

CYCLING CLUBS, MEET-UP GROUPS, ANNUAL EVENTS

Cycling Clubs

No matter where you hang your helmet, or whether you are a recreational to competitive cyclist, there's a club or Meetup group for you.

Following is a partial list of cycling clubs to check out:

- [Beaverton Bicycle Club](#). Competitive racing.
- [Hillsboro Bike Club](#). Sunday morning rides.
- [Northwest Trail Alliance](#). Mountain biking advocacy, trail stewardship and riding group.
- [Oregon Human Powered Vehicles](#). Group of fun-loving recumbent bike and trike riders.
- [Oregon Randonneurs](#). Club of long-distance cyclists.
- [Portland Velo Cycling Club](#). Caters largely to racers, or spearing racers, who are masers-category eligible and looking to be part of a supportive, innovative and experienced team. Weekly rides and event rides for members.
- [Portland Wheelmen Touring Club](#). 600-member recreational riding and social organization for bicyclists all abilities. Year-round events.
- [Shift](#). A loose-knit, informal bunch of bike-loving folks. Plans, executes, publicizes, and get involved in celebration of bicycle events. Calendar.
- [Sorella Forte Cycling Club](#). Open to all women who share a passion for riding a bike — ANY bike; race and recreational riders.
- [Trails Club of Oregon](#). Trails Club Bicycling. Schedules recreational rides and bike tours in and out of Greater Portland.
- [Vancouver Bicycle Club](#). Recreational bicycling and social organization.



Cycling Meetups

A popular option for Boomers seeking all things outdoors, including cycling, are Meetups. Meetups are groups formed by individuals around a common or multiple interests. Joining is generally free or inexpensive and gives you access to the meet-up's scheduled activities.

As expected in cycle-crazy Portland, if you can imagine it, there's a bike meet-up for it. At any given time, you'll find 10-15 meet-up groups for all abilities, ages, and interest, in all parts of the metro. Some recreational, others hard-core serious. Some ride and tour year round. You'll also find training rides for fundraising groups such as Arthritis [Foundation Tour de Cure Oregon/SW WA](#), and the [Arthritis Foundation Classic Cycling Group-Oregon](#).

Examples of cycling meetups are:

- [CycleManiacs](#). Social rides, all skill levels.
- [Go the Distance](#). Cycling with friends. Regular rides around Portland.
- [Ladies Let's Ride](#). Members just like to ride bikes, chat, improve fitness and become safer riders.
- [Northwest Butts on Bikes](#). Recreational easy-going rides.
- [Out Spoke'n](#). Recreational cycling club for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community and their friends.
- [Performance Great Ride Series: Tualatin](#). Rides of 12 to 15 miles around Tualatin from Performance Bicycle.
- [Performance Great Ride Series: Portland](#). Rides of 12 to 15 miles around Portland from Performance Bicycle.
- [Portland Area Recreational Cyclists](#). Cycles on paved and mountain bike trails. All levels.
- [Ride Like a Girl](#). Women of all bicycling abilities.
- [SE Portland Mural Art Bicycling Meetup](#). Tours that will guide cyclists to colorful, playful, and sometimes thought-provoking examples of local mural art.
- [Team Orenco Cycling](#). All levels, family friendly.
- [Whinos](#) (easy-going rides in wine county).

Cycling is also activity of multiple activity outdoor groups (hiking, skiing, cycling, kayaking, etc.) such as:

- [Cascade Prime Timers](#).
- [Endorphin Drip Hiking and Cycling Club](#).
- [Multiple Outdoor Activities for Boomers](#)
- [Trails Club of Oregon](#)

Meetups come, go and change. To find what's current, go to Meet-up.com for Portland Meetups and enter your interest such as outdoor, cycling, etc. Meetup descriptions will tell you about the activity or interest, who it is appropriate for, a schedule of meetings, and what part of town it's located in.

Annual Cycling Events

If you want to be surrounded by hundreds, or even thousands of your new best friends, register for a cycling event. Below are links to a popular cycling events in Greater Portland that attract thousands of all ages. For current listings see [Oregon Bicycle Ride Calendar](#), the Biking Bis list of bike rides; [Bike Portland Calendar](#), events by month; and the [Portland Events Calendar](#).

- [Worst Day of the Year Ride](#). Regardless of the weather, thousands of fun-loving cyclists grab their friends, don costumes, ride their bikes and wave silly flags. February.
- [Sunday Parkways](#). Held in several different neighborhoods each year, Sunday Parkways rides convert city streets into car-free zones, encouraging cyclists to explore different parts of the city. Each event features stops in city parks along the route, with entertainment, food and activities. May-September.
- [Filmed by Bike Festival](#). Short films about bicycling. Portland NE. May.
- [Reach the Beach](#). Scenic ride from Portland to Pacific Ocean 28, 55, 80, or 100 miles. May.

- [Bridge Pedal](#). Pedal fancy- and car-free with nearly 20,000 other cyclists across Portland's Willamette River bridges, from the Sellwood to the St. Johns and most others in between. August.
 - [World Naked Bike Ride](#). This could have, but didn't, originate in Portland, one of 74 ride-in-the-buff cities from Amsterdam to Perth. June.
 - [Padalpalooza](#). Multiple anything goes, free-for-all rides bike festival. 3 weeks of bicycle events including scavenger hunts, costume rides, casual tours, pub crawls, and naked bicycle ride. June
 - [Beaverton Banks and Beyond Tour](#). 64, 86, 100 mile options going through Banks, the Vernonia Trail, and beyond. August.
 - [Handmade Bike & Beer Festival](#). Brings together two of Portland's favorite activities for one exciting weekend family-friendly mash up. October.
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