

Colorado Bicyclist Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

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Advance Registration Required



YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER SO PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE AND A MEMBER EMAIL BLAST WILL BE SENT

WHEN: Saturday, May 6th, 2023 8:30am - 1:30pm

WHERE: Clement Park, Littleton, Shelters P and Q

SCHEDULE: 8:30 – 10:00 Leisure, Fun & Fun+ Bike Rides to be arranged by some of your favorite Ride Leaders. Details to be posted soon.

12:00pm Lunch for those who have prepaid – see below.

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY:

Go to the website to register for lunch. We've changed the payment policy to only accept Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Checks and PayPal are no longer accepted.

Payment is required at the time of registration; no payments will be accepted at the event. After all, we need to know how many are coming ahead of time so we have enough food for everyone.

Come for the picnic only, come for a ride only, or come for both!
We'd love to see you there!

If you have questions, if you want to contact an officer or have items to sale in the DBTC Marketplace, send an email to:

DBTCinformation@gmail.com

720-480-4766

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Guest Relations Open Position

WELCOME **NEW DBTC MEMBERS**

Leslie Adler Sandra Huzyk Michael Mylo Bonnie Bange Katherine Buick Chase Rill Jane Cady **Brad Ring** LeeAnn Donovan **Brennan Rovak** Jennifer Garfein Henry Saverino Terry Hill Suzanne Smith Julian Huzyk Rich Wilcox

President's Message

Mark Shimoda

Last year after leading a ride, I asked someone what do I do with the "sign in" sheets? Where do I send them? "Keep them" was the answer I got. Well after becoming president and after reading some of the documents passed on to me by Helen Berkman, the former president, I had a conversation with our insurance agent. That conversation confirmed that in order to be in compliance with all



the quidelines set forth by our insurance company, we as a club had to change some procedures in order to provide the best liability insurance coverage for the "heroes" of the club, our ride leaders. At the same time, questions arose about our "Release and Waiver of Liability" form. That led to a consultation with Mr. Brian Weiss, who is the same lawyer who wrote the Release and Waiver of Liability form for Team Evergreen, the largest bicycle club in Colorado.

The result of all this communication is that we now have an updated and reformatted "Release and Waiver of Liability" form. This form must be signed by all riders including guests, for every ride. The form makes it easier for ride leaders to identify guests who, as pointed out by our insurance agent, are the ones most likely to sue the club for any injury incurred. Yes, this is a tedious routine but again, this not only provides the best liability protection for our ride leaders, but also is needed to provide medical insurance for all member riders. Again, it is important to identify guests because they are the most likely to sue if injured and also, they are invited to ride with the club once as a guest, and after that ride, must join the club if they choose to ride again with the club.

The **Release and Waiver of Liability** forms, must be retained by the club for three years, again a requirement of our insurance. Cynthia Withers, who is not only the club Treasurer, but also a gifted software consultant, set up a Google email address and a Google Drive site to preserve the Release and Waiver of Liability forms. Ride leaders should submit via email the signed Release and Waiver of Liability forms to DBTCrideleaders@gmail. <u>com</u>. Cynthia says the best way to do this is to download the Microsoft Lens app which is available for both Apple and Android phones. This app will scan the signed Release and Waiver of Liability forms and allow them to be sent to the DBTCrideleaders@gmail.com email address. Once at this email address, Cynthia, Ruby Frederick, Ron Vasquez and Tom Fitzgerald will send the images of the signed Release and Waiver of Liability forms to a Google Drive site for preservation for three years.

All this took a considerable amount of work on the part of many volunteers but special thanks goes to Tom Fitzgerald for continually revising the Release and Waiver of Liability form and to Cynthia Withers who handled the technology by setting up the DBTCrideleaders@gmail.com address and the Google Drive address.

Another achievement of the present board: putting to work \$27,000. Yes, our \$27,000 is now working for us, earning interest. The club now has a \$10,000 iBond which started off earning 9.62% interest before dropping down to 6%+. We also have \$17,000 in Certificate of Deposits, earning just above 4%. The result of putting this money to work for us? How about \$1500/year in interest? Not much you say but let's look at this another way, that is the equivalent of dues from about 43 new members or equivalent of the club gaining 10% in new dues paying members!

When you register for the May 6, Spring Kickoff Picnic, you will notice a cleaner, easier to use registration page on our website. The changes will also reduce the workload of present and future board members, will facilitate accurate bookkeeping by our Treasurer, and not lose money during the registration process. Credit goes to webmaster, Jeff Krinsky with input from many board members.

The board and officers want to hear from you, the club members. What kind of activities do you want to see at events besides rides and food? What should our VRD look like? Like The Barn where we were last year or Windsor Gardens where we had the Winter Bash in 2022? How do we interest younger people to join DBTC? We have many weekend rides this year thanks to many ride leaders who stepped up to offer them. But what else besides these weekend rides? What Out Of Town Trips could we offer? Cyndy Klepinger has led some OOTT and is looking to do more this year. What suggestions do you have?

Let's hear from you and Thank You 20+ volunteers who are working to make the Spring Kickoff a truly fun event, especially Tom Fitzgerald who is Event Coordinator.

A Big Thank You to Our 2023 Sponsors!



Charnes Tours - www.charnestours.com

Looking for a great bike vacation in Europe? Charnes offers both self-guided and guided bike tours in Italy, Germany, Austria and Croatia with a new trip in Albania in 2023. David Charnes lived in Italy for 30 years and is experienced and eager to share the latest news about biking in Europe!





Jim Holmes

Jim is both a cyclist and a seasoned realtor of over 40 years who merged his real estate practice with the Kiker Team, Keller Williams Realty, DTC in 2018. Jim and his brother Bill served on a DBTC committee in the mid 90's that helped create and market the official club Jerseys and Tee Shirts still seen around today! Jim is passionate about empowering seniors to live as independently as possible with the best quality of life.

Financially Speaking, Inc. – www.financiallyspeakinginc.com

Phil Luccock, founder and president of Financially Speaking, Inc., is an avid cyclist and long-time supporter of the DBTC. He and his diversely talented team strive to ensure that clients receive the personal service and professional recommendations needed to achieve their unique financial objectives. As a fee-only financial advisor, we do not sell anything or receive commissions, thereby avoiding potential conflicts of interest. At Financially Speaking, Inc., we want to do more than help our clients build wealth; we want to help them live a richer life. Initial consultations are always free of charge.

