



# The Colorado Bicyclist

Newsletter of the Denver Bicycle Touring Club

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*In an effort to be a more concerned and caring club, we would like to send a card to those members suffering from an injury, illness, or loss. If you know of someone who could use a pick-me-up, please email the name to Linda at 528tiernan@gmail.com.*

## Volunteer Recognition Luncheon!

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**  
**11:30 am - 2 pm**

**Current members registered by 11/3 \$14**  
**Guests and anyone registered after 11/3 \$28**

**It is that time of year again, where the DBTC invites everyone for an afternoon of fun and recognition with the DBTC community. This year, we will be hosting the event at the beautiful Park Hill Golf Course in Denver!**

**4141 E. 35th Avenue, Denver 80207**

**Qualified Ride Leaders (5 or more rides) have earned free registration!**

**Doors open at 11am with cash bar.**

**Menu Includes: Garden salad, Baked chicken, BBQ brisket, Fried catfish with tarter sauce, Homemade macaroni and cheese, Roaster rosemary red potatoes, Green beans, Corn bread, Peach cobbler, Coffee, tea, lemonade.**

**REGISTER HERE**

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### Board Meetings

Members wishing to attend a board meeting are welcome! The DBTC board meets the second Monday of each month at 6pm, Perkin's Restaurant (1995 S. Colorado Blvd). Anyone wishing to address the board, contact the president at [president@dbtc.org](mailto:president@dbtc.org) or call 303-725-1565 so your topic can be placed on the agenda.

## The President's Page

*Cyndy Klepinger*

If you have not made your reservation for the Volunteer Recognition Lunch, please consider attending. (You don't have to be a volunteer to join us.) It's a great opportunity to renew friendships made on summer bike rides as well as possibly make new friends. Board elections are also part of the program. For a list of candidates, turn to page 8.

As we all know, it's possible to keep biking even though the temperatures have dipped, and there's the chance for more moisture (yes that's means snow). Check the ride schedule as there are several "show and goes" posted. These rides are generally more social, and the group decides the route and distance.

If you do keep riding in the winter, you may want to remember to let the day heat up to melt the ice and snow on roads and bike paths. Also, it's time to slow down and stay in control as ice becomes a factor in the shady areas, including bike path tunnels. Be safe!

We are also looking for members to lead snowshoe and/or cross-country trips. It works just like leading a bike ride, you plan the route, select the date and send an announcement or post it yourself on Meet-Up or on the Yahoo page. For more information, see page 10.

With the colder weather, it's also time to start thinking about bike trips you might want to take next year. Remember that you can post notices in our newsletter seeking like-minded cyclists to join you on your next adventure(s). Deadline is the 20th of the month, and send your information to [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org) I am considering traveling to New York for the Five Boro Bike Ride on May 5. It's the largest charitable bike ride with 32,000 rides?!?!? Does anyone want to join me?

Also, Out of Town Tour Director Kathy Stommel and her husband, Joe, are leading a ride to Door County next summer. For information, turn to page 3. Other DBTC-sponsored out of town tours are in the planning stages, watch for announcements in the near future!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the VRL, Saturday, November 10.



Pictures and Articles for the Newsletter... This newsletter belongs to the members. If you have pictures or an article to share, please email them to [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org). Only send one or two pictures, so you don't clog up my computer! Be sure to include details about who, when and where the picture was taken. If you have a photo to mail, contact the Ride Coordinator for the address. Remember we must give credit to the author. If you are a writer with an article of interest, we may make you a published author! The deadline for publishing is the 20th, but please send your articles earlier.

# DISCOVER DOOR COUNTY WISCONSIN & DEBUT OF DECORAH, IOWA

## AUGUST 16 - 24, 2019

Tour Leaders, Kathy & Joe Stommel, have listened to the numerous requests for another DBTC tour to Door County, Wisconsin, and this time including a special introduction to Decorah, Iowa.

The adventure begins in Decorah, Iowa where tour participants will enjoy two nights in this picturesque community located among towering bluffs and beautiful scenery in the far northeast corner of Iowa. The Upper Iowa River, which meets national criteria as a wild and scenic river, runs through Decorah. Our local hosts will be Kent & Marla Klocke, who joined DBTC in 2018 for the Durango tour. They are excited to dispel the misconception that Iowa is boring and flat! Decorah is approximately a 13 hour drive time from the Denver area and will be the perfect stopover en route to Door County.

