



# BIKE MONTH

CINCINNATI 2013

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### PARK+VINE TO NORTHSIDE FARMERS' MARKET

**Every Wednesday in May, 5:15pm**  
Join us for a casual ride from Park+Vine to the Northside Farmers' Market. Meet at P+V, 1202 Main St.

### THE MOBO SUPER SLOW RIDE

**Every Thursday in May, 6:30pm**  
This workshop teaches bicycle safety to adults through the relative safety of riding on the neighborhood streets of Northside. We will build stamina and gain confidence by practicing how to get from here to there in an urban setting. Bring your bike, your helmet (required), and be prepared to have a great time. Mobo Bike Co-op, 1415 Knowlton St.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/126176227459035/>

### THURSDAY NIGHT SLOW & STADY RIDE

**Every Thursday, 7:30pm**  
You can ride any kind of bike you like, from BMX to tall bikes and everything in between! The ride usually lasts about 1.5 to 2 hours. If you enjoy riding bicycles or would like to learn how to ride in an urban environment, come on out - we will take it easy on you! Meet at Hoffner Park in Northside.  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=98515263641&ref=nf>

### BICYCLE HAPPY HOUR AT BOSWELL'S

**Every Thursday in May**  
Happy hour priced drinks all day Thursdays for anyone with a helmet, bike lock, or blinkie lights. Boswell's, 1686 Blue Rock St.

### BISHOP'S BICYCLE'S THURSDAY NIGHT RIDE

**Every Thursday in May, 6:30pm**  
The ride departs promptly at 6pm so plan to arrive early. There are several speed groups that range from race pace to conversational pace. These groups travel various routes east of Milford to the covered bridge on Stonelick-Williams Rd while other groups ride west into the City of Cincinnati. We also have a self lead recreation group that rides on the beautiful Little Miami Scenic River Trail. After the rides participants from all groups head down to MJ's on Main Street in Milford for a cool drink and a bite to eat. Helmets and tail lights are required. We post our weekly ride info on the Bishop's Bicycle's Facebook page.

### THE MUSIC RIDE

**Friday, May 3, 6pm**  
We're celebrating OTR Night at the Symphony with a short, fun, and musical bicycle ride through Over-the-Rhine! We'll supply the musical instruments and you supply the bicycle! Washington Park Bandstand, Over-the-Rhine.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/390965341002569/?ref=ts>

### FREEWHEELIN' FRIDAYS: AN ADVENTURE IN YOUR BACKYARD

**Friday, May 3, 5:30pm**  
Join us for a roll up through the new developments in OTR and Washington Park, where we will check out a few of the new stores and restaurants in the area. If you haven't been downtown in a while, you won't believe everything going on! Cincinnati Bike Center, 120 E Mehring Way.

### CAR FREE FRIDAYS

**Every Friday in May, all day**  
Ditch your car for Fridays during Bike Month. Take advantage of the Cincinnati Bike Center's indoor, secure bike storage, and shower facilities for FREE on Fridays in May! Cincinnati Bike Center, 120 E Mehring Way.

### WALK WASSON WAY Saturday, May 4, 9:30am

Walk the proposed trail! The hike is about 2.5 miles and takes slightly over an hour. Meet at Eastern Hills Lane and Wasson Road (about 150 yards east of the intersection of Wasson Road and Marburg).

### BIKES+BREWS

**Saturday, May 4, Noon to 5pm**  
This year the ride will make five stops (Moerlein Lager House, Keystone Bar & Grill, The Elusive Cow, Rock Bottom Brewery, Mayberry Gastropub) along a nine-mile route, and will start at the OTR Biergarten and end at Market Wines. The route is fairly level and should be doable for cyclists of all ages and abilities. Follow the #bikebrews or @UrbanCincy on the day of the event to find out where we are if you don't plan on participating from start to finish. There is no requirement to eat or drink at any of the stops, but we do strongly encourage you to socialize and support the businesses we stop at along the route.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/121758514688750/>



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### EASTSIDE TO FINDLAY MARKET RIDE

**Every Saturday in May, 9am**

Start your day off right with a casual ride to Findlay Market. Spend some time shopping, enjoy Belgian Waffles guilt-free, and then head back to the eastside. Coffee Emporium, 3316 Erie Ave.

### FINDLAY MARKET BIKEGARTEN

**Every Saturday in May, 9am to 1pm**

Learn more about the bicycle friendly changes happening in our community, purchase an official Bike Month t-shirt or pick up free biking maps and more!

