

2019 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.](#)

National Bike Challenge

May 1 to May 31

"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. Earn points by riding and encouraging others to ride and climb the leaderboard to compete for cool prizes from Love to Ride.

Women's Ride

1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4

The Pathfinder (rear entrance), 304 Poyntz Avenue

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. This year's route will be loops of Hunter's Island with a trip over Stagg Hill and back for those who want an extra challenge. This ride will also have a SAG (Support And Gear) just in case someone needs assistance.

Little Apple Pedal

2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5

The Little Apple Pedal is a family-friendly bike safety rodeo and 7-mile slow ride on the Linear Trail. This event is free and no registration is required. Questions? Contact Ryan McKee at 785-587-2768 or by [email](#).

Bike Month Proclamation

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

Mayor Mike Dodson will officially declare May 2019 as Bike Month at the City Commission meeting. Attend this short ceremony to show your support for biking in Manhattan. Bring a helmet!

Post-Proclamation Dessert Social

7:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

Join us in the City Park shelter along Poyntz Avenue following the Proclamation for a pot-luck style non-riding bicycle social. Come meet other members of the bicycle community and share tasty treats!

Gravel Ride

6:00 p.m. Friday, May 10

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

All experience levels welcome. Ride support will be provided. This ride will be out to the Zeandale Community Center. There will be a stop at the Shamrock Cafe during the ride for a snack.

Bike Camping

3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11

Join us for the first ever bike camping adventure! We will host an informational and educational session the evening before at 6:00 p.m. at the Pathfinder. Please reach out to Ben to RSVP at bsachs@alpineshop.com.

City Commission discusses the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

Please join us as the City Commission discusses the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan during a work session.

Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17

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

9:00 a.m. Friday, May 17

City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

The public is always welcome to attend these monthly meetings and discuss bike and pedestrian initiatives within the city.

Introduction to Mountain Biking (CANCELLED)

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21

[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.

River Trails Clean-up

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 25

This is a volunteer event to clean up our trails that we know and love! Dress comfortably and get ready to get a little bit dirty, but know that you could get sun burnt, stung by a bee or brush up against some poison ivy. Manhattan Trail Works will provide tools, eye protection and ear protection. There will be some food and cold beverages provided for those who come out and help improve our trails.

Progressive Dinner

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 31

Triangle Park in Aggieville

Always a crowd-pleaser, the progressive dinner is a family-friendly bike ride that includes stops to eat along the way. The ride will begin in Triangle Park and make its way to Downtown where AJ's Pizza will be serving up slices, then over to the Riley Lane Shelter for desserts before riding back to Aggieville. The ride will wrap up just before the Final Friday Critical Mass begins!

Bikes and Book Club

6:00 p.m. Friday, May 31

Public Hall, 1205 Moro St.

You are invited to join #BikeWalkMHK during their monthly bikes and book club to join the discussion of equitable cycling and walking in Manhattan.

Final Friday Community Slow Bike-Walk

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 31

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, or without, is welcome. Pizza at Hi-Lo following.

Recurring Bike Rides

There are also several regularly-scheduled rides for all skill levels and types of biking. Check out the [Bike MHK Facebook Page](#) and the [Bike Walk MHK Facebook Page](#) for calendars and more information.