



Chicago 1919 Bike Tour: Visualizing the 1919 Riots in Today's Chicago

Saturday, June 29, 2019, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

In partnership with Blackstone Bicycle Works #chi1919

NOTE: In case of rain, the bike tour will take place Sunday, June 30, at the same time and place.

Join a large-scale, 10-mile bike ride through the South Side neighborhoods where violence erupted during the summer of 1919, learning about events from that year as well as the transformations since then. We will start near the only marker of the riots in the city—at 29th Street and the lakefront—and then move through Bronzeville, Bridgeport, the Stockyards, and back toward the lake.

Bike Marshals from Blackstone Bicycle Works will facilitate our ride, providing overall ride safety, “interference” at strategic intersections, and basic bike repairs (flat tires, chains, brakes).



Tour leaders:

- Brad Hunt, *Newberry Library*
- Harold Lucas, *President of the Black Metropolis Convention & Tourism Council*
- Essence McDowell, *author of Lifting As They Climbed: Mapping a History of Black Women on Chicago's South Side*
- Franklin Cosey-Gay, *University of Chicago, Center for Youth Violence Prevention*
- Pastor John L. Smith, *Olivet Baptist Church*
- Bernard Loyd, Jada-Amina Harvey, and Erica Ruggerio, *The Forum / Build Bronzeville*
- David Bates, *Concordia University*
- Henri Dumas and D.J. Fish, *Blackstone Bicycle Works*

Schedule:

- 9:00 am: **Check-in and bike safety checks begin.**
- 9:30 am: **Mini-lesson on bike handling, safety, and rules of the road.** (Required for all riders age 12 to 17; optional for others.)
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: **Let's ride!** (See reverse for route map)

To see historical images of sites along our route on your phone: <http://bit.ly/bike1919>

Google Map link: <http://bit.ly/1919Ride>

Rules:

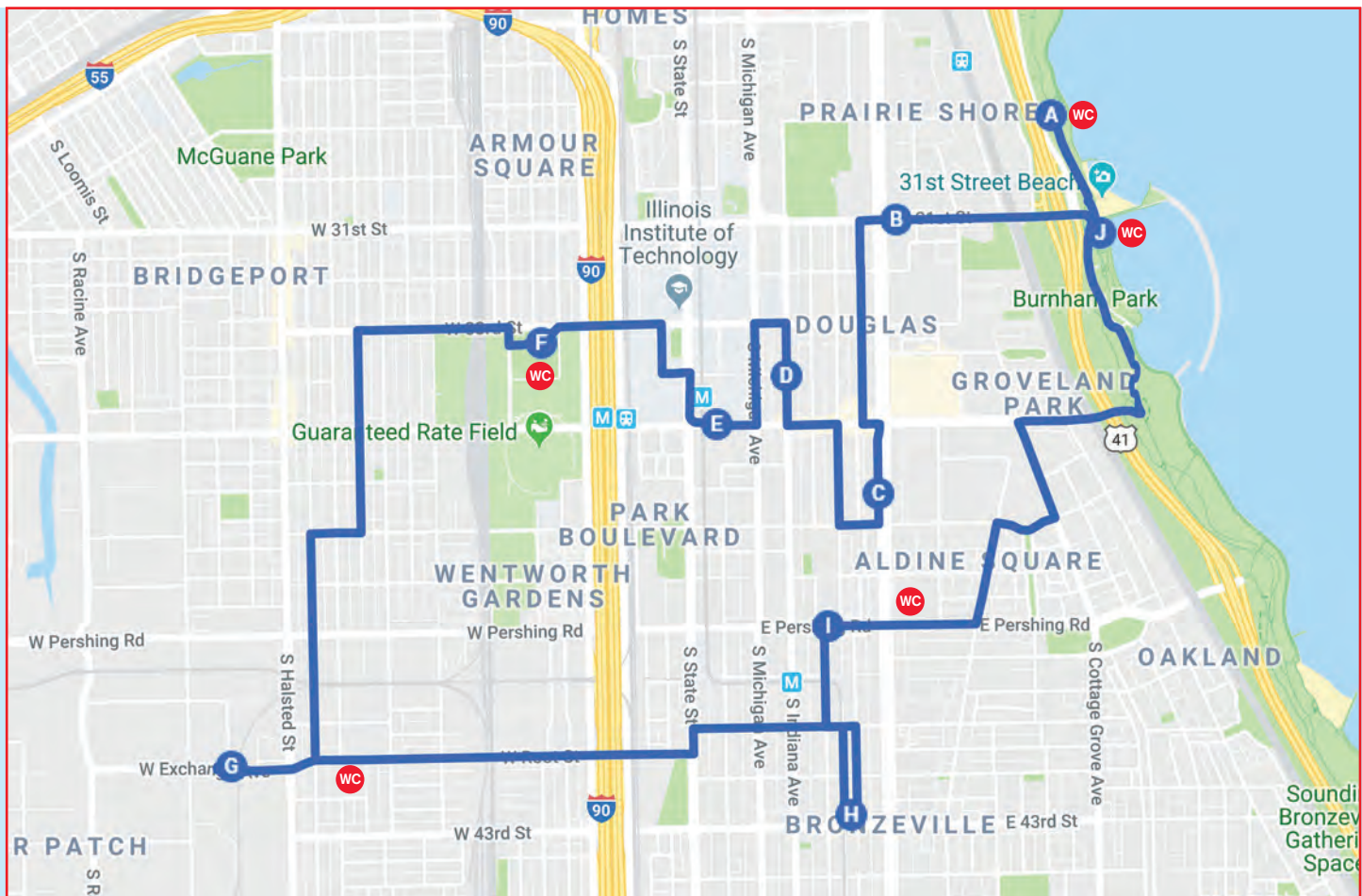
- Bike helmets are required for all riders.
- Riders must be age 12 or older.
- All riders must register and sign a liability waiver; 12- to 17-year-olds must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- All participants should be in the appropriate physical condition to bike 10 miles. The support van is for emergencies.
- Each bike should have at least one water bottle for hydration.
- Bicycles must be tuned up in advance and will be checked by bike marshals prior to the ride.

Chicago 1919: Confronting the Race Riots is a year-long initiative to heighten the 1919 Chicago race riots in the city's collective memory, engaging Chicagoans in public conversations about the legacy of the most violent week in Chicago history. Learn more: chicago1919.org

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Route Map and Stops

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| A: Start – 500 yards north of 31st Street WC | F: Armour Square Park WC |
| B: Olivet Baptist Church | G: Union Stockyards Gate |
| C: Ida B. Wells-Barnett House | H: The Forum, Bronzeville |
| D: Bombing at 3365 S. Indiana Avenue | I: Wendell Phillips High School |
| E: DeLaSalle Institute and Angelus Building | J: End: 31st Street Beach WC |

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