

# Bicycling Events, Rides, and Meeting

For the greater Simsbury, CT bike community.

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Contact <u>challenge@simsbury.bike</u> to request an event listing.

Updated 3/16/2024 Simsbury (\*). \*\*\*Confirm all events. \*\*\*

#### March 2024

Sat., March 3, 10, 17, 24 - Frozen Four Criterium Series, Farmington.

**March 19 - 21 – 2024** National Bike Summit, League of American Bicyclists. Washington, D.C., virtual option available.

**Sat., Mar. 23 – Bike for the Battle,** Farmington Valley YMCA, cancer fundraiser.

**Sat. Mar. 23 – Octagon Spring Bike Clinic**, Octagon Cycling Club CT, Bloomfield Parks and Rec., noon-4pm. RSVP required.

#### **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 Mountain Biking for Kids Fundamentals, 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 All Ages and Abilities Cycling Event, 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 more. Learn more from town or <u>Farm. Valley Trails Council</u>.

**Sun., April 21 – Fat Tire Classic**, Winding Trails, Farmington.

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

#### May 2024

- \*May 1-31 May is National Bike Month
- Sat., May 4 Simsbury Sustainability Fair, Simsbury Public Library, 10 am 2 pm.
- \*Sun., May 5 Mountain Biking for Adults Fundamentals; Simsbury Culture, 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) (tentative)
- \*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 Sun., May 19 League Cycling Instructor Seminar with Coach Leta Highsmith, Simsbury, CT, Register by April 26.
- Sat., May 18 <u>Breakaway Benefit Cycling Festival</u>, CT Cycling Advancement Program, Bolton, CT. Donate. Register.
- \*Fri., May 24 Latimer Lane Bike/Walk to School Day (tentative)
- \*Sun., May 26 Mountain Biking for Adults Fundamentals; Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation, Session 2, Cowles Park in East Granby, 3-6 pm.
- \*Wed., May 29 Mountain Biking for Kids Level 2; Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation, Session 1, Cowles Park in East Granby, 5-7 pm.



Simsbury Bicycle Pedestrian

## **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 Meet-

ups. 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, Farmington Valley Trails Council, 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.

**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 - Mountain Biking for Kids - Level 2; Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation, 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 – CT Challenge**, charity rides for cancer, Fairfield.

Sun., 8/4 - Tour of the Litchfield Hills, 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 - Closer to Free Ride,** Yale Cancer fundraiser, New Haven.

Sun., Sept. 8 - Avon to Collinsville Farmers Market Ride, Farmington Valley Trails Council.

\*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. 15 – Ride to the Collinsville Farmers Market, Farmington Valley Trails Council, Avon.

Friday, November 8 – Annual Meeting, Farmington Valley Trails Council.

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Join our club "Simsbury.bike" on the LOVE TO RIDE Platform. Connect virtually with local riders, encourage others, be inspired. The annual Bike Month Challenge begins May 1.

https://www.lovetoride.net/usa