguiandah Museum.







E-BIKE PROJECT

The E-bike rental project is still slated for a summer 2022 launch. We were fortunate to have e-bikes available on site both days of the Manitoulin Passage Ride for demos and for renting.



AGM

The AGM will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 in Majas Garden starting at 7:00 P.M. The poster for the AGM has been sent previously.

AWARDS AND KUDOS

Once again, an Island female led business has won Ontario's 2021 Innovator of the Year Award. Congratulations to the Perivale Gallery! You may recall that in 2020 Twin Peaks Bed and Breakfast nabbed the Bicycle Friendly Business Award. In 2019, Maja's Garden Bistro was awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year. When you are visiting the Island, please take an opportunity to visit these three dedicated, hard working entrepreneurs.

MICA SHOWCASED IN CANADIAN CYCLING MAGAZINE

If you have a chance to pick up this month's Canadian cycling magazine, you will discover an article on Manitoulin Island and MICA's advocacy. When journalist Christina Palassio visited our beautiful island, she interviewed Maja Mielonen and Mary Dantouze. The article showcases Manitoulin Island beautifully and any cyclist who reads it will long to visit Manitoulin.

Alvar Tours

Alvar tours are booking up nicely. With daily distances of 60-80 km, this is a wonderfully paced ride for those who want to relax and enjoy the ride. This is a beautiful way to slowly discover wonderful Manitoulin Island.

MICA Membership

Don't forget to sign up for your MICA membership. Individual memberships are \$10 and business memberships are \$75. There are many advertising benefits and opportunities for your business! Rewards include up to date information via this quarterly newsletter. We look forward to having you as part of our team.

See you soon and Happy Riding!!
Your friends at MICA