

GEARs October 2026 Rides

GEARs (Greater Eugene Area Riders) invites all cyclists to join in riding together through some beautiful Oregon terrain. We require that all participants wear a bike helmet and bring a bike in safe riding condition. A frame tire pump, tube/patch kit, basic tools, full water bottle and appropriate clothing are strongly encouraged. Ride leaders will help to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant experience. If you have questions about a scheduled ride, feel free to contact the ride leader or Ride Coordinator Bob Lewis at 502-229-4809 or bob@eugenegears.org.

Ride Speed Levels

GEARs bases its ride levels on *average speed*. On a given ride there will occasionally be times (downhill sections or flat areas with tailwinds) where riders exceed the stated ride speed level. Conversely, there will be times when riders pedal slower than the advertised pace (i.e. going uphill or into a headwind). **GEARs defines its speed categories as the pace a cyclist can pedal by herself/himself on a flat road sustained for 20-30 minutes alone.** For example, if you can ride at a 14-16 mph pace on a flat road, sustained for 20-30 minutes by yourself, then you should be able to comfortably ride in a GEARs 13-15 mph group ride.

If you decide to drop out of a ride along the way, please let the ride leader know so we don't come looking for you.

The **16+ mph** rides are fast paced with occasional pace lines and fewer stops. The ride leader will announce where regrouping will take place and will try to keep the group together when possible.

The **13-15 mph** rides are medium paced and regroup often. The ride may get stretched out, but will regroup at turns and at the top of climbs.

The **10-12 mph** rides are slower paced, the group tends to stay together and takes the time look at the scenery.

Day	Time	Place	Ride #	Ride Description	Pace	Length	Food?	Rating	Leader
Thursday October 1	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	406b	Pleasant Hill via Weyerhaeuser Rd Garry's Alt	10-12 mph	34 Miles	FS	B	Ted Conover 541-232-1920
Thursday October 1	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	406d	Pleasant Hill via Weyerhaeuser Rd	13-15 mph	40 Miles	FS	B	Bob Lewis 502-229-4809
Thursday October 1	5:00 PM	Alton Baker Park	113a	Throwback Thursday on McKenzie View	12-14 mph	25 Miles	BF	B	James Hannum
Saturday October 3	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	209d	Alvadore via Milliron	10-12 mph	36 Miles	FR	A	Ted Conover 541-232-1920
Saturday October 3	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	211a	Lawrence and Short Butler	13-15 mph	41 Miles	FS	C	Steve McHugh
Saturday October 3	9:00 AM	Monroe City Park	730b	Monroe Mixed Surfaces	10-13 mph	25 Miles	BF	C	Larry Diffie 541-729-7923
Sunday October 4	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	International Coffee Outside Day Various Routes	Causal	Varies	BF	A	Jackie Murdoff 541-345-3941
Sunday October 4	9:00 AM	Crow Store	750a	Vaughn, C Mainline, Battle Creek	12-14 mph	37 Miles	BF	C	Danielle Curran 608-469-9511
Monday October 5	9:00 AM	Albertson's on Marcola	117d	Upper Camp Creek	10-12 mph	24 Miles	BF	B	Gary Haliski 541-337-1311
Monday October 5	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	126a	Mill Path to Sunderman	12-14 mph	32 Miles	BF	B	Danielle Curran 608-469-9511
Tuesday October 6	6:30 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Early Bird Fox Hollow Lights Required	10-12 mph	30 Miles	BF	C	Jackie Murdoff 541-345-3941
Tuesday October 6	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Fox Hollow	10-12 mph	26 Miles	BF	C	Karen Goodwin 530-519-2646
Tuesday October 6	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Riding Some Hills	12-14 mph	25-50 Miles	BF	C	Gary Heeszal
Wednesday October 7	6:00 PM	Alton Baker Park	125a	WTNB* Only (*Women, Trans, Non-Binary)	10-12 mph	10 Miles	BF	A	Kait Glasswell
Thursday October 8	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	319b	Petzold via Lorane Hwy	10-12 mph	36 Miles	BF	C	Gary Haliski 541-337-1311
Thursday October 8	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	302a	Veneta via Petzold	13-15 mph	47 Miles	FS	B	Bob Lewis 502-229-4809
Thursday October 8	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	302a	Veneta via Petzold	15-17 mph	47 Miles	FS	B	Curt McKinney
Thursday October 8	5:00 PM	Alton Baker Park	113a	Throwback Thursday on McKenzie View	14-16 mph	25 Miles	BF	B	Angie Long 410-707-4620
Saturday October 10	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	125b	Clearwater to McKenzie View	10-12 mph	29 Miles	BF	B	Gary Haliski 541-337-1311
Saturday October 10	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	127a	Mt Tom via Coburg, Return N. Coburg Rd	13-15 mph	43 Miles	FS	B	Gary Heeszal
Saturday October 10	7:15 AM	Albany Train Stn	##	Albany to Eugene via Brownsville	12-15 mph	69 Miles	FS	B	Mark LaPage 541-556-5569
Saturday October 10	9:00 AM	Westfir	900c	Westfir to Box Canyon	10-12 mph	64 Miles	BF	C	Karen Goodwin 530-519-2646
Sunday October 11	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	201e	Junction City via Toftdahl	13-15 mph	44 Miles	FS	A	Angie Long 410-707-4620

