BCBC Rides



Berks County Bicycle Club: April-May 2025

www.berksbicycle.com

First Number: Terrain Rating Terrain rating 1-5 rates the total hilliness of the ride.
1 = FLAT-easiest

2= GENTLY ROLLING HILLS-moderate

terrain with easiest of hills (Almost anyone can handle).

3= SOME HILLS—Moderate hills with some steeper grades (Moderately Challenging—but within the ability of most riders).

4= HILLY–The number and difficulty of hills is quite substantial (Very Challenging).

5= EXTREMELY HILLY–Extreme Challenge- steep and long hills most of the ride. Requires a very high fitness level).

Second Number: Total Mileage for ride

Please note the Club policy on protective headgear: ALL riders must wear Snell/ANSI rated helmets. Ride Host/ Hostess will NOT give cue sheets to riders without helmets and that rider will not be considered an official participant of the Club ride.

Please have your bike in proper working order BEFORE the start of ride. Arrive 10-15 minutes before start time so that all rides leave on time. Bring a spare tube or patch kit, and at least one water bottle.

If weather conditions are questionable, the ride host may notify club members by post-

ing a message on <u>Facebook</u> prior to the ride or make a decision at the starting location based on road conditions and the forecast.

SPECIAL RIDE DETAILS

Special rides during the months will be highlighted in color. If you are hosting a special ride, please contact Newsletter Editor Poncho (aka Félix) Peña or Ride Coordinator Randy Gonzales before the 15th of each month.

Cue sheets & GPS files at: www.berksbicycle.com/cues.

Cancellations, changes, etc.: For updates, visit the club Facebook page, tinyurl.com/bcbcfacebook

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Sat Mar 29	11:00 AM	WY29 Wolmelsdorf - Robesonia	3	41	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Randy G.
Sun Mar 30	11:00 AM	SV08 Blue Marsh Lake Loop	3	37	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Randy G.
Sat Apr 5	9:00 AM	CW40 Ramble to Reistville	2	51	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Jane B.
Sat Apr 5	10:00 AM	AD14b Stevens - Weidmansville - Denver Loop	3	25	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	TBD
Sun Apr 6	10:00 AM	DB27b Chester County	4	36	Daniel Boone Middle School Weavertown Rd. Amityville	TBD
Sat Apr 12	10:00 AM	WI34b South Mountain - Middle Creek Loop	3	39	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	Bill R.
Sun Apr 13	9:00 AM	SV02 Dryville Hotel Ride	4	42	Schuylkill Valley Elementary School, Ashley Drive in Leesport	Jane B.
Sun Apr 13	10:00 AM	SL08 Limekiln - Oley Ride	2	27	Exeter School District Office	Brad S.
Sat Apr 19	9:00 AM	AD13 Lancaster County Ramble	2	62	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	Jane B.
Sat Apr 19	10:00 AM	AD08 Denver - Schoeneck (more hills)	3	25	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	TBD
Sun Apr 20	10:00 AM	NT14 Backwards Penn Valley Ride	2	42	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Randy G.
Tue Apr 22	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride: OL20 3 Groups; A, B, C	2	20	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Sat Apr 26	9:00 AM	Matt's Adventure Ride #1 CW41	4	59	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Matt F.
Sat Apr 26	10:00 AM	NT37 Short Penn Valley Ride	3	28	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	TBD
Sun Apr 27	10:00 AM	SX01 Sly Fox to Sly Fox	1	42	Parking lot N end of 8th Ave near Sly Fox Wyomissing	Randy G.