Our next destination will be the town of Fish Creek located in Door County, Wisconsin; approximately 5-½ hour drive from Decorah. We'll enjoy six nights at a highly rated hotel located next to the entrance to Peninsula State Park and within walking distance to numerous restaurants, shops and other attractions. The bike routes in Door County will be on quiet country roads with a few rolling hills. Tour activities include four bike rides, tours of a winery and working dairy farm, a ferry to Washington Island, a traditional Fish Boil group dinner, and a free day to explore on your own. Just ask anyone that's visited Door County about the beauty and tranquility of the region.

Lodging in both Decorah and Fish Creek will feature rooms with two queen beds; complimentary daily breakfast; in-room refrigerator, microwave & coffee maker; swimming pool, WiFi and free parking.

This tour is limited to 20 participants with a registration fee of \$950 per person based on double occupancy. The tour fee includes eight nights lodging (two in Decorah, six in Fish Creek), five bike rides, one group dinner, ferry to Washington Island, happy hour snacks, pre and post tour get togethers. Remember that registration fees are non-refundable, but may be transferred if a suitable substitute is available. To reserve your spot, please mail the two required DBTC tour forms (posted at [dbtc.org](http://dbtc.org)) and a \$350 deposit check payable to: Kathy Stommel, 9631 Autumnwood Pl, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129.

Non-riding partners are welcome as well as single room requests. Questions can be directed: [cyclekats@gmail.com](mailto:cyclekats@gmail.com) or at cell phone #719/671-5579. **Note:** The Decorah segment can be omitted if you have conflicting travel plans - but we hope you'll join us for the entire itinerary!



# 2018 Maine's Midcoast Tour

by Marilyn Choske, tour leader

On Tuesday, September 4, eight DBTC riders gathered together at a Portland, Maine, hotel to kick off our bicycle tour adventure from Portland to Bar Harbor. How did everyone get to Maine, you ask? Here you go: Three people in two cars drove the distance from Colorado, transporting one tandem and one road bike; five people travelled by air: two shipped out their tandem bike and one her road bike; and two rented bikes (1 road, 1 hybrid) in Portland. For most of the seven participants, this was their first exposure to the Maine coast and its peoples, cultures, environs, and fresh seafoods!

September 5 loomed beautiful, sunny, and warm as our group made its way to the Portland harbor area, where we met our guide for the local Five Lighthouse Tour that day. Our personal bikes took a respite since the outfitter provided hybrid bikes for the day's outing. We rode to the Portland "Bug," Spring Point, and Portland Head Lights and stopped for our picnic lunch of lobster rolls, cole slaw, "local" potato chips and blueberry sodas, all included in the ride cost. Lastly, we rode to the two Cape Elizabeth Lights and then proceeded back to our start in Portland.

Thursday, September 6, we left Portland and rode 49 miles and 2500' elevation gain to Wiscasset, our first stop. Maine's Midcoast is not the flatter terrain of southern Maine's coast: ups and downs and backcountry roads greeted us daily, as I had tried to develop routes that would keep us off of Highway 1 as much as possible. We rode an average of 40 or so miles per day, always with around 2000-2300' of elevation. Towns we stayed in along the way included Rockland (2 nights), Belfast, Ellsworth, and Bar Harbor (2 nights).

Because this was a moving tour, you may be wondering how our bags were transported? Each individual or couple chose a day in which to drive my vehicle, which we loaded each morning with our luggage. I devised the direct route to the next town to intersect with our bicycle route, after 15-20 miles, in case we needed water refills, more snacks, and/or just a brief rest. This important, necessary piece was a key factor to the success of our tour.

Our activities included a full-day roundtrip ride from Rockland to Marshall Point Head Light near Port Clyde, and then on to Owls Head Light, near Thomaston, climbing to the tops and enjoying the views. We also took in the 360-degree views from the top of the Penobscot River Narrows and Bridge Observatory, a part of Ft. Knox (no, not THAT one!) Park near Prospect, ME; it's the tallest public bridge observatory in the world.

The Union River Lobster Pot in Ellsworth offered fresh seafood and a variety of other dinner options, topped off with a slice of fresh Maine blueberry pie a la mode! (Maine blueberries are the tiny ones.)

In Bar Harbor, the group enjoyed dining at a "real" lobster bake whose meal included a bowl of fresh mussels

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to start, then a dinner of a 1 1/4-pound lobster, corn on the cob, cole slaw, and new potatoes. Dessert was a blueberry cobbler. Yum.

The following morning after breakfast we made our way to the town harbor and boarded Lulu's Lobster Boat for a 2-hour tour of Frenchman Bay and its sights, with demonstrations and explanations of lobster fishing. Those who wanted to do so were invited to hold one of the lobsters being passed around the 30-passenger tour boat. All lobsters are released back into the water before entering the harbor at tour's end since, even though we were on a lobster fishing boat, they're not allowed to return with any marine animals caught on tour.

