# **Bicycling Events, Rides, and Meeting**

For the greater Simsbury, CT bike community.

<u>www.simsbury.bike</u>

Contact <u>challenge@simsbury.bike</u> to request an event listing. Updated 4/5/2024 Simsbury (\*). \*\*\*Confirm all events. \*\*\*

#### April 2024

\*Fri., April 5 – Sat., April 6 – <u>Farmington Valley Smart Cycling</u>, Farmington Valley Trails Council, Mitchell VW, Simsbury.

\*Tues., April 9 – <u>Bicycle Repair and Maintenance</u>, Simsbury Public Library, Pre-registration requested. 6:30-8pm.

\*Wed., April 17 - <u>Mountain Biking for Kids – Fundamentals</u>, Simsbury Culture, Parks and Rec, Session I (4/17 & 24), Town Forest Park, Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-6:30 pm.

\*Thurs., April 18 – Simsbury Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, regular meeting, 10 AM Zoom, details to be posted at www.Simsbury.Bike.

Fri., April 19 - <u>All Ages and Abilities Cycling Event</u>, AARP Connecticut, CT State Community College Manchester, 1-4 pm (rain date 4/26).

 \*Sat., April 20 – Earth Day Trail & Town Cleanup events in <u>Simsbury</u>, <u>Avon</u>, Canton, Burlington and <u>Farmington</u>. Learn more from town websites or <u>Farm. Valley Trails Council</u>.
Sun., April 21 – Fat Tire Classic, Winding Trails, Farmington.

Mon., April 22 – May 31 – CTrides Drive Less CT Climate Challenge.

Thurs., April 25 – <u>Webinar: DOT & Downtown: An Update On CT's Complete Streets &</u> <u>Other Programs</u>, CMSC, 11 am – noon.

**Sat., April 27 – <u>Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride</u>**, New Haven, rides and walks to raise funds for environmental causes.

#### May 2024 – National Bike Month

May 1 – 31 – <u>Bike Month Challenge</u>, #MakeEveryRideCount, Love to Ride/League of American Bicyclists (Join Club Simsbury.Bike).

May 1 - 31 – <u>CTrides Drive Less CT Climate Challenge</u>.

May 1-31 – Bikes on Main, Old Wethersfield.

Sat., May 4 – <u>Simsbury Sustainability Fair</u>, Simsbury Public Library, 10 am – 2 pm.
\*Sun., May 5 - <u>Mountain Biking for Adults – Fundamentals</u>; <u>Simsbury Culture</u>, Parks and Recreation, Session I, Cowles Park in East Granby, 3-6 pm.

\*Wed., May 8 – National Bike & Roll to School Day

\*Wed., May 8 – Tootin' Hills Bike-Walk to School Day (rain date 5/9)

 \*Wed., May 8 - Mountain Biking for Kids – Fundamentals, Simsbury Culture, Parks and Rec, Session 2 (5/8 & 15), Town Forest Park, Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-6:30 pm.
\*Thurs., May 9 – E-Bike Workshop, Simsbury Public Library. More info. coming.

#### Fri., May 17 – National Bike to Work Day

\*Fri., May 17 –19 - League Cycling Instructor Seminar with Coach Leta Highsmith, Simsbury, CT, <u>Register</u> by April 26.

Sat., May 18 – <u>Breakaway Benefit Cycling Festival</u>, CT Cycling Advancement Program, Bolton, CT. Donate. <u>Register</u>.

Sun., May 19 – Discover Connecticut Tour, Bike Walk Connecticut, Hartford, 8 am.

\*Fri., May 24 – Latimer Lane Bike/Walk to School Day

\*Sun., May 26 - <u>Mountain Biking for Adults – Fundamentals</u>; <u>Simsbury Culture, Parks and</u> <u>Recreation</u>, Session 2, Cowles Park in East Granby, 3-6 pm.

