



The Colorado Bicyclist

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2019 DBTC Upcoming Events

Spring Kick Off

Saturday, April 13th
Time and Location TBD

Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 27th
Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge

Ice Cream Social

Friday, June 28th
Frisco

Fall Ride

Saturday, October 19th
Arapahoe Trailhead on Cherry Creek Trail

Rockies Games

Sundays May 5th & June 2nd
Coors Field, Denver

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, Nov. 9th
Time and Location TBD

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In an effort to be a more concerned and caring club, we would like to send a card to those members suffering from an injury, illness, or loss. If you know of someone who could use a pick-me-up, please email the name to Linda at 528tiernan@gmail.com.

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Board Meetings

Members wishing to attend a board meeting are welcome! The DBTC board meets the second Monday of each month at 6pm, Perkin's Restaurant (1995 S. Colorado Blvd). Anyone wishing to address the board, contact the president at president@dbtc.org or call 303-725-1565 so your topic can be placed on the agenda.

The President's Page

Cyndy Klepinger

Like many of you, my riding has dropped off due to the winter weather. Now that's spring is almost here, I am planning my summer ride schedule as I am hooked on the sense of freedom, adventure and happiness that I feel on my bike.

Over the years, I have learned a lot about my personal riding style and preferences. I know I like riding with a group, but I also enjoy riding solo or with one or two others. DBTC offers cyclists the opportunity to meet others with similar interests – and then you can decide what's your riding style.

As you may know, I enjoy multi-day bike trips. And through the Club, I have met others who also enjoy this type of cycling. You're invited to join me in Tour de Nebraska, June 19 – 23, www.tourdenebraska.com and/or Ride Idaho, July 13 – 20, rideidaho.org

Tour de Nebraska is a five-day (Wednesday-Sunday) circle tour, which means riders enjoy the convenience of starting and ending at the same place. The TDN is limited to 500 riders. This year, it starts in Sidney. Ride Idaho starts in Boise, and is a seven-day circle tour meandering through vineyards, farmland, and forests.

I am also considering a couple of one day events: Elephant Rock and the Denver Century. Are you interested? It would be nice to have a training partner or two or . . .

Besides these day and multi-day rides, I am looking forward to the social events, which are hosted by your DBTC Board. For a list of the dates, turn to page 4.

The 2019 cycling season promises to be busy, but fun-filled.

See you on the road!



Pictures and Articles for the Newsletter... This newsletter belongs to the members. If you have pictures or an article to share, please email them to ridecoordinator@dbtc.org. Only send one or two pictures, so you don't clog up my computer! Be sure to include details about who, when and where the picture was taken. If you have a photo to mail, contact the Ride Coordinator for the address. Remember we must give credit to the author. If you are a writer with an article of interest, we may make you a published author! The deadline for publishing is the 20th, but please send your articles earlier.



THORNTON APPROVES IDAHO STOP

Cyclists in Thornton no longer have to come to a complete stop at stop signs. The city just updated its traffic laws, which now allow cyclists to slow down -- but not completely stop -- at intersections.

The city claims to be the first in the Denver metro area to pass the measure, which is known as the Idaho stop.

So, yes, cyclists still need to stop at stop signs in Denver.



Happy Birthday to US

On February 16th twenty DBTC members gathered at Susie Frakes house to celebrate our birthdays. It was a chilly day and even snowed a bit just to remind us why we were not on our bikes. We shared comradery and lunch. DBTC provided a cake. Susie started this years ago to celebrate the February birthdays of Don Pearson and Gordon Valentine (and herself). We have expanded it to everyone's birthday. This year we had another very special birthday to celebrate - continued on page 7

Social Media for DBTC

Become a member of these social media sites for relevant cycling news, last-minute rides and social activities with fellow members, such as ski trips and movies.



To follow us on Facebook:

Go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and join the DBTC page where you can find links to articles discussing the cycling community along the front range.



To join Meetup:

Go to [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) and join the DBTC Meetup by searching for "Denver Bicycle Touring Club" in Groups.



To join Yahoo Groups:

To receive email updates from the Cycling Yahoo Group click [HERE](#) or the Mountain Biking Yahoo Group, click [HERE](#)

You'll then receive emails about upcoming rides for those respective groups. You can also check out the latest [CYCLING](#) or [MTB](#) updates.

WELCOME NEW DBTC MEMBERS

Julia Bristor

R. Craig Gallun

Rodney Horton

Peter Mustacchio

Patricia Noell

Thomas Patterson

Bruce Snyder

Sharing the Paths with Scooters

In Denver, cyclists will now have to share bike lanes with scooters. Scooters must use bike lanes whenever possible, stay at or below 15 mph in bike lanes, ride in the road when bike lanes aren't available and only use sidewalks when other options aren't available, but at a speed of 6mph or less.

