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24th Annual Bike Month Announced

This May, the Berkshire Bike Path Council will be holding their 24th annual Bike Month series of events, in conjunction with Massachusetts Bike Month. Bike activities are offered for every level and every age of cyclists.

Bike Rodeos are a great opportunity for young riders to learn safety tips and check their equipment while decorating their bikes and taking on the rodeo challenge. A Rodeo will be open to the public during First Fridays at Five in Pittsfield, at the parking lot on Renee Ave across from the Lichtenstein Center. On May 9, the Downtown Pittsfield Mural Ride will be a casual-pace ride with the opportunity to learn about the public art that decorates downtown Pittsfield. Go by Bike Week, from May 10th-16th, is designed to encourage everyone to ride whatever distance and at whatever speed they are comfortable. Pledge your ride online here to be entered in a prize drawing at the end of the week. On Wednesday May 13th, ride your bike to downtown Pittsfield between 7 - 9am for the Bike Breakfast. Free food is available to anyone arriving by bike. The City of Pittsfield and Department of Conservation and Recreation are offering a community ride for all ages on the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail on May 23rd. Safety tips and equipment will be available from our partners.

These events are made possible by the cooperation and support of several partners - Safe Routes to School, Downtown Pittsfield, Inc., the City of Pittsfield, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Berkshire Bike and Board, Berkshire Health Systems, MassBike and BBPC volunteers. Events are all free. For more information, email nrusso@berkshireplanning.org or call (413) 212-7998.

If You Go:

Friday, May 1 in Pittsfield – Bike Rodeo with AAA, Safe Routes to School at First Fridays at Five. Rodeo will be held in the Palace Park parking lot; enter from Renee Ave, across from the Lichtenstein Center. Parking is recommended in the First Street lot.

Friday, May 8 in Pittsfield – Conte Elementary Bike Bus, 8am (Volunteer chaperones needed!) Contact Nick Russo at nrusso@berkshireplanning.org if you would like to volunteer.

Saturday, May 9 in Pittsfield – Downtown Mural Bike Tour, 3 - 5pm
Starts & Ends at Hot Plate Brewing Co., 1 School Street, Pittsfield

All week long, May 10-16 – Go by Bike Week! Share your ride here to be entered into a prize drawing.

Wednesday, May 13: Downtown Bike Breakfast, 7-9 am
Dunham Mall, between City Hall and North Street. RSVP requested **here** to help order enough food.

Thursday, May 14: Conte Elementary Bike Rodeo (for students and families), 5:30 - 7pm
(Rain Date: Thursday, May 21) Email Renee MacKay at renee.mackay@aecom.com if you would like to volunteer.

Saturday, May 23: Ashuwillticook Community Ride, 10am
(Rain Date: Saturday, May 24) Starts at Crane Ave trailhead in Pittsfield.

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About Berkshire Bike Path Council

For over 25 years, the Berkshire Bike Path Council has built a volunteer base of cycling enthusiasts who support the construction and expansion of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail in Berkshire County. BBPC also works to advocate for safe cycling on roads around the region, for youth and adult education around bicycle riding and maintenance, and for getting as many riders as possible to experience the beauty of the Berkshires by bike.

About Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

BRPC is the regional planning agency for Berkshire County, Massachusetts. BRPC assists the thirty-two Berkshire cities and towns in a diverse set of topics, including community and economic development, community planning, data and information services, emergency preparedness, environmental and energy planning, public health, and transportation planning. Visit <https://berkshireplanning.org/> for more information.