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## **Ride explores Jesse James' escape route**

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Motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to the "Outlaw Run" to ride the Jesse James gang's escape route in Northfield at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Jesse and Frank James and the Younger Brothers attempted to rob First National Bank in Northfield on Sept. 7, 1876. But the townspeople rounded up their firearms and fought back, killing two outlaws while the others escaped. The townspeople then hunted down the gang, capturing the gang outside of Madelia, Minn. Jesse and Frank were the only two who escaped.

Now, riders will be able to saddle up their motorcycles and follow part of the route used by the gang in their ill-fated robbery attempt. There will also be an opportunity to take the museum tour and see a re-enactment by Northfield's James-Younger gang on the street.

The bikers will then take to the Outlaw Trail, reliving the largest U.S. manhunt of its time. The group will then return to Northfield for food and drinks.

The event costs \$20 and includes a T-shirt. Proceeds will benefit the Northfield Historical Society youth groups.