

Cherry Capital Cycling Club

Frequently Asked Questions – Club Rides

The Cherry Capital Cycling Club ride leaders are dedicated to providing a safe cycling experience for all participants. The following questions are those frequently asked of ride leaders.

What do the start and end times on the calendar really mean?

Rides leave at the scheduled time listed on the calendar. Please arrive early enough to adjust your gear, suit up, and sign in. End times are approximate. In the early spring and late fall, rides are scheduled to get back safely before dark.

What happens in the event of inclement weather?

Ride leaders may cancel rides due to inclement weather. If in doubt, check the Club calendar or contact the ride leader.

What shape should my bicycle be in?

Club members are encouraged to keep their bicycles in good operating condition. Bikes should be safe and capable of completing the entire ride. If you are unable to maintain your own bicycle, have your bike serviced on a regular schedule and/or have an experienced club member examine your bike for safety and maintenance concerns.

What equipment is required and recommended?

All riders are required to wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet that meets national safety standards. The use of aerobars and headphones/ear buds are not allowed. Recommended safety equipment includes a mirror, proper clothing, gloves, bell, and rain gear when appropriate. You should also have basic repair parts and tools such as tubes, a pump, and a multi-tool.

Can I bring a dog on a Club ride?

For safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on road or mountain bike rides.

What guidelines does the Club recommend for road riders?

As the League of Michigan Bicyclists bumper sticker slogan says: Same Roads, Same Rights, Same Responsibilities. Follow Michigan traffic laws. Obey all stop signs and signals. Never ride against traffic or on sidewalks. Front riders watch for hazards and signal the pack while rear riders warn of passing cars. Never signal a car around. Never signal "clear" for other riders as each rider is responsible for their own safety.

What guidelines does the Club recommend for mountain bikers?

The Club suggests following the Michigan Mountain Biking Association Rules of the Trail: Ride on open trails only. Leave no trace. Control your bike. Always yield the trail. Never scare or harm animals. Plan ahead.