BERKS COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB RIDES (cont'd)

Date	Time	Ride Name/Description	Rating	Mileage	Location	Host
Tue Apr 29	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride: OL16 3 Groups; A, B, C	2	21	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Sat May 3	8:00 AM	Chapel Gate Ramble CG01	3	50	Chapel Gate Park off of Fritztown Road	Jane B.
Sat May 3	9:00 AM	Chapel Gate cpgk 10s	2	21	Chapel Gate Park off of Fritztown Road	TBD
Sun May 4	9:00 AM	Mertztown - Topton Coffee Shop FL29	2	36	Fleetwood Middle School Rich- mond St. in Fleetwood	Alan F.
Tue May 6	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride: OL16b 3 Groups; A, B, C	2	22	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Sat May 10	9:00 AM	Blue Ball - New Holland Loop BR05	3	39	Brecknock Elementary School Rt. 568	Kent S.
Sun May 11	8:00 AM	Oley - Seisholtzville Ramble	4	61	Daniel Boone Middle School Weavertown Rd. Amityville	Jane B.
Sun May 11	9:00 AM	DB12 DBH Oley	2	24	Daniel Boone Middle School Weavertown Rd. Amityville	TBD
Tue May 13	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride: OL26b 3 Groups; A, B, C	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu May 15	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Ride AD11	2	24	Weavers Markets, Rt.272 and Rt. 897 near Adamstown. Park at Rear of Store	Diane R.
Sat May 17	9:00 AM	MCP01 Maxatawny - Crystal Cave	3	38	Maiden Creek Community Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	Jane B.
Sun May 18	9:00 AM	CW10 Quarry Swim Ride	3	36	Conrad Weiser East Elementary School on Lincoln Rd. in Wernersville	Matt F.
Tue May 20	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride! OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedens- burg Rd, Oley	Wendy D.
Tue May 20	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride: OL23 3 Groups; A, B, C	2	23	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu May 22	6:00 PM	WI05 Thursday Night Ride	3	24	Wilson High School Parking Lot - Upper	TBD
Sat May 24	8:00 AM	Matt's Adventure Ride Kempton - Topton Century NT13	4	101	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	Matt F.
Sat May 24	9:00 AM	Shoemakersville - Lake Ontelaunee Loop NT38	3	29	North Reading Plaza (Walmart) Rt. 222 in Temple (Behind McDonalds)	TBD
Sun May 25	9:00 AM	WY13 Robesonia Loop	2	27	Wyomissing H.S. off Clayton Ave. in Wyomissing	Randy G.
Tue May 27	9:00 AM	Tuesday Morning Ride! OL59	2	24	Weis Shopping Plaza, Friedens- burg Rd, Oley	Wendy D
Tue May 27	6:00 PM	Tuesday Night Ride: OL24 3 Groups; A, B, C	2	24	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Thu May 29	6:00 PM	MCP04 Weaver's - Echo Hill	2	24	Maiden Creek Community Park on Park Rd. in Blandon	TBD
Sat May 31	8:00 AM	Ramble to Pequa Creek SP03	3	56	St. Peter's Village past French Creek	Jane B.
Sat May 31	9:00 AM	OL22 Oley Valley Part 4	2	27	Oley High School Parking Lot	TBD
Sun Jun 1	9:00 AM	SL15 Pine Forge Loop	3	34	Exeter School District Office	Brad S.

More MATT'S ADVENTURE RIDES 2025

Note: Check <u>www.berksbicycle.com/rides</u> and Facebook, <u>tinyurl.com/bcbcfacebook</u>, for changes.

- → June 21: WY10R (94-101) Berks County Century in reverse
- ◆ July 19: AD12 Modified to go on the Safe Harbor

area of the Enola Low Grade Rail Trail.

- ◆ Aug 23: New ride thru Jim Thorpe
- ♦ Sept 27: WI35 (3-100) Hershey Adventure Ride
- ♦ Oct 25: CW08 (4-68) Mt Gretna Lunch Ride

Questions: Mtrek520@msn.com.



SEASONED SPOKES



These are group rides of roughly 20 to 40 miles in length. Rides are rated 1, 2 or 3 with 3 being the hilliest and most difficult. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start time with a bicycle in good condition, a bicycle helmet, and anything you need to repair a flat tire.

Please see top of page 1 for important information about riding with BCBC groups.