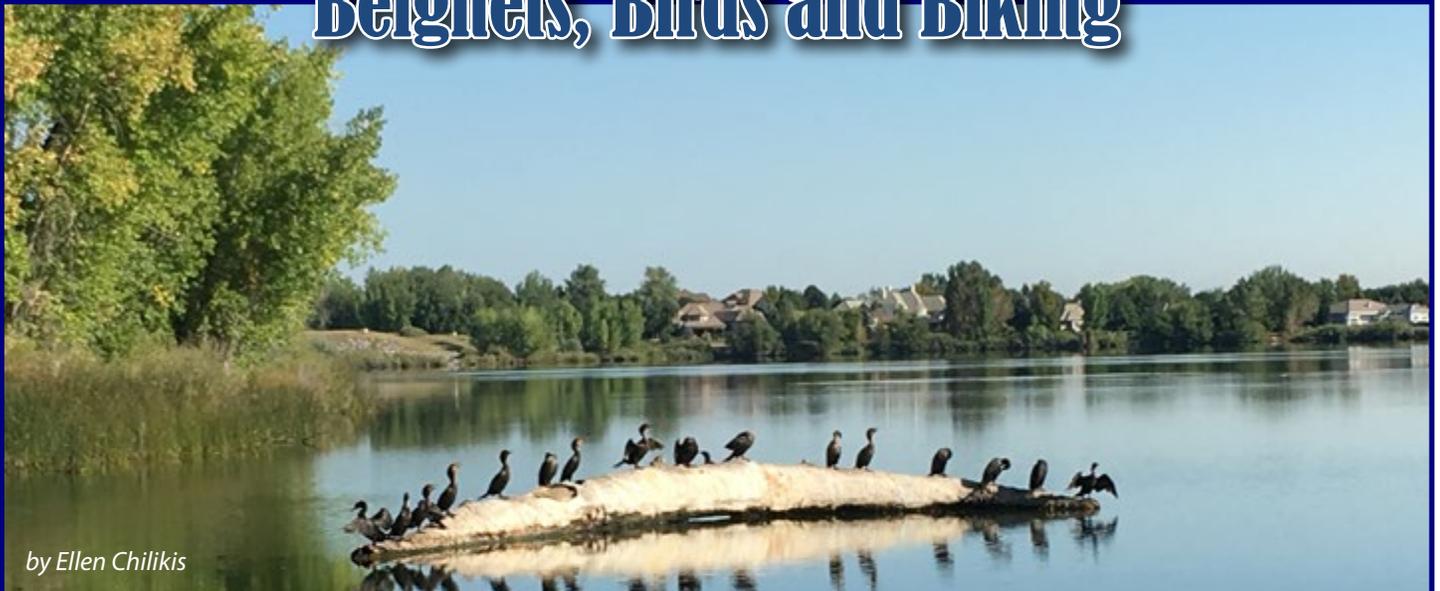
We wrapped it up on September. 13, with folks flying home or elsewhere or continuing on to Canada and Prince Edward Island. If you're curious for more info, seek out those DBTC riders on this tour and ask for their perspectives and feedback: Blake, Darrell, Jean, Kathy, Nelson, Riggs, and Rosemary. They took on the Maine Midcoast challenges and returned home smiling and with lasting memories. Great job, folks!



# October 6th End of Year Ride



# Beignets, Birds and Biking



by Ellen Chilikis

**Thursday, November 8th and Thursday, December 6th**

FUN-H1-10 to 15; 9:00 AM for Beignets or 10:00 AM for Birds and Biking. Meet Ellen Chilikas at 9 AM at the Lucille's Creole Cafe at 2852 W Bowles Ave. in Littleton for coffee and a beignet. Note - The club will buy our beignets this month! Then at 10 AM we will start biking if the weather is nice or walking if the weather is iffy. We will go up and down the Platte River looking for ducks and other water birds for a total biking distance of 10-15 miles. We will wrap up by 11:30 AM. Remember to bring your binoculars and a camera with a zoom lens if you have one. In November we are going to make a special visit to Sterne Park to look for Wood Ducks! We'll repeat on December 6th. In October we saw these birds: Common Mergansers, Mallards, Canada Geese, Cormorants (we saw several catch fish!), Belted Kingfishers, Pied Billed Grebes, a soaring Osprey, Great Blue Heron, American Widgeon, and Shovelers.

## Around the Aurora Res

More than 25 hardy DBTC members braved the weather to ride the miles to earn lunch.

There was a 45-mile route that went out to the Aurora Reservoir, along with a shorter one around the Cherry Creek Reservoir.