With around 1,750 dockless scooters zipping around, please be careful as the cycling season ramps up.



New DBTC Member Benefit

RIDE WITH GPS Club Account!

Active-status DBTC members can soon **Ride with GPS** (RWGPS) and use its more advanced features:

DBTC recently acquired a club account subscription to RWGPS. Members will soon receive an email inviting them to join the Club RWGPS, with instructions on the easy setup process.

This benefit to members is strictly voluntary, and members are not required to join if they decide this is not for them. A project committee has begun, and will continue, to build a database of bike routes as they become available. A RWGPS "crib sheet" describing various features and usage instructions is being developed to be included on the DBTC website. Look for updates to RWGPS Club Account information in future newsletters.

CHERRY CREEK TRAIL CLOSURE

Your next ride on the trail to the Reservoir will probably include a detour at Iliff Ave. The construction project will eliminate the clover leaf and the need to ride on the sidewalk along Iliff. Also additional lighting, a wider trail and a new bridge over the creek.

The detour for those riding south will be routed east at Cherry Creek South Drive onto Iliff Avenue and then south on Wabash Street. The northbound detour involves South Wabash Street at the Wabash Trailhead and routed to the north side of Iliff Avenue. Be careful when crossing Iliff and cross only at designated crosswalks.

The trail should reopen the end of May.

Updates are available at: <http://arapahoegov.com/cherrycreekdetour>



Mickelson Trail Rambler

Come ride the unforgettable Mickelson Trail in South Dakota, a 114-mile-long, gravel-surfaced rail trail, which was named for the former state governor who helped create it. This rail trail cuts through the heart of the Black Hills with more than 100 bridges and four tunnels. This trip is moderate, and can be done on a road bike with wider tires. Due to the shuttle requirements, the trip is limited to 10 people.

Day 1. May 19 Arrive in Custer, which is around 350 miles from Denver. Check into hotel by 5 p.m. for happy hour, followed by a group dinner.

Day 2. May 20 We start riding on the George S Mickelson Trail, we head south riding downhill to the farming community of Edgecomb. We will get a shuttle ride back to Custer, where you can enjoy a late lunch on your own. Dinner on your own after a happy hour at the hotel. (44.5 MILES)

Day 3. May 21 After a shuttle to Rochford, we will cycle back to Custer. On our way, we will pass by Crazy Horse, a massive carving in the side of a granite wall. Begun in 1948, the work in progress is slated to be 500' high by 600' wide. Crazy Horse is the Lakota Sioux warrior responsible for defeating Custer's army in 1876. Lunch on your own. Dinner on your own after a happy hour at the hotel. (39.5 MILES)

Day 4. May 22 A free day to explore. Lunch on your own. The choice is yours: visit to Mount Rushmore National Monument where the heads of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt are carved into the mountainside. Or spend several hours at the Crazy Horse Memorial or take a ride on the wildlife loop at Custer State Park. You can either ride or drive the Wildlife Loop. Highlights include the Needles Highway, named for the stunning rock formations. On the loop, wild burros are so tame they will stick their noses into car windows looking for snacks. You'll also pass by a prairie dog town, the habitat for the animal that resembles a squirrel more than a dog. And you're bound to see bison.

Another option is to hike Black Elk Peak. At 7,242 feet, it stands prominently as the highest point in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Standing sentinel over the Black Hills, Black Elk Peak is topped by a stone fire tower that provides a magnificent view of the surrounding landscape. Meet later for a special jeep tour of Custer State Park, followed by a chuckwagon dinner.

Day 5. May 23 We will drive to the town of Deadwood, where the shuttle will pick us up and deliver us to the Rochford Trailhead. This section of the trail includes numerous bridges and tunnels and runs through one of the most beautiful areas of the Black Hills back to Deadwood. During the gold rush years, it was known for lawlessness, drinking and gambling. While wandering down main street with its casinos, make sure to stop and have a look at the No. 10 Saloon, where Wild Bill Hickok met his maker after being shot while playing poker. Lunch on your own. Group dinner at a local restaurant. (40 MILES)

Day 6. May 24 After breakfast, you may choose to do a short road ride or continue to sight see, or head home. One route to consider on your journey home is to stop by Devil's Tower National Monument, an astounding geologic feature that protrudes out of the prairie surrounding the Black Hills. It is considered sacred by Northern Plains Indians and indigenous people.

