Riv Weekend Schedule - July 7-9, 2023

Friday, July 7

4pm

Meet at River Arts District Greenway (parking lot adjacent to Smoky Park Supper Club - 350 Riverside Drive, Asheville 28801 - directly under the overpass - pls **DO NOT** park in the gravel restaurant lot that is adjacent to the paved parking lot). If this lot is full, there are other lots across the street and just south, also on Riverside Dr.

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4:30pm

Ride starts - a casual greenway ride (4-6 miles, paved, flat). We'll ride to New Belgium Brewery along the way for drinks and dinner. There are two great food trucks, ample picnic areas, and of course lots of beer. Afterwards we'll ride back to the parking area (about a mile)

Saturday, July 8

8:30am

Gather at the NC Arboretum main parking lot (parking costs \$20 per carload). If you'd rather not pay for parking there is a lot along the river on US 191 just across from the turn to the Arboretum and Blue Ridge Parkway where you can park and then ride up to the main parking lot. If you're staying at the campground it's an easy ride to the Arboretum parking lot.

(This is from the NC Arboretum's website)

Best Address for GPS: 20 Frederick Law Olmsted Way

Asheville, NC 28806

Please note: Many GPS units do not correctly identify the Arboretum's location within the Bent Creek Experimental Forest, therefore we DO NOT recommend the use of a GPS device for navigation to the Arboretum. If your navigation system directs you to the Arboretum service entrance off Wesley Branch Road, please turn back and follow the road to the traffic light. Turn right (south) onto Brevard Road/Hwy. 191 and continue in the right lane, which will become a turn only lane. Turn right at light and the entrance to The North Carolina Arboretum is ahead on the right.

9:00am

Rides start - there will be three options: a 7 mile loop, a 14 mile loop, and a 23 mile loop. The fire roads are all gravel and there will be some moderate climbs but nothing too epic. The loops are intersecting figure 8's so everyone can regroup after each loop and decide if they'd like to continue. There will be local ride guides and we will probably split into a slower group and a faster group for each of the loops.

- Shortie 6.9 mi + 649' climbing :: https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43071165
- Moderate 14.1 mi + 1,176' climbing :: https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43071220
- Long 23.4 mi + 2,133' climbing :: https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43071261

3 - 6pm

Meet at the French Broad River Park pavilion for the Riv Garage Sale/ Swap meet. We've got a number of folks bringing stuff to sell and swap so this should be fun.

6pm

Ride (or drive) to the Wedge At Foundation brewery (about 2 miles from the pavilion) for drinks and dinner. Great food trucks and beer here too.

Sunday, July 9

9:30am

Meet at the E. W. Grove Park (338 Charlotte St. Asheville) St. Lots of on street parking around the park

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10am

Ride start - 10ish mile road ride on some of Asheville's prettiest neighborhoods. Very light traffic and a few moderate hills. (GPS/Map to follow soon)

11:30am-ish

Stop for lunch in the Montford neighborhood for lunch at All Day Darling, a small, casual and delicious local breakfast/lunch spot.

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