

A Bioregional Learning Journey Across America

This itinerary reframes the road trip not merely as transportation, but as a living exploration of the ecological, cultural, and civic landscapes of North America. The route incorporates opportunities for book events, conversations on planetary intelligence and regeneration, and encounters with diverse bioregions—from the Great Lakes and High Plains to the desert Southwest and Pacific Coast.

Date	Route	Themes & Opportunities
June 1	Rochester → Cleveland	Explore the Lake Erie watershed and urban regeneration efforts. Possible bookstore stop or informal salon.
June 2	Cleveland → Chicago Area	Travel across the industrial Midwest. Potential outreach to sustainability networks and independent bookstores.
June 3–4	Milwaukee	Two-night stay. Explore freshwater resilience, Great Lakes ecology, and local food systems. Book signing.
June 5	Milwaukee → La Crosse	Mississippi River corridor learning day; explore watershed thinking and floodplain restoration.
June 6	La Crosse → Sioux Falls	Prairie landscapes and agricultural transitions across the Upper Midwest.
June 7	Sioux Falls → North Platte	High Plains ecology and regenerative agriculture themes.
June 8–9	North Platte → Denver	Urban sustainability, Rocky Mountain ecology, and climate adaptation. Potential Portland-preview talk.
June 10	Denver → Santa Fe	Transition into the arid Southwest. Indigenous land stewardship perspectives become increasingly visible.
June 11	Santa Fe → Gallup	Opportunity to reflect on desert ecosystems, cultural resilience, and bioregional identity.
June 12	Gallup → Grand Canyon	A planetary-scale perspective on geology, deep time, and ecological interdependence.
June 13	Grand Canyon → Palm Springs	Visit Victoria's sister. Rest and desert-community exploration.

June 14–15	Palm Springs	Desert adaptation, water scarcity, solar infrastructure, and regional resilience themes.
June 16	Palm Springs → Santa Barbara	Begin coastal route north. Pacific ecology and coastal resilience.
June 17	Santa Barbara → Monterey	Potential bookstore/community event. Explore kelp forests, marine systems, and California bioregions.
June 18	Monterey → Portland	Arrival in Portland for book signings, regenerative community networking, and Pacific Northwest bioregionalism.

Potential Book Signing Themes

Possible Planet: Pathways to a Habitable Future — ecological crisis, regeneration, and planetary stewardship. **Developing Planetary Intelligence** — the emergence of collective and AI-assisted planetary awareness. **Bioregional Learning Journeys** — connecting place-based ecological literacy with civic renewal. **Regenerative Financing and Community Resilience** — including lessons from the Garden State C-PACE Program.

Suggested Outreach Targets Along the Route

Independent bookstores and sustainability-oriented cafés Universities and environmental studies programs Regenerative agriculture and watershed organizations
Climate, resilience, and bioregional groups Transition Town and commons-oriented communities Libraries, co-ops, and intentional communities

Portland Focus

Portland offers strong alignment with themes of regenerative culture, ecological urbanism, food systems, and bioregionalism. Potential engagement opportunities could include independent bookstores, ecological design groups, urban resilience initiatives, and Pacific Northwest bioregional networks.