

George and Chucks Excellent Adventure Series

What is George and Chuck's Excellent Adventure Series? Well, Chuck Gentile and I listened to what EBC Mountain Bikers wanted.....Single-track rides and destinations other than The Palos Forest Preserves.

Chuck and I have put together an outstanding Single-track series, that features 2 ride leaders, 10 day trip rides, 4 states, all single track at some of the best places for Single-track in the Midwest.

Having 2 ride leaders on these rides will allow us greater control and it will provide the riders with a safer and more enjoyable experience. It will also allow me to give more instruction to riders, which is what I most like to do.

So, please take a look at the 10 rides that are on the following pages and mark your calendars for the one's that you would like to do.

EBC Mountain Biking.....sense of humor helpful, sanity not required.

Thank you,

George Pastorino
Mountain Bike Coordinator

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Chuck and George's Kettle Cooker 1

Date: 4/10/2010 Time: 9:00am Distance: ~ 30 miles

Moderate pace ~5+ hours

Start: Kettle Moraine State Forest Lagrange, Wisconsin

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988 George Pastorino 708-903-8700

Description: Kettle has fairly technical trails with rocks, roots and other obstacles; it also features lung busting climbs and steep descents which require good bike handling skills. Having 2 riders leaders at Kettle will be great, because unlike some of our Palos rides, this ride is not appropriate for beginners. I-94 north to Highway 50 in Kenosha, WI. Go west (left) on 50 to Highway 12 (just before Lake Geneva). Take Highway 12 north (it curves west) to Highway H (you'll see the La Grange General Store). Go north (right) on H. The John Muir trailhead is approx. 1-1/2 miles on your left.

Chuck and George's Kettle Cooker 2

Date: 4/24/2010 Time: 9:00am Distance: ~ 30 miles

Moderate pace ~5+ hours

Start: Kettle Moraine State Forest Lagrange, Wisconsin

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988 George Pastorino 708-903-8700

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Chuck and George's Kettle Cooker 3

Date: 5/8/2010 Time: 9am Distance: ~ 30 miles
Moderate pace ~5+ hours

Start: Kettle Moraine State Forest, Lagrange, Wisconsin

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988 George Pastorino 708-903-8700

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Chuck and George use their Imagination

Date: 5/23/2010 Time: 10am Distance: 24 miles
Moderate ~3 + hours

Start: Imagination Glen Park, Portage, Indiana

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988 George Pastorino 708-903-8700

Description: Imagination Glen (The Dark Side) This ride is for Intermediate to Advanced skill level. Having 2 ride leaders here will be helpful. It is about 8 miles of single-track. The trails are all tight and twisty. The trail on the far side of the river (reached by crossing the railroad tracks) is known as The Dark Side.... with challenging turns, logs, roots, jumps, and plenty of ups and downs. We will do 3 loops of this section, you can easily bail after 1 or 2 loops From I-94 take 249 South (at Exit 19 for Portage) through US 20 intersection. Turn left (continuing south) onto Chrisman Ave. immediately past the Old Porter Rd. intersection. Continue south on Crisman Ave. until it ends at Portage Ave. Turn left onto Portage Ave. and follow it until it ends at McCool Rd. Imagination Glen Park is at the intersection of Portage Ave. and McCool Rd

Chuck and George present Saw Wee Kee Park

Date: 6/6/2010 Time: 9am Distance: ~14 miles moderate pace

Start: Saw Wee Kee Park - Oswego, IL

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988 & George Pastorino 708-903-8700

Description: Palos could be considered the preferred child of the Chicago area trail systems. It gets the most attention and is the one people will most likely talk about. By comparison, Saw Wee Kee is more like the wild child. The terrain seems a bit more untamed, and throws more at you per mile than its big brother. While the roughly 7 miles of trail might seem small compared to what Palos offers, you will find that you'll work a lot harder to cover that distance than you would at Palos. Having 2 ride leaders here will be a real asset here. Pussanee will assist as needed. This ride is for intermediate and advanced riders.

