

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

May 2024 Postillion



Message from the President

Gruezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Hello,

Springtime in DC is in full swing, and I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the warmer weather. Hopefully, at least some of you were able to enjoy the iconic DC tradition of the cherry blossoms at the tidal basin this season.

In the spirit of spring, we have organized the Club's annual bike ride that will occur on Saturday May 4th. We had a great turnout last year, and we hope to repeat the fun this year with a group ride of the "Arlington Loop" bicycle route in Virginia. See below for more details.

Several other local activities of interest are set to occur this weekend. Please stop by the Smithsonian Craft Show to see the beautiful Scherenschnitte artwork of Lucrezia Bieler. Or you can visit the DC Flower Mart to be inspired for gardening and spring decor.

All the best for an extraordinary May!

Best,

Kevin H. Sprenger





A photo from our 2023 ride... don't forget to RSVP below!

Spring Bike Ride

Join us for the perfect spring activity, a bike ride! The meetup will occur in the Long Bridge Parking Lot. The Parking lot is close to the Pentagon City or Crystal City Metro Station. We will complete the "Arlington Loop", made up of segments of the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD), Custis, and Mt. Vernon and Four Mile Run trails. There are Capital Bikeshare options available nearby if you do not own a bike.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 (rain date May 5, 2024)

Meeting Point: Long Bridge Park, Arlington (Parking lot) at 9:00 AM

Length: approx. 16 miles roundtrip

Surface Type: Pavement, bike lane

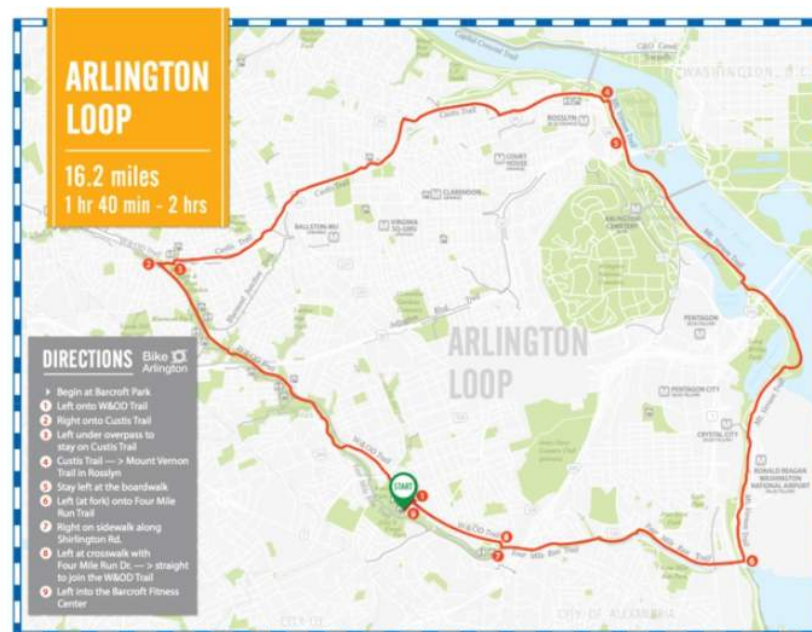
Bike friendly for hybrid, road, mountain bike, or Capital Bikeshare

Highlights: Four Mile Run, W&OD, Rosslyn, Custis, end of tour refreshments at Long Bridge Park

The tour is expected to be finished around lunchtime.

For your safety and riding pleasure, please bring your own water bottle, helmet, and bike pump. If this tour will be your first time on your bike this year, please take a moment to test your bike at home and perform any necessary repairs before meeting for the group ride. This will reduce the risk of issues and delays on the day of the tour.

RSVP to helen.bircher@swissclubdc.org



Scherenschnitte at the Smithsonian Craft Show

Smithsonian Craft Show
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experience
the joy that
beautiful
handmade
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bring



May 1-5, 2024
National Building Museum

 Smithsonian

Swiss artist Lucrezia Bieler will be at the Smithsonian Craft Show this May exhibiting her beautiful Scherenschnitte work. Lucrezia's award winning pieces have long been one of our top prizes for our August First celebrations; if you've never been lucky enough to win, but have always wanted one of her stunning pieces, now is your chance!

Swiss Club Events for 2024

- Bike Ride
- Hike & Winery Tour
- Swiss National Day
- Fall Picnic

May 4, 2024
June 23, 2024
July 27, 2024
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