

## 2009 BRAT Route Description

### **BRAT 2009 will be a tour of West Tennessee.**

Starting at Paris Landing State Park and making a loop through the best of west Tennessee back roads, small towns and great scenery.

We will be adding more details as the nightly entertainment and route highlights are finalized. Some days the destinations are subject to change.

There will also be extra century options on a couple of days.

### **Saturday September 12th**

Arrive at Paris Landing State Park in Buchanan TN

(<http://www.tnstateparks.com/ParisLanding/>) to register, camp and get reacquainted with old friends and new. The Annual Paris Landing Arts and Crafts Festival will be going on today so come early and enjoy the arts, crafts, food and other vendors near camp. Winery tours nearby.

Brief Riders meeting at 6:30 at the Swimming Pool area.

### **Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> - 66mi**

#### **Paris Landing to Natchez Trace State Park**

Ride through Big Sandy Wildlife refuge along Kentucky Lake/TN River. We will have a rest stop at the Paris Winery <http://pariswinery.com/> (sorry, no tasting before noon on Sundays). If you get in early on Saturday you can visit on your own.

### **Monday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - 60mi +/-**

#### **Natchez Trace to Chickasaw State Park**

We will leave Natchez trace and travel through Pinson Mounds State Archaeological area

<http://www.tnstateparks.com/PinsonMounds/>

For a rest stop and tour before heading to our camping spot. Those of you getting to Chickasaw early can opt for paddle boat rides, hiking or even horseback riding.

### **Tuesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - 60mi +/-**

#### **Chickasaw to Ripley City Park, Ripley TN.**

<http://www.ripleytnparks.com/>

Those around in 1999 will remember staying in Ripley.

We will pass through Nutbush, TN (YES, Nutbush City Limit!). Cotton fields everywhere.

### **Wednesday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - 65mi**

#### **Ripley to Reelfoot Lake State Park**

<http://www.tnstateparks.com/ReelfootLake/>

We will ride part of the Mississippi river trail and see what a levee really is. We will be about as far west as Tennessee goes. Reelfoot Lake is one of the largest Bald Eagle habitats. We will have a live bald eagle presentation in camp and the park has a large bald eagle aviary at the visitors center.

### **Thursday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - 60mi(or less)**

**Loop day.** Ride around **Reelfoot Lake** with stops at the National Wildlife Refuge, Park visitor center. Rest, sight see, canoe ride or do nothing at all. We will be offering canoe trips into the swamps and, water levels permitting, late afternoon pontoon boat tours of the lake. You will be able to ride a short distance and go for a guided canoe trip then continue the loop or ride back to camp. Signup sheets will be at registration. (Fees pending.)

**Friday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - 60mi**

**Reelfoot Lake to UT Martin**

We will be heading to Martin TN for our last night together. We will travel through Kenton TN where you can see the rare WHITE squirrels the town is famous for. We will have a rest stop at Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area.

**Saturday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 55mi**

**Martin TO Paris Landing** State Park. Enjoy a last day of riding through the backroads before heading on to your next adventure. The Boss Hoss National rally and Mid-South Motorcycle Festival will be going on at Paris Landing as we return. Plan some extra time to see and perhaps ride on one of these machines built near here. <http://midsouthbikefest.com/>

BRAT 2010 will be in Southeast TN starting near Chattanooga!