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Springfield ride

No fooling! The club's third "away" ride of the year happens on Saturday, 1 April. The ride offers a half century (50) and metric century (62) mile route options. Ride starts at 8am. Mark your calendars and come on out and join the ride. Sign up at:

<https://www.active.com/springfield-ga/cycling/races/springfield-century-ride-2023>

April Ride Schedule

Ride leaders for each category will be assigned. Ride director: Kim Turner
kimbooskie@gmail.com

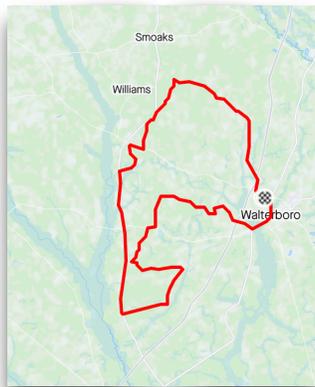
Helmets are required on all rides. Rear view mirrors are highly encouraged. Please arrive at least fifteen minutes before scheduled roll-out. Guest riders must sign the club waiver prior to roll-out. Club members acknowledged the waiver when they joined or renewed membership in the club. Enjoy the rides and the company. And if you have an idea about a new ride, contact Kim and she'll work to make it happen.

Date/Ride	Mileage	Directions	Ride Leader
Saturday, 1 April, 8am, Springfield Revitalization ride	50/62	The year's third "away" ride, meet/park at Ulmer Park, Jefferson Street, Springfield. Fully supported with rest stops along the routes, SAG support if needed. Lunch after the ride offered until 1pm	N/A
Friday, 7 April, 10am, Easy Pace ride	10-14	Meet/park or just ride to Lake Mayer pavilion area. Ride to and on the Truman Linear Trail and lightly traveled roads. No drop, pace determined by participants.	Roy Reynolds, 870-310-9868, royreynolds59@hotmail.com
Saturday, 8 April, 8:30am, Rob's Ride, Richmond Hill, GA	22/32/40	AKA Riceboro Ride With Loops, journey south on I-95 or Highway 17 to meet/park at Melody's Coastal Cafe, 34 North Coastal Highway, Midway. This is a new route that takes participants on back country roads with various options, the longest just a tad under 40.	Kathy Schaefer, 912-661-2884, kwillyschaefergmail.com
Saturday, 15 April, 8:30am, Rincon ride	26/35/42	Meet/park at Macomber Park, 1103 Lexington Street, Rincon. Out-and-back routes on back country roads. Post ride eats and treats at El Real Mexican restaurant.	David Jackson, 301-237-1892, davidcjackson1219@yahoo.com
Saturday, 22 April, 8:30am, Ellabelle ride.	23/34	Meet/park at Hendrix Park, 3960 Wilma Edwards Road, Ellabell. Usual post ride eats and treats at Sandra's Seafood Restaurant, 4644 Highway 80 East, Ellabell.	Cathy Reiman, 239-293-7118, creiman16@icloud.com

Date/Ride	Mileage	Directions	Ride Leader
Saturday, 29 April, 8:30am, Skidaway Island ride	32/62	Meet/park at The Village parking lot, across the street from the BP station on Skidaway Island. Routes on and around the island and The Landings. Post ride eats and treats at Your Pie in Sandfly.	Deborah Wharff, 410-905-1690, deborahwharff@icloud.com

Tour de Low Country

The club was well represented at the 25 March Tour de Low Country, in Walterboro, SC. Twelve club members journeyed north to Walterboro, with Kathy Schaefer, Rich & Deborah Wharff, Carolyn Altman, John Arney, Ken Pierce, Paul Olden, Jackie Black, John Jensen, Einar Anderson and Mike McFadden riding the metric century (62 mile) route, and Eric Holmes riding, along with his son, the 32 mile route.



The weather cooperated, with a persistent but moderate wind, and generally sunny skies. There were four SAG stops, road conditions were generally good although some stretches were less than ideal. All in all, it was a great ride, without any accidents and very little-to-no drama.

Post ride pizza, cold drinks and medals for participants greeted the participants at the finish line.



CBTC Pioneers

The Coastal Bicycle Touring Club has its roots in the Bike Ride Across Georgia, AKA BRAG. Some of the original organizers of the club were key to the early years of BRAG, and this article shines a light on two of those club pioneers - Dot Moss and Ann Glendenning.

"The annual bicycle ride across the state of Georgia began in 1980 under the guidance of Dot Moss. Dot received her inspiration for the tour from Iowa's RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa). Georgia's event started out as the Great GASBE (Georgia's Annual State Bicycling Event). The 1st ride began in Savannah and ended in Columbus. From Savannah the group traveled to Metter and received red carpet treatment. Dublin, Perry, and Thomaston were the next stops. In Thomaston a tradition began of camping on football fields. Of the 120 riders who left Savannah, 60 weary and saddle-sore cyclists arrived in Columbus completing the 300 miles of the first GASBE."



Dot Moss tending to her garden

Dot Moss was an honorary member of CBTC, and well known for her involvement in cycling throughout the Coastal Empire, and for her love of animals and gardening. She passed away on 27 December 2018 at the age of 78.



Ann Glendenning

In 1985, CBTC was instrumental in organizing the ride that was renamed Bike Ride Across Georgia.