Where's Waldo in Colorado?

There are many interesting things we see as we cruise along the paths and byways on our bikes. If you see something interesting, take a picture of it without a biker in front of it. Forward it to jkrinksy2003@yahoo.com along with a description of what it is (if it's not obvious) and where it is located. Jeff will make a collage and at the VRL we will have a contest to see who can name the most places. There will be a fabulous prize (well maybe not so fabulous) for the person(s) who can name the most sites.





Upcoming C-470 and Highline Canal Trail Closures

C-470 and Highline Canal trail closures required at U.S. 85 for bridge and roadway reconstruction will begin on Monday, Nov. 7. The C-470 Trail and Highline Canal Trail will be fully closed at U.S. 85 (Santa Fe Drive), with detours in place for trail users. These closures will stay in place into 2024 while crews install new underpasses to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to safely pass under U.S. 85 as part of the U.S. 85: Highlands Ranch Parkway to C-470 construction project.

C-470 Trail Detour Route

C-470 Trail users crossing U.S. 85 will detour north onto the Highline Canal Trail to Railroad Spur Trail. Go east across U.S. 85 to Mary Carter Greenway Trail and go south. Continue south to the C-470 underpass to join the C-470 Trail.

Highline Canal Trail Detour Route



Highline Canal Trail users will detour east on Crater Court to Division Street and turn south. From Division Street, continue to Town Center Drive and go east to join the trail.

Project Information

This project will widen and reconstruct 2.5 miles of U.S. 85 from Highlands Ranch Parkway to C-470 from four to six lanes. The project also includes the replacement and widening of the existing bridge that carries U.S. 85 over C-470. Major US 85 intersection improvements will occur at Highlands Ranch Parkway, Town Center Drive, Blakeland Drive, the C-470 Interchange ramps and at County Line Road.

Multimodal improvements include bus stop enhancements, a new shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians on the east side of U.S. 85, a below-grade crossing for the C-470 Trail at U.S. 85, a below-grade crossing for the Highline Canal Trail at U.S. 85, and a new pedestrian link from the Wolhurst Senior Community to the C-470 Trail.

Construction activities will require reduced speeds, lane closures, trail detours and various full closures.



Get Updates

Stay updated by signing up for emails – select "US 85 Construction."

For more information about the upcoming work and to stay updated on construction impacts, please visit our website, <u>douglas.</u> <u>co.us/us-85-construction</u>.

This project is Douglas County's largest transportation project to date. Project partners include the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the Federal Highway Administration, Highlands Ranch Metro District, and Chatfield Basin Developers. Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.

A safe and accessible multimodal transportation network is one of the Board of County Commissioner's six core priorities. Read more about the County's <u>transportation initiatives</u> online.

Genessee MTB Ride



On Tuesday, April 25th, MTB riders headed up to the hills in Genessee for some great views, rides, and camaraderie.









DBTC Cycling Jerseys!

Would you like a DBTC Cycling Jersey and shorts? There are several ways to place your order.

May 6 at the Spring Kickoff – The Primal Rep will be there with sample sizes. Bring your credit card so it can be paid for when the order is placed. No payment, then no order. The payment goes to Primal so if the minimum of jerseys or the minimum of shorts isn't met, then Primal will refund your money.

At the Primal Store – You can see sizes there and place your order. It's located at: 7700 Cherry Creek S Dr Unit 106, Denver CO 80231 Hours M-F 9:00-5:00



The cutoff for placing your order is May 15 and the expected shipping date is June 7.

If you have questions, you can contact Suzy Ward 720 355-3268 wvjrts@gmail.com







Bike Path Detour Alerts Alameda at the South Platte Trail

CDOT will spend almost two years replacing the car bridge.

Starting Saturday, April 8, 2023 the South Platte River Trail underpass beneath Alameda Avenue is closed until further notice for a bridge replacement. South Platte Trail cyclists, walkers, boarders, and jaunters will have to take a detour to get past Alameda Avenue.

Colorado's Department of Transportation is spending \$22 million to replace the Alameda bridge over the river. The bridge was originally constructed in 1911 and, according to CDOT, is the oldest bridge in the state's highway system. The project to replace it is supposed to include an "on-street two-way cycle track" between Lipan and Kalamath streets, help with flood capacity and renovate the trail beneath it.

Trail users will have to hike up the riverbank and cross Alameda. CDOT says the project will last until Dec. 2024, though we haven't confirmed with Denver Parks and Rec that the trail will be closed quite that long. (We'll update this when we find out!).

Mary Stewart Memorial Ride









On Monday, April 10, 2023 Merri B. led the Mary Stewart Memorial Ride. This route from Twin Peaks to Riverdale was the same route that Merri B and Mary Stewart last rode together. Later that afternoon was the Memorial for Mary at Denver University.

Magestic Premiere Easter Ride



On Saturday, April 8th of Easter weekend riders who rode on the Majestic Easter Premier Ride were surprised with rabbit ears for the group shot...except fop Ron who brought his own REAL rabbit ears!





Marilyn lost her brand new bike computer so we went back looking for it and Ron found it!!!

C-470 Trail Bridge over Acres Green

About the Project:

This project is a partnership between CDOT, the City of Lone Tree and Douglas County. It consists of building a Trail Bridge adjacent to westbound C-470 over Acres Green Drive and adding traffic signals to the Acres Green Drive and Parkway Drive intersection.

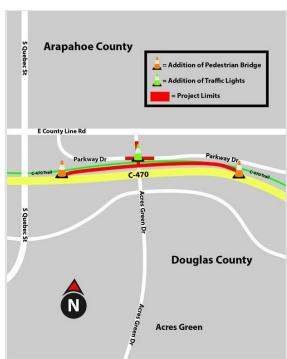
This is a multimodal infrastructure and safety improvement project.

