



Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska

June 7 – 13, 2026

Valentine • Springview • Spencer • Verdigre • Crofton • Wayne • Oakland • Arlington

IMPORTANT Bus Transportation & Bicycle Loading Instructions

Please carefully read the information below. It contains **important instructions** to help us efficiently load your bicycles, baggage, and passengers on **Saturday morning, June 6, 2026**.



Bus Departure Details

- **Departure Time:** 8:00 AM sharp on Saturday, June 6, 2026
- **Location:** Washington County Fairgrounds, 23656 US-30, Arlington, NE 68002 (Just west of Arlington on Highway 30.)
- **Bus Seating:** There are no assigned seat(s) and please don't load bus till you've checked in with BRAN personnel

The bus will take you from **Arlington (the end town)** to **Valentine (the start town)**, where BRAN 44 begins.



There will be no return bus to Valentine at the end of the ride. Please plan accordingly.



Arrival Time & Bike Check – Saturday, June 6th

Please arrive between **6:30 AM and 7:00 AM** to allow time for:

- Tagging your bike
- Assisting with loading your bike onto the transport trailer
-  **Do not leave** until a **Pork Belly Ventures** volunteer confirms your bike is properly loaded
- Loading your baggage onto the bus

- Checking in with BRAN staff (especially if parking a vehicle)
- ➤ Please bring your **signed vehicle parking waiver**



Early Bike Drop-Off Option – Friday, June 5

To help reduce congestion Saturday morning, you may **preload your bike** on Friday evening:

- **Date: Friday, June 5**
- **Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**
- **Location: Washington County Fairgrounds, 23656 US-30, Arlington, NE**

Pork Belly Ventures staff will be available to assist with bike loading during this time.



Vehicle Parking in Arlington

If you are leaving a vehicle in Arlington during BRAN:

- You **must check in** with BRAN staff before departure
- Fill out and turn in the **attached vehicle parking waiver**
- BRAN staff will verify your name before you board the bus



Camping & Overnight Options – Friday, June 5

You are welcome to camp overnight at **Washington County Fair Grounds: 23656 US-30, Arlington NE 68002**

- Tent camping: **Space will be designated**
- Campers/RVs: **Space will be designated**
- Toilets will be available in the shower building

Dining Note:



Casey's is located on the south side of Hwy 30 near entrance to fairgrounds



Bike Transport Instructions from Pork Belly Ventures

We are no longer requiring boxed bikes for transport.

Most bikes will be **hung by one wheel** and secured with bungee cords in our semis.

If you want to protect your bike, please take precautions to protect it:

- Use **pipe insulation** on top tube, down tube, seat tube, fork, and chain stays

- Cover your **rear derailleur** and other fragile components
- **Remove bike computers, lights, and accessories**

We will also accommodate:

- **Boxed bikes**
- **Tandems**
- **Recumbents**
- *(Please notify us in advance if you plan to bring one.)*



Important for Carbon Wheels

If your bike has **carbon wheels**, you **must notify the crew** when dropping it off.

You will receive an **additional handlebar tag** labeled:

"Carbon Wheels – Do Not Hang"

Note:

Bikes will be loaded in the condition in which they arrive.

Pork Belly Ventures assumes no responsibility for damage to unboxed bikes.

Questions about bike transport?

Contact **Wes Helms** at Pork Belly Ventures: helmswesley@yahoo.com

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us make **BRAN 44** a smooth and successful event.

Safe travels—we'll see you on the road!

Warm regards,

The BRAN Team

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