

April Ride Listings

Friday, April 1 - Freaky Friday. Class B, 16 mph, 40 miles, flat as a pancake. Leaves promptly at 9:00 from Laurel Acres Park on Church St, Mt. Laurel, NJ. From Route 38, take Church Street south. The park is on your left at the 5th light. One stop for bathroom/snacks. Possible sushi lunch after. *Leader: Pete LaVerghetta, 215-379-1715, fixedgear@hotmail.com.*

Sunday, April 3 - Small Ellipse Chesterbrook-Radnor and Beyond. Class C, about 11 mph, 40 miles. Start Daylight Savings Time with this training ride. From Chesterbrook we go through Merion Township, Radnor, Newtown, Easttown and finally back to Tredyffrin. Yes it's Arnie's ride with a couple of challenging hills plus a few less cumbersome climbs. We will stop to regroup as required - no one dropped. Cue sheets will be available. Brunch in Newtown Square. Bring money, snack and beverage. Meet at 9:30 at Manhattan Bagel in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center, accessible from US 202 or Pa. 252. Call for directions or weather concerns. A multi-club ride. *Leader: Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.*

Sunday, April 3 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-55+ miles, to Linvilla Orchards in Delaware County, southwest of Media. The distance to Linvilla is about 20 miles. The route out will be very flat. After the snack, we will separate into two groups. Some riders will return to Philadelphia. The rest of us will climb hills while using the remaining daylight. This will be the first day of Daylight Savings Time; we will have useful daylight until after 7pm. Also, since the route out will be very flat, neophyte riders, building their confidence, are invited for the first part of the trip before the group divides at Linvilla Orchards. Leaves from the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. *Leader: Jack Echols, 610-622-6997, jackvortex@aol.com*

Monday, April 4 - BCP Monthly Meeting. 6:30 PM at the Imperial Inn, 146 N. 10th St, Philadelphia, 215-627-2299. All BCP members are encouraged to attend. To get something on the agenda, contact *Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Thursday, April 7 - Skills Training Class. Departs from the Italian Fountain at 6 PM. Skillful riders, in a group, only use 70% of the energy used by untrained riders to cover the same distance. Skilled cyclists travel 60 miles and finish refreshed. In the same time, untrained riders travel 40 miles and finish exhausted. Join Rafael and Jack to learn

the secrets, This class will introduce you to the basics of riding skillfully in a group. Topics: cohesive riding, drafting, bridging, pushing, and etiquette. This will not be the usual Lower Merion-Gladwyne-Bike Path ride. Route is almost flat, and the pace will be slow so that we can concentrate on learning skills. *Leaders: Jack Echols, 610-622-6997, jackvortex@aol.com, and Rafael Corredoira, 215-747-6457, rcorredo@lycos.com.*

Saturday, April 9 - Northeast Ramble. Class C-, 25-35 miles. Morning start, lunch stop. Call for starting time and location. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907.*

Sunday, April 10. Northeast Ramble. Class D, about 15 miles. Afternoon start, brief stop for refreshments. Call for starting time and location. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907.*

Sunday, April 10 - Perkiomen Trail. Class C, 11-12 mph, about 40 miles, 9:00 departure time. This will be a little shorter than others because we will be leaving from the Lower Perkiomen Park, Egypt Road and Pa. 422. Plenty of free parking, map at <http://www.montcopa.org/parks/lpvp.htm>. Wide tires suggested: the trail is gravel, it may be muddy, and we go in the mud. Stop for pizza. Bring money, water, and food for the trail. No calls = No ride. Rain at the start definitely cancels. *Leaders: Len Langsdorf & Patricia Murphy, 610-278-7779 (home), 215-826-6998 (work), lnl@jny.com.*

Sunday, April 10 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-55+ miles to Whole Foods near English Village. This is a two-part ride. There will be a stop at the Valley Green Inn. After the stop, some riders will return to the Art Museum. The rest of us will continue to English Village for a food break at Whole Foods. Leaves from the Italian Fountain at noon. *Leader: Jack Echols, 610-622-6997, jackvortex@aol.com.*

Friday, April 15 - Freaky Friday. Class B, 16 mph, 40 miles. Leaves promptly at 9:00 from Laurel Acres Park on Church St, Mt. Laurel, NJ. See April 1. *Leader: Pete LaVerghetta, 215-379-1715, fixedgear@hotmail.com.*

Sunday, April 17 - Back on the Road Again. Class B+/B, 15-17 mph, 45-50 miles. Leaves 9:00 from the Glenside Library at Keswick Ave & Waverly Rd. We leave behind the trails of Pennypack and Wissahickon, and take on the rolling roads of Montgomery County and vicinity. Destination to be determined, but count on a nice, moderately hilly route with one food stop. Call or e-mail with questions.

