



AIRDRIE TO OLDS



The MS Bike tour is a pledge-based fundraising event hosted by the MS Society of Canada, that provides Canadians with the opportunity to ride through scenic and often spectacular parts of the country. The event, held annually, takes place between Airdrie and Olds, Alberta. Cyclists start in the City of Airdrie, ride to Fairview Colony, Crossfield, Carstairs, Didsbury and then to Olds. The participants stay overnight in Olds enjoying beer gardens, dinner celebrations and a live band on Saturday afternoon. After a hot breakfast on Sunday morning, they ride their bicycles back, and cross the finish-line in Airdrie as friends and family cheer them on.

The MS Society of Canada has a high commitment to the safety of all participants, volunteers and staff and we are continually striving to ensure all of those involved adhere to safety rules during the MS Bike tour. We are seeking strong cyclists to act as bike marshals at this year's ride. Bike marshals will ride alongside cyclists and are expected to maintain cyclist safety and etiquette throughout the route. This may include encouraging cyclists who may appear to be struggling to use our safety transportation or first aid if they need it.

A basic knowledge of bike mechanics and first aid is required. Bike marshals are not required to fundraise nor pay a registration fee, however to apply, you will register in the event as a 'Virtual Rider' at www.msbike.ca. All bike marshals will be required to attend the Safety Meeting on Wednesday June 19th at 6pm at the MS Society Calgary office.

Event Dates: Saturday, June 22 & Sunday, June 23, 2019

Tour Start/Finish Location: TransCanada Turbines in Airdrie (998 Hamilton Boulevard Northeast, Airdrie, AB)

Tour Start Times: 8:00 a.m. on Saturday/9:00 a.m. on Sunday

Tour Distance: 87km each day

Expected Participants: Saturday, June 22: 600 Sunday, June 23: 600

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About Multiple Sclerosis and the MS Society of Canada

Canada has the highest rate of multiple sclerosis in the world. MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system comprising the brain, spinal cord and optic nerve. It is one of the most common neurological diseases affecting young adults in Canada. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40, and the unpredictable effects of MS last for the rest of their lives. The MS Society provides services to people with MS and their families and funds research to find the cause and cure for this disease. For more information about the MS Society of Canada visit www.mssociety.ca