Work Schedule:

- Work is expected to begin in early February and last for one calendar year
- Working hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday

Traffic Impacts:

- No impacts are expected on mainline westbound C-470 during the project's duration
- Intermittent lane closures and/or full closures will be in place on Acres Green Drive during safety critical work
- Detour signage with short delays can be expected during these closures
- Access to the C-470 Trail will be closed during certain times, with trail detours in place
- Construction signs, cones and devices will be present 24/7 alerting motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to the closures and restrictions
- Timeline: January 2023 January 2024
- Location: Adjacent to westbound C-470 over Acres Green Drive, between Yosemite and Quebec



ADVANCE CALENDAR

DBTC Events

May 6

DBTC Spring Kick-Off – Clement Park, Littleton

June 28

Bike to Work Day - Denver

July 23

Summer Picnic – Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge

Oct 7

Caramel Apple Rides - River Run/Broken Tee

Nov – Date TBD

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

2023 Colorado Upcoming Events

Check the website for each event to get all of the latest information for it.

These are not DBTC sponsored so DBTC's insurance policies will not cover them. These rides are on paved roads unless Gravel or MTB is indicated.

May 12-14 - MTB

Fruita Fat Tire Festival

You can also demo mountain bikes with registration and a demo pass.

Fruita, CO

May 20 - Wild Horse Gravel - GRAVEL

Wild Horse Gravel - The Ride Collective

35 and 60 mile courses

High Lonesome Ranch, DeBeque, CO

Jun – Month of June for Virtual Ride Pedaling 4 Parkinson's

Jun 4 –Elephant Rock

12, 45, 62, 100 mile routes

Castle Rock, CO

Jun 11

Cycle2ConquerALS
30 and 55 mile routes

Denver, CO

Denver Bike to Work Day June 28, 2023

DBTC Needs An Event Coordinator!

DBTC hopes to have a few volunteers representing our club at this year's BIKE TO WORK DAY EVENT. We need someone to be the event coordinator. This job would involve recruiting a volunteer or two to hand out shopping bags and other items our club will donate for this event and to talk with anyone interested in our club.

The City and County of Denver will supply two chairs, a table, two free parking spots near the event if we want to set up our tent, and free breakfast burritos (vegetarian and regular), and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) will be serving coffee. Set up time is 5:30am with the event from 6:00 to 9:30 am.

So how about it? Willing to represent our club at Bike to Work Day? If interested, please contact Mark Shimoda at dr.shimoda@comcast.net

Letters to the Editor

Got something nice to say about our club that everyone should hear? How about a suggestion for a caterer for an event? How about an idea for our newsletter?

This is your club. Let's hear from you. Please send your written thoughts to dr.shimoda@comcast.net. If your letter is appropriate, it will be printed in the next newsletter. Please limit your letter to 150 words.

Your 2023 **Event Coordinators**

Here are your event coordinators for 2023. They will be the primary person(s) responsible for the listed event but must depend on about 15 others to help roll out these events. Please offer **two hours of your time** and help make these events fun for all.

Spring Kickoff

Saturday, May 6th, Clement Park Tom Fitzgerald

Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 23rd, Prospect Park Mark Shimoda

Caramel Apple

Saturday October 7th, Broken Tee Ruby Frederick

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

To be decided Ron Vasquez, Riggs Osborne, Cynthia Withers

ADVANCE CALENDAX

Jun 11 – 16

Ride the Rockies

6 days – 32 to 91 miles Total of 308miles and 26,890 elevation gain. Fort Collins, Estes Park, Allenspark, Grand Lake, Winter Park, Gilpin County, Ft. Collins

Jun 24 - 25

MS 150

32, 60, 80, 100 mile options

Westminster, Fort Collins, Westminster

July 15

Tour de Steamboat

Gravel – 50, 100 mile routes Road – 26, 44, 66, 100 mile routes. **Steamboat, CO**

July 22 - High Mountain Gravel - GRAVEL

<u>Crooked Gravel – The Ride Collective</u> 25 and 67 mile courses. *Winter Park, CO*

Jul 22

<u>Triple Bypass</u> 118 miles Evergreen to Aspen.

Jul 29

Tarry-It-Up

30, 50 and metric century routes. Tarryall, CO

Aug 5

Copper Triangle

79 miles, 6500' elevation gain.

Copper Mountain, CO

Aug 12

Enchanted Circle

85 mile and 100 mile options.

Red River, Questa, Taos, Red River Red River, NM

Aug 12

La Veta Century Ride

102 miles, 7500' elevation gain. La Veta, CO

Aug 26

<u>Venus de Miles</u> (women only)

33, 66 and 100 mile routes. Boulder County, CO

Sep 9 Tour of the Moon

41 and 64 mile routes. Grand Junction, CO

Sep 16 Tour de Vineyard

23 and 58 mile routes. Palisade, CO

Sep 23 Denver Century Ride

24, 50, 85 and 100 mile routes. Denver, CO

Lee Gulch Loop Leisure Ride







On Tuesday, April 18, 2023 Karen Kelly led 14 riders around Lee Gulch and Highline Canal.





NW Fun Ride with Marilyn

On Tuesday, April 16th, Marilyn led 10 riders around Golden.

How to Read the Ride Description 2

by Patty Gaspar



Car versus Bike – the CAR always wins. Several changes last year to the Colorado bike laws have made it easier for us to ride. They recognize that we do not have a simple gas pedal to regain our momentum at a stop sign or red light. That did not give us the right to ignore them.

At a red light we must stop, and if it is clear, proceed. Remember, that car down the street may speed up to catch the light and he has the right of way. If you are riding with a group not all members may be able to cross with the light. If you must wait, the leader may hold the group across the intersection until everyone is across, or the leader may just slow down so you can catch up, or the leader may have a regrouping point farther ahead and they will wait there. If you do not think it is safe to cross, wait.

At a busy intersection, it is best to wait for the walk signal to make sure that no one has a turn arrow. Using the walk signal sometimes increases the time allowed to cross the street. On side streets, it may be the only way to get the light to turn since there is a sensor in the street for cars. In Denver, you can be ticketed if you cross using the pedestrian walkway unless it is a bike path, but you can use the button.

If you come up beside a car on her right side at a light, make sure that she is aware you are there before proceeding, she might decide to make a turn at the last minute. If it is a truck, assume he does not see you and make sure he is not turning before proceeding.

