May is Bike Month: Pedal your way into Spring

May is all about celebrating your pedaling feats. Beginning in 1956, May has been recognized as National Bike Month. And it has since been observing long time cyclists while encouraging others to live a healthier bicycling lifestyle. There are opportunities all over Bellingham to enjoy during this month of biking. So grab your helmet and check out the amazing bike happenings all around you.

Be sure to check out the library display filled with Bike Month information and fun facts.

Take a look at the map so you are familiar with the biking areas on campus in order to take full advantage of cycling campus all of May.

May 1st marks the beginning of The National Bike Challenge. From May through September you can log your trips and be part of the national campaign. See what sort of impact biking will have on your health, happiness, and wallet. Be sure to log your trips at: https://nationalbikechallenge.org/.

Bike to Work and School Day
Friday, May 16th

The 17th annual Bike to Work and School Day is happening on Friday, May 16th. Celebration stations will be set up in several locations around the community celebrating those choosing to bike to work and school. Be sure to ride past the celebration stations in town as well as the two that will be located on campus at the Rec Center Plaza as well as Red Square (off of Bond Hall). You will be greeted with cow bells and free giveaways.

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Suzann Finch rides the bus to work every morning from her home in the Sunnyland neighborhood to Western. In the evenings, she walks the two miles home. In pursuit of finding an affordable and eco-friendly option, she does not even own a vehicle. Finch explains that she has found that bus to be extremely affordable and even with the crowded morning buses, she knows she is making an environmental difference. She also enjoys getting her evening exercise out of the way before she even walks in her front door.

As for Smart Trips, she takes full advantage of the awesome discounts and coupons logging her trips offers her. When asked what advice she would give others interested in their sustainable transportation options, she explains, “More people should try it!” She is passionate about finding alternatives to driving and hopes others will give it a try. And stick with it, too. Log your smart trips for an opportunity to win also.

Spring Day Trip - Lakewood

Western offers the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Pacific Northwest at this haven located on the South side of Lake Whatcom. Upon arrival, you can choose to wind surf, kayak, rent a sailboat, or just soak up some Vitamin D on the dock.

Bus from the Bellingham Station:
Take the 512 towards Sudden Valley. Hop off 28 minutes later at the Sudden Valley Gate 1 stop. From there you can walk or bike to the Lakewood entrance, just over a mile away. The last bus to downtown leaves back from Gate 1 at 6:06 p.m.

Bike from downtown Bellingham:
From Railroad Ave, turn right onto York St. Follow until N. State St. and take a left. Turn right onto Meador Ave. and continue to Lincoln St. Take a left onto Fraser St. and a right onto Woburn St. Turn left onto Lakeway Dr. which turns into Lake Whatcom Blvd. Follow 2.9 miles and veer slightly left into the Lakewood entrance.

Library Display:
Check out the Bike Month display in the Library. There are tons of fun facts and information about biking the month of May, and all year round. The display is located at the Wilson Library end of the sky bridge.

Trial Bus Pass:
Are you interested in seeing how your commute could become more relaxed? Find our with the free one-month trial bus pass that is available to first-time riders. Email transportation@wwu.edu for more information.

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