TRIP DETAILS

Start: Custer, South Dakota,

Finish: Deadwood, South Dakota

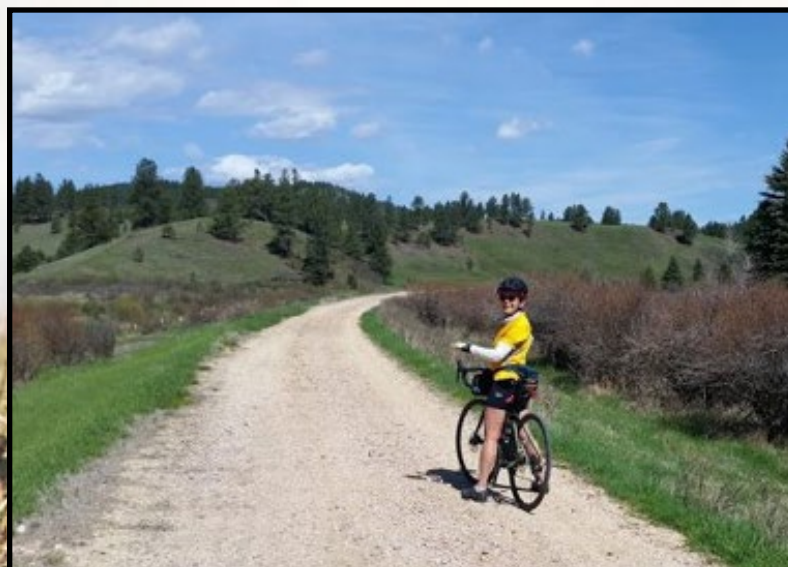
Included: Daily breakfast, two group dinners, daily happy hours, jeep safari tour and chuckwagon dinner in Custer State Park, shuttle service.

NOTE: Price does not include national or state park fees.

TRIP COST: \$820 PER PERSON – Single supplement: \$475

REGISTRATION

To register, please mail a \$400 deposit check payable to Cyndy Klepinger along with DBTC liability waiver and registration/medical form (found on the DBTC website) to: Cyndy Klepinger, 5401 East Dakota Ave #9, Denver, CO 80246. Final payments will be due no later than May 1, 2019. Remember that registration funds are non-refundable, but may be transferrable. Direct questions to: matilda8@msn.com, or by phone (303) 394-4962.



– DISCOVER – DOOR COUNTY, WI & DECORAH, IA AUGUST 16 - 24, 2019

Tour Leaders, Kathy & Joe Stommel have planned a great Fun+ level bike tour featuring two nights in Decorah, Iowa and six nights in fabulous Door County, Wisconsin.

The bike routes will be on quiet country roads with a few rolling hills. Tour activities include five bike rides, tours of a winery and working dairy farm, a ferry to Washington Island, a traditional Fish Boil group dinner, and two free days to explore on your own.

Lodging in both Decorah and Fish Creek will feature rooms with two queen beds; complimentary daily breakfast; in-room refrigerator, microwave & coffee maker; swimming pool; WiFi and free parking.

This tour is limited to twenty participants with a registration fee of \$950 per person based on double occupancy. Remember that registration fees are non-refundable but may be transferred if a suitable substitute is available. This tour is currently full but we are accepting wait list applicants. To reserve your spot on the wait list, please mail the two required DBTC tour forms to: Kathy Stommel, 9631 Autumnwood Pl, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Questions can be directed to: cyclekats@gmail.com or cell phone: 719-671-5579.

THIS TOUR IS CURRENTLY FULL – ACCEPTING WAIT LIST APPLICANTS!

2019 Cruisin' Colorado's High Country

Sunday-Saturday, July 21-27, 2019

Challenge yourself on this moving tour! Sunday, July 21, cycle from west of Denver on bikepaths, roads, and town streets paralleling I-70 west and arrive Glenwood Springs on Thursday, July 25. Stay in these overnight towns: Georgetown, Frisco, Avon, Eagle (all 1 night each), and Glenwood Springs (2 nights). Friday, July 26, ride to Carbondale on the Rio Grande bikepath for lunch. This tour is a small group experience with 12 participants, including leader.

TOUR DETAILS:

- **Sunday-Saturday, July 21-27, 2019.** This is a "moving" tour, cycling from west of Denver to Glenwood Springs on bikepaths, roads, and town streets. Average riding miles per day is 29, with 40 the most and 17 the least miles. Expect elevation gains and losses each day. Major climbs: Georgetown to Frisco over Loveland Pass-- +3900'/-3400'. Frisco to Avon over Vail Pass-- +2000'/-3600'.

- Geared (pun intended) for independent, intermediate-level riders capable of doing their own tire and bicycle repairs (we will be close to towns, + SAG is available) and who want to experience riding through Colorado's high country. Bag transport and minimal SAG will be provided. Riders have option to ride SAG from Loveland Ski Area to Loveland Pass (and bicycle from there to Frisco) but are encouraged to give it a try!

- Included in trip cost of \$750: 6 nights' double occ, two queen beds lodging; happy hour refreshments; pre- and post-trip get-togethers; two group dinners; one group activity; SAG services; and scheduled rides. Hotel amenities include complimentary breakfast; in-room bike storage; mini fridge; microwave; coffeemaker; free WiFi; free parking; pool/spa (some).