### RIDE FOR READING KICKOFF POTLUCK

**Sunday May 5, 4pm to 6pm**

Bring a book and a dish! Cincinnati's first annual Ride for Reading collects donated books to give to every child in one of our local schools. Come hangout, eat some snacks, hear some music and sign up for the ride to deliver the books to the kids on May 8th, Bike to School Day. Hoffner Park.

### SUNDAY MORNING GROUP RIDE

**Every Sunday in May, 9am**

This ride is approximately 20 miles and is a no drop ride. Helmets are required and flat repair kits are suggested. Also bring water and any nutrition you may need. Performance Bicycle, 7690 Montgomery Road.

### BICYCLE HAPPY HOUR AT THE BREW HOUSE

**Every Monday in May, 4 to 7pm**

Anyone with a helmet gets a free appetizer during happy hour, 4-7 pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/brew.house.16>

### CINCINNATI CYCLE CLUB HAPPY HOUR

**Monday, May 6, 7pm**

Come out, have a drink, and make some new friends! As usual, this is open to non-members, although, we think it'd be

SWELL if you decide to join! Bike Valet

Parking will be provided by Queen City Bike. Neons, 208 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St

<https://www.facebook.com/events/167347050091380/>

### URBAN BASIN BICYCLE CLUB

**Every Tuesday, 6:30pm**

Join us for slow, interesting, themed rides that begin and end in the basin. All skill levels are welcome. Fountain Square.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/391316300890025/?fref=ts>

### TUESDAY EVENING GROUP RIDE

**Every Tuesday in May, 6pm**

This ride is approximately 20-25 miles and is a no drop ride. Helmets are required and flat repair kits are suggested. Also bring water and any nutrition you may need. Performance Bicycle, 7690 Montgomery Road.

### RBO TUESDAY NIGHT ROAD RIDE

**Every Tuesday in May, 6pm**

This ride is open to all road bikers including beginners, the only prerequisites being 1) you have a road bike 2) helmet and 3) lights. The route differs every week. There are three ride groups for different skill/intensity levels: Medium-Slow: This group generally stays on flatter ground and rides about 15-28 miles. The pace is generally 14-16 mph on flat ground and slows up the hills. Medium-Fast: Faster and more hills. Average speed on flat ground 18-20 mph, 25-35 miles. Race-Pace: Extremely fast, averages 25-30 mph when on flat ground. Bike handling skills a must, sometimes fun, but always a good workout. Four preset routes as this group is a "drop-ride." Meet at the shop around 6 and leave at 6:15pm sharp. Pumps, changing rooms and bathroom available. If it's raining, we will have a trainer session in the studio. Reser Bicycle Outfitters, 648 Monmouth St, Newport.

### RIDE FOR READING

**Wednesday, May 8, 10am**

Cincinnati's first Ride for Reading. Join us to deliver books to the students of St. Peter Claver School by BICYCLE! Meet at WordPlay, 4041 Hamilton Ave.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/371345536312431/>

### FAMILY FUN RIDE

**Friday, May 10, 6pm**

One hour bike ride through Oakley starting at Oakley Square.

### FREE WHEELIN' FRIDAYS: RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENTS

**Friday, May 10, 5:30pm**

On this cruise along the Ohio River, we'll see the extent of the Riverside parks, the proposed new bike lane route along Riverside, as well as a stop for snacks! Cincinnati Bike Center, 120 E Mehring Way.

### BIKE POP WOW! COVINGTON BIKE FESTIVAL

**Saturday, May 11, 9am to 1pm**

Covington's first pop-up bike shop and festival. 9-10 am: Basic bike maintenance (air, brakes, chain) for all participants, bike safety presentation for younger riders; 10-11am: Adults ride the Licking River Greenway, bike decorating begins for kids; 11am-noon: Bike parade, kids ride through neighborhood, QCB leads urban riding safety class for beginning adults. Park Place between Greenup and Court, one block south of Roebling Bridge.

### HOLIDAY BIKE DRIVE

**Saturday, May 11, 10am to 2pm**

Bring a used kid's bike to REI, and Queen City Bike will fix it up and donate it to a kid in need. For every bike you donate, receive a thank you gift from REI and Whole Foods. REI, Rookwood Commons.  
<https://www.facebook.com/CinciBikeDrive?fref=ts>



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## DEVOU PARK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING

**Saturday, May 11, Noon**

The ribbon cutting happens at noon, but you can stop by any time during the day and ride the 3 new miles of trail! See [devouparktrails.com](http://devouparktrails.com) for more details.