Links to route maps are on the Seasoned Spokes tab of the BCBC website: www.berksbicycle.com/seasonedspokes

More information: David Cruzan, 484-225-7048, pjcruzan@comcast.net

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Date	Time	Ride Name & GPS Link	Rating	Miles	Starting Location	Host
Thu Apr 3	9 AM	fwdl03p ridewithgps.com/routes/46202588	2	35.2	Fleetwood Community Pool,	Alan F
	J AIVI	fwdl03s ridewithgps.com/routes/35316922	2	20.7	Vine St, Fleetwood	
Thu Apr 10	9 AM	dnvt01p ridewithgps.com/routes/46214054	2	34.7	Cocalico High School, 4th St, Denver	Michele
	9 AIVI	dnvt01s ridewithgps.com/routes/37865552	1	20.8	Cocalico High School, 4th St, Denvel	W
Thu Apr 17	8-30 VM	kztk09p ridewithgps.com/routes/48084262	2	32.9	Kutztown Community Park,	Jane B
IIIu Api 17	8.30 AIVI	kztkośp ridewitngps.com/routes/48084262		32.3	S Laurel St, Kutztown	Jane B
Thu Apr 17	9 AM	tpgk02s ridewithgps.com/routes/3947406	2	20.1	Topton Playground, Callowhill St, Topton	Jane B
		ertk02p ridewithgps.com/routes/37865917	2	40.3	Ephrata Township Community Park,	_
Thu Apr 24	8:10 AM	ertk02p ridewithgps.com/routes/47507246	2	30	E Fulton St, Ephrata	Scott F
		Cittoziii ildewitii Spsiconiy Todicesy 47 507 240	_	30	Community Memorial Park,	+
Thu Apr 24	9 AM	nfmk02s ridewithgps.com/routes/37865915	2	21	E Jackson St, New Holland	Scott F
					Fleetwood Community Pool,	
Thu May 1	8:15 AM	fwdl04p ridewithgps.com/routes/46217003	2	39	Vine St, Fleetwood	TBD
		wdlk02m ridewithgps.com/routes/47520887	2	30.2	1	TBD
Thu May 1	9 AM	wdlk02s ridewithgps.com/routes/37866152	2	21.3	Wm Delong Park, Bowers	
		wvms01p ridewithgps.com/routes/36051930	2	39.9		
Thu May 8	9 AM	wvmx01m ridewithgps.com/routes/47521451	2	31.1	Weaver Markets, Rt 272, Swartzville	TBD
•		wvmx01s ridewithgps.com/routes/35317768	2	20.8	, ,	
Thu May 15	8:10 AM	mdck03p ridewithgps.com/routes/35317934	2	40	Maidencreek Community Park, Park Rd, Blandon	TBD
		ktzk04m ridewithgps.com/routes/47521786	2	30.4	Kutztown Community Park,	
Thu May 15	9 AM	ktzk04s ridewithgps.com/routes/39360563	2	19.4	S Laurel St, Kutztown	TBD
		hrwr04p ridewithgps.com/routes/46230732	3	39.2	·	
Thu May 22	9 AM	hrwr04m ridewithgps.com/routes/47525418	3	31.3	Heidelberg Run West Recreation Area,	TBD
•		hrwr04s ridewithgps.com/routes/37921674	3	19.7	Arthur Dr, South Heidelberg Township	
		nrdz05p ridewithgps.com/routes/37872313	3	38.6		1
Thu May 29	9 AM	nrdz05m ridewithgps.com/routes/47530014	3	26.9	North Reading Plaza,	f
•		nrdz05s ridewithgps.com/routes/37872257	3	21.3	Leesport Ave & Allentown Pike, Temple	
Thu Jun 5	8:20 AM	fmrk04p ridewithgps.com/routes/37872559	2	38.8	Farming Ridge Park, Farming Ridge Blvd and Ritters Rd	TBD
_,		olyz06m ridewithgps.com/routes/47551289	2	30	Weis Shopping Plaza	
Thu Jun 5	9 AM	olyz06s ridewithgps.com/routes/37872532	2	20.4	Friedensburg Rd, Oley	TBD
-1		ertk05p ridewithgps.com/routes/46132092	2	39.8	Ephrata Township Community Park,	TBD
Thu Jun 12	8:20 AM	ertk05m ridewithgps.com/routes/47551706	2	29.8	E Fulton St, Ephrata	
Thu Jun 12	9 AM	lolk02s ridewithgps.com/routes/46131320	2	20.2	Leola Community Park, Maple Ave, Leola	TBD
Thu Jun 19	9 AM	cmdk05p ridewithgps.com/routes/37872882	3	39.5		TBD
		cmdk05m ridewithgps.com/routes/47552092	3	30.2	Cacoosing Meadows Park,	
		cmdk05s ridewithgps.com/routes/37872872	3	20.2	Reedy Rd, Spring Township	
		amtk05p ridewithgps.com/routes/37872916	3	41.1		
Thu Jun 26	9 AM	amtk05m ridewithgps.com/routes/47552616	2	29.7	Amity Community Park,	TBD
THU JUH 26	J AIVI	amtk05sridewithgps.com/routes/37872904	2	20.9	Weavertown Rd, Amityville	
	1			3.5		