Due to weather, the metric century ride was canceled as was the leisure one. Hopefully next year, the weather will cooperate!



# Scooters vs. Bicycles

Dockless electric scooters are causing headaches in Denver. Even though some claim these scooters have the potential to alleviate some of Denver's transit problems. But many report that these motorized scooters go too fast for the sidewalk. By law, scooters are banned from bike lanes and the roadway. But where should they be ridden? Discussions are taking place on whether to seek a change in the law to allow scooters to use the bike lanes.

Some cyclists don't mind sharing the lanes, but others aren't quite as tolerant. In a CBS Channel 4 news story, Bicycle Colorado, which lobbies for bike riders, is in favor of allowing the scooters to share bike lanes.

At this time, your DBTC Board has decided to remain neutral on the issue. However, we will monitor the discussion and keep you updated on what's happening. If you have a strong opinion, don't hesitate to contact your council member or other Denver governmental officials.



## Find DBTC on Social Media

Become a member of these social media sites for relevant cycling news, last-minute rides and social activities with fellow members, such as ski trips and movies.



### To follow us on Facebook:

Go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and join the DBTC page where you can find links to articles discussing the cycling community along the front range.

### To join Meetup:

Go to [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) and join the DBTC Meetup by searching for "Denver Bicycle Touring Club" in Groups.



### To join Yahoo Groups:

To receive email updates from the Yahoo Group or Mountain Biking Yahoo Group, you can join by sending an email to: [coloradobicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:coloradobicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or [comtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:comtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You'll then receive emails about upcoming rides for those respective groups. You can also check out the latest at: [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoradoBicyclist/](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ColoradoBicyclist/) or [groups.yahoo.com/group/COmntnbikers](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/COmntnbikers)

## WELCOME NEW DBTC MEMBERS

**Cheryl Ames**

**Gary Betz**

**Jennifer Davis**

**Erin Hodgess**

**Tim Holbrook**

**Ray Launer**

**Carolyn Nolan**

**Jane Reuter**

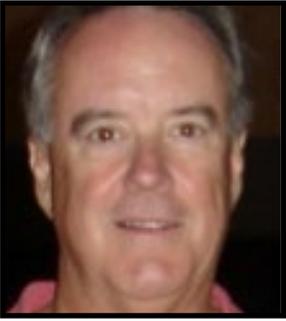
**Toni Romriell**

**Linda Shimoda**

**Dori Spydell**

# DBTC Board Candidates

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## **Steve Thomas**

Steve has been in the Denver area for 40 years. Steve enjoys both mountain and road biking as well as skiing, diving and other outdoor sports. He has been on the DBTC Board since 2015 as an at large member and treasurer.



## **Cyndy Klepinger**

As a DBTC Board member for the past five years, I would like to continue on the Board to help implement some of the changes occurring as well as identify new ways to engage our members. DBTC is a club that offers a variety of experiences to many, and I would like to see more cyclists participate in these experiences.



## **Helen Berkman**

Helen has been retired for 4 years from her career as an airport attorney and has been on the DBTC Board for 2 years. She leads several Denver rides each summer but especially enjoys planning and leading out of town rides. Besides cycling, Helen loves to travel, bike, and kayak, and also sings in Denver's Columbine Chorale and in Too Hot to Handel during the holidays.



## **Marilyn Choske**

I joined DBTC 4 years ago when I learned a Door County tour was planned for 2015, my first DBTC tour. I've participated on 7 tours in these first years as a DBTC member and became a day ride leader in 2017. Last year I led the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho tour; and eight of us cyclists just completed my Maine's Midcoast tour two weeks ago. I enjoy creating and leading new routes and adventures for our DBTC riders and welcome the challenge and opportunity to represent them as a member of the DBTC Board.



## **Linda Wheeler**

Biking and touring is at the top of Linda's favorite pastimes. She loves serving on the DBTC Board because it's serving a wonderful group of riders who share the same passion and the board members are hardworking, fun people.

# DBTC Announcements

## NEEDED -- NEW LEISURE RIDE COORDINATOR

by Patty Gaspar

At the End of Season Ride and Potluck on October 24th Lin Hark resigned as the Leisure/Roses Ride Coordinator. Until this position is filled by another volunteer, Lin has agreed to put Show N Go rides each Wednesday in the newsletters until further notice.

Lin is one of those people DBTC can count on whenever help is needed. She has been on the board, put together trips, taught mountain biking, and, of course, led rides. She agreed to step in when Melba Bouquet retired as "Roses" coordinator. She has put her own stamp on the group by changing the name to Leisure. She has even had rides to re-introduce people to cycling. Because she travels a great deal, she needs someone to take her place.

