



# Bicycling Events, Rides, and Meetings

For the Greater Simsbury, CT bike community

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Updated 5/23/2023 Simsbury (\*). \*\*\*Confirm all events.\*\*\*

## May 2023

\*May 1-31 – May is National Bike Month! Ride to Simsbury Public Library for some bike themed activities in the Children's Room.

May 1-31 – [Bikes on Main](#), Old Wethersfield.

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\*Fri., May 26 - Mountain Biking for Kids – Level 2; [Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation](#), Session 1, Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-7 pm.

\*Sat., May 27 - Mountain Biking for Adults – Fundamentals; [Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation](#), Session 2, Cowles Park in East Granby, 4-7 pm.

Tues., May 30 – [Simsbury Board of Selectmen's Community Bike Ride](#). This is a 5-mile social ride on the multi-use trail followed by ice cream, suitable for all ages and abilities. Meet at Simsbury Town Hall at 5:30 PM.

## June 2023

\*Fri., June 2 - Mountain Biking for Kids – Fundamentals; [Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation](#), Session 3 (6/2 and 6/9), Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-6:30 pm.

Sat., June 3 – Ride the East CT, Trust for Public Land (TPL) and East Coast Greenway Alliance. [Long Ride](#) on greenway (50 miles to Willamantic and back) and [Family Ride](#) on greenway (7 miles) beginning in Manchester, CT. Registration begins May 10.

Sat., June 3 – [Breakaway Benefit Cycling Festival](#), CT Cycling Advancement Program, Bolton, CT. [Donate](#). [Register](#).

Sat., June 3 – [Summer Jamz Ride](#), Hartford Bike Party, WestSide Square, Hartford, 6 PM.

Sun., June 4 – [Tour de Lyme](#), Lyme Land Trust fundraiser, Ashlawn Farm, Lyme.

Sun., June 4 – [Ride Like the Wing](#) (bikes, wings, beer Closer to Free fundraiser), Hartford Bike Club, Southington, 9:30 AM.

\*Mon, June 5 – Squadron Line School Bike/Walk to School Day **CANCELED**

Th, June 8 – [Pride Ride West Harford](#). Arapahoe Rd & LaSalle Rd. West Hartford, 6 pm.

Sat., June 10 – [FVTC Member Appreciation Ride and Picnic](#), East Granby, 9 AM.

Sat., June 10 – [ShopRite Nutmeg State Games Criterium/CT Championships](#), New Britain.

Sat., June 10 – [Cheshire Pride Ride](#), Meet at Jarvis parking area on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, Cheshire, 2 pm.

Sun., June 11 - [Wethersfield Bicycle Festival, Show, and Swap Meet](#), 8AM to Noon.

\*Th., June 15 – Simsbury Bike-Ped Advocates Meeting, Red Stone Pub, Simsbury, 5-6:30 PM. All are welcome!

Fri., June 16 - Sun., June 18 - [League Cycling Instructor \(LCI\) Training](#), Host: New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation. Location: New Haven. Advance registration required. Registration closes May 26.

Sat., June 17 – [Columbia Greenway Central Section Grand Opening Celebration](#), Main Street Bridge, Westfield, MA, 10 AM.

Sat., June 24 - [Ride the State CT](#) – East Coast Greenway Alliance & Farmington Valley Trails Council, New Haven to Massachusetts, 56 miles on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail with return bus option, 7:30 AM.

Sun., June 25 – [DominGo Hartford Northeast Open Streets Event](#), Main Street, Hartford, 11 AM – 4 PM.

\*Wed., June 28 - Mountain Biking for Kids – Level 2- [Simsbury Culture, Parks & Rec](#), Session 2, Cowles Park East Granby, 5-7 pm.

### Local Clubs & Weekly Rides

#### [Simsbury.Bike Strava Club](#)

Connect virtually with local riders, share you rides, find new routes, encourage others, be inspired.

#### [Simsbury.Bike Club](#) in the National Bike Challenge

Log rides online to support local and national bike advocacy. Connect virtually with local riders, encourage others, be inspired.

[Valley Cycling](#) weekly road rides, Saturdays (about 45 miles, 17.5mph) & Sundays starting 8 AM from Granby CT Dunkin Donuts. Saturday B group, departs 8:30am, start locations TBD every week. Weekday evening rides, too. Visit Valley Cycling on [Facebook](#) or contact Paul Mikkelson [mikbenefit@comcast.net](mailto:mikbenefit@comcast.net).

#### Eastern Bloc Cycling Club

Weekly rides for all levels of road cyclists. Visit website for a full list of ride categories, dates, and locations. Non-members are always welcome. Women's rides, too! <https://www.easternbloc.net/>

#### [Farmington Bike Up Meetup](#)

Intermediate/advanced group that rides for fun on the rail trails, quiet roads and awesome excursions. [www.meetup.com/Farmington-Bike-Up/](http://www.meetup.com/Farmington-Bike-Up/)

[Casual Bikers & CT Bicycling Meet-ups](#). Weekday and weekend rides. (< 10 mph). [www.meetup.com/casual-bikers](http://www.meetup.com/casual-bikers)

#### [Farmington Valley Youth Cycling](#)

Mountain, road, and cyclocross teams for young riders ages 9-18. [CCAP](#) member program. [facebook.com/FVYouthCycling](https://facebook.com/FVYouthCycling)

## July 2023

\*Wed., July 12 - Mountain Biking for Kids – Fundamentals; [Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation](#), Session 4 (7/12 and 7/19), Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-6:30 pm.

Sat., 7/15 - [ERRACE – Everyone Ride/Run Against Cancer Everyday](#), charity ride, Avon.

\*Th., 7/20 - [Simsbury Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#), online meeting, public welcome, 10 AM, Zoom.

Tu., July 25 – [American Flatbread Benefit for the Farmington Valley Trails Council](#), Canton, 5-9 pm.

7/24-7/28 – [iCanBike West Hartford](#), Miracle League of Connecticut. A program to help children with special needs become independent riders on a two wheel bicycle. Campers and volunteers. Online registration.

Tues., 7/25 – [American Flatbread Benefit Evening](#), Farmington Valley Trails Council, Canton, 5-9 PM.

## August 2023

\*Aug 4-6 – [Eastern Tandem Rally](#) – The Simsbury Inn, Simsbury.

Sat., Aug 19 – [Steeple Chase Bike Tour](#), Windham area charity ride, Willimantic.

## September 2023

Sun., 8/6 – [Tour of the Litchfield Hills](#), Cancer Care Fund fundraiser, Coe Park, Torrington.

Sat., Sept. 9 – [13th Annual Closer to Free Ride](#), Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center charity ride, New Haven.

Sun., Sept. 10 – [Ride to the Collinsville Farmers Market](#), Avon, 9:30 AM..

Sun., Sept. 17 – [DominGo Hartford](#) Frog Hollow Open Streets Event, Park Street, Hartford, 11 AM – 4 PM.

\*Sun., Sept. 24 – [New England Builders' Ball](#), Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center, Simsbury, 10am -4pm.

## October 2023

Sun., Oct. 1 – [DominGo Hartford](#) Parkville Open Streets Event, Park Street, Hartford, 11 AM – 4 PM.

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