At a stop sign, slow down and make sure that there is no traffic that has the right of way. At a four-way stop, are the cars slowing for a stop? The fact that the road was clear for the riders ahead of you does not mean that the intersection is still clear. You are responsible for checking and determining if it is still safe for you to cross. Again, the leader will have a regrouping point.

I find that most drivers are careful around bikers. We need to do our part – be polite, not aggressive, be visible, and be aware of our surroundings, The obnoxious drivers are balanced by the obnoxious bike riders. We do not want to fall into either category.

Your DBTC Board Votes April 10, 2023

Your board meets every second Monday of the month at Panera Bread located at 2466 S Colorado Blvd 5:45-7:45pm. All club members are invited to sit in on our board meetings.

If you do visit a board meeting, you will see that often there is considerable discussion on issues, often carrying on over several meetings before a conclusive vote is taken. Below is listed the votes taken on several issues without the context of the discussion which was held prior to the vote. We are providing the votes so that members can see what issues have come up for votes before the board.

- 1. Virginia Dudley motioned that the emails listed for board members, officers, ride coordinators, OOTT leaders be replaced with dbtcinformation@gmail.com or the personal email address of several persons who would like to list their own email address. This vote was unanimously passed. Doing this will save the club almost \$300/year and provide a more reliable gmail address.
- 2. A motion was made to create an emeritus, non voting board position. This was proposed because of a \$10,000 iBond investment the club has made with the US Treasury. This motion was unanimously passed.
- 3. A motion was made to allow access to the above iBond by three board members. This motion was passed.

Ron Vasquez, Secretary, Virginia Dudley, Vice President, Mark Shimoda, President

Really Radical Rat Race Rodent Ride







On Sunday, April 16, 2023, Jeff K led 11 riders to where the Superior prairie dog statues were located before they were moved to the Community Center. We took a break in front of Jeff's house in Superior.





Southside Adventure Ride

On Saturday, April 8th Ellen led riders on a Southside Adventure Ride!



DBTC Announcements

TIME FOR MORE RIDE LEADERS – now that many of you have joined rides led by others last year, we want you to consider becoming a ride leader yourself! Please contact your ride coordinator to explore the possibility, have them explain some of the basics and help you to draft a sample route description. I'm sure you have at least a couple of routes right in your neighborhood, and that's all it takes to try out leading a couple of rides this month. Give it a whirl!

Here's how to contact one of the ride coordinators:

South: Position Open

Weekday: Patty Gaspar <u>patty@gasparjones.com</u> **MTB:** Cathy Leibowitz <u>cathy.leibowitz@yahoo.com</u>

North: Jeff Krinsky <u>jkrinsky2003@yahoo.com</u> **Leisure:** Jill McMahon <u>jillmm7@gmail.com</u> & Marcy Rodney, <u>mrodney@rslresearch.com</u>

MAP SALES: We are down to only about 90 maps left from our 2019 map printing. At the June 2021 Board meeting, your Board voted to suspend further map printing at this time and not develop or publish a 2022 map. However, if you are one of those riders who thinks maps are still important, please contact any Board member if you want to help research the possibilities for 2023, we would need to find a new publisher, develop an on-line map system, and/or expand and update our route library. Contact any Board member to comment or volunteer to help. We could assign you to one or two discrete and non burdensome tasks!

DBTC Mission Statement - 2020 and Beyond

The Denver Bicycle Touring Club (DBTC), a non-profit corporation run by volunteers, is the original bicycling club of the Denver Metro area.

The Mission Statement of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club is to:

Organize and sponsor all levels of rides for bicycling enthusiasts. Promote recreational and commuter cycling, bicycle safety, and bicycling education to the general public.

Advocate and support bicycling routes with local governments in the Denver Metro area.

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 <u>facebook.com</u> 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 <u>meetup.com</u> and join the DBTC Meetup by searching for "Denver Bicycle Touring Club" in Groups.

Plan A Ride with the DBTC Bike Route Map!

Plan a Ride with the DBTC Bike Map! Special offer: Right now existing members who want a copy may, in exchange for a small donation, contact mjchoske@gmail.com for a copy to be mailed to them. This newly revised map adds new routes, paths, and trails for bicycling adventures. It also includes more identifiers for major streets, bike routes, and trails. New members receive a copy of the map after they sign up.



DBTC Spring 2023 RIDES

Summer is coming!

If no rides are scheduled, you can post on MeetUp by contacting either Jeff Krinsky jkrinsky2003@yahoo.com or Patty Gaspar patty@gasparjones.com. If you have lead rides in the past we will post it for you. If you have never lead a ride we will work with you to get you up to speed.

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South: Position Open

Leisure: Jill McMahon jillmm7@gmail.com

& Marcy Rodney, <u>mrodney@rslresearch.com</u> North Fun & Int: Jeff Krinsky <u>jkrinsky2003@yahoo.com</u> Weekday: Patty Gaspar <u>patty@gasparjones.com</u>
MTB: Cathy Leibowitz <u>cathy.leibowitz@yahoo.com</u>
& Jim Black <u>jb@jamesblack.org</u>

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter for June, please email it to <u>patty@gasparjones.com</u> by the 20th for the next newsletter or contact Patty at 303-618-5069. Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb are combined.

Pace of Ride	Difficulty of Terrain	Distance	Quadrant of City	Departure Time
Leisure or Roses (Avg. 8-10 mph)	H1 – Flat	This is an	NW	Arrive early
No Drop Rides	H2 – Hilly	estimate –	NE	enough to unload
Fun – (Avg. 9-12 mph) No Drop Rides	H3 – Some Steep Climbs	options may	SE	your bike and be
Fun Plus – (Avg. 11-15 mph)	Alt gain shows 1800 ft.	be offered	SW	ready to leave at
INT - 15+ pace shown (i.e.15-18 mph)	H4 – Serious Climbs		W	the time shown.
ATB – Unpaved Roads	T1 Beginner to T4 Highly skilled riders;			
MTB – Mountain Bikes	P1 to P4 physical conditioning required			

Assume rides are canceled if the temperature is below 40 degrees at start time or it is raining or snowing, but the ride leader can specify a minimum temperature or cancel because they do not like the conditions. 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.

