

These tips are meant to save you some heartache and e-mails. We know that depending on which lyrics website you go to, or how your ears are adapted, or how the IBE names are pronounced in any one of 100+ IBE cover songs, town/place names can be tricky. Be sure you look at the guide to know what spellings we will accept.

1. The IBET Guide is useful and has clarification on each location in the IBET tour. We have validated all locations in the IBE song. We have provided you with locations we strongly believe have a city, Post Office or Police sign suitable for documentation, and/or alternative options. Please read the guide carefully or you may not be able to finish.
 - a. The guide is not meant to be infallible or all inclusive. If you know of a town that is spelled correctly, but is not on the list, go for it! We will accept it.
 - b. If we show a town as “confirmed” on the list it means we have strong reason to believe a city sign, and/or a Post office or Police Station exists in that town.
 - c. If we show a town as “possible” it means we can see it on a map, but cannot confirm the city sign, and/or a Post office or Police Station.
2. **NAMES matter.** New Boston is not Boston. Charles Town is not Charleston. El Salvador is not Salvador. Washington Village is not Washington. Washington Township is not Washington. Mount Washington is not Washington. Argentine is not Argentina. See the guide.
 - a. **If the town names are preceded by “City of,” “Village of” etc, that IS acceptable.**
3. Not every roadway into a city, village, town etc, has a “welcome to” or limits sign. You may have to look around or ask a local.
4. City limit signs can be the standard “green/blue and white” or the colorful, “Shriner’s welcome you,” “Mason’s welcome you,” etc.
5. A lot of post offices in small towns have closed.
6. **Alibi’s.** We will allow one verifiable alibi per 25 locations. What is a “verifiable alibi?” Good question! Suppose you sashay into downtown Charleston, SC and discover the post offices were torn down, pranksters cut down the city limit and “welcome to” signs, and the good folks of Charleston do not have a police station. What to do? Get other photos that have the town name. City Hall, the fire station, a church, a school or college, a park are all possibilities. Get several photos and if possible stay on the main streets in town so we can use Google maps to see your location. THESE PHOTO MUST ALSO SHOW YOUR MOTORCYCLE AND RALLY FLAG. An alibi is not a “pass” to skip a town.
7. States can be documented at the state border or with any post office or police station within the state. If you use a post office or police station, ensure that the State’s name is on the sign/name. Post office are likely you safest bet.

8. **County sign for IBE?** We will not accept county signs. Unless we have provided special instruction in the guide, we will only accept cities, post offices and police stations.

9. When we say city we are including, towns, villages, etc etc.

10. Non-City Stops.

a. **Padilla is a Bay** and not a city or a town. Check the guide. You need a photo of this sign:

Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

10441 Bayview-Edison Road

Mount Vernon, WA 98273-9668



b. **Crater Lake is a lake.** Get a photo of any of the Crater Lake Nation Park sign to take credit for this stop. Any of the signs will do and they tend to look like this:



- c. **Ombabika never was a town.** Ombabika is listed as an area, an island, a river and part of a bay on, and near, Lake Nipigon in Ontario, Canada. Ombabika was never a town but we will accept any Ombabika sign from the bay, river or island in the area...if you can find one. There is an Ombabika Cemetery and we will take the sign for the cemetery ...we know we know, Team Strange and a cemetery! What is wrong with us! In this case, there is not much else we can be certain you will find near Ombabika. :) We will also accept the Cemetery sign from the abandoned town of Auden, Ontario. Auden is an abandoned town off Road/HWY 801 and is very close to the location results for a Google Maps search on Ombabika. Ombabika Cemetery is a bit west of Auden near the CNR Tracks and Auden Cemetery is a bit south of the CNR Tracks. Both cemeteries should have black and white signs. If you have to alibi this stop make sure you document your road signs in, or out, so we can see proximity. This is a wilderness area. Plan for limited fuel stops, wildlife, and potential rough riding.
11. **Schefferville!!!!** This is a remote town with very limited access. Plan carefully. If you are not skilled in adventure riding, this is not a ride for you. If you access Schefferville by plane or train, please ensure you have a motorcycle and rally flag in the photo. The airport terminal for Schefferville, in addition to city sign, post office and police station, are acceptable forms of documentation. We cannot confirm police or Post Office or city sign. There is an airport though....