- You are responsible for getting yourself, your bike, and your luggage to the meeting place on Sunday, July 21, and the return home on Saturday, July 27.

Find the preliminary tour itinerary at www.dbtc.org under Out of Town Tours.

To register, please mail a \$350 deposit check, along with your completed DBTC liability waiver and registration/medical forms, to: Marilyn Choske, 3900 Holland St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Balance of \$400 is due by May 1, 2019. NOTE that registration funds are nonrefundable, but may be transferrable. Please direct any questions to: mjchoske@gmail.com or by phone to Marilyn at 303-905-8510.

Happy Birthday Melba!

Patty Gaspar

Melba Bouquet is turning 90! She joined the club in 2000 when she moved to Denver from California to be near her daughter and family. She continued her practice of marriage and family therapy for several more years. Visiting a bike shop, she purchased a club map and found out about an upcoming picnic ride. She attended it and joined the club the same day. She was very excited to find out about the numerous lovely places to ride in and around Denver AND the enthusiastic group of friendly riders in the club.



She started riding with the Wednesday FUN group but found that they rode faster than she liked so she and Gerry Garnett started their own group and called it the "Roses" – as in Stop and Smell the Roses. Their rule was that they would not only wait for the last rider, but that person would determine when the ride would start again.

There was a hard core of "Roses" riders who rode through the winter when the weather and trails were clear. They had frequent social events as well as lunch after all the rides. When Melba retired from riding a couple of years ago Lin Hark took her job and now Lin wants to pass it on. We need someone who wants to keep the "Roses", rechristened as Leisure, group going. Without someone to schedule the rides they will become show and go and soon they will disappear.

Something to look forward to – when you turn 90 and have been a member for 10 years you get a free lifetime membership to DBTC. Let's hope we all look as good as Melba does when that time rolls around.

Keep The Roses

Patty Gaspar

Lin Hark wants to retire as the Leisure Ride Coordinator. She took over when Melba retired and rechristened it the Leisure group. She has been trying to get more Leisure rides scheduled so there are rides on the weekends as well the Wednesday group. Without someone actively getting rides scheduled there will be very few rides for that group. While lots of us are enrolled in the Yahoo group and MeetUp, few actually are scheduling rides. It only takes a little time each month to be the coordinator, but then you know that you will have rides to go on the next month. If you are interested please contact me, Patty Gaspar, 303-618-5069, patty@gasparjones.com.



2019 Master Ride List

Here's a listing of some of the biking opportunities in Colorado and neighboring states. It is not inclusive. For other rides, go to: bicyclecolorado.org/events/event-calendar bikeride.com www.cyclingutah.com

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES

March 1-3 — Sedona Mountain Bike Festival, Sedona, AZ Main Expo/Festival area at the beautiful Posse Grounds Park; Bike Demos, Shuttled Rides, a Beer Garden, great Bands, and endless singletrack.
sedonamtbfestival.com

March 2 — VIDA MTB Clinic Series: Sedona, VIDA MTB Series, Sedona, AZ, Women's Mountain Bike Skills Clinic during Sedona MTB Festival, Rachel Gottfried, 949-677-6809, info@vidamtb.com
vidamtb.com

March 8-10 — Poison Spider Bicycles Spring Thaw, Moab, UT, Fun long weekend with Demo bikes, women's ride, shuttles, and guided group rides on great Moab Brand Trails. Preregister early for free t-shirt! Plus women's only ride/clinic.
moabthaw.com

March 29-31 — Hurricane Mountain Bike Festival, Hurricane, UT
hurricanemtbfestival.com
otesports.com

March 30-31 — Fatty Fools Day Fat Bike Festival, Polaris, MT, Fat Bike Festival
ridesalmon.com
skimaverick.com

April 19-21 — Tinker Classic, Beatty, NV, MTB Race and Festival, 100k MTB Race and 60k Gravel Gran Fondo Rides +
tinkerclassic.com

May 3-5 — US Bank Fruita Fat Tire Festival, Fruita, CO, 24th Annual festival.
fruitafattirefestival.com

May 16-19 — Tour de Bloom, Loma, CO, 4 day fully supported tour of the Kokopelli Trail from Loma, CO to Moab, UT.
copmoba.org

May 17-19 — MECCA Spring MTB Festival, Huntington, UT
bikethestwell.org

June 1 — Weiser River Trail Ride, Council, ID, A one day ride of either 28 or 48 miles on the Weiser River Trail.
kotaho.com/annual-bike-ride

June 15-16 — Knobby Tire Bike Tour of Idaho City, Boise, ID, Some asphalt, mostly dirt roads and some single track. knobbytirebiketour.com
cycleidaho.com

June 21-23 — Black Hills Fat Tire Festival, Rapid City, SD, Celebration of single track mountain biking in the Black Hills of South Dakota
blackhillsmountainfest@gmail.com
bhfattirefestival.com