Ride Locater: There is a guide to the most frequent start locations on our website – <u>www.dbtc.org</u>. You can also go to Ride with GPS to map rides.

Twitter account: @DenverBikeClub – note many members do not tweet.

DBTC Meetup group at http://www.meetup.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-Club/ can be 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 website, 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 already-existent 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 there.

Please Note:

- Joining either Facebook, or the Meetup Group does not make you a valid member of the DBTC.
- If your email address changes, you must send your new email address to webmaster@dbtc.org to continue receiving the monthly newsletter.

Fall/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

Leaders can cancel a scheduled ride if they think the weather is unpleasant, trails or roads may be icy, or no one has responded to MeetUp to register so they are not expecting any riders. If you signed up on MeetUp you will be notified if the ride is cancelled.

Monday, May 1st:

9:00AM FUN/FUN PLUS-H2-23-SW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Reynolds Landing parking lot (6745 S. Santa Fe Dr) for a ride south on the South Platte Trail to Chatfield State Park where we will ride to the marina via paved trails and road. After a break we will return via the same route. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Tuesday May 2nd:

10:00 AM LEISURE- H1-2 -19-SE. Meet Marlene Patacky (720-838-7338) at the Fairmount Cemetery Mausoleum - 430 S Quebec St, Denver, CO 80247. Ride a loop on paved trails Highline Canal to Toll Creek to Cherry Creek Spillway. This is a leisure ride, average pace 8-10 mph.

Wednesday, May 3rd:

10:00 AM FUN-H2/3-20-SW Red Rocks Loop From Lakewood Meet Patty Gaspar (303-618-5069) at Stone House Park on Estes and Yale; Ride the Bear Creek Trail to the C-470 trail to Dinosaur Ridge.Up and over to Red Rocks. Break at the Trading Post. Ride then fly down to Morrison Road and the Bear Creek Trail back to the starting point at Stone House. Bring a picnic for lunch after. Oh yes, I'll have Carl's ebike but you are welcome to join us on your regular bike.

Thursday, May 4th:

10:00 AM FUN-H2-22mi-SE Eisenhower Park Loop Meet Bill Luttrell (719) 235-3868 at Eisenhower Park, 4300 E Dartmouth Ave Denver Co at 10AM for a fun loop ride down Dartmouth to South Platte, REI, Cherry Creek trail, Cook Park, then through neighborhood back to start. We will stop at REI for a bathroom and refueling. Please call or text me so I know how many people we have on the ride.

10:30 AM MTB, P2, T2, South Valley Park. This is a Show'nGo sponsored by Liz Cameron. Meet at the South Valley North Trailhead for a ride on the trails of South Valley Park and the South Hogback Open Space. There is no specific leader, however we usually group riders with others of similar ability. There are maps at the parking lot. Info about the park can be found at https://www.jeffco.us/1431/South-Valley-Park . Or, Jefferson County Open Space/ Parks and Trails/ South Valley THE DIRECTIONS: From the interchange of C-470 and Ken Caryl Ave., go west one-third mile to the first traffic signal and turn left at the light (which is about a 45 degree turn.) Go south about one mile, passing straight through the stop sign intersection. Continue south until you see the parking lot and restrooms on the left. Turn left and park on the far end of the upper level. POST-RIDE: Bring snack and a chair for a picnic at the trailhead. SIGN IN / WAIVER: All participants must sign Denver Bicycle Touring Club's Participation Agreement and Waiver sheet.

Saturday, May 6th: KICKOFF at Clement Park

9:00 AM LEISURE-H2-12-SW. Dutch Creek-Lily Gulch Loop Meet Wayne Tomasello (720 854-8767) for a ride up Lily Gulch to Kipling to the Dutch Creek Trail and on to Columbine Valley. We will head back to Clement Park hungry and ready for a great lunch. Be sure to register at DBTC.org if you wish to stay for lunch.

9:00 AM FUN-H2-25-S. CLEMENT PARK LOOP. Meet Jeff Krinsky (720-373-9107) and Patty Gaspar (303-618-5069) in Shelter P. The Clement Park Loop is west along Lily Gulch Trail out to C-470, then on C-470 Trail south and east to the Platte River Greenway, returning to Clement Park via the Columbine Valley neighborhood.

9:30 AM LEISURE H2–16-SW Meet Dave Noble (home 303-694-2008, cell 303-906-3163) for a ride through Columbine, Bow Mar, and Grant Ranch neighborhoods.

9:40 AM FUN PLUS/INT H-2-18 SW Meet Peter Woulfe (540-219-6674) at Clement Park. We will ride some quiet streets in the Columbine neighborhood to South Platte Canyon Rd., to Chatfield State Park, up the dam, ride the paved portion then to the C-470 trail, to Garrison St., onto a few quiet, winding streets, to the Dutch Creek Trail, and return to Clement Park.

Sunday, May 7th:

10:45 AM INT-H3-20-W-2000ft Lookout Mountain Loop Meet Bill Luttrell at Rooney Road Trailhead near Alameda & 470 at 10:45AM, leave at 11AM. Call or text me at (719) 235-3868 to register as I am limiting the ride to 9 riders. We will take Rooney Road to Us 6 trail to 19th, up and over Lookout and fun ride downhill to US 40 to Heritage, then back over Dinosaur Ridge. There are restrooms at windy ridge and top of Lookout Mtn., which also has water. We will regroup at Windy ridge and the top as we all climb at a different pace.