Chuck and George storm Fort Custer

Date: 7/11/2010 Time: 10:30am Distance: ~20 to 25 miles

~4+ hours moderate pace

Start: Fort Custer State Recreation Area - Augusta, MI

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988 George Pastorino 708-903-8700

Description: This trail is worth the road trip. It contains multiple loops which add up to approximately 20 miles of single-track with stream crossings, log piles, drops, berms, steep downhills and sandy spots. The Trail starts off with a twisted section of single-track and snakes back and forth in a six foot gully. The gully gives you the effect of "surfing" your bike as you ride up and down its banked sides (keep your speed up and climb the banks!). The trails also have some great climbs worth tackling. Much of the riding is in the same class as Palos and Kettle Moraine. You'll enjoy Granny's Garden with its rocky downhills, and a fast run on The Freeway, which ends at the downhill run called The Chute. Suitable for intermediate and advanced riders.

George & Chuck's Brown County Blast

Date: 7/24/2010 Time: 9am Distance: ~ 30 miles

Moderate pace ~4-5 hours

Start: Brown County State Park, Nashville Indiana

Leader: George Pastorino 708-903-8700 Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988

Description: Come and join George and Chuck's Brown County Blast. The Mountain Bike trails here are among the finest we have ever ridden, 30 miles of twisty, hilly, narrow single-track. It really feels as if you are riding in an I.M.B.A. Calendar. Although they do have beginner trails, my opinion is that this area is best for intermediate level and above. This is Mountain Bike Heaven, both Chuck and George feel this is the best trail system in the Midwest. For those of you that may have a non riding partner, Brown County State Park offers many non riding activities and so the Town of Nashville.

George and Chuck's Brown County Blast

Date: 7/25/2010 Time: 9am Distance: ~ 30 miles

Moderate pace ~4-5 hours

Start: Brown County State Park, Nashville Indiana

Leader: George Pastorino 708-903-8700 Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988

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Chuck and George use their Imagination again

Date: 9/11/2010 Time: 10am Distance: 24 miles moderate
~3 + hours

Start: Imagination Glen Park, Portage, Indiana

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-398 George Pastorino 708-903-8700

Description: Imagination Glen (The Dark Side) This ride is for Intermediate to Advanced skill level. Having 2 ride leaders here will be helpful. It is about 8 miles of single-track. The trails are all are tight and twisty. The trail on the far side of the river (reached by crossing the railroad tracks) is known as The Dark Side... with challenging turns, logs, roots, jumps, and plenty of ups and downs. We will do 3 loops of this section, you can easily bail after 1 or 2 loops From I-94 take 249 South (at Exit 19 for Portage) through US 20 intersection. Turn left (continuing south) onto Chrisman Ave. immediately past the Old Porter Rd. intersection. Continue south on Crisman Ave. until it ends at Portage Ave. Turn left onto Portage Ave. and follow it until it ends at McCool Rd. Imagination Glen Park is at the intersection of Portage Ave. and McCool Rd

Chuck and George storm Fort Custer 2

Date: 10/23/2010 Time: 10:00am Distance: ~20 to 25 miles
~4+ hours moderate pace

Start: Fort Custer State Recreation Area - Augusta, MI

Leader: Chuck Gentile 708-289-3988 George Pastorino 708-903-8700

Description: This trail is worth the road trip. It contains multiple loops which add up to approximately 20 miles of single-track with stream crossings, log piles, drops, berms, steep downhills and sandy spots. The Trail starts off with a twisted section of single-track and snakes back and forth in a six foot gully. The gully gives you the effect of "surfing" your bike as you ride up and down its banked sides (keep your speed up and climb the banks!). The trails also have some great climbs worth tackling. Much of the riding is in the same class as Palos and Kettle Moraine. You'll enjoy Granny's Garden with its rocky downhills, and a fast run on The Freeway, which ends at the downhill Run called The Chute. Suitable for intermediate and advanced riders.