About The Great March For Climate Action
The goal of the Great March for Climate Action is to change the heart and mind of the American people, our elected leaders and people across the world to act now to address the climate crisis. The Great March for Climate Action is a mobile community marching nearly 3,000 miles from Los Angeles, California to Washington DC, from March 1 to November 1, 2014.

How do I join?
To apply to march for any duration, complete the Marcher Application at ClimateMarch.org, email march@climatemarch.org, or call 513-5-WE-WALK (513-593-9255).

“Virtual Marchers” can participate, too. See http://www.ClimateMarch.org for volunteer opportunities and ways to donate. Opportunities to volunteer are also posted to a Facebook group called Marchers & Virtual Marchers.

If you are curious about following the marchers’ progress, visit our Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/ClimateMarch. Twitter users can follow us on Twitter at @ClimateMarch, http://www.twitter.com/ClimateMarch, and through #climatemarch and #cmday*, e.g. #cmday23 for day 23 of the March.

Where is the March traveling?

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Why March?
Historically, marches have been critical catalysts for mobilizing mass movements of people on behalf of peace, justice, equality and political reform. Coincidentally perhaps, the great marches of the last century started in the month of March.

- On March 3, 1913, the 5,000-strong Women's Suffrage March in Washington, DC, became a turning point in efforts to gain women the right to vote.
- On March 12, 1930, the 240-mile Salt March led by Mahatma Gandhi proved to be a significant milestone in India's struggle for independence, leading to the Round Table Conference in London later that year.
- On March 25, 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the five-day march for voting rights from Selma to Montgomery, AL. The march marked a critical step in the civil rights struggle, culminating in the Voting Rights Act later that year.
- On March 1, 1986, the Great Peace March helped mobilize public support for key peace initiatives, including a ban on nuclear testing in 1996 and the American-Soviet Peace Walks.

Philosophy and Governance
The March seeks to build the broadest possible public consensus and is focused strictly on the climate crisis. While marchers have their own personal stories and perspectives, each is committed to sharing the core message, calling for immediate action on the climate crisis.

The March is governed through a “city council” of marchers elected by marchers. At times the entire marcher community meets in a “town meeting” where a simple majority vote rules decision-making.

Marchers are expected to adhere to a strict code of non-violence according to the principles employed by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi. Non-violence training was provided at the start of the March.

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Great March For Climate Action
Take Action On Climate Change
The goal of the Great March for Climate Action is to change the mass consciousness of the people of the earth to take action against the climate crisis. There are hundreds of ways to be more sustainable. There are hundreds of organizations that support this. Pick the actions that best resonate with you, and live it.

Spread the word

· Speak up about the climate crisis to your friends and family – don’t be afraid to connect the dots!
· Use social media. Remember the hashtags! #climatemarch #climatechange #climate #green #sustainability
· Host a climate information slideshow. Climate Leaders from the Climate Reality Project will present their slideshow to all kinds of groups. Request a presentation online at www.ClimateRealityProject.org.

Engage with anyone in a position to enact change
Write, email and call our leaders. They have the power to turn our economy away from one driven by fossil fuels to one driven by clean energy. This is something that we all can get behind. You don’t need to have all the answers. Encourage our leaders to focus on solving this crisis. It can be as simple as that!

Conserve at home

· Contact your local electric utility to learn about energy-saving and renewable energy programs or visit http://energy.gov/savings for tax credit, rebate and savings information from the Department of Energy.
· Have a solar energy assessment done to determine if your property is right for generating solar energy. There are reputable programs out there that help you add solar panels to your roof at reduced or no cost. The research is easy!

Get Involved! Join a group that is committed to solving the climate crisis
Find a climate action group that fits your views and personality! There are many local groups throughout the country that you can find by searching online. These are just a few of the national groups that probably have local chapters near you. (If you don’t find a local chapter, then work with the national group to start one!) What suits your climate action personality?

Want to change laws?
Check out Citizens Climate Lobby at http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org. The lobby offers a free introductory call each week where you can learn more about how they are taking action and how you can join them in their efforts.

Want to be on the front lines speaking out?
Check out 350.org. Many of the people you see protesting things like the KeystoneXL Pipeline are these folks!

Want to help educate others?
Connect with The Climate Reality Project. Request a climate presentation or register for Climate Leader training at www.ClimateRealityProject.org.

Get published
Letters to the Editor reach the public, but elected officials read them, too– so speak up! If your first letter isn’t published, then keep writing! Your hometown newspaper is a great start, but don’t limit yourself.

