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MILWAUKEE GEARS UP FOR RENEW WISCONSIN BICYCLE TOUR
September 29 event to highlight area renewable energy projects.

Madison, WI - On Saturday, September 29th, RENEW Wisconsin will host its 6th annual "Ride with RENEW" bicycle tour of renewable energy projects, with this year's ride taking place in Milwaukee, WI. All event proceeds support RENEW Wisconsin's ongoing work to advance renewable energy in Wisconsin.

Riders will travel approximately 25 miles on paved roads and bike paths to visit innovative wind, solar, geothermal, and biogas energy generation facilities in Milwaukee. The total tour time will be approximately 6 hours (including stops at renewable energy sites) and actual riding time will be 2 to 3 hours.

Participants will get an inside look at some of the area's leading renewable energy projects and will enjoy breakfast, lunch, and beverages along the way. They will visit with installers and workers who are advancing renewable energy every day, and hear from customers about why clean energy works for their pocketbooks and their businesses.



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The day's tour will include:

- Gather at **Ingeteam** parking lot a 9:00 a.m. departure. – Ingeteam has a LEED Gold, 138,000 square foot industrial facility and is a leading manufacturer of wind and solar energy products.
- **Milwaukee Public Museum** - MPM features 234 solar panels on its south-facing tower wall. The panels are linked to a kiosk located on the ground floor that provides near-real-time data on the energy generated by the panels.
- **Discovery World Science and Technology Center** - This is a youth-oriented science and technology museum and aquarium in downtown Milwaukee featuring geothermal heating and cooling.
- **Port of Milwaukee Wind Turbine** - The City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO) and the Port of Milwaukee partnered to install a 100 kilowatt wind turbine at the Port. Installed by

Kettle View Renewable Energy, the turbine provides more than 100 percent of the electricity needed by the Port administration building.

- **Escuela Verde** – This public charter school designed to support students interested in sustainability, student-led learning, and restorative justice, was a recipient of a 2017 [Solar for Good](#) grant. In 2018, 60 solar panels were installed by SunVest and Current Electric on the roof of the school.
- **School Sisters of Saint Francis** - The Milwaukee branch of the School Sisters of Saint Francis partnered with Arch Electric to install 1,086 solar panels on the rooftop of the St. Francis Sacred Heart building in 2017. Producing 375 kilowatts of solar, the solar array is able to help offset more than 12 percent of the electricity consumed at the Sacred Heart facility.
- **Potawatomi Biodigester** - This waste-to-energy project converts waste materials generated by the food and beverage industries to electricity. The electricity produced is sold to WE Energies as renewable energy.
- The ride will conclude at City Lights Brewery for refreshments at around 4:00 p.m.



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[Registration for the ride is open](#) through September 28th. The cost is \$40 for members of RENEW Wisconsin, \$50 for non-members, and \$70 to both register for the ride and become a member of the organization for one year. All donations to RENEW Wisconsin for this charity bike ride are matched up to \$15,000 by generous donors John & Mary Frantz of Madison!

Individuals and businesses can [donate to RENEW Wisconsin](#) or [in support of a rider](#), [sign on as an event sponsor](#), or [volunteer on ride day](#).

“We are very excited to tour some of Milwaukee’s best renewable energy projects on Saturday, September 29th,” said Tyler Huebner, Executive Director of RENEW Wisconsin. “This tour allows us to showcase a variety of ways to produce homegrown, clean energy right here in Wisconsin including wind, solar, and even food waste. This is a really fun event where you can meet great people, help a good cause, and learn together about clean energy in Wisconsin.”

Sponsors of the Event include **Arch Electric, HGA, SunVest, Bounce Milwaukee, Discovery World, Milwaukee County, Summit Credit Union, SunPeak, UW Engineering Professional Development, Current Electric, H&H, Milwaukee Shines, Wegner CPAs, and Open Circle Unitarian Church – Fond du Lac.**

There is still time to sponsor if your business or organization wishes to do so.

About RENEW Wisconsin

RENEW Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization promoting renewable energy in Wisconsin. We work on policies and programs that support solar power, wind power, biogas, local hydropower, and geothermal energy systems. More information on RENEW’s website: www.renewwisconsin.org.