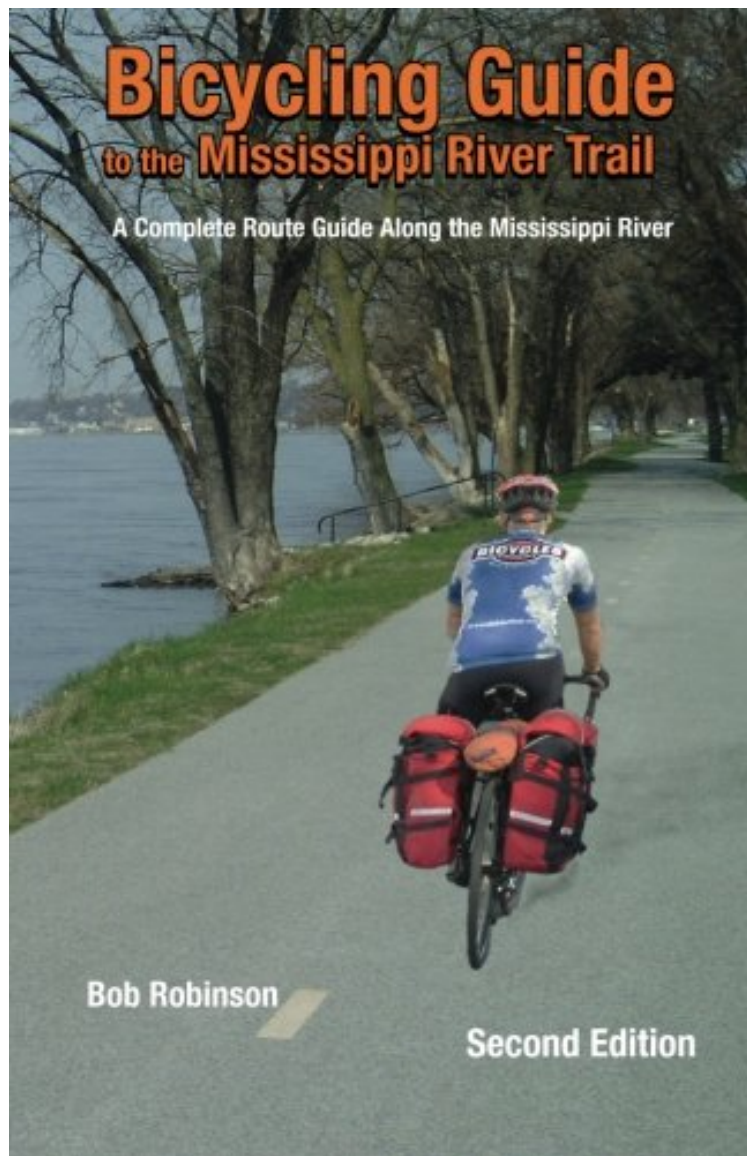


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Decent first draft  
By Sig  
After reading through this book (using it to help plan a fall ride) I think most of the text is fine but the books layout leaves a lot to be desired. The Maps of a section are at the end instead of at the beginning which is awkward. Many times the beginning text of a section faces the map from a previous section which is confusing. Also, in the mileage charts, the author shows the mileage to turns but doesn't seem to indicate mileage to the campgrounds along the route... so it's impossible to figure out how long your day will be without additional resources. Being familiar with some of the route this book has you take, yes the roads are crummy but thats what you get when the US has a history of not bothering to invest in roads that are safe for all legitimate road users.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars  
By Kenneth E Sala Jr  
Great guide  
7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The book is pretty good, but the trail is not great  
By M. Heldt  
Hey, this is important! The book says turn left on 77 to get to the Dorena ferry. TURN RIGHT! If you turn left there is a whole lot of nothing. This is a great guide for the Missouri section of the Mississippi River Trail (though understand you will never actually see the river south of St. Louis), but once you get into Tennessee the directions become pretty annoying, as you are led block by block through neighborhoods (some with unmarked streets) and down long stretches of Highway 51, which is not ideal. It is not the book's fault, but there is not a really great way to get through Tennessee by bike. There are better long rides. Also, the trail in Missouri is often on state highways with no shoulders. The drivers are usually friendly enough, but I did encounter a little hostility along the way.

New 2nd edition, published April 29, 2013. From Itasca State Park in Minnesota, to the southernmost point in Louisiana, on the Gulf of Mexico, Bob Robinson guides you along the designated route of the Mississippi River Trail, turn by turn. The Mississippi River Trail follows the mighty rivers 2500-mile journey across Americas heartland. Whether you are planning to cycle the entire trail or looking for a weekend adventure, this guidebook includes the services, route directions, bike shops, and maps you need to plan your adventure. The narration accompanying each section of the guidebook includes points of interest and history of the area. Many of the quaint picturesque communities along the Mississippi River have long been popular destinations for travelers, and are well equipped to accommodate their needs. All services have been verified and updated in this new edition, along with over 600 additional miles of new MRT routes. So grab your bike and get prepared for the adventure of your life!

About the Author  
Bob Robinson has been an avid cyclist for over 30 years. During this period he has raced both road and mountain bicycles, organized races for both road and mountain bicycles, built numerous mountain bicycle trails, served as cycling club president, organized bicycle tours, and worked as a committee member for the National Trails Symposium. He strongly believes in actively supporting interests that he participates in. After preparing the original version of the MRT guidebook, researching the second edition, and just touring for the fun of it, Bob has ridden the entire route on one occasion and most sections on several occasions. When asked which section of the route is his favorite his response is always Whatever section I am currently riding. Bob currently lives in Fort Smith, Arkansas, within a short distance to the Ozark Mountains and the Ouachita Mountains. He is an active member of the Ozark Highlands Trail Association and the Friends of the Ouachita Trail organization. Bob looks forward to meeting cyclists, and sharing stories with them around the campfire during future rides along the Mississippi River Trail, as well as while riding on other tours.