If you have questions please contact me at 303-618-5069 or [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org) or Lin – [mtnlin08@gmail.com](mailto:mtnlin08@gmail.com).

## WINTER FUN or LEISURE RIDES

For the winter ride schedule we have Show N Go rides each Wednesday in the newsletter. Wednesday Show N Go Rides are labeled as FUN/Leisure Rides. The weekday group can all ride together or split into a fast and slow group and choose a route depending on the group. Because Wednesday weather doesn't always cooperate, both these groups and their participants can put a spontaneous ride out for the best riding day of the week. The general rule for winter riding is a high temperature of near or above 50 degrees and sunshine. If you are not already a member join the Yahoo Group email list and/or the DBTC Meetup Group for spontaneous rides, skiing, hiking or social activities. Any DBTC member can feel free to post their own ride! Joining the Yahoo Group online is simple; just scroll down to the bottom of the home page DBTC.org and click the group you would like to join!

## WEDNESDAY LEISURE GROUP

These hardy riders continue all winter. Leisure rides are 15-20 miles at 11:00 AM. We will meet when the temperature is 50 or above and trails are clear, for "Show and Go" rides from various locations both south and north. See schedule and watch for emails. We may change the day to a sunnier day if a Wednesday doesn't look good. For Show N Go Rides those attending will determine the route. Bring a snack and money for lunch at a favorite restaurant after the ride. Questions? Call Lin Hark (303-578-9369). On sunny, calm days, we will ride when temps are in the high 40s or above. We use the DBTC Yahoo Group to remind riders of upcoming rides or any changes. Leisure Ride Leaders feel free to send a message to the Yahoo Group if you would like to schedule an additional ride on a different day or different place.



Online Construction Detours  
from Denver Parks & Rec:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/parks/trails/trail-detours.html>

## Traveling with your bike?

***Do it the easy way... DBTC has hard-sided bike transport boxes that can be checked out to current members. Contact any Board officer for more information.***



## Ride Leaders:

Please remember, if you have a guest or a non-member on any of your rides, the Membership Committee needs to know so we can welcome them to join us on future rides as a NEW (or renewing) MEMBER! Please photocopy your Sign-in Sheet and email a scan of it to Mary Stewart at: [guestrelations@dbtc.org](mailto:guestrelations@dbtc.org).

Thank you for helping us grow our Club!

# DBTC NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2018 RIDES

End of the season - we have had some beautiful rides this summer but now we are into our winter schedule We will have a few scheduled rides and the rest are show and go. See you at VRL and Kickoff!

You are welcome to post rides throughout the winter on either Yahoo group or MeetUp (or both since not everyone is on either site).

If you'd like to include an activity in the newsletter, please email it to [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org) by the 20th for the next newsletter, or contact Patty at 303-989-8268.

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Leisure (Roses) Lin Hark [mtnlin08@gmail.com](mailto:mtnlin08@gmail.com);

Weekday Patty Gaspar [ridecoordinator@dbtc.org](mailto:ridecoordinator@dbtc.org)

MTB Chuck Caldwell [ccaldwe@yahoo.com](mailto:ccaldwe@yahoo.com)

Pace of Ride	Difficulty of Terrain	Distance	Quadrant of City	Departure Time
Roses – Leisurely (Avg. 8-10 mph) Fun – Comfortable (Avg. 10-12 mph) Fun Plus – (Avg. 11-15 mph) INT – Brisk (i.e.15-18 mph) ROAD – FAST ATB – Unpaved Roads MTB – Mountain Bikes	H1 – Flat, options may be offered H2 – Small Hills H3 – Some Climbs Alt gain may show (i.e. 1800 ft.) H4 – Serious Climbs T1 Beginner to T4 Highly skilled riders; P1 to P4 physical conditioning required	This is an estimate – options may be offered	NW NE SE SW W	Arrive early enough to unload your bike and be ready to leave at the time shown.

## Riding Information

Rides are cancelled if the temperature is below 40 degrees at start time or it is raining or snowing. Be ready to start at the time listed – tires pumped up and bike ready. The ride leader is not a mechanic so if your bike needs repair, please take it to the shop.

### Fall/Winter Riding Guidelines

Weather: No snow or rain and above 40

Clothing: Wear layers and bright colors over dark jackets

Other: Bring water, repair items and a snack

**Ride Locator:** There is a guide to the most frequent start locations on our website – [www.dbtc.org](http://www.dbtc.org). It provides the information you need to use Map Quest or Google Maps to make a map to the starting location.

