

Regular Weekly Rides

Sundays

Sunday Morning Breakfast Ride. Class C, up to 30 miles.

Bring locks and money for brunch in the middle of the ride. Meet 8:45 at the SE corner of 22nd & Spring Garden for a delightful ride to a delightful place to have a delightful breakfast. The ride will be show and go till daylight savings time returns. Contact Henry Lazarus at hlazar@netaxs.com if you are interested in having a breakfast ride.

B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 MPH, approx. 40 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain behind the Art Museum at noon. Check the Monthly Calendar for leaders, ride descriptions, and cancellations.

Sunny Sunday Afternoon Ride. Class D. The regular Sunny Sunday ride is over for the season. See you in the spring!

Sunny Sunday Spin-Off Ride. Class C, usually 25-30 miles. A true C ride which cheerfully waits to regroup. All welcome. Meets 12:15 at the rock near the Italian Fountain, behind the Art Museum. *Leaders: Dec 3 - Tom Witt, 215-977-2164; 10th - Sam Wiley, 215-523-7556; 17th - Chuck Martin, 215-923-1887; 24th - Show and Go; 31st - Last of '06, old acquaintances welcome, Tom Witt, 215-977-2164.*

Wednesdays

MTB on the Pennypack or Wissahickon Trails. Class B-/C+. Starts from the Pine Road entrance to Pennypack Park or the upper parking lot on Valley Green Road

(Wissahickon) at 6:30 PM. Ride time is 1.5 to 2 hours, so a light with a minimum of 2 hours burn time and 10W is required. A trail permit is also required (go to <http://www.fairmountpark.org/pdf/Trail%20User%20Permit%20Application.pdf> to download a copy of the permit application). The ride will generally be held at Pennypack, but will change location on occasion. Those interested in riding should call or e-mail the day before the ride to confirm and find out the location for that week's ride. Depending on the predicted weather and/or trail conditions, the ride may be rescheduled for either Tuesday or Thursday evening. Day-of ride inquiries—call only. *Leader: Chris Beetham, 215-576-6514, ride_with_cb@verizon.net*

Fridays

Wallyball. December 8 and 22. Come to the Aquatic & Fitness Center at Riverside Racquet at 600 Righters Ferry Road, Bala Cynwyd at 7 PM for a fun and invigorating game of Wallyball. What is that, you ask? Good question - it's volleyball in a racquetball court. We play until at least 9:00. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Bring your own lock for a locker. Call the club at 610-664-6464 for directions. Call or email *coordinator Nikki Marx, 215-963-9377, bcpwallyball@hotmail.com* to let her know you are coming or there may not be a game. Also call or email Nikki if you would like to be on the Wallyball e-mail list to remind you of upcoming games.

December Ride Listings

Saturday, December 2 - Winter Wimps I: Iron Hill Loop. Class C, 11+ mph, about 15-20 miles. Start 9:30 from Iron Hill Brewery, Phoenixville. Park in their lot on the north side of the street. For about 2 hours we will spin towards Spring City on some old familiar roads with a few new twists. Then we return to IH's newest location for brunch and great beer: 130 E. Bridge Street Phoenixville, PA 19460, Phone 610-983-9333. NB: there are other eateries in the vicinity. Although we stop to regroup, and no one is left behind, this is not a ride for beginners. Cue sheets provided. A multi-club ride. Bring snacks, liquids and money. Winter Protocol: NO CALLS = NO RIDE! More info, *Leader: Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.*

Sunday, December 3 - TOPS - Tandems of Philly & Suburbs: Recumbents & Normal Bikes. Class B/B-, 14-15 mph, 40 miles. 9:30 start at Betzwood along the Valley Forge Trail. We will be making a loop up Forbidden

Drive for lunch at Bruno's. Surface there is a little rough. We'll take Andorra Rd back. *Leaders: Pat & Bill Rock, 215-659-5148, patrockbikes@aol.com.*

Sunday, December 3 - Hike the Wissahickon. This month we will start at the Valley Green Inn. Meet at 9:30 to do 5-7 miles, mostly on trails, with Forbidden Drive option. If it is too cold or windy for you to ride, please come & hike the beautiful Wissahickon. From Germantown Ave, turn onto Springfield Ave (right turn from the burbs, left from the city -across from Wissahickon Cyclery). After about a mile, bear right at the fork. Please park in the upper parking lot and walk down to the Inn. From Henry Ave, turn onto Wisers Mill Road (left turn from the burbs, right from the city). *Leaders: Howard Hochheiser, cell 215-913-3246, howard@thebluestargroup.biz, and Debbie Hoellein, cell 215-833-5545, wholelion@aol.com.*