June 21-21 — Outerbike, Sun Valley, ID, An opportunity to ride next year's bikes and gears on world class trails.
outerbike.com

June 24-30 — Crested Butte Bike Week, Crested Butte, CO, The World's Oldest Mountain Bike Festival celebrates 39 years.
cbbikeweek.com

August 16-18 — Outerbike Summer in Crested Butte, Crested Butte, CO
outerbike.com

September 13-15 — Northstar Freeride Festival, Truckee, CA
interbike.com/events/northstar-free-ride-festival/

October 4-6 — Outerbike Fall, Moab, UT,
outerbike.com

October 5-6 — October Trek, Weiser, ID, 2 day mountain bike gravel ride
weiserivertrail.org/octobertrek.html, kotaho.com/octobertrekinformation/

November 8-10 — Roam Bike Fest, Sedona, AZ, Roam Bike Fest is a three day gathering of female riders.
roambikefest.com
thisisroam.com

ROAD BIKE EVENTS

March 2 — Mesquite Madness, Mesquite, NV, 80, 50+, or 30 mile bike ride.
ridesouthernutah.com

March 9-12 — Moab Skinny Tire Festival, Moab, UT
skinnytireevents.com

March 23 — Solvang Double Century and Double Metric Century, Solvang, CA, 200 miles or 200 kilometers in Southern CA's most scenic and popular cycling region. A perfect first time double century.
planetultra.com

March 25-30 — Solvang Spring Tour, Solvang, CA, Early season warm weather training in Sunny Southern California.
planetultra.com

April 13 — Tour de Summerlin, Las Vegas, NV, , circumnavigates Las Vegas.
tourdesummerlin.com

May 4 — FrontRunner Metric Century Ride, Salt Lake City, UT,
frontrunnercentury.com

May 18 — Ride for the Pass, Aspen, CO, The 24rd annual Ride for the Pass is a 10-mile race up scenic Independence Pass just east of Aspen, climbing from 8,500-10,700 feet, that benefits the Independence Pass Foundation.
independencepass.org

May 19 — Santa Fe Century and Gran Fondo, Santa Fe, NM, 34th Annual.
santafecentury.com

May 24-26 — Iron Horse Bicycle Classic, Durango, CO, 47th Annual, Road Race and Tour from Durango to Silverton.
ironhorsebicycleclassic.com

June 1 — Little Red Riding Hood, Lewiston, UT, Women only century ride, 27, 36, 50, 70 and 100 mile distances.
bccutah.org/lrrh

June 1 — Ride the Gap Century, Parowan, UT
ridesouthernutah.com

June 1 — Buena Vista Bicycle Festival, Buena Vista, CO
bvbf.org

June 2 — Subaru Elephant Rock Cycling Festival, Castle Rock, CO
elephantrockride.com

June 2 - 8 -BRAN, Bike Ride Across Nebraska: A Tale of Two Trails.
bran-inc.org/wp/

June 8-15 — Ride the Rockies, Breckenridge, CO
ridetherockies.com

June 8 - 15 — Biking Across Kansas (BAK) is an annual, eight-day, bicycle tour across the state of Kansas.
www.bak.org

June 9 - 15 — Big BAM, Bike Across Missouri, Columbia
www.bigbamride.com

June 15 — Denver Century Ride - offers a 22-mile family ride fun ride, a 62-mile metric century, and a 100-mile century
denvercenturyride.com

June 15 — Spinderella, Pocatello, ID, 8th Annual, ladies-only ride
spinderellaride.com

June 15 — Century Experience Ride, Florissant, CO,
mountaintopcyclingclub.com

June 15 — Tour de Teton, Driggs, ID
tourdeteton.com
extramileracing.com

June 15 — Pedaling 4 Parkinson's, Each rider pledges to raise a minimum donation of \$150 (in addition to the registration fee).
pedaling4parkinsons.org

2019 Master Ride List Continued

June 19 -25 – Tour de Nebraska, a five-day (Wednesday-Sunday) circle tour.
www.tourdenabraska.com/

June 22 — RATPOD (Ride Around the Pioneers in One Day), Dillon, MT,
ratpod.org
campdream.org

July 12 — Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride, Antelope Island, UT, 26th Annual, 10pm.
Open to participants of all ages and starts at the Antelope Island's White Rock Bay.
antelopebymoonlight.com

July 13-20 — Ride Idaho, 7-Day fully supported tour
rideidaho.org

July 13 — The Triple Bypass, Evergreen, CO
triplebypass.org

July 14-19 — Tour de Wyoming, Thermopolis, WY, 23rd Annual. Bike tour circling Wyoming's Bighorn Basin
cyclewyoming.org
tourdewyoming.org

July 20 — Desperado Duel, Panguitch, UT, Come and experience the flattest 100 mile course and 50 mile option
ridesouthernutah.com