"The Coastal Bicycle Touring Club of Savannah volunteered to serve as the coordinating club for the 1985 tour. The name, Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), was adapted. With Ann Glendenning leading the group, some 480 cyclists were treated to a ride which followed the route of Sherman's March to the Sea, visiting Stone Mountain, Hard Labor Creek State Park, Milledgeville, Louisville, Richmond Hill and finally to Savannah."

Ann passed away 15 March 2023 at the age of 84. She was an avid supporter of the club in her later years, often times greeting club members on organized rides in Claxton, Springfield, and other locations in the Coastal Empire.

Elements of this article with quote marks extracted from Wayback Machines on-line article "History of BRAG at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20101020040050/http://brag.org/Files/HistoryofBRAG-1980s.pdf>

Easy pace ride - First Friday

Roy Reynolds will lead an easy pace ride the first Friday in the month, starting in March, and continuing until June. Turn-out participation will dictate further scheduling. For April, the easy pace ride will take place on Friday, 7 April.

The ride will start at 10am, at the Lake Mayer Pavilion, and travel onto the Truman Linear Trail and some very lightly traveled streets. Pace will be dictated by the turn-out, but there will be no drops and everyone will stay together.

Our thanks to Roy for arranging these rides, which were mentioned in feedback garnered during the club's latest survey (i.e., a desire for easy pace rides of medium distances).

Bike Ed

Way back when the club held in-person meetings on a regular basis, Alderman Nick Palumbo was the guest speaker at the club's 7 February 2022 meeting about the "Tide to Town" trail initiative in Savannah. The idea behind the initiative is to tie the community together through a series of trails, all of which are designed to be a component of the larger East Coast Greenway. The East Coast Greenway is a walking and cycling route stretching 3,000 miles from Maine to Florida - portions of which exist, but much of it dependent on future funding. This article focus' on elements of the 2023 Congressional budget that supports the Greenway.



Georgia segment



East Coast Greenway - 2023 Congressional Funding

Across eight states stretching from Maine to Florida, 10 different East Coast Greenway and trail-adjacent projects will be supported by a record \$22.4M in Congressionally-directed spending in 2023.



Maine's Eastern Trail

An inclusion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, this year's funding is highlighted by \$7.8M for the Eastern Trail connector and on-road improvements in Saco and Biddeford, Maine, secured by Sen. Susan Collins. Secured by Sen. Jack Reed, \$3.2M was allocated to developing a strong connection between the Woonasquatucket River Greenway and the Washington Secondary Bike Path, an important link from Cranston through Olneyville, Smith Hill and Silver Lake into Providence, Rhode Island. In Anne Arundel County, Maryland, \$2.5M secured by Rep. John Sarbanes and Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van

Hollen will build a significant portion of the West East Express, which will extend the Poplar Trail and East Coast Greenway in Annapolis. In Plainfield, Connecticut, \$2.2M will to toward construction of the Wauregan and Central Village Connector segment of the Quinebaug River Trail, sponsored by Representative Joe Courtney.

Other East Coast Greenway projects receiving earmark funding include:

- \$1.9M for the Card Sound Bridge in Monroe County, Florida
- \$1.1M for trail design and rights of way in Bloomfield, Connecticut
- \$1M for the Delaware River Trail - Battery Segment - in Philadelphia
- \$979K for the Lewiston Canal & Riverwalk, Lewiston, Maine
- \$750K for the Virginia Beach Train in Virginia Beach, Virginia

Georgia - Congressional Representatives

Missing from the 2023 Congressional marks for East Coast Greenway projects is the state of Georgia. From the article above, it's clear that voters who support the initiative lobbied their Congressional representatives, who ensured that elements of the Greenway in their respective states were included in the 2023 budget.

We here in Georgia need to lobby our Congressional representatives on the importance of the East Coast Greenway along coastal Georgia - which obviously includes Savannah and the greater Coastal Empire. Here are those representatives and methods you - and all of us - can contact them. The club will partner with Bike Walk Savannah to lobby our representatives for future Congressional funding in our state. Feel free to contact any or all of the following Congressional representatives.

Senator Raphael Warnock
Russell Senate Building
Suite 388
Washington DC 20510
202-224-3643

Senator Jon Ossoff
Russell Senate Building
Suite 455
Washington DC 20510
202-224-3521

Rep. Buddy Carter
2432 Rayburn House Office
Washington DC 20515
202-225-5831

Savannah Office
6602 Abercorn Street Suite
Suite 105B
Savannah GA
912-352-0101

eBike Incentive Kickstart

A bill under consideration on Capitol Hill is the “Electric Bicycle Kickstart for the Environment (E-BIKE) Act. House Resolution 1019 and Senate 2420 would offer individual consumers a refundable 30% tax credit for purchasing an electric bicycle – up to a \$1,500 credit for new bicycles less than \$8,000. Individuals would be eligible for this credit once every three years and couples filing jointly would be eligible for two credits. This legislation also mandates a study after three years to evaluate if the credit is reaching low-income communities.

Electric bicycles have the ability to displace car trips by keeping people moving with efficiency and ease. An all-in approach to reducing carbon emissions to combat climate change must recognize the ability of electric bicycles to take cars off the road and keep people moving, active and connected to their communities.

Congressional contact

If you would like to contact your representative and urge them to support these Senate and House bills, you may do so on-line at:

<https://www.peopleforbikes.org/take-action/the-electric-bicycle-incentive-kickstart-for-the-environment>

If you're in need of bikes, bike equipment or repairs, visit any of these shops and receive 10% discount on parts and accessories, by mentioning you are a CBTC member.

