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Bikepacking adventures in the Great Lakes State



My presentation will delve into the exciting world of Bikepacking and all of the great areas to explore in Michigan. Bikepacking is a great way to explore the back roads, trails and greenways here in the Great Lakes state. I'll share a fun short story about the Michigan Off-Road Expedition Route and talk about resources and ideas for adventures by bike.

My entire life currently revolves around bicycles. From being a professional athlete to co-owning one of the world's largest gravel road races i cover nearly every facet of the cycling world. I ride for Salsa Cycles and 45NRTH and aid in new product development along with product testing. I spend many weeks on the road every year training, exploring and adventuring by bike all over the world. My love for biking goes back as long as i can remember and i enjoy being an integral part of the cycling community in the Midwest. I developed the Michigan Off-Road Expedition which traverses over 1,000 miles from the Indiana border to Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park as a premier bikepacking route in the Midwest. I've also contributed hundreds of routes for other cycling events, personal use and public use to share all that Michigan has to offer.

Check out the QAS Grand Prize Turf Raffle and go bikepacking!