July 21- 28 – RAGBRAI This annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state of Iowa is the longest, largest and oldest touring bicycle ride in the world.
ragbrai.com

July 24 — South Sevier Ram Ride, Monroe, UT, 15 miles, 38 miles, and a metric Century.
facebook.com/ssramride

July 27 — Cascade 4-Summit Challenge, Cascade, ID
4summitchallenge.com
georgescycles.com

August 3 — Copper Triangle Alpine Classic, Copper Mountain, CO, 12th Annual.
coppertriangle.com

August 17 — HeART of Idaho Century Ride, Idaho Falls, ID, 25, 62, and 100 mile options.
theartmuseum.org/Century.htm

August 17 — To the Moon and Back Century Ride, Tabiona, UT, Come and enjoy the High Uintas. There are four ride options: 150 miles, Century, 75, 50, and 25 mile.
tothemoonandback-events.com

August 24 — Cache Valley Century Tour, Richmond, UT, 35, 60, or 100 mile options
info@CacheValleyCentury.com
CacheValleyCentury.com

August 24 — Summit Challenge, Park City, UT
summitchallenge100.org
discovernac.org

August 24 — Sevier Valley Rooster Ride, Richfield, UT, Sevier County.
traildaysutah.com/sv-rooster-ride/

September 8 – 17th annual Buffalo Bicycle Classic, Boulder, CO. The BBC now offers 7 cycling courses, varying in difficulty as well as two running races: The Buffalo Run 5K & 10K.
buffalobicycleclassic.com

September 8 — Tour de Tahoe - Bike Big Blue, Lake Tahoe, NV, 17th Annual ride around Lake Tahoe's 72 mile Shoreline.
bikethewest.com

September 8-14 — Tour of Southern Utah, St. George, UT, 7-day tour including Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef and More. 60-100 miles per day.
planetultra.com

September 13-15 – The Denver Post Pedal The Plains. is a one-of-a-kind three-day cycling event in the Colorado Eastern Plains.
pedalthelplains.com

September 20-21 — Bike the Bear Century, Garden City, UT, 100 and 50 miles.
trappertrails.org/bike

September 21-22 — Moab Century Tour, Moab, UT
skinnytireevents.com

September 21 — Goldilocks Utah, Provo, UT, Goldilocks is a women only bike ride.
goldilockside.com/gsl

September 21 — Ride for the Kids, Syracuse, UT, Ride to Antelope Island.
rcwilley.com/ride

September 21 — Tour de Vineyards, Palisade, CO
tourdevineyards.com

September 21 — Mountains to the Desert Bike Ride, Telluride, CO, 16th Annual Mountains to the Desert Bike Ride.
m2dbikeride.com

September 22-28 — OATBRAN, Lake Tahoe, NV, 28th annual One Awesome Tour Bike Ride Across Nevada! Following the Legendary Pony Express Trail on U.S. Hwy. 50. 5 days of riding, 420 miles from Lake Tahoe to Great Basin National Park. Fully Supported motel style tour.
bikethewest.com

September 28 — ICON Eyecare Tour of the Moon, Grand Junction, CO, 6th Anniversary Metric Century or Classic 41 mile loop over the beautiful canyons of the Colorado National Monument
tourofthemoon.com

October 19 — Solvang Autumn Double Century and Double Metric Century, Solvang, CA
planetultra.com

October 26 — Goldilocks Vegas, Goldilocks Bike Ride, Las Vegas, NV, The only women exclusive ride event in Nevada.
goldilockside.com/events/glv

November 23 — Death Valley Century, Death Valley, CA, 50 and 100 mile options.
planetultra.com

Traveling with your bike?

Do it the easy way... DBTC has hard-sided bike transport boxes that can be checked out to current members. Contact any Board officer for more information.



DBTC Announcements

NEEDED -- NEW LEISURE RIDE COORDINATOR

by Patty Gaspar

At the End of Season Ride and Potluck on October 24th Lin Hark resigned as the Leisure/Roses Ride Coordinator. Until this position is filled by another volunteer, Lin has agreed to put Show N Go rides each Wednesday in the newsletters until further notice.

Lin is one of those people DBTC can count on whenever help is needed. She has been on the board, put together trips, taught mountain biking, and, of course, led rides. She agreed to step in when Melba Bouquet retired as "Roses" coordinator. She has put her own stamp on the group by changing the name to Leisure. She has even had rides to re-introduce people to cycling. Because she travels a great deal, she needs someone to take her place.

If you have questions please contact me at 303-618-5069 or ridecoordinator@dbtc.org or Lin – mtnlin08@gmail.com.

Official Ride Schedule Kicks Off in April!

The official ride schedule starts April 1st. Now is the time to contact your ride coordinator to get onto the schedule. While planning ahead might seem to take the spontaneity out of riding, it makes sure that you actually go on that ride you were thinking about taking. If you have to cancel, let the coordinator know and we'll help.