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Great March For Climate Action
Climate March Q & A

Q: Can I march part-time?
A: Absolutely. Marchers are invited to march any length of time. March for a day, march for a week, march all the way to Washington, DC!

Q: What will it cost me to march?
A: We work hard to keep expenses to a minimum. Marchers are expected to contribute $20 per day. Staff and volunteers are available to assist marchers with figuring out how to build a base of local supporters to help sponsor them and defray costs.

Q: What equipment will I need?
A: Please see our packing list for items we suggest online at http://climatemarch.org/packing-list.

Q: Where does the marching community camp?
A: Camping locations include but are not limited to public campgrounds, public parks and private property. State coordinators confirm these destinations in advance.

Q: What about food?
A: The March purchases food as it travels, with a priority placed on high quality, organic product from local farms and businesses. Marchers prepare food in camp and along the route. We strive to address dietary restrictions and preferences, such as vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free.

Q: Will marchers interact with the communities along the route?
A: The opportunities for interaction between marchers and host communities include learning from the many talented, innovative people we will meet along the way. The learning and teaching will be a two-way street. We showcase sustainable technologies and practices the March is using.

Q: What organizations and individual leaders have endorsed the March?
A: Endorsements can be found online at http://climatemarch.org/endorsements-1. Our first endorsement came from Bill McKibben of 350.org, who says, “350.org was born in a march of a thousand people across Vermont; it always does our hearts good to see others on the move!”

Q: Can marchers fulfill previous engagements during the March and/or take vacations from the March?
A: Marchers are encouraged to fulfill all previous engagements and may take vacation time.

Q: How many people work at the Great March for Climate Action?
A: There are currently 8 full-time employees. State Coordinators for each state the March passes through are hired 2-3 months before we pass through that state.

Q: Can marchers receive letters while they are on the Great March for Climate Action?
A: You can send mail via our Snail Mail Trail. You can send letters, packages and more to the post offices on this list via General Delivery. See http://climatemarch.org/snail-mail-trail for details.

Q: Is the Climate March a non-profit?
A: Yes, the Great March for Climate Action is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Our IRS number is 46-2241822. Your donation to the March is tax-deductible. Please consult your tax advisor for details.

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Climate Links

Learn the basics of climate change and get the latest climate news

www.climate101.org
Need to start with the basics? This is a great place to begin!

www.data.gov/climate
A clearinghouse for climate data from NOAA, NASA, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Department of Defense, and other federal agencies.

whatweknow.aaas.org
What We Know: The Reality, Risks and Response to Climate Change report from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Download the full report.

climatecentral.org
An independent organization of leading scientists and journalists researching and reporting the facts about our changing climate and its impact on the American public.

skepticalscience.com
Great explanations of what peer reviewed science has to say about global warming

climatedesk.org
This site is a collaboration among many media voices weighing in on climate news: The Atlantic, Center for Investigative Reporting, The Guardian, Grist, Mother Jones, Slate, Wired, and PBS's public-affairs show Need To Know. @climatedesk on Twitter

www.ipcc.ch
This is the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the international group that releases the reports we're always hearing about in the news.

Especially for Children, Parents and Teachers

· A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  epa.gov/climatestudents/resources

· Activity Book—Discover Your Changing World: Ten Activities to Introduce You to the Essential Principles of Climate Science from the National Oceanic And Atmospheric Association (NOAA):
  http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/discoverclimate

· Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network (CLEAN)—Reviewed collection of educational resources to help build students’ understanding of the core ideas in climate and energy science.
  www.cleanet.org

· U.S. Global Change Research Program—Resources for educators
  www.globalchange.gov/resources/educators/toolkit

· U.S. Geological Survey lesson plans and teaching aids for grades K–6, grades 7–12, and undergraduates
  education.usgs.gov

· U.S. Department of Energy teacher resources and weather and climate lesson plans for grades 3-12.
  education.arm.gov/teacher-tools/lessons

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Great March For Climate Action
Words From Climate Experts And Leaders

· “The need for urgent action to address climate change is now indisputable.” —Joint Statement of the National Academies of Science For the G8 + 5 Nations, May 2009

· “Americans across the country are already paying the price of inaction in insurance premiums, state and local taxes, and the costs of rebuilding and disaster relief.” —U.S. President Barack Obama, June 25, 2013

· Man-made global warming pollution now traps the amount of energy “equivalent to exploding 400,000 Hiroshima atomic bombs per day 365 days per year.” —James Hansen Former Director, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies

· “Global warming is contributing to an increased incidence of extreme weather because the environment in which all storms form has changed from human activities.” —Kevin Trenberth, National Center for Atmospheric Research

· “These climate-model projections suggest that what we consider today to be an episode of severe drought might even be classified as a period of abnormal wetness by the end of the century and that a coming megadrought — a prolonged, multidecade period of significantly below-average precipitation — is possible and likely in the American West.” —Christopher R. Schwalm, Northern Arizona University; Christopher A. Williams, Clark University; Kevin Schaefer, National Snow and Ice Data Center—New York Times, Aug. 11, 2012

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change¹...

· Human influence on the climate system is clear. This is evident in most regions of the globe.

· It is extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century.

· Warming in the climate system is unequivocal and since 1950 many changes have been observed throughout the climate system that are unprecedented over decades to millennia.

· Limiting climate change will require substantial and sustained reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.

· As the ocean warms, and glaciers and ice sheets reduce, global mean sea level will continue to rise, but at a faster rate than we have experienced over the past 40 years

More Climate Facts...

· A study released in March 2013 analyzing temperature changes over the past 11,000 years shows the Earth moving quickly from near record cooling to a heat spike. Scientists cite this as further evidence that global warming is the result of human activity.

· Scientists and climate experts say that the safe upper limit for CO2 in our atmosphere is 350 parts per million (ppm). We are now at 400 ppm—and rising 2 ppm every year.

· Arctic ice is a critical barometer of our climate’s health. In the summer of 2007, sea ice was about 39% below the summer average for 1979-2000.

· NASA reports that 2012 was the ninth hottest on record, and NOAA ranks 2012 the tenth warmest ever. Nine of the warmest years in the past 132 years occurred between 2000 and 2010.

· Despite growing awareness of climate change and verbal commitments to address the problem, CO2 emissions in the U.S. increased by about 12% between 1990 and 2010.

¹Excerpted from IPCC press release regarding the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report: Climate Change 2013
TURN UP THE HEAT!
A KEYSTONE SUMMER FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Join the Great March for Climate Action Summer 2014 and experience the eco-activist adventure of a lifetime!

We will be converging in Denver on June 16th and crossing the Nebraska section of the Keystone XL pipeline late July

- Help shape the direction of Climate Action
- Learn lifelong activist and cooperative living skills
- Engage with local environmental justice concerns
- Experience simplified living with a mobile community

Join the Great March for Climate Action in our cross-country mission to inspire actions on the climate crisis. The Climate March started in Los Angeles and will be crossing the heartland this summer on its way to Washington DC by November 1st.

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JOIN THE GREAT MARCH FOR CLIMATE ACTION
BUILD OUR ENERGY BARN
SATURDAY, JULY 19 BRADSHAW, NE

Pipeline Fighter March
BoldNebraska.org/March
Saturday, July 19 - Events run 9am-9pm
• Join the marchers (10-miles or 1-mile)
• Visit the clean energy barn
• Outdoor screening of “Above All Else” (KXXL documentary)

Border Crossing / Halfway Point Celebration
Monday, June 30 at Noon
Colorado / Nebraska border
On this day the marchers will cross into Nebraska and it also marks the halfway point of their journey.
ClimateMarch.org/Halfway

Climate Conversation
Thursday, July 3
Potluck dinner at 6pm, Conversation at 7pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
Colorado St, Culbertson, NE 69024
ClimateMarch.org/Culbertson

4th of July Parade
Friday, July 4 - Line-up at 9am, parade at 10am
Downtown Culbertson
March with the marchers in the Culbertson 4th of July parade
ClimateMarch.org/Culbertson

Nebraska Water and Aquifer Presentation
Thursday, July 10
6:30–8pm - Holdrege City Auditorium
421 Grant St, Holdrege, NE 68949
Learn about the Ogallala Aquifer, perspectives on water resource management and the Platte River Recovery Project
ClimateMarch.org/Holdrege

Climate Conversation
Wednesday, July 16
Grand Island
ClimateMarch.org/Grand-Island

Welcome Celebration and Corn Grill
Thursday, July 24
5pm–6:30pm
State Capitol (North side), Lincoln NE
ClimateMarch.org/Lincoln

Climate Conversation
Sunday, July 27
6pm Potluck Dinner, 7pm Conversation
American Lutheran Church
1941 Silver St, Ashland, NE 68003
ClimateMarch.org/Ashland

Farewell Rally
Thursday, July 31
Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, Omaha NE
March with the marchers across the bridge and into Iowa. More details coming soon!
ClimateMarch.org/Omaha

MORE INFO: ClimateMarch.org/Nebraska
NO TRANSCANADA PIPELINE

QUICK FACTS

85% of Nebraskans get their drinking water from the Ogallala Aquifer.
Neither TransCanada nor our government has a fail proof system for cleaning up tarsands—very different than traditional oil—from our land and water.

