

ROAD BIKE ROUTES FOR MTU STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES: August 2018

HOUGHTON / MTU CAMPUS:

<<ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET AND BRIGHT COLORS>>

1: MTU => down to Waterfront Bike Path by descending Phoenix Dr to the Physical Plant => turn left/west to Houghton to Kestner park=> follow the road thru the camping area and exit onto Canal Rd. Follow to the washout at Oscar Bay. If you choose, walk across the footbridge to the left and continue riding to Upper Entry. Reverse to return.

2: MTU to Waterfront Bike path to Kestner Park to Schmidt's Corner to Liminga Rd to Freda. Reverse for your return. This is a hilly route but loads of fun. Great view of Lake Superior at Freda! Be sure to bring water and food!

3: From Campus: Waterfront bike path to the Pilgrim River. Then US 41 (always ride with traffic!!) to Chassell =>stay straight off US 41 then right onto Creamery Rd (You are headed toward the Firehall) Follow up to Pike River Rd. =>Right turn on Pike River Rd, then left onto Chassell Painesdale, then right onto Superior Rd. At the 4 way stop known as Onkala's Corner, you have options:

A: Turn right to Dodgeville then Gundlach Rd to Sharon Ave to MTU SDC Cemetary Rd to US 41 to Bike path.

B: Go straight up to Baltic (one of my favorite climbs). Then right and back down Elsie Hill then Dodgeville, Gundlach Rd to Sharon Ave to MTU SDC.

C: Go straight up to Baltic then M26 to Erickson Drive->Atlantic Mine then left onto Obenhoff =>Harma =>S Superior Rd =>Liminga to Canal Rd to Waterfront Trail to MTU.

D: Turn left up to Painesdale. Then M-26 to S Range Where you can go to Baltic and Elsie hill or down M26 past Atlantic Mine to stoplight. Turn right onto GreenAcre Rd. AT top of the hill, turn left to Dodgeville, thru Dodgeville and turn right onto Paradise Rd then immediate left onto Gundlach Rd. Turn Right onto Sharon Ave and follow to MTU.

4: US 41 to Creamery Rd to Pike River Rd =>left and follow to Tapiola. Then right and back to Chassell Painesdale where you have a bunch of options including heading back to Chassell.

5: MTU to US 41 to Chassell and return. As you pass the Pilgrim River, returning to Houghton, take the first paved right and turn onto Waterfront Trail. Follow to Kestner

Park. Continue around the turn up to M-26 and exit into the tunnel!! Exit the tunnel by turning right, cross 6th, and turn onto Houghton Ave - sign says start of Bike Boulevard! Follow to US 41 on Campus. Remember to stop at every stop sign!!

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1: MTU => Waterfront Trail to downtown Houghton, ride up by the Ambassador Restaurant on to Shelden Ave. Ride across the bridge turning RIGHT onto M-26. Then right down to the Marina and follow the road to Tezcuco St. You will see a paved bike path to your right - follow it. Exit onto Water St. Follow to end, turning right at the Jutila Center. First stop sign is M203. Ride this out to McLain Park. Return the same way EXCEPT turn left onto US 41 S (Hancock ST) when you are behind McGann Lumber. Follow the road across the bridge, turn right at the Powerhouse and you are back on the Waterfront Trail.

2: Hancock to Lake Linden on M-26, follow M-26 up the hill to Laurium. Cross thru the stop light on US 41 and follow 6th st to Pine St (M-203). Turn left on M-203 back to Hancock. Use the instructions above to ride thru Hancock. This is a great ride both directions!

3: Drive to Calumet & park at US 41 and Pine ST. Bike=> US 41 N to first turn to Copper City. Thru CC down (good fun downhill) to Traprock Valley Rd. Back to Lake Linden and up M-26 to Calumet and your car.

4: Park at Lake Linden Park. Ride to Bootjack Rd. Continue until left turn to Rice Lake. Nice climb then cruising around Rice Lake to Big Traverse. When you get to the Gay Rd, turn left to head up to Traprock Rd. Then left to Bootjack and right to return to start.

5: Longer version of #4: Turn right to Gay and then up to Fulton/Mohawk => AHmeek =>up to Calumet then down M26 to Lake Linden and your car.

6: Ahmeek (bring \$\$ for ice cream at the end) =>5 mile point => Eagle River =>up to Phoenix => US 41 to Cliff Drive => Ahmeek. Recovery meal is Ice Cream

7: Gay - pavillion. Ride to Bay de Gris and back. Recovery at the Gay bar. If the weather and flies are good, stop for a dip at the beach *This is a 50 mile loop!*

AVOID riding up US 41 on Quincy Hill. Better route is up Ethel to Ingot to Elevation to Campus Dr to us 41. Less traffic and slower traffic.

Enjoy and let me know when you want a riding partner. We do have a group that rides every Saturday - always roads. Avg speed is 15 mph

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MOUNTAIN BIKE: <<ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET!!>>

1: Michigan Tech Trails. Right in your backyard. Great trails with variety of difficulty. If just starting to Mtn bike, ride the Tolkien trails off of Pilgrim Rd. Download Summer Trail map from <http://www.michigantechrecreation.com/trails/maps/index> Bottom of the page has the summer trails.

2: Houghton Waterfront trail: This is [paved but fun on a mtn bike. Ride to the Pilgrim River. From that point you will need to ride on US 41 to the S side of the Pilgrim River. Use the first driveway to access the DNR Trail heading south. You will need to turn around at the first washout.

3: Swedetown Trails in Calumet: Drive US 41 North to Calumet. Look for the SwedeTown Trails sign on your left, as you pass the River Valley Bank. Park at the Chalet and ride over to the trail map. Recommend starting with Back Country trail to Too Hoots Two to Applesauce to South Side to Farmer's Well. Follow the road back to the Chalet. Trail maps available at: <https://swedetowntrails.org/trail-map>

4: Copper Harbor Trails: Worth the drive. Try Point 1 & Point 2. A 26 mile trip so bring water and food. Other trails available based upon ability. Gardenbrook is a good start! Trail maps available at the Keweenaw Adventure Co in Copper Harbor.