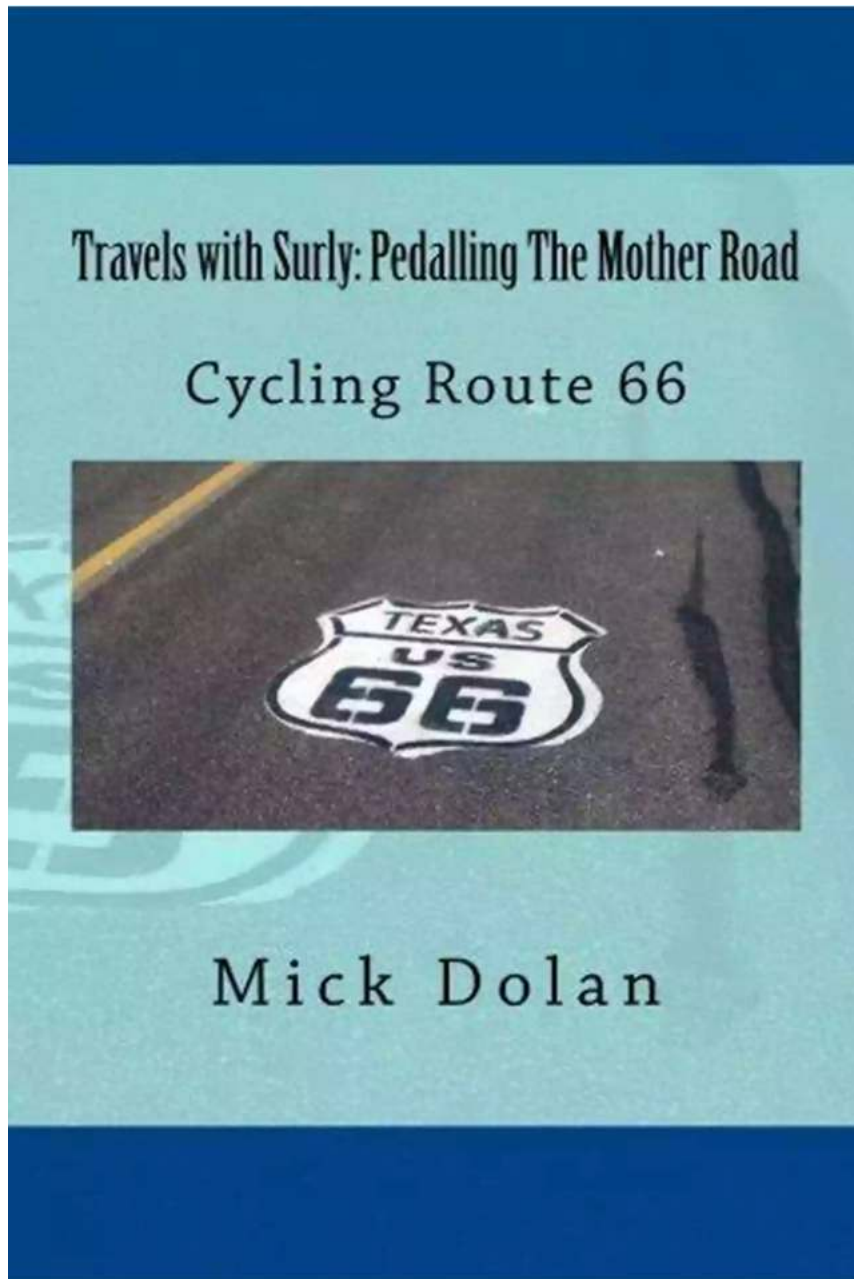


Solo Unsupported Cycle Of Route 66: A Journey of Adventure and Self-Discovery



Embarking on a solo unsupported cycle journey is not for the faint-hearted. It requires guts, determination, and a thirst for adventure. And when the route in question is none other than the iconic Route 66, the experience becomes even more awe-inspiring.

What is Route 66?

Route 66, often referred to as the "Mother Road," is a historic highway in the United States, stretching from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California. It holds a special place in American popular culture, symbolizing the freedom and possibilities of the open road.



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The Challenge of a Solo Unsupported Cycle

Undertaking a solo unsupported cycle involves cycling a long distance armed with only your bike, necessary supplies, and determination. Unlike supported expeditions where teams provide assistance and logistics, a solo unsupported cycle puts you in complete charge of your journey. This freedom to explore and overcome challenges on your own is what makes it so enticing.

Planning the Journey

Planning a solo unsupported cycle of Route 66 requires meticulous preparation. From knowing the distances between towns and availability of food and water to understanding weather conditions and potential hazards, every detail must be considered.

The Joy of Self-Reliance

When you set off on a solo unsupported cycle of Route 66, you rely solely on yourself. Your bike becomes your best friend, and the open road your companion. You learn to embrace solitude and appreciate the beauty of self-sufficiency. Navigating the deserts, small towns, and vast open landscapes of Route 66 will push you to your limits, but the sense of accomplishment is incomparable.

Discovering Hidden Gems

Route 66 takes you through a myriad of fascinating towns and cities, each with its own unique story. From the bustling streets of Chicago to the glitz and glamour of Los Angeles, you will encounter people from different walks of life and immerse yourself in the rich culture and history of America.

Dealing with Adversities

As with any adventure, a solo unsupported cycle comes with its fair share of challenges. From harsh weather conditions to mechanical failures, you will face obstacles that test your resilience. But it is in these moments of adversity that you discover your true strength and determination.

Lessons of Self-Discovery

Cycling solo and unsupported along Route 66 offers a unique opportunity for self-reflection and introspection. The long stretches of road provide a canvas for deep contemplation, allowing you to explore your thoughts, dreams, and aspirations. You may even uncover hidden talents and strengths you never knew existed.

Creating Lasting Memories

A solo unsupported cycle of Route 66 is not just an adventure; it is an experience that will stay with you for a lifetime. The friendships forged with strangers along the way, the breathtaking sunsets witnessed, and the moments of self-discovery become cherished memories that shape the person you are.

The End of the Road

As you approach the end of your solo unsupported cycle of Route 66, a mix of emotions floods in. The joy of accomplishment, the bittersweet feeling of saying goodbye to the road, and the anticipation of embracing the next chapter of your life mingle together. It is a poignant moment that marks the end of an extraordinary journey.

A solo unsupported cycle of Route 66 is not just a physical adventure; it is a journey of self-discovery, resilience, and personal growth. It allows you to push your limits, embrace the beauty of solitude, and immerse yourself in the rich cultural tapestry of the United States. So, if you are ready for the adventure of a lifetime, hop on your bicycle and embark on the transformative journey along the Mother Road.



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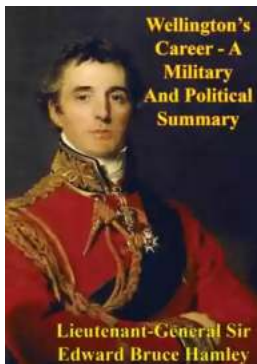
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Route 66 conjures up images of freedom, the open road and the opening up of the West. It served as the backdrop for John Steinbeck's major work, *The Grapes of Wrath* in which the Joad family, forced to leave their land in the Dust Bowl, made their way to California. This 2,400-mile route, almost killed off by the Interstates, continues to survive through the work of local historical groups, dedicated enthusiasts and through the support of those in search of adventure. This is the story of my unsupported cycle, over thirty-seven days in the summer of 2016, from Chicago to Santa Monica.



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