

CELEBRATE IN MAY

2024

BIKE MONTH

COLUMBIACOMPASS.ORG/CELEBRATEMAY



CELEBRATE MAY

Wednesday, May 1

Cola Women/Trans/Femme/Non-binary Cyclists Ride

6:30 PM

Meet at 6:30 PM and ride at 6:45 PM for a 10-12 mile, no-drop monthly social ride for femme/trans/women/nonbinary riders. The ride stops at Rita's Italian Ice near the end! Meet at Cola Town Bike Collective (711 Elmwood Ave.). Follow [cola_wtfnb_cyclists](#) on instagram for updates.

Saturday, May 4

Street Meat Alley Cat Race

4:00 PM

Start and finish at Cola Town Bike Collective (711 Elmwood Ave.), race ending with live music and food. \$10 gets you into the race and the show.

Sunday, May 5

National Ride a Bike Day

Take a pic for social media and use #bikeday and #wearecolumbia

Sunday, May 5

Tour de Taco Rides

11:00 AM or 11:30 AM

Meet at Cycle Center at 11 AM for the regular Sunday A ride (22.5 miles) or meet at Steel Hands Brewery @11:30 AM for the B ride (12.5 miles), with tacos and beer after the B ride and mid-A ride, with the A ride returning to Cycle Center.

Sunday, May 5

Beginner Mountain Bike Clinic + Ride

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Join Outspokin', Midlands SORBA, and the Columbia Composite NICA and build your off-road skills. This ages 10+ clinic is free, but there is a \$5 parking fee, and space is limited. Email bikeclinic@outspokinbicycles.com to register.

Tuesday, May 7

Bike Month Proclamation

4:00 PM

City Council Proclamation, City Hall, 1737 Main Street, columbiasc.gov

Wednesday, May 8

National Bike & Roll to School Day

TIMING VARIES

Join a local event or sign up to organize one at your school - find out more at walkbiketoschool.org

Monday, May 13 - Sunday, May 19

Bike to Work Week

DAILY COMMUTE

Commit to commuting, and invite a neighbor or colleague to join you!

Friday, May 17

Bike to Work Day

8:30 AM

Ride with a group or own your own to arrive at the State House at 8:30 AM, take a group picture, and ride down Main Street to City Hall. Ride with a group from: Curiosity Coffee @8 AM, Cycle Center @8 AM, Outspokin' (Devine St.) @7:45 AM

Saturday, May 18

Friends of Harbison Trail Work Day

9:00 AM

Meet at the Harbison Ed Ctr to volunteer with Friends of Harbison State Forest; bring work gloves, water, and snacks and wear appropriate clothing. Details on [Friends of Harbison Facebook page](#).

Sunday, May 19

Preservation Bike Tour

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

May is also National Historic Preservation Month! Hop on your bike and join City preservation staff on a bike tour of green book sites in downtown Columbia. Registration (see columbiacompass.org/celebratemay to register) and helmet required.

Sunday, May 19

Outspokin' Beginner Gravel Bike Ride

2:00 PM

Join Outspokin' for a beginner gravel bike ride, 20 - 30 miles, no drop. Location to be determined; pre-registration required. Call the store at (803) 254-9797 or swing by for registration and details.

GO FOR A RIDE

All Month Long

Take a Preservation Bike Ride

May is also National Historic Preservation Month! Take a self-guided ride (or two) and travel through Hidden Columbia and 1960s Columbia. City of Columbia YouTube: bit.ly/PreservationPlaylist

Sundays @ 11 AM

Cycle Center Group Ride

Meet at Cycle Center for a 22 mile road ride with loops into Cayce & West Columbia

Sundays @ 3:30 PM

Midlands SORBA Trail Ride

Harbison State Forest. See [Midlands SORBA Facebook page](#) for more info, and sign the e-waiver first: bit.ly/SORBA-waiver

Mondays @ 6 PM

Rosewood Ride

Meet at Rosewood Park for a five-mile family friendly casual ride around the neighborhood.

Tuesdays @ 6:45 PM

Street Meat Tuesday Rides

Ride starts at 7PM. 8-15 miles, all genders, no-drop city/neighborhood ride. Lights and helmets required. Meet at Cola Town Bike Collective (711 Elmwood Ave.).

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6:00 PM

Tri-City Cyclers Road Rides

All levels and abilities; no drop options. A group (>22mph); B group (18-20mph) breaks into smaller groups; C group (14-16mph) is a social no-drop. Meet at B Avenue Sports Complex (815 B Ave, West Columbia). Helmets required, front and rear lights strongly recommended. Check [Facebook](#) for weather + start time changes.

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Summit Cycles Road Ride

A, B, and C rides do 28, 25, and 20ish miles respectively. C ride is no drop. Meet at Summit Cycles (10171 Two Notch Rd).

Thursdays @ 6:15 PM

Midlands SORBA Trail Ride

Harbison State Forest. See [Midlands SORBA Facebook page](#) for more info, and sign the e-waiver first: bit.ly/SORBA-waiver

Thursdays @ 6:15 PM

Outspokin' Irmo Ride

C pace group ride, 20ish miles, departs from Irmo Outspokin' Bicycles, 7601 St. Andrews Rd. This ride is a no-drop, but riders should be able to maintain a 16-18 mph pace. Helmets required, front and rear lights strongly recommended.

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

Outspokin' Thirsty Thursday Ride

12-15 miles, city/neighborhoods, no drop ride. Helmets & lights required. Meet at Outspokin' Bicycles at 6:45PM to ride at 7PM, 3223 Devine.

Fridays @ 6:30 PM

Cycle Center Beer Ride

Meet at Cycle Center for a social 18-ish mile road ride through Columbia & Forest Acres

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

All Month Long

National Bike Challenge

Log your miles as an individual or group lovetoride.net/usa

Sunday, May 19

Race to the River

10:00 AM

Mountain bike race at Harbison State Forest; see usmtbseries.com/events/racetotheriver for details + to register.

BUILD KNOWLEDGE

Tuesday, May 14

Outspokin' Bike Maintenance Clinic

6:15 - 7:30 PM

Meet at Outspokin' Bicycles (3223 Devine) and build your bike knowledge! Free, but RSVP in advance; space is limited - RSVP@outspokinbicycles.com.

Thursday, May 16

Palmetto Trail Talk with Brian Curran of Outspokin' Bicycles

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Meet at PCF (722 King) and learn more about mountain and gravel biking on the Palmetto Trail. Free, but RSVP in advance; space is limited - bit.ly/TrailTalkMay2024.

BUILD COMMUNITY

Monday, May 6

Bowl for a Cause

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Gear up for the [Ride to End ALZ](#) and join in the fun at Royal Z Lanes, 8512 Two Notch Rd. \$25 per person for 2 hours; proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association.



Visit columbiacompass.org/celebratemay for event details, calendar updates, and more. Add your event by emailing transportationplanning@columbiasc.gov.

