



MOUNTAIN RIDE AUGUST 2-4, 2024 MURPHY, NC

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Welcome to the 2024 Cycle NC Mountain Ride

[Click here](#) for general info on the town of Murphy!

[Click here](#) for general information on the Cherokee County area!

[Click Here](#) for restaurants in Murphy!

Friday, August 2nd

1pm

Cycle NC Campsites open at Konehete Park (outdoor camping and RV camping) and at Rock Gym (indoor camping) – At 1 p.m. you may begin setting up your camping area (outdoor, indoor and RV) in the designated areas only once you have checked in. Access (parking, camping, etc.) is not permitted until 1 p.m. on Friday, August 2, so please DO NOT arrive before 1 p.m. As a reminder, you must be checked-in and wearing your Cycle NC wristband prior to setting up your camping area.

1pm-5pm

Cycle NC Rider Services and Check-in Open
Check-in opens at the Cycle NC Rider Services located at the Rock Gym (699 Connahetta St, Murphy NC). Check-in and Rider Services will be open from 1pm to 5pm. You will receive your event wristband that must be worn at all times during the weekend. You will also receive your official ride t-shirt. Cycle North Carolina merchandise will be available for purchase.



1pm-5pm

Local Welcome Booth Open
The local welcome booth will provide participants with local information, area maps, restaurant information, weekend activities and local discounts. Stop by the local welcome booth to get information about what the Murphy and Cherokee County area has to offer when you are not riding.

1pm-5pm

Tune Up Route Option Available

Warm up your legs for the weekend on this scenic 16-mile route that takes you out into the rolling valleys, including some short climbs out of the valley and then back down into Murphy and Konehete Veterans Park again. SAG support will not be available.

5pm-8pm

Art Walk in Downtown Murphy

Please enjoy shopping, dining and art in Downtown Murphy as businesses stay open late and the sidewalks are filled with art vendors and music!

5pm-6:30pm

Cycle NC Welcome at the L&N Depot!

Join the Cycle NC staff and town representatives at the remodeled train depot just off the Murphy River Walk! You can reach the depot in your car, but we encourage you to take the local shuttle OR walk/ride your bike on the greenway! It is only a mile and a half from the campsite on the Riverwalk. The welcome event will include free New Belgium Brewing Company beer as well as brews from other excellent local craft breweries, hand-held snacks provided by multiple Downtown Murphy restaurants and live music from Wyatt Espalin (<https://wyattespalinmusic.com/>). Come and enjoy the first night of the Mountain Ride! **Beer and snacks available while supplies last.*



Local Shuttle Info: Head to the entrance of Konehete Park to hop on a shuttle that will take you downtown and around to other parts of town. Shuttles will run from 1pm to 8pm and pick up at the park entrance approximately 15 minutes after the hour and 45 minutes after the hour.

Saturday, August 3rd

6am-8:30am

Breakfast available at Konehete Park

Rare Bird Emporium, Morning Fog Coffee and Frank's Hotdog House will be offering coffee and breakfast items at Konehete park.

7:30am-12pm

Cycle NC Rider Services and Check-in Open

Check-in and Rider Services will be open from 7:30am to 12pm at the Rock Gym. You will receive your event wristband that must be worn at all times during the weekend when you check-in. You will also receive your official ride t-shirt.

7:30am-10am

Local Welcome Booth Open

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7:30am-3pm

Cycle NC Routes Open

All routes are open 7:30am-3pm and begin and end at Konehete Park. Rest Stops include:

Peachtree Community Center

Enjoy a respite inside the Peachtree Community Center. This rest stop is on all three routes today and will provide some shade inside the center. Peachtree is a small unincorporated community that got its name from all of the peach trees in the area.

The Hayesville Town Square and Beal Center

Known as the "Heart of Hayesville," the circa 1888 Historic Clay County Courthouse, was saved and carefully restored by CCCRA. Rededicated in July 2018 as the Beal Center, the icon of Hayesville/Clay County, owned by the Town of Hayesville, is now operated by CCCRA as a unique community and event venue. Visit www.BealCenter.org to learn more about visiting or renting this beautiful venue.

John C. Campbell Folk School

Tucked away in the mountains of western North Carolina, the John C. Campbell Folk School offers weeklong and weekend classes for adults in craft, art, music, dance, cooking, gardening, nature studies, photography, writing and more. Their non-competitive and small-sized classes are offered year-round on a scenic 270-acre campus, attracting students from all over the world. Learn more at www.folkschool.org.

Rest stops vary by route. Refer to your cue sheets for rest stop operating times.

5pm-6:30pm

CNC Mountain Ride Social and Meal at The Hackney Warehouse!

The Cycle NC Mountain Ride Social for all registered participants will take place at The Hackney Warehouse in Downtown Murphy. The menu features pulled pork, chopped chicken, green beans, potato salad, mac & cheese, garden salad, rolls, tea and banana pudding for dessert! Plus enjoy free New Belgium Brewing Company beer and the traditional banjo sounds of Frank Lee.

**Beer available while supplies last.*



Local Shuttle Info: Head to the entrance of Konehete Park to hop on a shuttle that will take you downtown and around to other parts of town. Shuttles will run from 9am to 8pm and pick up at the park entrance approximately 15 minutes after the hour and 45 minutes after the hour.

Sunday, August 4th

6am-8:30am

Breakfast available at Konehete Park

Rare Bird Emporium, Morning Fog Coffee and Frank's Hotdog House will be offering coffee and breakfast items at Konehete park.

7:30am-10am

Cycle NC Check-in and Rider Services Open

Rider Services located at the Rock Gym will be open until 10:00am. This is your last chance to purchase your Cycle NC Merchandise before you head home!

7:30am-2pm

Cycle NC Routes Open

All routes are open 7:30am-2pm and begin and end at Konehete Park. Rest Stops include:

Valleytown VFD Station 29

The Valleytown Volunteer Fire Department serves the town of Andrews and the surrounding areas. These brave volunteers are key providers of fire and emergency response to the mountain communities of western North Carolina.

Hall Park

Hall Park in downtown Andrews will be a welcomed stop before the climbs begin for those riders on the Orange and White routes. Located in the western corner of North Carolina, Andrews offers a peaceful place, away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, to relax while enjoying some of the most spectacular scenery year-round.

Nantahala Lake Boat Ramp

Located in the Nantahala National Forest at an elevation of 3,012 feet, Nantahala Lake is the second highest lake east of the Mississippi. The lake now covers what was once the town of Aquone, a stagecoach stop between Asheville and Murphy. With 29 miles of shoreline, the lake offers recreational opportunities that include swimming, boating and skiing.

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**BODYARMOR Sports Drink
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Town of Murphy
Visit Cherokee County NC
Harris Teeter**

WE LOVE YOUR PICTURES & SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to take plenty of pictures at camp, in town and out on the routes. Be sure to tag **Cycle NC when posting to Instagram or your Facebook page. You never know, your pictures might end up in any of the Cycle NC brochures, handbooks or on the website. Or you can send us your photos to cyclenc@ncsports.org.**



Tweet, Tweet!!

Let's get the conversation going on twitter and make sure you use **#CNCMR when sending tweets during the weekend!**

