

Early Season Unofficial, Leaderless Rides

April 1 and 15 – Meet at 10:00 at Williston Central School for informal rides. Route and distance will be determined by those who show up.

April 8 and 22 - Meet at 10:00 at the Wheeler lot at Veterans Memorial Park in South Burlington for informal rides.

April 29 – Meet at 10:00 at Jericho Elementary School for an informal ride. Route and distance will be determined by those who show up.

Beginner and Intermediate Rides for New Riders

Date: Saturday, May 5

Ride: Introductory Ride for new riders. We will go 12-20 miles at a leisurely pace. Our goal is to teach new cyclists the rules of the road and how to ride in a group.

Meeting Time: 10:00

Meeting Place: Veterans Memorial Park, South Burlington, Wheeler lot

Leader: Holly Creeks – 233-9013 / creeksh@yahoo.com

Co-Leader: Lou Bresee – 658-0597 / lakelou@comcast.net

Date: Saturday, May 19

Ride: Introductory Ride for new riders. We will go 12-20 miles at a leisurely pace. Our goal is to teach new cyclists the rules of the road and how to ride in a group.

Meeting Time: 10:00

Meeting Place: Veterans Memorial Park, South Burlington, Wheeler lot

Leader: Chris Johnson – 373-9015/ cjohnson42@gmail.com

Co-Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com

Date: Saturday, June 9

Ride: Introductory Ride for new riders. We will go 12-20 miles at a leisurely pace. Our goal is to teach new cyclists the rules of the road and how to ride in a group.

Meeting Time: 10:00

Meeting Place: Veterans Memorial Park, South Burlington, Wheeler lot

Leader: Kevin Batson – 825-2618/ kevbvt@gmail.com

Co- Leader: Holly Creeks – 233-9013 / creeksh@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, June 23

Ride: Introductory Ride for new riders. We will go 12-20 miles at a leisurely pace. Our goal is to teach new cyclists the rules of the road and how to ride in a group.

Meeting Time: 10:00

Meeting Place: Veterans Memorial Park, South Burlington, Wheeler lot

Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com

Co-Leader: Karla Ferrelli - 864-0101 / karla.ferrelli@gmail.com

GMBC Day Touring Rides

- All riders must wear helmets and obey the rules of the road. Please do not ride two abreast if there is traffic in either direction.
- For mornings with questionable weather, please call the ride leader to make sure the ride is still taking place. Ride leaders are obligated to go to the starting point and provide maps but may choose not to ride if the weather is miserable.
- Riders below the age of 18 must have a signed waiver from a parent.
- E indicates an easy ride, M is for moderate, and S is for strenuous.
- Rides begin promptly 15 minutes after the meeting time.
- Social Rides are more leisurely versions of the mapped ride - usually the shorter route - with longer food breaks. Always contact the social ride leader before the ride to make sure those versions of the ride are taking place.
- Additional local Social Rides will be scheduled as weather permits in the Champlain Valley. Please email lightspd@comcast.net to be added to the Social Riders email contact list, which is the only guaranteed notification for these rides. Weekend Social Rides are usually announced by Thursday.

Date: Sunday, May 6

Ride: Covered Bridges of Chittenden County – 23 (E), 30 (E/M) and 36 (M) mile options of rolling hills through Shelburne and Charlotte with the longer ride going through Ferrisburgh. Possible food stops include the Old Brick Store in Charlotte (no bathrooms) or a convenience store in Ferrisburgh for the long ride. Visit up to four of the five covered bridges in Chittenden County - the Shelburne Covered Bridge and the Holmes, Sequin and Quinlin bridges in Charlotte.

Meeting Time: 9:45

Meeting Place: Veterans Memorial Park (**paved parking area**), South Burlington

Leader: Lou Bresee – 658-0597 / lakelou@comcast.net

Co-Leader: Brian Howard – 505-1148 / bjhowd@gmail.com

Social Ride Leader: Donna Leban - 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast.net

Date: Sunday, May 13

Ride: Kingsland Bay – The 35-mile (E/M) ride rolls from Shelburne through Charlotte to Kingsland Bay Park and returns. The 46-mile (M) ride heads towards Vergennes and climbs to Monkton Ridge, returning through Hinesburg and a 65 (M/S) option heads into Huntington.