Monday, May 8th:

9:00AM FUN/FUN PLUS-H3-27-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Anderson Park (44th & Field St) for a ride west on the Clear Creek Trail to Easley Rd and on to the Arvada Reservoir. We will ride a loop over the reservoir and back to the start via the same route. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Wednesday, May 10th:

9:30AM FUN PLUS H-2-20 SW Meet Peter Woulfe (540-219-6674) at the west end of the parking lot for the Broken Tee Golf Course (2101 W. Oxford, Englewood 80110). We will ride the South Platte to Chatfield State Park, and up the dam. We will ride the paved part of the dam, then return via C-470 and the South Platte Trail. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

9:30 AM FUN-H2-20 SW Meet Patty Gaspar (303-618-5069) for a slower version of this ride. Meet at the west end of the parking lot for the Broken Tee Golf Course (2101 W. Oxford, Englewood 80110). We will ride the South Platte to Chatfield State Park, and up the dam. We will ride the paved part of the dam, then return via C-470 and the South Platte Trail. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Thursday, May 11th:

10:00 AM FUN-H1-24 mi Twin Lakes to Little Dry Creek Meet Fred Tarbell at 226-318 W 70th Ave Denver, ¼ mile West of Broadway and 70th Ave. Ride West on Clear Creek to Little Dry Creek junction. Follow Little Dry Creek through urban neighborhoods to W 80th Ave. Then connect to Arbor Park Lake for a loop ride before returning to W 80th Ave. Continue West along 80th Ave and reconnect to Little Dry Creek trail passing around Pomona Lake. Return to Starbucks at Safeway on W 80th Ave for bathroom break. After break we will return East on Little Dry Creek to Twin Lakes. Welcome to bring lunch and socialize after the ride.

9:00 LEISURE-H1-20 NW Big Dry Creek Ride. Meet Jake Jacobi (720.808.2306) behind McDonalds on the south-west corner of 100th and Wadsworth Pkwy. We will ride out and back on Big Dry Creek Trail—a very flat trail. Depending on what the group wants, it could be longer.

Friday, May 12th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS – H3 – 27 Miles – West – Meet Tom Fitzgerald (303-424-1082) at Anderson Park (44th & Field in Wheat Ridge). We'll ride west on the Clear Creek Trail to circumnavigate North Table Mountain, via Easley Road, 60th/58th Avenues, Hwy 93 (for 2 blocks), and some quiet (but kinda hilly) roads west of Hwy 93. We'll stop for a break at either Starbuck's or the Golden Creamery (think ice cream & chocolate). Then we'll return to Anderson Park via Clear Creek Trail. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Saturday, May 13th:

9:30 AM FUN H2-20 - Downtown Meet Jeff Krinsky (720-373-9107) for this Mother's Day Mother's Appreciation Beverage Ride that is designed for both mothers and anyone who has or has had a mother. We will meet at the City of Cuernavaca Park downtown (23rd Ave Exit from I25, go down the hill, drive by the REI Superstore going NE, cross 15th St and keep going till you see the parking lot directly in front of you. Go to the parking lot past the large bike statue.) for this fantastic ride down the Cherry Creek Bike Path towards the Cherry Creek Reservoir and back. Remember that a beverage of your choice will be provided to all mothers and non-mothers alike at the break at the REI Starbucks on the return voyage. THIS RIDE WILL START YOUR MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND OFF WITH A BANG!

Mother's Day Sunday, May 14th

11:00am FUN PLUS-H2-32-NW Meet Donald Schmertz at 720-785-0616 at Crown Hill Parking lot near Garland St. We will go from Crown Hill towards Red Rocks and Morrison, to Golden and back to start. We will take bathroom and snack stops along the way where needed by the group. Bring plenty of water and snacks for the ride. See link for profile. DBTC South ride

Monday May 15th:

9:00AM FUN/FUN PLUS-H2-25-SW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Broken Tee Golf Course (west end of parking lot at 2101 W. Oxford in Englewood). We will ride the South Platte Trail north and ride the Bear Creek Trail over the Bear Creek Dam to Morrison. We will return via Morrison Rd to Fox Hollow Golf Course, where we will meet up with the trail and ride back to the start. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Tuesday May 16th:

10:00 AM LEISURE-H1-17-NW Boulder 180+ Always wanted to ride the Boulder 360 but not quite ready for it? Let's ride the B-180! Meet Marcy Rodney (720 985-3403 text, no vm) at the East Boulder Community Center, 5660 Sioux Dr., north side, east end, nearest to the trail. We will go north along the South Boulder Creek Trail, pick up the Goose Creek Path and stop by the Valmont Bike Park. We'll take a loop through the Four Mile Creek area, a strong downhill on the path next to Foothills, and head back on the Boulder Creek Path. Approximately 17 miles total. Here's the route

Wednesday, May 17th:

10:00 AM FUN- H2to3-25 SW Beautiful Spring Ride Meet Patty Gaspar (303-618-5069) at the Sheridan Library Parking lot west of Federal and Oxford. We'll head toward the rebuilt Bow Mar area and go to Bowles Lake, Grant Ranch to Wadsworth and back to Sheridan High School. We'll ride some hills and lots of ups and downs, some beautiful quiet streets and pleasant bike paths. Lunch is at Monaghan's Bar and Grill 3889 S King St. There used to be a tunnel from there to Fort Logan so the soldiers could sneak out. Weather permitting - watch MeetUp.

Thursday, May 18th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2-26mi NE Rotella Park to Webster Lake, Northglenn, Meet Fred Tarbell ,630-888-5290, at Rotella Park, (East end at Shelter 1) 1824 Coronado Pkwy S. Denver. The route is East out of Rotella Park on Niver Creek to the South Platte bike path. North on Platte to the left junction of the Grange Hall Creek trail. Follow the trail to Margaret Carpenter Park crossing 104th Ave. Continue past Carpenter Park on a green way trail through Thornton and Northglenn suburbs. Turn North along the East side of I-25 interstate to arrive at Webster Park and Lake. A break for snacks, water, and bathroom visit before returning the same route to Rotella Park. Bring snacks or lunch items if you want to visit after the ride.

10:30 AM, MTB, P2, T2, Dawson Butte. A nice five mile loop south of Denver. Liz Cameron will meet the riders, however this is a show and go - we generally group up with riders of similar ability. DIRECTIONS: Go south on I-25 to exit 181 in Castle Rock. Continue on the frontage road south for five miles to Tomah Road. Go right (west) on Tomah for 1.5 miles to the trailhead. Address is 1753 Tomah Road, Castle Rock, CO 80109. POST-RIDE: Bring snacks and chair for picnic at trailhead MAP - While Douglas County Open Space does not provide paper brochure maps at the trailhead, there is a large signboard map. You can take a screenshot of it on your phone WAIVER: Everyone attending must sign the DBTC waiver and participation form. The form will be passed around at the start.