Online Construction Detours
from Denver Parks & Rec:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/parks/trails/trail-detours.html>



DBTC MARCH 2019 RIDES

Spring is on the way. On warm days, you are encouraged to either go to the ride location in the newsletter or to post rides throughout on either Yahoo group or Meetup (or both since not everyone is on either site).

Contact your ride coordinator to get onto the schedule for April. Official Season begins in APRIL.

You are welcome to post rides throughout the winter on either Yahoo group or MeetUp (or both since not everyone is on either site).

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to ridecoordinator@dbtc.org by the 20th for the next newsletter, or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

North Fun & Int: Jeff Krinsky jkrinsky2003@yahoo.com;

South Fun Ellen Fitzpatrick funridesouth@dbtc.org;

Leisure (Roses) Lin Hark mtnlin08@gmail.com;

Weekday Patty Gaspar ridecoordinator@dbtc.org

MTB Chuck Caldwell ccaldwe@yahoo.com

Pace of Ride	Difficulty of Terrain	Distance	Quadrant of City	Departure Time
Roses – Leisurely (Avg. 8-10 mph) Fun – Comfortable (Avg. 10-12 mph) Fun Plus – (Avg. 11-15 mph) INT – Brisk (i.e.15-18 mph) ROAD – FAST ATB – Unpaved Roads MTB – Mountain Bikes	H1 – Flat, options may be offered H2 – Small Hills H3 – Some Climbs Alt gain may show (i.e. 1800 ft.) H4 – Serious Climbs T1 Beginner to T4 Highly skilled riders; P1 to P4 physical conditioning required	This is an estimate – options may be offered	NW NE SE SW W	Arrive early enough to unload your bike and be ready to leave at the time shown.

Riding Information

Rides are cancelled if the temperature is below 40 degrees at start time or it is raining or snowing. Be ready to start at the time listed – tires pumped up and bike ready. The ride leader is not a mechanic so if your bike needs repair, please take it to the shop.

Winter Riding Guidelines

Weather: No snow or rain and above 40

Clothing: Wear layers and bright colors over dark jackets

Other: Bring water, repair items and a snack

Ride Locator: There is a guide to the most frequent start locations on our website – www.dbtc.org. It provides the information you need to use Map Quest or Google Maps to make a map to the starting location.

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DBTC's Emailing Lists

Get late breaking news, last minute ride updates, and short-notice of weekday rides, all emailed directly to you as soon as the information is posted. If the weather is "iffy", a ride leader can post a notice to let you know if the ride will go or be cancelled.

DBTC Message Board is the DBTC General Email List. To join, send an email to: ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

DBTC Mountain Biking Email List

To join, send an email to: COmtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

DBTC MeetUp group: MeetUp.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/

is used to post rides as well. Once you have posted your ride, we will review the ride information to be sure it complies with the club requirements then upload it to the MeetUp web site where you can edit your ride. MeetUp is open to the public and can increase the number of riders on your rides and, hopefully, club members. Rides cannot conflict with the ride schedule. If you have registered with MeetUp, we will post your scheduled rides.

We are also on Facebook if you want to share pictures or bike related news. Please Note: Joining Facebook or any other group does not make you a valid member of the DBTC.

Twitter account is [@DenverBikeClub](https://twitter.com/DenverBikeClub) – note that many members do not tweet.

The DBTC Website operates independently from the Yahoo Groups. The Yahoo Groups send only email messages concerning some upcoming events. The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via email only if you have so requested.

You can join any or all groups. After you send the email requesting to join, you will be contacted via email with a confirmation. If you'd like to post an event, simply go into the site. Remember that only club-related activities can be posted. We reserve the right to cancel any posting we don't think is appropriate. See the website for posting rules.

If your email address changes, you must send your new email address to the DBTC webmaster (webmaster@dbtc.org). The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via email only if you have so requested.

"How do I get to the start of that ride?"

Not certain where to meet your DBTC friends to ride?

Many of our start locations are available on our website: dbtc.org

March 2019 DBTC Ride Schedule

Wednesday Leisure Group

These hardy riders continue all winter. Leisure rides are 15-20 miles at 10:30 AM. We will meet when the temperature is 50 or above and trails are clear, for "Show and Go" rides from various locations both south and north. See schedule and watch for emails. We may change the day to a sunnier day if a Wednesday doesn't look good. For Show N Go Rides those attending will determine the route. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant after the ride. Questions? Call Lin Hark (303-578-9369). On sunny, calm days, we will ride when temps are in the high 40s or above. We use the DBTC Yahoo Group to remind riders of upcoming rides or any changes. Leisure Ride Leaders feel free to send a message to the Yahoo Group if you would like to schedule an additional ride on a different day or different place.