Meeting Time: 9:45

Meeting Place: Shelburne Village Shopping Center

Leader: Amy Otten - 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com

Co-Leader: Ralph Kilmoyer – 878-4070 / ralphkilmoyer@comcast.net

Date: Sunday, May 20

Ride: Vergennes Voyager – 26-mile rolling (E) or 39-mile flat to rolling (E/M) rural ride running along Otter Creek to Middlebury for a bakery stop. The longer ride rolls out by Kingsland Bay State Park before heading south to Middlebury. There are no big hills on this ride.

Meeting Time: 9:45

Meeting Place: Vergennes Union High School, Monkton Road, east parking lot

Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com

Co-Leader/Social Ride Leader: Karla Ferrelli - 864-0101 / karla.ferrelli@gmail.com

Date: Saturday, May 26

Ride: St. Albans Explorer – Light, rolling hills with beautiful views by the lake. The 35-mile (E/M) route goes out to Kill Kare Park and returns while the 50-mile (M) route continues on to Swanton and back. Both rides can break for food at St. Albans Bay.

Meeting Time: 9:45

Meeting Place: Georgia Park and Ride - For those coming from the Burlington area, we suggest carpooling at the Colchester Park and Ride at Exit 17 off I-89 or perhaps meeting at UVM or Veterans Memorial Park in South Burlington.

Leader: Kerry Crosby – 578-3249 / crosbykn@comcast.net

Co-Leader/Social Ride Leader: George Thabault – 598-3409 / gthabault@gmail.com

Date: Sunday, June 3

Ride: Grand Isles Flats – One of the flattest rides of the season. The 28-mile ride (E/M) circles Grand Isle and includes some dirt. The pace will be more casual than the long ride and will be done in the opposite direction. Riders on the 58-mile (M) ride can visit St. Anne's Shrine (bathrooms and picnic tables but no food) and a fossil bed with a food break at Hero's Welcome in North Hero. Unlike other GMBC rides, this one splits between the short and long at the beginning.

Meeting Time: 9:15

Meeting Place: Folsom School, South Street in South Hero - Those coming from the Burlington area may consider carpooling from the Colchester Park and Ride, Exit 17 off I-89, UVM or Veterans Memorial Park in South Burlington.

Leader: Bryan Harrington – 899-2908 / alpinefogman@yahoo.com

Co-Leader: Holly Creeks – 233-9013 / creeksh@yahoo.com

Social Ride Contact: Donna Leban - 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast.net

Date: Sunday, June 10

Ride: Hinesburg Hollow - This route travels south through Huntington via the beautiful Hinesburg Hollow Road. The short route is 25 miles (M) and returns to Williston via North Road (and a little bit of dirt) while the long one is 47 miles (M/S) and continues through North Ferrisburgh to the lake and back through Hinesburg.

Meeting Time: 9:15

Meeting Place: Williston Central School (by the tennis courts)

Leader: Tom Kennedy – 735-5359 / etomkennedy@gmail.com

Co-Leader: Glen Brooks – 373-1583 / gfbrooksvt@gmail.com

Social Ride Leader: Donna Leban - 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast.net

Date: Sunday, June 17

Ride: Champlain Bridge Ride – Both rides head out Lake Road and across the bicycle-friendly Champlain Bridge. The 43-mile route (M) stops at Crown Point while the 55-mile route (M) makes a loop on the New York side through Port Henry. The Social Ride may begin at a different time and/or location. Call ahead.

Meeting Time: 9:15

Meeting Place: Vergennes Union High School, Monkton Road, east parking lot

Leader: Ralph Kilmoyer – 878-4070 / ralphkilmoyer@comcast.net

Co-Leader: Amy Otten - 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com

Social Ride Leader: Donna Leban - 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast.net

Date: Sunday, June 24

Ride: Jaunt from Jasper Mine – This rolling hill ride (60 M/S) passes through Georgia and Milton before heading to St. Albans Bay for a lunch break and over to Swanton. The shorter version (40 M) turns around after the lunch stop. This ride has a short stretch along the shore of the Lamoille River and a longer stretch along Lake Champlain.

Meeting Time: 9:15

Meeting Place: Jasper Mine Road, off Route 2 heading towards Grand Isle

Leader: Dave Merchant – 825-3808/ dpierchand@comcast.net

Co-Leader: Joyce McCutcheon – 893-1690 / mellowmiti@aol.com

Date: Sunday, July 1

Ride: Rouse's Point Rouser – The mostly flat 60-mile (M) loop heads up from Grand Isle over the Rouse's Point Bridge and down through scenic, low-traffic, lakeside roads in New York and returns via the Grand Isle Ferry. The short ride (50 miles – E/M) circles Isle LaMotte and returns on the Vermont side. The Social Ride will also be the long loop but at a slower pace.

