



RAGBRAI, the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, is riding through Des Moines and Polk County on **Wednesday, July 26 and Thursday, July 27, 2023**. This letter is to inform you of the road closures, detours and impact this race will have on the traffic near your home or business.

There will be approximately 50,000 cyclists participating in the event from approximately 9AM – 5PM on Wednesday, and 6AM – 12PM on Thursday. Roads that will be closed or partially closed include:

Wednesday, July 26:

Northwest Madrid Drive (Madrid/Polk County)
North 3rd Street (Polk City)
East Northside Drive (Polk City)
Northwest 16th Street (Polk County, Ankeny)
US Hwy 69/NE 14th Street (Polk County, Des Moines)
East University Avenue (Des Moines)
East 9th Street (Des Moines)
East Walnut Street (Des Moines)
15th Street (Des Moines)
Martin Luther King Junior Parkway (Des Moines)
Northbound Fleur Drive (Des Moines)

Thursday, July 27:

George Flagg Pkwy (Des Moines)
Northbound Fleur Drive (Des Moines)
Martin Luther King Junior Parkway (Des Moines)
15th Street (Des Moines)
Walnut St and E Walnut St (Des Moines)
Dean Ave (Des Moines)
Northeast 27th Avenue (Polk County, Pleasant Hill, Altoona)
Northeast 72nd Street (Polk County, Altoona)
Northeast 96th Street (Altoona, Polk County)

Full maps and routes can be found at www.ragbraidesmoines.com. Should you have specific questions about these closures or impacts, please reach out to ragbrai@catchdesmoines.com or **515.699.3469**.

We recognize the inconvenience this may have on your travel plans and appreciate your understanding and assistance in making sure this is a safe event as we showcase our community. There will be significant law enforcement support provided along the route and stationed at all major intersections helping to guide traffic. In addition, flaggers and volunteers will be wearing orange safety vests and assisting with traffic control.

RAGBRAI will overnight in Des Moines on July 26th at Water Works Park with Lynyrd Skynyrd playing a free concert for cyclists and the public that evening at the Lauridsen Amphitheater.

Whether you're a resident, a rider, or just want to be a part of the rocking atmosphere, we look forward to welcoming you to the heart and soul of Iowa.

Thanks for your understanding and assistance as we plan for a safe and fun event!