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### DBTC's Emailing Lists

Get late breaking news, last minute ride updates, and short-notice of weekday rides, all emailed directly to you as soon as the information is posted. If the weather is "iffy", a ride leader can post a notice to let you know if the ride will go or be cancelled.

DBTC Message Board is the DBTC General Email List. To join, send an email to: [ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ColoradoBicyclist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### DBTC Mountain Biking Email List

To join, send an email to: [COmtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:COmtnbikers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

DBTC MeetUp group at [www.MeetUp.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-](http://www.MeetUp.com/Denver-Bicycle-Touring-)

[Club/](#) be used to post rides as well. Once you have posted your ride, we will review the ride information to be sure it complies with the club requirements then upload it to the MeetUp web site where you can edit your ride. MeetUp is open to the public and can increase the number of riders on your rides and, hopefully, club members. Rides cannot conflict with the ride schedule. If you have registered with MeetUp, we will post your scheduled rides.

We are also on Facebook if you want to share pictures or bike related news. Please Note: Joining Facebook or any other group does not make you a valid member of the DBTC.

Twitter account is [@DenverBikeClub](https://twitter.com/DenverBikeClub) – note that many members do not tweet.

The DBTC Website operates independently from the Yahoo Groups. The Yahoo Groups send only email messages concerning some upcoming events. The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via email only if you have so requested.

You can join any or all groups. After you send the email requesting to join, you will be contacted via email with a confirmation. If you'd like to post an event, simply go into the site. Remember that only club-related activities can be posted. We reserve the right to cancel any posting we don't think is appropriate. See the website for posting rules.

If your email address changes, you must send your new email address to the DBTC webmaster ([webmaster@dbtc.org](mailto:webmaster@dbtc.org)). The DBTC monthly Newsletter, The Colorado Bicyclist, is sent to you from the DBTC Website via email only if you have so requested.

## "How do I get to the start of that ride?"

Not certain where to meet your DBTC friends to ride?

Many of our start locations are available on our website: [dbtc.org/page-1533322](http://dbtc.org/page-1533322)

# November / December 2018 DBTC Ride Schedule

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## Wednesday Leisure Group

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## Weekday Skiing with DBTC

Love to ski or would love to learn? Hate the crowds, the long lift lines, the I-70 traffic and the inflated ticket prices? Loveland is the place for you! This great classic ski area is the closest area to Denver at 57 miles from downtown Denver. DBTC has an active group of skiers who go to Loveland almost every week during the ski season. Discount Loveland tickets and passes are still on sale until November 18th at various Colorado events, at the Loveland ticket windows and online at [skiloveland.com](http://skiloveland.com). Be ready for a great ski season with DBTC! Get on the COBicyclist email list to get weekly reminders of upcoming ski days. This is not a DBTC sponsored activity.

## Friday Brewery Rides

We are leaving at NOON since the brewery opens at 1 PM. We will ride north on the Platte Trail, take the Big Dry Creek trail east and then head north on Clarkson. The brewery is near Evans and Pearl in Denver. Total distance out and back is about 18 miles. H1/2 since we are going from the Platte up the Big Dry Creek trail to Clarkson. Fun Plus ride.

The brewery opened in 2013 and when I last checked had these beers on tap: cream ale on nitro, watermelon sour, amber, APA, coffee porter, IPA and a lager. Leader will bring snacks - pretzels and peanuts. We will leave at noon sharp! Pavement must be dry with temp around 50 degrees for the ride to be a go. Cancellations will be announced via Meetup.

We meet at the near the Pedal bike shop at the east end of the parking lot across from the 24 Hour Fitness at Santa Fe and Prince in Littleton. Contact Ellen at [outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Stay in touch with your new DBTC friends this winter!

The email list is also used for impromptu winter rides, downhill ski trips to various Colorado ski areas, snowshoe, x country ski trips, overnight winter events, parties and more. To join go to [dbtc.org](http://dbtc.org) and scroll down and click on the link for the Colorado Bicyclist Yahoo Group. DBTC members are free to invite others for their winter outings. Skiing is not a DBTC sponsored activity.

## Fri, Nov 2nd

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas ([outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com)) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

## Sat, Nov 3rd

**Lin's Birthday Rides -- 3 Ride choices from REI.** Suggested parking at City of Cuernavaca Park for 3 hours or less, REI overflow lot south of the store, or the Downtown Aquarium pay lot. (Directions to Parking: exit I-25 at 23rd Ave., drive past REI and continue north on Platte St about 5 blocks, under the overpass, to the parking lot.) Note: Lin rides at a Leisure pace (8-10 mph) but faster riders are free to go ahead at any point in the ride.