Sunday, December 3 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 44 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain behind the Art

December Ride Listings (continued)

Museum at noon. Food stop at Whole Foods Market in Devon. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is flat to rolling hills with two or three moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. *Leader: Jim Laurino, 215-476-5091, bcpbit612.x.jimlaur@dfgh.net.*

Wednesday, December 6 - Class D Ramble from Chesterbrook. Perhaps 20 miles or so, depending on the group. Starts at 11:00 from Manhattan Bagel in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center, easily accessed from US 202 or Pa 252. Arrive early if you want to buy brunch. A multi-club relaxed ride - flat but perhaps a few hills if the group is willing. We stop to regroup as required. Winter Protocol: NO CALLS = NO RIDE! No one left behind - No cue sheets. Bring snacks, liquids and money. *Leader: Arnie Roseman, 610-640-4529, biker73pa@msn.com.*

Saturday, December 9 - Northeast Ramble. Class C-, 20-35 miles depending on weather, etc. Always a brunch stop, usually leave at 9:00. Call Thursday evening or Friday for details of start location, etc. No calls - no ride. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907.*

Sunday, December 10 -TOPS - Tandems of Philly & Suburbs: Recumbents & Normal Bikes. Class B/B-, 14-15 mph, 40 miles. 9:30 start at Betzwood along the Valley Forge Trail. We will be making a loop up Forbidden Drive for lunch at Bruno's. Surface there is a little rough. We'll take Andorra Rd back. *Leaders: Pat & Bill Rock, 215-659-5148, patrockbikes@aol.com.*

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Sunday, December 10 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-50 miles. Mystery Destination. Leaves from the Italian Fountain at noon. Show and Go or look for an Ad Hoc Leader listing.

Wednesday, December 13 - BCP Monthly Meeting. 6:30 PM at the Manayunk Diner, 3722 Main St., Manayunk, Philadelphia, 215-483-4200. We'll be in the upstairs dining area. All BCP members are encouraged to attend. To get something on the agenda, contact *Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jbakely@verizon.net.*

Sunday, December 17 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, about 40 miles. Meet at the Italian Fountain at noon. How many ways can we ride to Ambler? Food stop at Toto's Gelatos. Cue sheets provided. Terrain is flat to rolling hills

with one or two moderate climbs. Call if the weather is questionable. Start time temperature 35 degrees or below cancels ride. *Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jeffbakely@yahoo.com.*

Friday, December 22 - Holiday Lights Night Ride Celebration. All Classes, 10-13 miles. Relive your childhood days of cruising the streets in search of holiday lights and festive displays. Slightly modified route to incorporate the Schuylkill Bicycle Trail to Chestnut and then on to South Philly where the holiday lights are brightest. You won't be disappointed on this ride as I've found numerous unique streets and hundreds of houses decorated to the maximum for the season. We'll tour south Philly's best and brightest holiday displays. Meet in FRONT of the Art Museum in Philadelphia at 7 PM. The past several years have seen a number of people shivering in the cold weather. Please overdress in layers to insure your full enjoyment of the ride. Our rolling average speed is about 10 mph, not nearly fast enough to generate much body heat. Bring your hybrid or MTB for some of the rougher terrain along the city streets. Your bike should be equipped with lights and reflectors, and you should dress with bright reflective clothing. Those really looking to get in the spirit are encouraged to decorate their bikes with lights and garland. Afterwards we'll go out for food and spirits. Canceled only if it's raining. *Leader: Bob Paradise, 856-343-5944, rdparadise@comcast.net.*

Saturday, December 23 - Five Creeks. Class B-, 13-14 mph, 30-40 miles depending on how cold it is. We will do some version of the Five Creek Ride with a food/warm-up stop at the Bagel Factory in Bryn Mawr. Prompt 9:30 start at the Italian Fountain. Call if weather is questionable. Start time temp. of 35 degrees or below cancels ride. *Leader: Jeff Bakely, 215-843-1093, jeffbakely@yahoo.com.*

Sunday, December 24 - B Ramble. Class B, 14-15 mph, 40-50 miles. Mystery Destination. Leaves from the Italian Fountain at noon. Show and Go or look for an Ad Hoc Leader listing.

Saturday, December 30 - Northeast Ramble. Class C-, 20-35 miles depending on weather, etc. Always a brunch stop, usually leave at 9:00. Call Thursday evening or Friday for details of start location, etc. No calls - no ride. *Leaders: Dick & Madge Trickey, 215-288-5907.*

Saturday, December 30 - Oh Where Oh Where Is Spring Mountain. Class C, 11-12 mph average, 35 + miles. On our way to Harleysville, we will take a little side trip to check out the conditions at Spring Mountain. If you