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Bike Club, Ozark Greenways Host "Wildflower Ride"

The Polk County Bike Club and Ozark Greenways will host the second annual "Wildflower Ride" on the Frisco Highline Trail on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 4. This National Recreation Trail crosses 16 historic railroad bridges and cuts through the middle of beautiful native La Petit Gem Prairie - in full June bloom - at mile marker 32!

Several ride length options are available, including the popular Wildflower Century Ride (62 miles), starting at 8 a.m. from Bolivar Middle School, heading to Willard and back. Estimated time of last riders returning to Bolivar is 4 p.m. Registration is required, with a donation of $25 until May 31, or $30 on event day starting at 7 a.m. Registration is available through Active.com. Rest-stops will be positioned along the trail, but this is a self-supported ride, so flats and such will need to be fixed by rider or skilled riding partner. All proceeds go to the Frisco Highline Trail maintenance fund, being held at the Bolivar Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Ozark Greenways will host a rest stop at the Willard Trailhead from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The public is also invited to ride from any of the five trailheads at any distance they'd like, with no registration or fee, but donations are welcomed. Special discounted memberships to Ozark Greenways will be available in honor of the organization's 20th anniversary. They'll be highlighting the popular newly paved Springfield to Willard eight-mile section.

Event sponsors include: Citizens Memorial Healthcare, Kemp Family Eye Care, Joyce Brush Company, Edward Jones - Bolivar, Polk County Home Inspection Service, Southwest Electric Cooperative, John Hoffman – CPA, Cindy Elliott - LMT.

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