**9:15 AM STAGE 1 FUN/Leisure-H1-18-Central** Meet Lin Hark at REI's South Deck FUN/Leisure morning riders will meet at 9:15 AM sharp for the morning 18 miles. 9:15 AM STAGE 1 FUN-H1-25-Central Hardy riders can brave the morning chill for a short brisk ride north to South Platte River Park on 88th and back on the South Platte trail to arrive at REI for a quick break before stage 2 at 11:15 AM.

**11:15 AM STAGE 2 FUN/Leisure-H1-16-Central** Meet Lin at the REI Flagship Store's sunny porch for the second stage of her birthday ride. Ride out and back on Cherry Creek Trail. Meet at REI no later than 11:15 AM.

**1:15-2:15 PM LUNCH CELEBRATION** Lunch at Starbucks Meet your DBTC friends at REI hopefully out on the deck in the sunshine, but if the sun's not shining we can go inside Starbucks to warm up. If you're not riding anymore but just want to join the fun just come for lunch! Or do your own ride from home and meet at REI for lunch.

**2:15 PM STAGE 3 FUN/Leisure-H1-25-Central** Start with Lin from REI for the last leg going South on the Platte to Hudson Gardens and back. Riders who choose to do only the afternoon ride can come at 1:15 PM to join the group for lunch before riding the afternoon 25 miles (or turn around whenever you like). Bring layers of clothes, water, snacks, lunch to eat at REI (or you can buy a sandwich at Starbucks or Vitamin Cottage) a lock and money for lunch. No gifts, your presence will be Lin's gift. This ride will go regardless of the temperature or trail conditions. Note: The miles don't add up because Lin will be riding to and from the ride herself.

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**Sun, Nov 4th**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**Wed, Nov 7th**

**11:00 AM Leisure/FUN-H1-15-20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at Reynold's Landing 6745 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, west on Brewery Lane to the big parking lot at the end of the road on the right.

**Thur, Nov 8th**

**FUN-H1-10 to 15; 9:00 AM for Beignets or 10:00 AM for Birds and Biking.** Meet Ellen Chilikas at 9 AM at the Lucille's Creole Cafe at 2852 W Bowles Ave. in Littleton for coffee and a beignet. Note - The club will buy our beignets this month! Then at 10 we will start biking if the weather is nice or walking if the weather is iffy. We will go up and down the Platte River looking for ducks and other water birds for a total biking distance of 10-15 miles. We will wrap up by 11:30 AM. Remember to bring your binoculars and a camera with a zoom lens if you have one. In November we are going to make a special visit to Sterne Park to look for Wood Ducks! We'll repeat on December 6th. In October we saw these birds: Common Mergansers, Mallards, Canada Geese, Cormorants (we saw several catch fish!), Belted Kingfishers, Pied Billed Grebes, a soaring Osprey, Great Blue Heron, American Widgeon, and Shovelers. We'll repeat on December 6th.

**Fri, Nov 9th**

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

**Sat, Nov 10th**

**Volunteer Recognition Lunch 11:30 AM** Current members registered by 11/3 \$14 Guests and anyone registered after 11/3 \$28. It is that time of year again, where the DBTC invites everyone for an afternoon of fun and recognition with the DBTC community. This year, we will be hosting the event at the beautiful Park Hill Golf Course in Denver! 4141 E. 35th Avenue, Denver 80207 Qualified Ride Leaders (5 or more rides) have earned free registration! Doors open at 11am with cash bar. Come join us for some great company, good food, and all things cycling!

**Sat, Nov 10th**

**9:30 AM NE** – Park Hill Golf Course. A show and go from the course and back in time for lunch.

**Sun, Nov 11th**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**Wed, Nov 14th**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure)-H1-15-20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at Eisenhower Rec Center 4300 E Dartmouth Ave, Denver to ride the Highline Canal Trail.

**Fri, Nov 16th**

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

**Sat, Nov 17th**

**10:00 AM SE** – Corner of Orchard and Parker RD

**Sun, Nov 18th**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**Wed, Nov 21st**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure)-H1-15to20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at City of Cuernavaca Park 3500 Rockmont Dr, Denver, (Directions--exit I-25 at 23rd Ave, drive past REI and continue north on Platte St about 5 blocks, under the overpass, to the parking lot.)

**Thurs, Nov 22nd**

**10:00 AM Turkey Day Hunger Builder Ride FUN/INT H2-22-SW and & MTB T2 P2** Give yourself an excuse to eat more turkey and gravy! Meet your DBTC buddies at Jewell & Kipling (Old Performance Lakewood; park away from the buildings) for a Calorie burning appetizer ride. We'll cruise down Kipling, ride up MT Carbon, pass thru Bear Lake Park, and then grind into Red Rocks Park. After a break at the trading post, we'll head to Dinosaur Ridge, Green Mtn/ Alameda to return to the start. We realize that many people have other plans for the day. So, this ride will have limited stops and target for a return to the start no later than 1 PM. This is now a Show-N-Go.

