

WELCOME TO FLORENCE!

The City of Florence was founded as a railroad town in the early 1870's and is located at the intersection of US Highways 50 and 77. You may remember seeing the unique water tower that proclaims, "99.96% Pure Spring Water". This is still true today as Florence receives its water from "Crystal Springs" which are the most prolific springs in the State of Kansas. Florence is bounded on the east by the Cottonwood River and on the south by Doyle Creek. The city reached its peak population of 2,000 - 3,000 in the 1920's and now boasts a population of nearly 700.

Florence is also known for its limestone rock. There are multiple quarries around Florence (some now abandoned) where the limestone is harvested for gravel and large rocks for landscaping. There is a particular layer of limestone known by geologists nation wide as the "Florence" layer. Evidence of our "Rocky" foundation can be seen as visitors enter town on 5th street. Even more can be witnessed on Circle Drive and Grandview Park.

We hope that you will enjoy biking into the scenic Flint hills as spring arrives on the prairie. Much of the Flint hills will have been scorched by open range burning in April. The area ranchers continue the tradition of burning the prairie as Mother Nature did to control weed and tree populations in the grazing land. The ravenous flames can blacken the landscape in an instant, but just as quickly the spring rains turn the rolling hills to emerald green as the native bluestem and Indian grasses surge back to life.

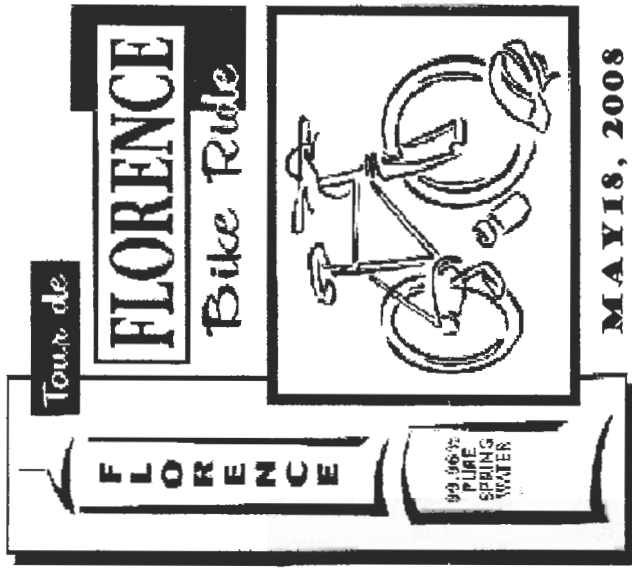
The Tour de Florence helps support the Florence Labor Day Celebration, which has been a tradition for the past 70 years. This is a 3-day festival featuring such events as a parade, street dance, Mountain Man Rendezvous, car show, art & craft fair, soap box derby, gospel concert, city wide garage sales, pinewood derby, numerous children's games, and lots of food. This year featuring a concert with the Diamond W Wranglers and Michael Martin Murphey!

Please remember us on Labor Day Weekend and bring all of your friends!

www.florenceks.com



Tour de Florence
P.O. Box 12
Florence, KS 66851



TOUR DE FLORENCE MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE 2008

**SUNDAY, MAY 18
FLORENCE, KANSAS**

ENTRY FORM

Name _____
E-Mail Address _____
Address _____

City _____ ST _____
Zip _____ Age _____

DOB _____

(If Under 18 Years Old) Parent or

Guardian: _____

Phone Number Day _____

Night _____

Ride registration: \$30 each person
Cost includes full SAG support and food at finish.

Total registration: \$ _____

Total T-shirt order: _____
(40-mile riders only add \$ for add'l shirts)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail this form along with

Check or MO payable to: Tour de Florence

P.O. Box 12

Florence, KS 66851

Please mail registration to us before May 10th.

Late registration is \$5 extra.

A little rain won't affect it, but in case of cancellation due to extreme weather conditions (lightning, tornado), this fee will not be refunded to you but will be considered a donation to our organization and will be highly appreciated, and you will still be mailed your T-shirt.



THE LEGAL STUFF

Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement must be read, understood, agreed to, and signed. In Consideration of the acceptance for entry in the Tour de Florence (hereinafter "event") I hereby freely agree to and make the following contractual representations and agreements. I acknowledge that cycling is an inherently dangerous sport and fully realize the dangers of participating in any bicycle-related activity and FULLY ASSUME THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PARTICIPATION, by way of example, and not limitation, the following: physical and mental injury, emotional distress; illness, death, contact with pedestrians, vehicles, and other bicyclists, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, collision with fixed objects, and the effects of weather. I acknowledge all risks and I shall assume and pay my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of injury or other incapacity. I hereby waive, release and discharge for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns, all claims, damages or expenses accrued to me against the sponsors, organizers, promoting organizations, approving authorities, property owners, law enforcement agencies, all public entities, volunteers, directors, promoters, facilitators, participants, and all other parties involved with this event through or by which the event will be held for any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of my participation in or association with the event, or travel to or return from the event. I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with all courses and special regulations of the event, and my ability level. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the event and I must continually ride so as to neither endanger others nor myself. I accept full responsibility for the condition and adequacy of the equipment that I use. I agree, for my successors and myself. That the above representation are contractually binding and are not mere recitals, and that should I or my successors assert my claim in contravention of this agreement, I or my successors shall be liable for the expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the party or parties in defending. This agreement may not be modified orally.

Signature _____
Date _____

Parent or guardian of a minor: I, as a parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby agree on behalf of my child or ward to the terms of the above.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date _____

**REMEMBER YOUR
HELMETS!!**

THEY ARE REQUIRED!

SUNDAY MAY 18

When: Come early, the 40-mile ride starts at 8:30am (and there is a shorter cutoff option for anyone interested)

Where: Show up at Grandview Park (SW corner of town, south of Town & Country off of Highway 77) to check in and get your packet, or for you procrastinators, you still have to register.

Food: Food & drinks will be provided.
Full SAG support will be available along the route.

For more information:
e-mail Tour@florenceks.com
visit www.florenceks.com
or call 620-878-4217

There is a city map on the Florence website which will show the location of the park.

More registration forms are available for download at www.florenceks.com click on "Events"

TOUR DE FLORENCE T-SHIRTS

Our excellent souvenir T-shirts are included in the registration fee for the 40-mile ride.

Otherwise, they are available for \$10 each and will be picked up when you arrive to check in.

(Please indicate size and # of shirts below)

Youth 10-12 _____ Youth 14-16 _____
Small _____ Medium _____
Large _____ X-Large _____

Also available if preferred, 2XL and 3XL for \$13 each.

2XL _____ 3XL _____
Total T-Shirt Order \$ _____