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## **OK Freewheel Reveals the Route for its 2015 Tour Across Oklahoma**

Tulsa, OK, 1/22/2015 — OK Freewheel, Inc. is pleased to announce the route for its 2015 cross-state bicycle tour. Speaking at the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, Executive Director Trevor Steward made the much-anticipated route announcement to a group of new and experienced OK Freewheel riders. The 2015 tour will start June 7 and conclude June 13.

Instead of the usual south-to-north route, OK Freewheel participants will be treated to a mostly west-to-east route across the southern portion of Oklahoma. On June 7 riders will start their weeklong event in Hollis. Located in the southwestern corner of Oklahoma, Hollis is best known for being a close-knit cotton-growing community. From Hollis, riders will ride to Frederick, best known for the Hackberry Flat Wetlands, the Pioneer Heritage Town site Museum, and being the hometown of the Abernathy Boys.

From Frederick, the riders will take in the beautiful scenery of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge on their way to Elgin. The Elgin community prides itself on having a high quality of life while retaining its small town values. From Elgin, the tour continues on to Lindsay, which is known for its Brick Main Street with numerous businesses and their historic Santa Fe Railroad Depot. From Lindsay, the tour heads to Ada, home to East Central University and headquarters of the Chickasaw Nation. Ada will also host this year's fast-paced and exciting Speedwheel Criterium bicycle race.

From Ada, the tour heads to McAlester. Known as the home base of several noted American politicians, McAlester is the largest city in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. After a night in McAlester, the tour makes its way to Poteau, the home to Carl Albert State College and Cavanal Hill, The "World's Highest Hill". The final day of the 2015 OK Freewheel tour takes riders across the Oklahoma-Arkansas border into Fort Smith, AR, the second-largest city in Arkansas and home of the Fort Smith National Historic Site and Belle Grove Historic District.

OK Freewheel also announced the addition of a gravel route option at this year's tour. Believed to be the first ever organized gravel tour, the gravel route will closely follow the road route while giving participants a very different view of Oklahoma.

The participants of OK Freewheel typically travel about 500 miles to complete the cross-state tour.

Oklahoma Freewheel's mission is to promote and strengthen cycling tourism in Oklahoma. For more information on this great ride and to register, go to [www.okfreewheel.com](http://www.okfreewheel.com).

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