EMPIRE STATE RIDE
TO END CANCER

Empire State Ride Facts and Impact

Why We Ride: Empire State Ride is more than an adventure; it's a chance to raise funds that advance cancer research from the seat of your bike.

About ESR: Seven days. 500+ miles. One mission. Founded in 2014 by Terry Bourgeois, Empire State Ride is a well-supported weeklong cycling fundraiser with a mission to end cancer. The event fuels cutting-edge cancer research at America's first cancer center dedicated to research, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, based in Buffalo, New York. Funds raised through Empire State Ride ultimately make a worldwide impact.

When and Where: This annual event will take place July 26 – August 2, 2025, starting in New York City and ending in Niagara Falls, taking riders across the beautiful landscape of New York State.

Participants: ESR draws nearly 300 participants from 28 states and with 13,422 donations from 50 states, two U.S. territories, Washington DC, four Canadian provinces and 32 additional countries. This ride brings people together to celebrate survivors, pay tribute to those we've lost and share in the passion that connects us all: finding cancer cures.

The Impact: Local Impact, Global Reach

- Proceeds from Empire State Ride are used to fund research grants and clinical trials at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- One of the latest clinical trials Roswell Park is leading is SurVaxM, an innovative brain cancer vaccine that's bringing hope to individuals battling some of the most aggressive forms of brain cancer.
- Pioneering cancer researchers at Roswell Park also helped bring about the first FDA-approved cellular therapies to incorporate adoptive cell transfer: CAR T-cell therapy. They are now developing novel uses for CAR T-cell therapy, enhancing scientific discoveries that can change the way we treat cancer.
- Donations fund research and generate advancements that have the potential to impact lives globally. Through regional, national and global collaboration, the funds that come to Roswell Park go into efforts that will change the way we prevent, diagnose and treat cancers of all kinds, everywhere.

Roswell Park has the best and brightest researchers and doctors who have come from around the globe to dedicate their life to studying and treating cancer. Donations to Roswell Park through Empire State Ride enable breakthrough cancer discoveries and bring new treatments from the bench (lab) to the bedside (patients). When studies bring incredible discoveries (as they often do), research leaves the lab and enters the realm of clinical trials which expand to reach patients everywhere.

We're proud to say that for every dollar donated to cancer research, **Roswell Park is now able to leverage an additional $23 from external grants toward that research.** This is thanks to the support of ESR and the hard work of Roswell Park researchers.