

ABOUT THE CLUB

The Calumet Crank Club, Inc. was founded in 1981. The majority of our members live in the cities and towns across Northwest Indiana. Our routes cover scenic and varied terrain along Lake Michigan, as well as the picturesque farmland and rural communities in our area. Rides are most days of the week weather permitting.

All cyclists are cordially invited to participate in our rides. Simply show up with a bike in safe operating condition, sign a waiver, and wear a safety-approved helmet on the ride. We hope you'll enjoy yourself enough to become a member of the Club. Bring water bottles, snacks or energy bars. Also, bring along money to purchase what you might need from a convenience store or fast food restaurant along the route. There are no ride fees unless noted in the schedule.

Be adequately prepared to fix a flat, (carry a spare tube, pump, patch-kit, tire levers, and know-how). While the Calumet Crank Club cannot assume responsibility for riders or their equipment, the ride leaders will help riders needing assistance.

We encourage people to ride at their own pace; our rides are not races. Starting times and starting points are listed on the ride schedule. Please check the schedule or website for updates. Check Facebook for last minute changes before rides.



OUR RIDING SEASON

Our riding season is divided into two seasons:

- The Regular Season, which runs from April through October, and
- The Frostbite Season, which runs from November through March

OUR RIDES

Weekend Rides

These rides are held during the regular ride season, April 1 – October 31. They have the largest turnout and usually have more than one option. They begin with relatively short distances in the spring, gradually increasing to longer distances by midsummer, and then become shorter in the fall. Ride leaders will provide maps and/or cue sheets for guests. Novice riders should consider taking the short option.

Weekend Rides generally stop every 15 – 20 miles for a break at a fast food restaurant, convenience store, or gas station where you can purchase whatever snacks you might need.

Weekday Rides and Frostbite Season Rides

These rides are usually shorter rides that are held both mornings and afternoons/early evenings. Weekday and Frostbite rides are usually "Show and Go" unless stated otherwise – that is the ride duration and route are determined by the people who show up to ride.



MAJOR EVENTS AND SPECIAL RIDES

The Calumet Crank Club also hosts out-of-town rides to which the public is cordially invited. Check our website or ride schedule for more information.

Spring Fling and Fall Classic

Semi-annual, out-of-town weekend cycling tours for Club members and guests.

Learn more on line at:

<http://www.bicycling.org>

or

Facebook

WHY JOIN THE CALUMET CRANK CLUB?

- Participate in weekday and weekend rides throughout the year. We have many types of rides including; introductory, training, destination and social. Most are on shared roads, but we also have trail rides.
- Have access to a variety of routes in members only section.
- Improve your skills by learning from riders who know their way around the roads.
- Get and stay fit, visit new places, meet new people, train and maintain for your next athletic challenge.
- Enjoy annual events like Spring Fling and Fall Classic.
- Receive the newsletter from our web site with local, regional and national cycling news and tips.
- Get informed and share information at monthly meetings. Two of our monthly meetings include the summer picnic and annual banquet.
- Most of all, we've been told, for the camaraderie!



Hope to see you soon!