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Monday October 12	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	103c	Coburg Bottom Loop	10-12 mph	27 Miles	FS	A	Gary Haliski 541-337-1311
Monday October 12	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	103c	Coburg Bottom Loop	12-14 mph	27 Miles	FS	A	Curt McKinney 650-743-6592
Tuesday October 13	6:30 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Early Bird Fox Hollow Lights Required	10-12 mph	30 Miles	BF	C	Jackie Murdoff 541-345-3941
Tuesday October 13	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Fox Hollow	10-12 mph	26 Miles	BF	C	Bob Lewis 502-229-4809
Tuesday October 13	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Riding Some Hills	12-14 mph	25-50 Miles	BF	C	Gary Heeszal
Wednesday October 14	6:00 PM	Alton Baker Park	125a	WTNB* Only (*Women, Trans, Non-Binary)	10-12 mph	10 Miles	BF	A	Kait Glasswell
Thursday October 15	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	417a	Dale Kuni Rd	10-12 mph	34 Miles	FR	B	Ted Conover 541-232-1920
Thursday October 15	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	405b	Hendricks via Pleasant Hill	13-15 mph	40 Miles	FS	B	Curt McKinney 650-743-6592
Thursday October 15	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	405b	Hendricks via Pleasant Hill	15-17 mph	40 Miles	FS	B	Gary Heeszal
Thursday October 15	5:00 PM	Alton Baker Park	113a	Throwback Thursday on McKenzie View	14-16 mph	25 Miles	BF	B	Angie Long 410-707-4620
Saturday October 17	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park			10-12 mph				
Saturday October 17	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	326a	Lorane (Town) via Fox Hollow	13-15 mph	49 Miles	FS	C	Bob Lewis 502-229-4809
Saturday October 17	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	326a	Lorane (Town) via Fox Hollow	15-17 mph	49 Miles	FS	C	Danielle Curran 608-469-9511
Sunday October 18	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	207a	Franklin Firehouse	13-15 mph	40 Miles	FS	B	Angie Long 410-707-4620
Monday October 19	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	113a	McKenzie View Dr	10-12 mph	25 Miles	BF	B	Mike Cantrell 541-342-7649
Monday October 19	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	113a	McKenzie View Dr	12-14 mph	25 Miles	BF	B	Curt McKinney 650-743-6592
Tuesday October 20	6:30 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Early Bird Fox Hollow Lights Required	10-12 mph	30 Miles	BF	C	Jackie Murdoff 541-345-3941
Tuesday October 20	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Fox Hollow	10-12 mph	26 Miles	BF	C	Larry Diffie 541-729-7923
Tuesday October 20	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Riding Some Hills	12-14 mph	25-50 Miles	BF	C	Craig Congdon 541-246-0600
Wednesday October 21	6:00 PM	Alton Baker Park	125a	WTNB* Only (*Women, Trans, Non-Binary)	10-12 mph	10 Miles	BF	A	Kait Glasswell
Thursday October 22	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	207b	Franklin Firehouse CW	10-12 mph	41 Miles	FR	B	Ted Conover 541-232-1920
Thursday October 22	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Applegate, Camas CW	12-14 mph	47 Miles	FR	B	Larry Diffie 541-729-7923
Thursday October 22	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Applegate, Camas CW	15-17 mph	47 Miles	FR	B	Gary Heeszal
Friday October 23	9:30 AM	Twin Oaks Church	##	Larry's Birthday Ride	11-13 mph	29 Miles	BF	B	Larry Diffie 541-729-7923
Saturday October 24	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	103b	Coburg via Coburg Bottom Loop	10-12 mph	33 Miles	FS	A	Ted Conover 541-232-1920
Saturday October 24	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	106a	Wendling Covered Bridge	13-15 mph	51 Miles	FS	B	Gary Heeszal
Saturday October 24	9:00 AM	West Fir Day Use	703a	Huck & Heidi (Gravel)	12-14 mph	53 Miles	BF	C	Mark LaPage 541-556-5569
Sunday October 25	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	114b	McKenzie View & Sundeman	13-15 mph	35 Miles	FS	B	Julie Reed 541-206-2020
Monday October 26	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	125a	Scenic Springfield	10-12 mph	24 Miles	BF	B	Mike Cantrell 541-342-7649
Monday October 26	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	117b	Upper Camp Creek via Mill Path	12-14 mph	40 Miles	BF	B	John Anderson 404-312-2924

