



About the Bike Tour

April 2–May 10, 2015

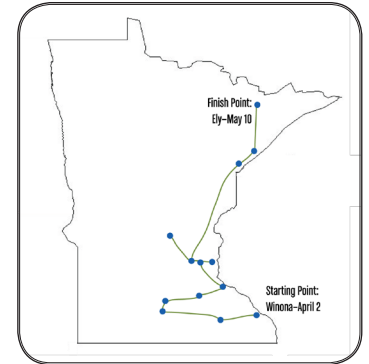
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Starting April 2, 2015, in Winona, Minnesota, three bicycle riders—instructors from Voyageur Outward Bound School—began a journey of adventure advocacy across Minnesota stopping at colleges and communities along the way, to raise awareness about the threat to the Boundary Waters’ clean water, clean air and forest landscape from proposed sulfide-ore copper mining on its wilderness edge.

On May 10, 2015, the riders completed their journey of 850 miles over 39 days and celebrated in Ely, Minnesota, which is at the edge of the Boundary Waters.

By the end, signatures in support of the cause covered the Wenonah canoe they had trailed behind them on the route. Riders Erin, Iggy and Lisa named that canoe “Betty Jo” in honor of Representative Betty McCollum, who introduced the *National Park and Wilderness Waters Protection Forever Act* in April, and 14-year old supporter and advocate Joseph Goldstein, who is battling leukemia.

During the ride, more than 6,000 people signed the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters petition asking for permanent protection for the Boundary Waters and its wilderness edge.



Media

Winona Daily News • Winona Post
 LaCrosse Tribune • KTTC Rochester
 Gear Junkie • Northfield News
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Route Stops

Winona State University
 Boat House Restaurant Kickoff Party
 Blue Earth County Library
 Gustavus Adolphus College
 Carleton College & St. Olaf College
 Earth Day Celebration
 Macalester College
 Patagonia
 St. Catherine University
 Hamline University
 College of St. Benedict &
 St. John’s University
 Surly Brewing
 Fulton Brewery
 University of MN–Twin Cities
 Outdoor Adventure Expo
 MayDay Parade and Festival
 Ironman Bicycle Ride
 Hartley Nature Center
 Bent Paddle Brewing
 University of Minnesota Duluth
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 Sustainable Ely Celebration



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