TransCanada got the majority of their steel on the Keystone 1 pipeline from India. Most steel for Keystone XL comes from India and Canada. It’s only “coated” in the USA, not made in the USA.

TransCanada wants to pump almost 800,000 barrels per day of tarsands through the Niobrara, Platte, Verdigrre Watershed and countless streams and across families’ wells and water sources. The route still goes through the Ogallala Aquifer, the Sandhills and fragile soils more vulnerable to contamination and difficult to clean and remediate. Worse, this is an export pipeline headed to refinery owned by Saudi Arabia.

Tarsands emits at least three times more carbon than traditional crude oil. America needs a secure, clean energy plan, and tarsands is simply not in our national interest.

No company—especially not a foreign oil company—should be able to use eminent domain for their private gain, and that is exactly what TransCanada is doing to Nebraska landowners.

BOLDNEBRASKA.ORG/ACTIONS

Write a handwritten letter to President Obama. Go to PipelineFighters.org to tell us the day you are sending your letter, and submit a pic.

Send postcards to Pres. Obama and Sec. of State Kerrey featuring photos of Nebraska landowners in the path of Keystone XL: BoldNebraska.org/postcard

Pledge to Vote for New Energy at NewEnergyVoter.org. Status quo politicians, like Rep. Terry, support Big Oil. Let’s use our power at the polls to vote for candidates who support solar, wind and biofuels and who believe in climate science.

Sept 21, New York City: The largest climate action and march in history is being planned this fall to coincide with international talks on climate change in New York City. BoldNebraska.org/sept21

Oct 4, Neligh, NE: Harvest the Hope Concert — Join us for an outdoor concert to celebrate the harvest on the farm where the #NoKXL Crop Art and Ponca corn are planted, on land in the path of Keystone XL.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, June 30, 2014

Contact: Ki Coulson, Great March for Climate Action: 805-270-5232, ki@climatemarch.org

Three and a half million steps taken

Coast-to-Coast march reaches halfway point as they cross into Nebraska

NEBRASKA -- On Monday, June 30, the Great March for Climate Action will cross into Nebraska, marking the halfway point between Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. They marched over 1,500 miles to reach Nebraska through flashfloods, blinding dust storms, excessive drought, crop-crushing hail, and tornado watches. None of these natural events were powerful enough to stop this group of concerned citizens on their mission to inspire and educate on the climate.

The Great March for Climate Action has anticipated their trip through Nebraska since the inception of the march itself. A focal point of the Nebraska route is the Keystone XL pipeline. Over 2 million comments about Keystone XL were submitted to the State Department this year amid growing concerns for effects of transporting toxic tar sands across thousands of miles of land, several rivers, and over the Ogallala Aquifer threatening families, communities, wildlife, and agriculture.

A large event is being planned for crossing the Keystone XL pipeline on July 19th in partnership with Bold Nebraska drawing a crowd from Nebraska and neighboring states. Towns in Nebraska serve as an opportune platform for the marchers to connect with local farmers and ranchers to exchange stories of recent changes and upcoming struggles. Various towns along the way will hold events organized by local volunteers.

"Having walked every step of the way since Los Angeles, it is inspiring to think back on the individuals and communities we have encountered,” said Jeffrey Czerwiec, a dedicated marcher who has taken every step since Los Angeles. “From our experience climate action is happening in every corner of the country, and as we cross into the second half of our journey we look to build connections and create a louder collective voice across all communities for significant action on the climate crisis.”

Marchers are walking 3,000 miles, away from family, friends, work and school, to inspire and organize action to address the present and growing threat of climate change on local, national, and global levels. Marchers began their journey on March 1, 2014 in Los Angeles and will end their march in Washington, DC on November 1, 2014.

The marchers represent 36 different states, 6 countries, and range in age from 8 to 93 years. Along their journey, thousands of other marchers will walk portions of this route to demand action on the climate crisis. Please visit www.climatemarch.org to join the March and find out more about the events in Nebraska.

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