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Tuesday October 27	6:30 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Early Bird Fox Hollow Lights Required	10-12 mph	30 Miles	BF	C	Jackie Murdoff 541-345-3941
Thursday October 29	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	318b	Doane Rd to Briggs Hill Rd	13-15 mph	41 Miles	BF	C	Gary Heeszal
Tuesday October 27	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Free Fun Fox Hollow	10-12 mph	26 Miles	BF	C	Steve Hecker 541-954-1161
Tuesday October 27	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	##	Riding Some Hills	12-14 mph	25-50 Miles	BF	C	Gary Heeszal
Wednesday October 28	6:00 PM	Alton Baker Park	125a	WTNB* Only (*Women, Trans, Non-Binary)	10-12 mph	10 Miles	BF	A	Kait Glasswell
Thursday October 29	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	318b	Doane Rd to Briggs Hill Rd	10-12 mph	41 Miles	BF	C	Karen Goodwin 530-519-2646
Thursday October 29	7:00 PM	TBA	##	Halloween Decorations Ride Route TBA	Casual				Angie Long 410-707-4620
Saturday October 31	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	412a	River Dr & Howe Ln	10-12 mph	41 Miles	FR	B	Steve Hecker 541-954-1161
Saturday October 31	9:00 AM	Alton Baker Park	411b	Dillard, Creswell, PH, Clearwater	13-15 mph	47 Miles	FS	C	Gary Heeszal

Color Key:

10-12 mph leader pace

16 + mph leader pace

Evening Ride

Gravel / Mixed Surfaces



The Ride Schedule is also available for download at the GEARs website: www.eugenegears.org. Most of the rides listed above now have cue sheets and links to maps on our website, www.eugenegears.org/rides/ridelist.

Our ride schedule will be posted monthly with sign up posted approximately 7 days before the scheduled ride. Sign ups close 90 minutes before the scheduled start of the ride. You must sign up for your chosen ride online through SignUp Genius. No one is allowed to join the ride without signing online and if you decide to cancel your plan to ride, please remove your sign up so that a slot may be opened for another rider. SignUp Genius is free to use and gives us the ability to track riders without physical contact. To sign up for a GEARs ride click on the Sign Up Genius logo in the schedule at the bottom of the Ride Schedules page of our website and you will be

Terrain Key:

A: Flat with gently rolling terrain.

B: Rolling Terrain with a few short, steep climbs.

C: Moderate rolling terrain with steeper, longer climbs.

D: Demanding terrain with frequent steep and / or sustained climbs.

Note: You should be an experienced cyclist to participate and enjoy C and D rides, or rides over 50 miles.

Food Key:

FS - Food store on route

FR - Restaurant stop

BF - Bring food