Weekday Skiing with DBTC

Love to ski or would love to learn? Hate the crowds, the long lift lines, the I-70 traffic and the inflated ticket prices? Loveland is the place for you! This great classic ski area is the closest area to Denver at 57 miles from downtown Denver. DBTC has an active group of skiers who go to Loveland almost every week during the ski season. Discount Loveland tickets and passes are still on sale until November 18th at various Colorado events, at the Loveland ticket windows and online at skiloveland.com. Be ready for a great ski season with DBTC! Get on the COBicyclist email list to get weekly reminders of upcoming ski days. This is not a DBTC sponsored activity.

Stay in touch with your new DBTC friends this winter!

The email list is also used for impromptu winter rides, downhill ski trips to various Colorado ski areas, snowshoe, x country ski trips, overnight winter events, parties and more. To join go to dbtc.org and scroll down and click on the link for the Colorado Bicyclist Yahoo Group. DBTC members are free to invite others for their winter outings. Skiing is not a DBTC sponsored activity.

Winter Ride Schedule

FUN/INT-2to3-20to30-Location Varies – 10:30 AM Unless there is a leader named, winter rides will be Show-N-Go. The riders who show up on these days will decide among themselves the route, the mileage, the pace and the after-ride restaurant. The starting locations will be places where many rides have begun in the past and thus several riders will have an idea of possible routes to be taken. You can go to www.dbtc.org and hit the start locations button for more detailed directions to most of the starting points or possibly maps of rides from that location.

Saturday, March 2nd:

10:30 AM SW – Behind the tennis bubble at Federal and Bowles

Sunday, March 3rd:

FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE 10:30 AM Each Sunday that the temp is above 50 degrees, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 6th:

10:30 AM Leisure-H15-20 SE - Show N Go meeting at Cook Park Rec Center 7100 Cherry Creek S Dr between Monaco and Quebec to ride the Cherry Creek Path.

10:30 AM FUN PLUS SE – Show N Go Meet at Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E. Union

Thursday March 7th:

9:00 AM FUN-H1-10 to 15 9:00 AM SW Meet for Beignets and coffee at 9:00 AM at Lucille's in Littleton (2852 W Bowles Ave). We will leave at 10:00 AM on bikes if the weather allows or on foot to look for birds. Bring binoculars and/or a camera. Contact Ellen Chilikas at outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com with any questions.

Saturday, March 9th:

10:30 AM NW – Prospect Park, W. 44th Ave. at Robb St.

Sunday, March 10th:

10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE Each Sunday that the temp is above 50 degrees, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 13:

10:30 AM Leisure-H15-20 SW - Show N Go meeting at Reynold's Landing 6745 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, west on Brewery Lane to the big parking lot at the end of the road on the right.

10:30 AM FUN PLUS - SE – Show N Go Village Green parking lot by the Dam Road and E. Union Ave.

March 2019 DBTC Ride Schedule

Friday March 15:

12:00 PM FUN-H1/2-15to20 SW Meet at 12:00 P.M. just northeast of the Pedal Bike Shop in Littleton (2640 W Belleview Ave #100) for a ride to a local brewery. Will announce details on the ride a few days before on Meetup. Contact Ellen Chilikas at outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com with any questions.

Saturday, March 16th:

10:30 AM SW – Carson Nature Center, (North on So. Platte Parkway, West of Mineral and Santa Fe)

Sunday, March 17th:

10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE Each Sunday that the temp is above 50 degrees, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 20th:

10:30 AM Leisure-H15-15-20 NW - Show N Go meeting at City of Cuernavaca Park 3500 Rockmont Dr, Denver, (Directions--exit I-25 at 23rd Ave, drive past REI and continue north on Platte St about 5 blocks, under the overpass, to the parking lot.)

10:30 AM FUN PLUS – Show N Go SE Corner of Orchard and Parker Rd.

Saturday, March 23rd:

10:30 AM NW – Westminster Mall, SE corner of W. 92nd Ave. & Harlan St.

Sunday, March 24th:

10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE Each Sunday that the temp is above 50 degrees, meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee Shop, located at 2216 Kearney St., Denver. Each Sunday, we pick a different route, and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

Wednesday, March 27th:

10:00 AM Leisure-H15-20 SW - Show N Go meeting at Bear Valley McDonald's 5550 W Dartmouth Ave, Denver, NW corner of Sheridan & Dartmouth, exit Sheridan north from Hampden, turn left (west) at Dartmouth.

10:00 AM FUN PLUS – Meet at Bear Valley McDonald's for Show and Go

Friday March 29:

12:00 PM FUN-H1/2-15to20 SW Meet at 12:00 P.M. just northeast of the Pedal Bike Shop in Littleton (2640 W Belleview Ave #100) for a ride to a local brewery. Will announce details on the ride a few days before on Meetup. Contact Ellen Chilikas at outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com with any questions.