Friday, May 19th:

10:00 AM FUN PLUS-H2 – 28 Miles – West – Meet Tom Fitzgerald (303-424-1082) at Sloan's Lake (north side, near the restrooms). We'll ride north on some quiet streets in NW Denver to the Clear Creek Trail, east to the Platte River Trail, then south to REI for a break. Then back on the Platte River Trail south to the Lakewood Dry Gulch Trail, and west to Garrison Street. Finally, north on Garrison through the Glens to 26th Avenue, and east back to Sloan's Lake.

11:00 AM MTB P2-T2 Join Jennifer Saxhaug (720-260-8595)/ Cathy Pimm: Enjoy a ride up Waterton Canyon to the dam or Lenny's Bench. Be ready to ride at 11AM. Meet at the Audubon parking lot. (11280 Waterton Canyon Road) After the ride, we can enjoy lunch. Bring a chair and food - Snacks will be provided.

Saturday, May 20th:

9:00AM FUN/FUN PLUS-H2-27-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Anderson Park (44th & Field St) for a ride east on the Clear Creek Trail which we take east to the South Platte Trail. We will then ride to REI for a break, returning back to the park via neighborhoods in the Highlands and Wheat Ridge. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Sunday, May 21st:

10:45 AM INT-H3-20-W-2000ft Lookout Mountain Loop Meet Bill Luttrell at Rooney Road Trailhead near Alameda & 470 at 10:45AM, leave at 11AM. Call or text me at (719) 235-3868 to register as I am limiting the ride to 9 riders. We will take Rooney Road to Us 6 trail to 19th, up and over Lookout and have a ride downhill to US 40 to Heritage, then back over Dinosaur Ridge. There are restrooms at the windy ridge and top of Lookout Mtn., which also has water. We will regroup at Windy ridge and the top as we all climb at a different pace.

Monday May 22nd:

9:00AM FUN/FUN PLUS-H3-20-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Anderson Park (44th & Field St) for a loop ride to Golden, through Arvada and back to the park. We will ride the Clear Creek Trail, Tucker Gulch, Mesa St Trail, Van Bibber Trail and Blunn Trail before taking 52nd Ave through western Arvada to return. Note: We will spend approximately one mile on a wide shoulder on Hwy 93 during this ride. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Tuesday, May 23:

9:30 AM LEISURE-H1-17-NW Clear Creek Trail. Meet Lin Hark (303-507-3502) at Twin Lakes Park at 300 W. 70th Ave (west of Broadway) for a ride west on the Clear Creek Trail to Anderson Park. After a break we will return via the same route. Bring a sack lunch and a chair for a picnic afterwards.

9:00 AM FUN+-H3-10-W-1370'gain. "Progressive Lookout Challenge #1: Lookout Mountain for Beginners 101!" Meet 09:00. Been wanting to try Lookout and/or just wanting to get elevation training in? This easier one is for you. Meet Marilyn Choske (TEXT to Register by May 22 - 303-905-8510) at the Lookout Mountain Road "pillars" parking lot--> (from Hwy 6, go .3 mile on Lookout Mtn Road to parking on the left. Restrooms available. If you pass the two big pillars, you've gone too far.) We'll ride at our own paces and stop at the Windy Saddle Lot 3.1 miles from the cars; regroup. Continue to 4.7 miles and pull off at the yellow posts on the right; regroup. Ride up to the souvenir shop/restrooms/viewing deck. Return down the mountain to our cars! Register via TEXT to the leader by May 22. Ride will not go if rainy or forecast is for morning rain; call the leader if in doubt.

10:00 AM MTB T2, P2, approx. 14 miles, Highlands Ranch Backcountry Trails. Meet Steve Thomas (303-419-2531) to explore the numerous trail options available at the far south end of Highlands Ranch, including a portion of the Douglas County East-West Trail. All of the trails are smooth single track with no rocky areas, just lots of twists and turns and a few short climbs. We will meet at Pronghorn Park in Highlands Ranch. Go south on Broadway to Wildcat Reserve Pkwy. Go right on Wildcat Reserve and take the first left, Wethersfield Way. Go south on Wethersfield a short distance to Pronghorn Park, which will be on the right. Bring a snack to share after the ride.

Wednesday, May 24th:

9:30 AM Fun Plus – H1 – 30 Miles – SE – Meet Tom Fitzgerald (303-424-1082) at Ruby Hill Park (West Florida Avenue, west of Santa Fe). We'll ride north on the Platte River Trail to REI, then east on the Cherry Creek Trail, with a break at the Cook Recreation Center. Back on the Cherry Creek Trail, meeting up with the Highline Canal Trail, back west to the Eisenhower Recreation Center, down Dartmouth to the Platte River Trail, and north back to Ruby Hill Park. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

11:00 AM MTB T1 H2 1 Ridgeline Open Space Combined with Philip S. Miller Open Space (rescheduled from a snow day in March) Trailhead 2525 Coachline Road, Castle Rock We will ride two loop trails in both parks which are across the road from each other. If you have enough riding after one park, that's fine. Those that want can continue to the second park.

Thursday, May 25th:

10:00 AM Fun Plus-H2-26mi NE Rotella Park to Webster Lake, Northglenn, Meet Fred Tarbell ,630-888-5290,at Rotella Park, (East end at Shelter 1) 1824 Coronado Pkwy S. Denver. The route is East out of Rotella Park on Niver Creek to the South Platte bike path. North on Platte to the left junction of the Grange Hall Creek trail. Follow the trail to Margaret Carpenter Park crossing 104th Ave. Continue past Carpenter Park on a green way trail through Thornton and Northglenn suburbs. Turn North along the East side of I-25 interstate to arrive at Webster Park and Lake. A break for snacks, water, and bathroom visit before returning the same route to Rotella Park. Bring snacks or lunch items if you want to visit after the ride.