Meeting Time: 8:45

Meeting Place: Grand Isle Ferry Parking Lot. Those coming from the Burlington area may consider carpooling from UVM or Dorset Park, South Burlington.

Leader: Brian Howard – 505-1148 / bjhowd@gmail.com

Co-Leader: Matt Kuivinen - 881-9045 / mattkui@earthlink.net

Social Ride Leader: Donna Leban - 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast.net

Date: Sunday, July 8

Ride: Monkton Ridge Ride - Three options; 23 (E), 38 (M) and 48 (M) miles will travel some familiar roads and some less traveled. The short ride will not ascend to Monkton Ridge but all rides will have some nice descents which, of course can only be reached by some nice ascents, none of which are too hard. Lots of food stops available along the way.

Meeting Time: 8:45

Meeting Place: Shelburne Village Shopping Center

Leader: Lou Bresee – 658-0597 / lakelou@comcast.net

Co-Leader: Holly Creeks – 233-9013 / creeksh@yahoo.com

Date: Sunday, July 15

Ride: Willsboro Wanderer – 40 (E/M) and 55 (M/S) options of hilly terrain on low-traffic roads in New York. There are two potential stops for ice cream. Bring money for the ferry and food stops. The shorter version of this ride skips the big hill out of Willsboro.

Meeting Time: 8:30 for the 9:00 ferry

Meeting Place: Old Champlain Flyer parking lot, Ferry Road, Charlotte

Leader: Kevin Batson – 825-2618 / kevbvt@gmail.com

Co-Leader: Phyl Newbeck – 899-2908 / phyl@together.net

Date: Sunday, July 22

Ride: Not Quite Quebec – 51 (M) and 64 (M/S) rides on low traffic roads near the Canadian border. The route crosses the Missisquoi River twice and travels along the shore of Lake Carmi.

Meeting Time: 8:45

Meeting Place: Tractor Supply Company at exit 20 off I-89

Leader: Dave Merchant – 825-3808 / dpierchand@comcast.net

Co-Leader: Joyce McCutcheon – 893-1690 / mellowmiti@aol.com

Date: *Saturday*, July 28

Ride: Upper Valley Weekend - Horse Country Ride - All 3 rides start in South Royalton. The short ride (26 M) will travel north to Chelsea and return; the medium (40 M/S) continues up Route 110 to the top of the hill in Washington and back; and the long ride (51 S) goes to Chelsea, up to the Vershire Heights, then down into the CT river valley, back through Strafford and Sharon to S. Royalton. There are two country stores in Chelsea, and additional ones in W. Fairlee and Strafford on the long ride.

Meeting Time: 9:15

Meeting Place: North side of the South Royalton Green

Leader: Pat Stabler - 781-929-9085 / everstab@verizon.net

Co-Leader: Tom Evers - 617-605-0928 / everstab@verizon.net

After the ride, cyclists can camp out in South Royalton, stay at an area hotel, or return home. There is a \$10 fee for camping, part of which might be refunded. Talk to Pat and Tom to get more info about the camping.

Date: Sunday, July 29

Upper Valley Weekend – Pomfret Perambulations – This 50-mile ride (M/S) heads up Howe Hill, then down the lovely Pomfret Road to West Hartford and the White River. After a climb over the hill to Woodstock, we'll ride along River Road to pick up Route 12. Another climb will bring you into Barnard and a stop at the excellent general store by lovely Silver Lake. North Road provides you with some lovely views to the west, then back 107 to 14 to the Royalton green.

Meeting Time: 9:00

Meeting Place: North side of the South Royalton Green

Leader: Bryan Harrington – 899-2908 / alpinefogman@yahoo.com

Co-Leaders: Pat Stabler and Tom Evers - 781-929-9085 / everstab@verizon.net

Date: Sunday, July 29

Ride: Double or Triple Ferry Ride – This ride starts with the ferry to Port Kent and heads north to the recreation path through the Old Air Base into Plattsburgh. From Plattsburgh, riders will take the ferry across to Grand Isle and down to South Hero. Riders then have the option of taking the Local Motion ferry to Colchester and the Burlington Bike Path (43 E/M with packed gravel) or following the Champlain Bikeway on Routes 2 and 7 (50 M). Bring money for the ferries.

Meeting Time: 7:45 for the 8:10 ferry

Meeting Place: Burlington Ferry Dock

Social Ride Leader: Donna Leban - 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast.net