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Rain cancels. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-740-4637, ride_with_cb@verizon.net.*

Sunday, April 17 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-45 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. Food stop at Whole Foods Market in Devon. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is flat to rolling hills with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jim Laurino, 215-476-5091, bcpbit04.x.jimlaur@dfgh.net.*

Sunday, April 17 - Sunny Sunday Special: The Tree Ride. Meet at noon at the Italian Fountain, Joint ride with PA Horticultural Society's Tree Tenders and Treevitalize. We'll be accompanied by Bartlett Tree Experts, with the assistance of the Mt Airy Greening Network. A family-friendly tour of historic & notable trees of Germantown, and a visit to the Northwest Philadelphia Earth Day Celebration. Bicycles and helmets available for rent. Bicyclists may also join the ride at Historic Rittenhouse Town. *Coordinator: Mindy Maslin, 215-988-8844, mmaslin@pennhort.org.*

Saturday, April 23 - Doylestown for Breakfast. Class B-, 13-14 mph, 40 or 65 miles. The 65-mile version of this ride leaves from the Italian Fountain at 8:00 (meet at 7:45). The 40-mile version leaves from Bruno's at 9:00 (meet at 8:45). This is a relatively flat ride with a few moderate hills. Bring money for a sit-down breakfast at the Cyberstop Cafe. Canceled if it's raining at 7:00. *Leaders: Henry Miller, 215-977-2182, hmiller@wolfblock.com, and Bob Silverman, 215-977-2282, rsilverman@wolfblock.com.*

Saturday, April 23 - April-Folder-Frolic. Easy-paced Class C, 11.5-14 mph, 10-15 miles. For folding bikes: Dahon, Friday, Brompton, Bindy, Swift, Strida, etc. Meet at 30th Street Station at the Bucks County Coffee shop at 10. Around 10:30 we'll board a regional rail train (TBA), then ride back to Center City — or to another station, then train back, adhoc. Rain or SEPTA strike cancels. Call morning of the ride for go/no go. *Leader: Michael McGettigan, 215-990-9275, mcget@aol.com.*

Sunday, April 24 - Mansions of Fairmount Park. All Classes, D pace, 12 miles. Starts at noon from the Italian Fountain, at the park bench on the right, just as you enter the circle from Aquarium Drive. The ride will take us to many of the mansions and sites that make Fairmount Park such a great outdoor attraction. We cruise by ten

grand manses, the Japanese Tea House, the Horticultural Center, Memorial Hall, the Whispering Bench and more. Cue sheets and historical info provided. There will be frequent stops at sites along the way. (NOTE: We will not be entering any of the sites, although several of the mansions will be open for individual tours. Admission about \$2.50). Bring snacks and liquids. *Leaders: Steve Trobovic, 610-687-9229, wildyugo@comcast.net, and Pat Haggar, 610-896-1987, phaggar@comcast.net.*

Sunday, April 24 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40 miles. Let's end winter hibernation and head up to Fort Washington. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. *Leader: Werner Carrieri, 215-680-2618, wernerman@aol.com.*

Tuesday, April 26 - Mailing the May Newsletter. Meet 6:30 at Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, 1650 Arch Street, southeast corner 17th & Arch Sts. *Coordinator: Tom Witt, 215-977-2164.*

Friday, April 29 - Freaky Friday. Class B, 16 mph, 40 miles. Leaves promptly at 9:00 from Laurel Acres Park on Church St, Mt. Laurel, NJ. See April 1. *Leader: Pete LaVerghetta, 215-379-1715, fixedgear@hotmail.com.*

Saturday, April 30 - Perkiomen Trail. Class B, approx. 65-70 miles, mostly flat and unpaved. Meet at Elm & Forrest Sts in Conshohocken at 8:15. We will check out the the Perkiomen Creek on our way to either an indoor or outdoor lunch at Green Lane, depending on the weather. Several stops for food. *Leaders: Doug Kennedy, 610-543-4664, dougkennedy7@yahoo.ca, and Debbie Wilson, 302-798-1243, djwbike@aol.com.*

Saturday, April 30 - Loop The Airport! Class C, 12-14 mph, about 28 miles. Departs 8:30 from the Folsom Pathmark on Mac Dade Boulevard in Ridley Township. We'll bike through Ridley Township and down the Industrial Highway, loop the airport, and head back to PathMark. We should return shortly after 11:00. The ride will keep a steady pace and the terrain is totally flat. There will be a few rest stops around the airport as we stop to watch the planes take off and land. Rain cancels. *Leader: Frank Jackson, 215-620-0632 (cell), 215-537-4299 (days), fjackson@rohmmaas.com.*

Fri-Sun, May 13-15 - The Spring Event. In the scenic Susquehanna Valley of Pennsylvania. More info elsewhere in the QR, or at <http://www.phillybikeclub.org/weekends/sprgevnt.pdf> ; *Coordinator: Linda McGrane, mcgranel@mlhs.org, 610-251-5573 [W], or 267-251-7862 [cell].*