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**Fri, Nov 23rd**

**Day after Thanksgiving Ride NW** McDonald's, NW corner of W 80th Ave & Wadsworth Blvd

**Sat, Nov 24th**

**10:00 AM SE** Village Greens Park, just east of Union and Dayton

**Sun, Nov 25th**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**Wed, Nov 28th**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure)-H1-15to20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at Bear Valley McDonald's 5550 W Dartmouth Ave, Denver, NW corner of Sheridan & Dartmouth, exit Sheridan north from Hampden, turn left (west) at Dartmouth

**Fri, Nov 30th**

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

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## DECEMBER RIDE SCHEDULE

**Sat, Dec 1st**

**11:00 AM SW** Behind the tennis bubble Federal and Bowles.

**Sun, Dec 2nd**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**Wed, Dec 5th**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure)-H2-20 SW** Show and Go meeting at the "Tennis Bubble" 5800 S Federal Blvd, Littleton, near NE corner of S Federal and W Bowles.

**Thurs, Dec 6th**

**FUN-H1-10 to 15; 9:00 AM for Beignets or 10:00 AM for Birds and Biking.** Meet Ellen Chilikas at 9 AM at the Lucille's Creole Cafe at 2852 W Bowles Ave. in Littleton for coffee and a beignet. Then at 10 we will start biking if the weather is nice or walking if the weather is iffy. We will go up and down the Platte River looking for ducks and other water birds for a total biking distance of 10-15 miles. We will wrap up by 11:30 AM. Remember to bring your binoculars and a camera with a zoom lens if you have one. In November we are going to make a special visit to Sterne Park to look for Wood Ducks! We'll repeat on December 6th. In October we saw these birds: Common Mergansers, Mallards, Canada Geese, Cormorants (we saw several catch fish!), Belted Kingfishers, Pied Billed Grebes, a soaring Osprey, Great Blue Heron, American Widgeon, Shovelers.

**Fri, Dec 7th**

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

**Sat, Dec 8th**

**11:00 AM NW** Prospect Park, W 44th Ave at Robb St

**Sun, Dec 9th**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**Wed, Dec 12th**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure)-H1-15to20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at Goodson Rec Center, 6315 S University Blvd, Centennial, ½ mile north of the intersection of University Blvd and Arapahoe Rd.

**Fri, Dec 14th**

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

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**Sat, Dec 15th**

**11:00 AM SW** Carson Nature Center, (N on So Platte Parkway, West of Mineral and Santa Fe)

**Sun, Dec 16th**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE 10:30 AM INT-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**Wed, Dec 19th**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure)-H1-15to20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at Reynold's Landing 6745 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, west on Brewery Lane to the big parking lot at the end of the road on the right.

**Fri, Dec 21st**

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

**Sat, Dec 22nd**

**11:00 AM NW** Westminster Mall, southeast corner of W 92nd Ave & Harlan St

**Sun, Dec 23rd**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles

**Wed, Dec 26th**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure)-H1-15to20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at City of Cuernavaca Park 3500 Rockmont Dr, Denver, (Directions--exit I-25 at 23rd Ave, drive past REI and continue north on Platte St about 5 blocks, under the overpass, to the parking lot.)

**Fri, Dec 28th**

**12:00 PM Brewery Ride - Fun Plus-H1toH2-18 SW** When the temp is above 50 and the pavement is dry join Ellen Chilikas (outdoorsdiva@yahoo.com) for a ride to the brewery. Subject to change - watch MeetUp for confirmation.

**Sat, Dec 29th**

**11:00 AM SW** - Behind the tennis bubble Federal and Bowles.

**Sun, Dec 30th**

**10:30 AM FUN PLUS-H2-25 +-NE** Each Sunday that the temp is forecast above 50 and the roads and paths are dry meet DBTC riders at Cake Crumbs Bakery and Coffee shop, located at 2216 Kearney Street, Denver. These rides will be Show and GO. Each Sunday we pick a different route and the distances vary from 25 miles up to 50 miles.

**New Year's Eve or Day** – someone want to put a yahoo or MeetUp event together?

**Wed, Jan 2nd**

**11:00 AM FUN (Leisure) H1-15to20 SW** - Show N Go meeting at Cook Park Rec Center 7100 Cherry Creek S Dr between Monaco and Quebec to ride the Cherry Creek Path