Tuesday morning rides will offer stay-together option

Once again, Wendy is hosting stay-together Tuesday morning rides: May 20 through Sept. 30.

The ride will be OL59, departing from the Weis Market parking lot, Friedensburg Road and Route 73, always starting at 9 a.m.

Riders may extend the ride on their own. The shorter ride will stay together.

Rain or threat of rain cancels: Check BCBC Facebook page, tinyurl.com/BCBCFacebook.

Questions? Contact Wendy at cyclerad@ptd.net.

Regional Cycling Events

2025 SCU's Best of Bucks Metric Century

Saturday, May 10, 2025. 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM

Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, PA 18901

SCU's Best of Bucks Metric Century is a fully supported ride from the campus of Delaware Valley University on the outskirts of Doylestown, PA.

Three scenic routes of 33, 50, and the Metric Century 63 miler. All on quiet, rolling to hilly back-country roads of historic Bucks County. All routes have been updated for 2025. The Metric includes a new return through Pidcock Creek Watershed.

Post-ride PIZZA party. SEPTA regional rail stop on campus. Presented by Suburban Cyclists Unlimited.

Information - https://www.suburbancyclists.org/



Tour de Lebanon Valley

The Tour de Lebanon Valley rolls out on June 14, offering a full metric, a mid-distance (30 mi.), and a family trail ride (6 to 15 mi.)

The routes take you through beautiful forests, farmlands, and small villages that make up Lebanon County

The metric includes some challenging hills and rewarding downhills!

All rides are fully supported with rest stops. Food, beer and other beverages are available at the finish!

The event supports Cycling, Environmental and Community health initiatives.

More details at: tourdelebanonvalley.com

Sign up at: bikereg.com

Route URL: https://tourdelebanonvalley.com/routes/ Facebook URL: https://tources/ Facebook URL: <a href="ht

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Above: The Tour de Lebanon Valley Metric Century

2025 BCBC Shoo-Fly Classic Saturday, Sept. 27 www.berksbicycle.com/shoofly.php

And more and more ... To see additional events and details, visit scu.clubexpress.com/content.aspx and click on "Regional Calendar." Thanks to our friends at SCU for their hard work.

These bike shops offer discounts to BCBC members

The following bike shops offer BCBC members discounts on merchandise. The shops will give 10% off regularly priced accessories and 5% off regularly priced bikes (unless stated otherwise). Members must present their current membership ID card.