10:30 AM, **GREENLAND MTB Show and Go** Liz Cameron (bizliz8888@gmail.com) will meet the riders, however, this is a "show and go". We generally group up according to ability. The Greenland side trails are considered easy, while the Spruce Mountain side is more intermediate. Greenland, Spruce Meadows, and Spruce Mountain are open spaces managed by Douglas County. DIRECTIONS: The address for the Greenland Trailhead is 1532 Noe Road, Larkspur, CO 80118. Go south on I 25, then get off at exit 167 (Greenland exit). Go west a short distance, then turn left south. Keep going ahead (south) til you reach the Greenland Trailhead parking area. POST-RIDE: Bring snacks and a chair for picnic in the shelter MAPS: There are no paper maps at TH, but there is an artistic poster rendering of the trails, of which you can take a screenshot. WAIVER / PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: All riders must sign the DBTC Participation Agreement and Waiver. The form will be passed out at the beginning of the ride.

Saturday, May 27th:

9:00 AM FUN PLUS-H3-21-NW THE HIDDEN GEMS OF LOUISVILLE!!! (Elevation Gain = 1225 feet) Meet Jeff Krinsky (720-373-9107) This exciting ride full of twists and turns uses the newest portion of the HWY 36 trail that goes west from Interlocken into Boulder then loops back through Louisville and Superior using some interesting secret trails including the Double Lombard Street Experience and the famous Black Hole of Louisville! See you at the Safeway at the Rock Creek village Shopping Center in Superior for this tour of the trails of Superior, Louisville, and South Boulder (with a few roads mixed in as required). Rock Creek village is centrally located in Superior at the NW corner of Coalton and Rock Creek Parkway (Address is 1601 Coalton Road Superior, CO. 80027.)

Sunday, May 28th:

9:00 AM – INT–H3– 25 Miles – Meet Tom Fitzgerald (303-424-1082) at the Stone House (Estes & Yale at the Bear Creek Trail). We'll pedal west to Fox Hollow Golf Course, through Bear Creek Lake Park to Morrison. Then north along the C470 Trail, over C470 to Rooney Road, and up & over Dinosaur Ridge, then up to the Trading Post at Red Rocks, and back to Morrison. From there we'll pedal back east through Bear Creek Lake Park, over Mount Falcon to Fox Hollow Golf Course, and on to the Stone House. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

9:30 AM LEISURE-H1-20-SE Parker Farmer's Market. Meet Karen Kelley (303-260-9029) at Arapahoe Trailhead (1522 E Arapahoe Rd, just E of Jordan Rd). We will ride the South Cherry Creek Trail into downtown Parker Farmer's Market. Bring a bike lock and money for pastries/ burritos.

10:30 AM MTB Make your fun plans for this dirt trail tribe gathering. The annual ride is ON again. This is the mountain bike ride leading into summer season. Join tribe members at the trail head, watch them break into clans, then see them re-group for a Southern Sun gathering. Clans are groups with fewer than 10 riders. If you know your clan name, that can be put in the MeetUp comments.

Route is following Marshall Mesa east to Community Ditch, back west and cross the bridge to the Marshall Mesa climb southward. Cross Hwy 93 at the southwest corner of the Greenbelt area, then go southwest to Doudy Draw. Explore the Vista trails before descending the rocky gulch dropping into Spring Brook loop. Ride the loop counter-clockwise while thinking about your summer adventures. Return by dropping north in the Draw, then via the Community Ditch trail and the Hwy 93 underpass.

As usual, compare notes at Southern Sun Brewpub. Southern Sun is about 3 miles north of the trailhead, in the Table Mesa Shopping Center. Order a sandwich and get a refreshing drink. Please keenly NOTE: Southern Sun is CASH only!

Monday May 29th: Memorial Day

9:00AM FUN/FUN Plus-H3-29-NW Meet Merri Bruntz (303-517-9781) at Prospect Park (44th & Robb St) for a ride west on the Clear Creek Trail to Easley Road. We will ride over the Arvada Reservoir and then ride the entire length of the Ralston Creek Trail connecting to the Clear Creek Trail west back to the park. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Tuesday, May 30th:

8:00 AM INT-H3-16-W-+1897' "Progressive Lookout Challenge #2: Lookout Mountain for Beginners 102!" MEET PLACE TBD--directions in Golden will be sent to registered riders. We add a bit more distance & elevation from the "101" ride! Meet Marilyn Choske (TEXT to register by May 11 -303-905-8510) at the meet place described at end of description. Once we get to Lookout Mountain Road, ride at your pace to Windy Saddle lot at 5.2 miles; regroup. Continue to 6.8 miles and pull off at the yellow posts on the right; regroup. Ride up to the shop/restrooms/viewing deck. Enjoy the downhill ride and we'll stop at a nearby coffee stop (bring \$) to celebrate your Lookout accomplishment! Return to the cars. Ride will not go if rainy or forecast is for morning rain; call the leader if in doubt.

Wednesday, May 31st:

9:00AM FUN PLUS/INT-H2-23-SW Meet Peter Woulfe (540-219-6674) cell at Reynolds Landing parking lot (6745 S. Santa Fe Dr). We will ride the South Platte to Chatfield State Park, then up the dam over to the marina. After a break we will return the same way. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic afterwards.

9:15 AM FUN-H2-25 SW Look for the Eagles Meet Patty Gaspar 303-618-5069 Meet at Reynolds Landing, 6745 S Santa Fe Dr. (From Santa go west on Brewery Lane, toward the South Platte River, go past Breckenridge Brewery to the parking lot at the end of the road). This is a slower version of Peter's ride. We'll ride the Platte River Trail to Chatfield, over the dam then west to check out the new roads and the marina – and see if the bald eagles returned to their nest this year. Bring your lunch for a picnic.

Friday, June 2nd- Sneak Preview Register by June 1st:

8:00AM FUN+-H3-26-W-1,500' elev'. Meet ride leader, Marilyn Choske (text to REGISTER by June 1 - 303-905-8510), at Prospect Park in Wheat Ridge (44th & Robb). Ride west on Clear Creek Trail (CCT), onto Easley Road, and encircle North Table Mountain around to 58th & Hwy 93. Ride into the East entrance of White Ranch Park, then go west, access 6th Ave bike path to Taj Mahal. Ride bike-friendly (for the most part) streets and paths with a beverage stop (bring \$) before returning to cars. Ride will not go if rainy or forecast is for morning rain; call the leader if in doubt.