

Biking Across KS underway

(KAIR)--The 45th annual Biking Across Kansas event is underway, with cyclists to ride 497 miles over eight-days

Beginning Saturday, June 8 at the Kansas-Colorado state line, west of Goodland, the 2019 ride will end Saturday, June 15, in Atchison.

More than 800 bicyclists will stop in Holton on Friday. Expected to arrive in the afternoon, they will spend the night at the Holton High School football field.

Activities, including live music, a beer garden and food vendors, are planned for the participants and supporters in the 400 block of New York Avenue on the west side of Holton's Town Square. Shuttle buses will run throughout the afternoon and evening taking the riders from Holton High School to the Town Square.

On Saturday morning, the cyclists will depart Holton and head east toward Atchison, where the annual ride will end with a celebration at the city's riverfront.

Bicyclists range in age from 8 to 85 and come from 29 different states.

The primary objectives of the event are to promote wellness through bicycling, celebrate Kansas history and the beauty of its landscape and enjoy the warm hospitality of its towns and people.

The ride started in 1975 with fewer than 100 riders and has grown to an annual tour that is capped annually at 850 participants.

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