BICYCLE BARN

839 Reading Blvd. (Rt.625), East Earl Township, 717-445-8508, bicyclebarnllc.com

GO GRAVA BICYCLE

840 N Park Road, Wyomissing, 610-898-4855,gograva.com

JB'S BIKE SHOP

214 W. Lancaster Ave, Shillington, 610-777-5253, <u>jbsbikeshop.com</u>

SHIRK'S BIKE SHOP

1649 Ligalaw Rd., East Earl, 717-445-5731, www.facebook.com/ ShirksBike

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Club member taking on ultra challenge: Can you help?

Diane Grim is getting ready to take on a challenge, an adventure that few will envy: a 100-mile run.

The longtime board member, and also designer of our jerseys, by the way, received an athlete sponsorship from HOKA to compete in the Western States Endurance Run 100-Miler on June 28-29 this year.

In an email, Diane points out that this event ranks as a "Tour de France" for trail runners, with 40,000 feet of elevation gain in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

That said, Diane is raising funds to take her support crew, which is essential for this 30-hour run.

Here's how you can help out:

- ◆ Sign up for the 10-Mile Trail Run and 5K Fun Run/Walk on April 6 in Birdsboro: www.pretzelcitysports.com/wp-content/ uploads/2025/02/Whats-your-story-race-appfinal-to-post.pdf. This will download or open a PDF file with plenty of info about the event.
- Online registration: <u>www.pretzelcitysports.</u> com/onlineform1.php?id=1828
- Can't make the race? You can make a donation here: www.pretzelcitysports.com/ onlineform1.php?id=1829
- A complete link to everything:

10 Mile Trail Run and 5k Fun Run/Walk*

Assisted by **Pretzel City Sports Trail Sister approved!** Rustic Park, Birdsboro Sunday, April 6, 2025 **8 AM Registration** 9 AM Start

*Proceeds will help Diane Grim transport her support team for the 100-mile Western Endurance Run,

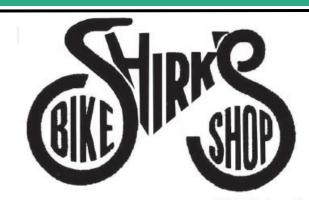
www.pretzelcitysports.com/calendar event/ whats-your-story-10-mile-trail-run-and-5k-funrun-walk-hike/

2025 Berks County Bicycle Club Membership Form

N	lames of people in household* (see "	Dues," below) who will be rid	ling on BCBC rides:			
Street:		State:				
Zip Code:	Email Address: Phone:					
Emergency con	tact, relationship, phone:					
Please Check or	ne: 🗖 New Applicant, or 🗖 Renewing	Member				
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May we publish	May we publish your name, address, and telephone number in a club directory? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
☐ Updating Ride s	your interests by checking as many heets; □ Road Rides; □ Trail Riding □ Helping with our Shoo-Fly Classic	; □ Social Events (Helping wit	•			
How did you fir	nd out about BCBC? 🗖 Friends or fam	nily; □ Newspaper; □ Online				
Signature:		Date:				
	(If applicant is under 18, pa	rent or legal guardian must a	lso sign.)			
Dues benefits incl	household, per year. Renewing men ude quarterly newsletter, <i>Cycling Tir</i> n newsletter. Website: <u>www.berksb</u>	nes, sent via email, and a men	-			
	Make all checks payable to	o: The Berks County Bicycle Cl	lub, Inc.			

Mailing address: 240 Spies Church Rd., Lot 118, Reading, PA 19606

Membership coordinator: Kathleen Casner, katcasner@gmail.com



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A note from the editor

This marks my final edition as coordinator/designer of *Cycling Times*, a task I assumed seven years ago.

Thanks are due to the executive committee for their support, here and with all BCBC activities; to the club members who have helped with information, photos, ideas, encouragement, etc.; and to my wife, Susan, for her excellent proofreading skills.

As of this writing, nobody has stepped up to take the position. Please consider this if you have the time and skills. It takes some six to eight hours a month, including the exec committee meeting, and it provides an invaluable service to the club.

Ride safe, my friends, and often!— Poncho Peña