

Port Dover Day Planner

Your first Friday the 13th, in the order the day happens

The Week Before

- 1 Check the event site for the traffic plan**
Road closures and bike parking change from date to date.
- 2 Look the bike over**
Tires, brakes, clutch, coolant. A slow stop-and-go approach is hard on all of them.
- 3 Fuel up the night before**
Stations near town are the busiest in the province that morning.
- 4 Pack for the lake, not the forecast**
Layers on an autumn or winter date; sun protection in summer.

The Morning

- 1 Leave before sunrise**
The main approach becomes a parade by mid-morning.
- 2 Consider the side roads in**
Jarvis, Simcoe or Waterford bring you in from a quieter direction.
- 3 Ride it as a group ride**
Staggered formation, full following distance, no passing in a line of bikes.

In Town

- 1 Follow the marshals, not the GPS**
Park where you are directed and photograph the corner.
- 2 Lock the bike**
A disc lock and a spot in sight of the crowd.
- 3 Walk the street once before buying anything**
Then find the pier and watch the bikes come in.
- 4 Stay dry all day**
The ride home is the risky half of the day.

The Ride Home

- 1 Leave before the crowd, or well after**
Mid-afternoon is when the whole town points north at once.
- 2 On a winter date, be moving by early afternoon**
Sunset comes early and the temperature drops with it.

Ask your broker whether your policy or a roadside plan includes towing.

Ride with confidence, and see you on the next thirteenth.

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