

2017 Events

Below is a list of bicycle-themed events organized by community members and designed for a variety of ages and skill levels. Events are free unless otherwise noted.

[Brush up on some safety tips before hitting the road.](#)

Bike Month Proclamation

7 p.m. May 2

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Ave.

Mayor Usha Reddi will officially declare May 2017 as Bike Month at the City Commission meeting. Attend this short ceremony to show your support for biking in Manhattan.

National Bike Challenge

May 1 to Sept. 30

"The [National Bike Challenge](#) ... is a free and easy way to challenge yourself, your colleagues and your community to ride more while competing on a local, state and national level." Even if you don't bike very often, you'll be surprised how the miles add up over the course of a summer. Start or join a team and see how Manhattan compares to communities across the country.

Little Apple Pedal

2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7

Plaza West (old Ray's Apple Market), 3011 Anderson Ave.

The Little Apple Pedal is a family-friendly bike safety rodeo and 7-mile slow ride on the Linear Trail. Pre-register online by May 2: \$10/adult, \$5/child. Questions? Contact Ryan McKee at 785-587-2768 or by [email](#).

Kids' Bike Swap

2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7

Plaza West (old Ray's Apple Market), 3011 Anderson Ave.

Have a bike that is too small? Come swap it out for a bigger one! Bring a bike, take a bike. This event is sponsored by [The Pathfinder](#) and occurs during the Little Apple Pedal (see above).

Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 10

[Visit the national website](#) to learn about the day, find or plan an event, and access helpful resources.

Gravel Ride

9 a.m. Saturday, May 13

[Zeandale Community Center](#), Tabor Valley Road

All experience levels welcome. Ride support will be provided. Choose from 14, 23, or 34 miles along gravel roads.

Introduction to Mountain Biking

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16

[US 24 & Blue River Trailhead](#) for Linear Trail

All ages and abilities welcome at this workshop to learn the basics of mountain biking. Lessons will take place on the River Trails in Manhattan, next to Linear Trail. Kids must be able to ride their bikes without training wheels and use brakes. Mountain bike-style bicycles preferred. Helmet required to participate; elbow and knee pads optional.

Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 19

If there is one day you ride your bike this year, ride it to (and from) work on Bike to Work Day. Check out some [commuting tips](#) or watch some [safety videos](#) if it has been a while or you're new to the road.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Pre-meeting Ride

9 a.m. Meeting

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Ave.

The public is always welcome to attend these monthly meetings and discuss bike and pedestrian initiatives within the city. Meet outside City Hall at 8:30 a.m. to join the committee for a casual pre-meeting ride.

Progressive Lunch

Noon, Saturday, May 20

[Triangle Park](#)

Always a crowd-pleaser, the progressive lunch is a family-friendly bike ride that includes stops to eat along the way. Meet at Triangle Park and ride as a group to Goodnow Park for appetizers provided by [Hy-Vee](#), continue to [AJ's Pizzeria](#) for the main course, and eat dessert at Long's Park provided by the Riley County Democrats. Food is free; you may want to purchase your own beverage.

Women's Ride

1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21

The Pathfinder (rear entrance), 304 Poyntz Ave.

All ages and experience levels are welcome. Have your bike in good working condition and bring your helmet, water bottle, and flat tire repair tools. Mechanics from [the Pathfinder](#) will be there to assist with any last minute mechanical issues. Ride as a group across the K-177 bridge to Zeandale Road/K-18. Rides include an out and back to Zeandale (16 miles); Wabaunsee (25.2 miles); Highway 99 (30 miles), or customize how many miles you ride. There will be support vehicles to bring you back if needed.

This year's yummy cookies will be provided by [Sparrow Specialty Coffee](#) at the Zeandale Community Center.

Final Friday #bikemhk Critical Mass

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 26

Intersection of Moro and 12th Streets

This critical mass ride happens on the last Friday of every month. Meet in Aggieville and ride down Moro Street, through downtown, and complete the loop by returning to Aggieville.

Everyone with a bicycle welcome.

Bike and Brunch

9 a.m. Sunday, May 28

[Triangle Park](#)

Brunch is even tastier after a morning bike ride. Meet in Aggieville at Triangle Park and take a leisurely ride down to Radina's Bakehouse on Blue Earth Plaza. Plan to purchase your own meal. All ages welcome.

Kandango

June 8 to June 11

Cyclists enjoy four days of supported rides in the Flint Hills and spend nights in Manhattan. [Register online](#): \$95/person includes rides, t-shirt, and ticket to the BBQ Extravaganza.

Bike Across Kansas Water Stop

Thursday, June 15

The 2017 Bike Across Kansas route includes a water stop at Manhattan's [Blue Earth Plaza](#). Come cheer on the cyclists throughout the day as they pedal towards the Missouri state line.