## AN ALMOST MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND RIDE

**Saturday, May 11, 8am to Noon**

Let's hit the trail! Spend some quality time with mom, and bring her out for a bike ride. We'll be out there from 8 a.m. to noon and would love to see you. Parking is available in Turfway Park lot at 7500 Turfway Road, Florence, KY. CVG Trail.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheCvgTrail?fref=ts>

## LITTLE MIAMI TRAIL CLEAN UP

**Sunday, May 12, 2pm to 4pm**

Clean up and routine maintenance work on QCB's adopted mile of trail, with a social gathering afterward at Fifty West Brewing Company. Meet at mile marker 53.5 in Avoca Park.

## BICYCLE COMMUTING BASICS WORKSHOP

**Monday, May 13, 6:30pm to 8pm**

Bike commuting means different things to everybody, and before you start it's important to understand why you ride. This will impact where you ride, how frequently you ride, and what gear you may need. REI, Rookwood Commons.

## MONDAY EXPLORATION RIDE

**Monday May 13, 6:45pm**

This casual ride will visit bike paths and trails with some in-street riding to get to them. Less than 15 miles and less than 10mph average speed. Rest stops will be included as needed. Helmets are required, and lycra will not be needed. This will be the casual version of the Cincinnati Cycle Club -Team Cycling and Fitness Ride from the same location on

the weeks offered. We will leave just a few minutes after the, mostly Lycra clad, 25 mile riders. Arrive a few minutes early to check your bike and sign waivers.

Please park on the east end of the Kroger parking lot that joins up to Vine St. Proceed to join the group with care to avoid patrons in the parking lot. Hartwell Kroger, 8241 Vine St.

## BIKE TO WORK WEEK COMMUTER STATIONS

**4pm to 6pm**

We give bicyclists free coffee and goodies as a way of saying thanks for not driving, and for keeping our commute enjoyable! Our corner of the sidewalk is also a place for cyclists to meet each other and learn more about bicycle advocacy and fun in Cincinnati.

**Tuesday, May 14**

Reser Bicycle Outfitters, 1419 Vine St.

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Fifty West Brewing Company, 7668 Wooster Pike (sponsored by REI).

**Thursday, May 16**

Spun Bicycles, 4122 Hamilton Ave

## ACROSS AMERICA BY BICYCLE

**Wednesday, May 15, 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Join REI as we welcome Alice Honeywell and Bobbi Montgomery, authors of Across America by Bicycle, as they share their stories of bicycling across the USA, facing scorching sun, driving rain, buffeting winds, equipment failures, killer hills, wild fires, and a plague of grasshoppers.

## RIDE OF SILENCE

**Wednesday, May 15, 7 to 8pm**

At 7:00pm the Ride of Silence will begin in North America and roll across the globe. Cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling

on public roadways. The ride begins at Lunken Airport, travels to Smale Riverfront Park for the ceremony, and then travels back to Lunken.

## FLAT TIRE CLINIC

**Thursday, May 16, 7 to 8pm**

Free! Link to sign up:

<http://teamcyclingandfitness.com/articles/free-flat-tire-clinics-pg329.htm>

## BREAKFAST ON THE BRIDGE

**Friday, May 17, 6:45am to 9am**

Pastries and coffee, some warm food, and a mechanic station with someone to help hook up your bike. First 50 get a cool sticker! Purple People Bridge.

## BIKE TO WORK DAY CELEBRATION

**Friday, May 17, Noon to 1pm**

Come down to Washington Park to celebrate National Bike to Work Day!

## FREEWHEELIN' FRIDAYS: GO WEST YOUNG MAN

**Friday, May 17, 5:30pm**

We're pushing through to explore some of the new developments out west! With proposed bike lanes, cycle paths and parks, the Westside could become your new favorite place to bike. Cincinnati Bike Center, 120 E Mehring Way.

## WALK WASSON WAY

**Saturday, May 18, 9:30am**

Walk the proposed trail! The hike is about 2.5 miles and takes slightly over an hour. Meet at Eastern Hills Lane and Wasson Road (Meet 150 yards east of intersection of Wasson Road and Marburg.)

## BIKE MONTH EXPO 2013

**Saturday, May 18, 2 to 4pm**

Come listen to local cyclists share significant moments and talk about what Cincinnati has to offer in bike culture, such as mountain biking, cyclocross, BMX, and more. Get crafty with bike inspired crafts for all ages, and check out some local bike organizations. Main Library Downtown - Children's Learning Center.





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## BEST (BIKE) PROM EVER!