\*Wed., May 29 <u>- Mountain Biking for Kids – Level 2</u>; <u>Simsbury Culture, Parks and</u> <u>Recreation</u>, Session 1, Cowles Park in 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 Love to Ride

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 Drago's Kitchen. Saturday B group, departs 8:30am, start locations TBD every week. NEW C group departs 10 AM most Saturdays from The Coffee Spot in Simsbury. Park by the basketball court in the public lot behind Bank of America. Weekday evening rides, too. Visit Valley Cycling on Facebook or contact Paul Mikkelson 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/

Casual Bikers & CT Bicycling Meetups. Weekday and weekend rides. (< 10 mph).

www.meetup.com/casual-bikers

## Farmington Valley Youth Cycling

Mountain, road, and cyclocross teams for young riders ages 9-18. <u>CCAP</u> member program. <u>facebook.com/FVYouthCycling</u>





## June – August 2024

Sat., June 1 – Member Appreciation Ride and Picnic, <u>Farmington Valley Trails Council</u>, East Granby.

\*Sat., June 1 – <u>Valley Cycling Cystic Fibrosis Ride</u>, Valley Cycling, 3 Distances. Park at commuter lot by basketball court on Iron Horse Blvd. south of Wilcox St., Simsbury. More details to follow. Contact Paul Mikkelson,

mikbenefit@comcast.net, 860-716-4455 to sign up.

Sun., June 2 – <u>Tour de Lyme</u>, Lyme Land Trust fundraiser, Ashlawn Farm, Lyme.

\*Wed., June 5 - Mountain Biking for Kids – Fundamentals, Simsbury Culture, Parks and Rec, Session 3 (6/5 & 12), Town Forest Park, Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-6:30 pm.

Sat., June 8 – Ride the East CT, Willimantic. More details to follow.

Sun., June 9 – <u>Bike Life Hartford</u>, Bici Co. Community Bike Shop, Hartford, 1 pm.

Sun., June 9 – <u>Wethersfield Bicycle Festival, Show, and Swap Meet</u>, 50 Francis St., Wethersfield, 8AM to 1 pm.

**Sat., June 22 – Ride the State**, <u>Farmington Valley Trails Council</u> & East Coast Greenway Alliance, New Haven to Massachusetts.

Sun., June 30 – CT 2024 Masters Games Cycling Criterium and Time Trials, Walnut Hill Park, New Britain.

Sat., July 13 - ERRACE – Everyone Ride/Run Against Cancer Everyday, charity ride, Avon.

\*Wed., July 24 <u>- Mountain Biking for Kids – Level 2</u>; <u>Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation</u>, Session 2, Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-7 pm.

July 22-26 <u>– iCanBike West Hartford</u>, 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.

Sat, July 27 – <u>CT Challenge</u>, charity rides for cancer, Fairfield.

Sun., 8/4 – <u>Tour of the Litchfield Hills</u>, Cancer Care Fund fundraiser, Coe Park, Torrington.

Sat., August 17 – Canton Lobster Fest & FVTC Ride, Farmington Valley Trails Council, Canton.

# Sept. – Dec. 2024

Sat., Sept. 7 - <u>Closer to Free Ride</u>, Yale Cancer fundraiser, New Haven.

Sun., Sept. 8 – Avon to Collinsville Farmers Market Ride, <u>Farmington Valley Trails Council</u>.

\*Sun., Sept. 8 - Mountain Biking for Adults – Fundamentals; Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation, Session 3, Cowles Park in East Granby, 3-6 pm.

Sun., Sept. 8 – Discover Connecticut Tour, Bike Walk Connecticut, Falls Village, 8 am.

Sun., Sept. 15 – Ride to the Collinsville Farmers Market, <u>Farmington Valley Trails Council</u>, Avon.

Friday, November 8 – Annual Meeting, <u>Farmington Valley Trails Council</u>.

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when you can, **Bike-To-It**!



Join our club "Simsbury.bike" on the LOVE TO RIDE Platform. Connect virtually with local riders, encourage others, be inspired. New this year, you can rate your local bike routes! The League of American Bicyclists' annual Bike Month Challenge begins May 1. <u>https://www.lovetoride.net/usa</u>

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