**Saturday, May 18, 7pm**

Are you still traumatized by that coral salmon, two-tone, accordion sash prom dress with spaghetti straps that your mother made you wear in 1998? Are you still losing sleep at night because your date danced with the quarterback of the football team while you were in the bathroom trying to get a baked ziti stain off your pants? If so, it's obvious what your high school prom was missing: BIKES! This is your chance to relive the aspects of prom (dressing up, hanging with your friends and listening to a Savage Garden song with your eyes closed) while biking around Cincinnati with a great group of people. So dust off that tux, put on that dress and meet us at Hoffner Park, where we will start a slow ride down to Fountain Square. Come early to have your photo taken under the glitter balloon arch.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/534544373267365/>

## RIDE WITH TRAFFIC CLINIC

**Sunday, May 19, 9 to Noon**

Free! Link to sign up:

<http://teamcyclingandfitness.com/about/ride-with-traffic-education-clinic-pq1181.htm>

## BIKE POLO NEWBIE DAY/ PARTY AT THE COURT

**Sunday, May 19, 2pm till dark**

Come check out/try out bike polo. If you like fun and having it this is the sport for you. There is a worldwide community of polo players waiting for you to join our ranks. We will have loaner bikes and mallets for you to give it a try. If you have a bike without bull horns you can try it out on that. (Mountain bikes are probably the easiest thing to start on). If you just like watching sports bring a friend and come hang out. If you just like to party come meet some of the funnest bike kids around. If you don't like fun this event isn't for you.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/569622036393778/>

## FREEWHEELIN' FRIDAYS: ACROSS THE BORDER

**Friday, May 24, 5:30pm**

It's an exploration of southern living as we loop our way through Newport and historic Covington. We'll ride across bridges, along levee, and past some of the oldest homes in the area. Cincinnati Bike Center, 120 E Mehring Way.

## DINNER+BIKES

**Saturday, May 25, 7 to 10pm**

Join us for a traveling road show of vegan food and bicycle inspiration! Joshua Ploeg will delight with a vegan buffet dinner, Elly Blue will present about transportation equity, and Joe Biel will show a near-complete excerpt from Aftermass, his forthcoming documentary about the history of bicycle activism in Portland. Then we'll talk local issues and peruse the traveling bookstore. Location TBD; ticket details:

[www.facebook.com/events/250958931716882/](http://www.facebook.com/events/250958931716882/)

## MILES FOR SMILES

**Saturday, May 25**

A fundraising ride to send underprivileged kids to summer camp. \$35 registration fee; more info at

<http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www.use.cincinnati.nsf/vw-dynamic-index/B9DCD771AFEB24C285257B36004B79D7?Opendocument>

## BICYCLE DANCE PARTY

**Sunday, May 26**

Details to come! Madisonville Arts and Cultural Center, 5021 Whetsel Ave.

## MONDAY EXPLORATION RIDE

**Monday May 27, 6:45pm**

This casual ride will visit bike paths and trails with some in-street riding to get to them. Less than 15 miles and less than 10mph average speed. Rest stops will be included as needed. Helmets are required, and lycra will not be needed. This will be the casual version of the Cincinnati Cycle Club -Team Cycling and

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## BIKE FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS CEREMONY

**Thursday, May 30, 10am**

Local destinations will be awarded Bronze, Silver, or Gold Bicycle Friendly Destination status based on advocacy and infrastructure improvements they have made to support bicycling for their employees or visitors. City Hall, 8th and Plum St. [www.queencitybike.org](http://www.queencitybike.org)

## FIX A FLAT & MAINTENANCE CLASS

**Thursday, May 30, 6 to 7pm**

Learn basic bike maintenance skills, including how to fix a flat tire. Meet at the lot on the corner of McMillan and Chatham in Walnut Hills.

## FREEWHEELIN' FRIDAYS: CAR FREE FRIDAY

**Friday, May 31, 5:30pm**

We're wrapping up Bike Month with an easy cruise through downtown in support of bike friendly planning, infrastructure, and law enforcement. Remember, we show strength in numbers! Cincinnati Bike Center, 120 E Mehring Way.

## QUEEN CITY BIKE+DINE

**Saturday, June 1, Noon**

Pedal into summer on the eighth edition of Queen City Bike + Dine. Ride your bike to Park + Vine for hydration and a quick air-brakes-chain check before departing on a bike tour of local restaurants and bars. Tickets (\$25 plus processing fees) go on sale May 1 and include food and drinks. Proceeds benefit participating businesses and Queen City Bike, our



region's bicycling advocacy organization. Tickets are non-refundable. Event is rain or shine. Helmets required. For more information, e-mail [info@parkandvine.com](mailto:info@parkandvine.com). <https://www.facebook.com/events/149306158567881/>

**WALNUT HILLS ARCHITECTURAL  
BIKE RIDE**

**Sunday, June 2, 2 to 3pm**

Cycle through Walnut Hills and learn about its architectural history.