



MOUNTAIN RIDE AUGUST 1-3, 2025 SYLVA, NC

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Welcome to the 2025 Cycle NC Mountain Ride

[Click here](#) for general info on the Town of Sylva!

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

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

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Friday, August 1st

1pm

Cycle NC Campsites open at Bridge Park - Outdoor Camping – 116 Central Street and 76 Railroad Avenue. **Indoor Camping** - 46 Presbyterian Drive (First Presbyterian on Central Street). **RV Camping** – 109 W. Hometown Place (Monteith Park) and some class B vans at 29 Central Street (Poteet Park). 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 1, 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 (except for RVs). ****No tents may be set up on the Bridge Park lawn until after the concert at 9 pm on Friday night.**

1pm-5pm

Cycle NC Rider Services and Check-in Open

Check-in opens at the Cycle NC Rider Services located at the Bridge Park (76 Railroad Ave, Sylva, 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. See the [site map](#) for check-in parking locations.



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 Sylva and Jackson County area has to offer when you are not riding.

1pm-5pm

Balsam Mountain Tune Up Route Option Available

Warm up your legs for the weekend on this scenic 24-mile route that runs to the historic (circa 1905) [Balsam Mountain Inn](#) and back. The Spirits of the Inn bar will be open for cyclists to take a break and relax before heading back down to Sylva! SAG support will be on call (919-361-1133) as needed.

12pm-5pm

Showers open at the Sylva Municipal Pool

Located next to Town Hall and accessible via Bridge Park and Central Street.

5pm-6:30pm

Cycle NC Welcome and Happy Hour at Motion Makers Bike Shop!

Join the Cycle NC staff and town representatives at Motion Makers Bike Shop! There is plenty of parking and everything is walkable except from RV camping and hotels! The welcome event will include free New Belgium Brewing Company beer and appetizers provided on-site by Lulu's Restaurant. Then head over to Bridge Park (one block away) to continue the festivities! **Beer and snacks available while supplies last.*



7pm-9pm

Concert with PMA – Bridge Park, 76 Railroad Avenue

Enjoy music by reggae fusion band, [PMA \(Positive Mental Attitude\)](#)! Beer Vendors and Food Trucks will be available on-site, and local restaurants will be open on Main Street (all walkable). Attendees must purchase a social district cup for \$10 at Bridge Park's beer tents or at any participating restaurant in order to drink while moving about town. Come and enjoy the first night of the Mountain Ride!

Saturday, August 2nd

6am-9:00am

Breakfast available at Bridge Park

Twin Brews and Bowl & Blender will be offering coffee and breakfast items at Bridge 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 Bridge Park. 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 Bridge Park. Rest Stops include:

Judaculla Rock

Located within the Nantahala National Forest in Jackson County, Judaculla Rock is a soapstone boulder covered with over 1,500 ancient Cherokee petroglyphs. The markings on the rock are linked to Tsul'Kalu, a powerful being in Cherokee mythology. Today, Judaculla Rock is recognized not only for its archaeological importance but also for its ongoing cultural significance to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Jackson County Rec Center

Enjoy a respite at the Jackson County Recreation Center. Featuring a 25,000 square foot indoor facility, fitness classes, playgrounds, soccer fields, a running trail, disc golf course and more, the Jackson County Rec Center is the community's go-to hub for sports, fitness, and family fun.

Down the Rabbit Hole

Down the Rabbit Hole is a new shopping experience located in the mountains of Franklin, NC. Explore 50+ artisan vendors, enjoy a coffee, or check out the locally made jewelry, sculptures, and more on display. Red's Lemonade Stand, a local bbq food truck, and live music will all be onsite at this unique rest stop on the White Route.

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

12pm-5pm

Showers open at the Sylva Municipal Pool

Located next to Town Hall and accessible via Bridge Park and Central Street.

3pm-4:30pm

Happy Hour at Motion Makers Bike Shop!

Join us at Motion Makers for a Cycle NC Happy Hour that includes free New Belgium Beer while supplies last! Then feel free to explore town or head to the meal, right next door!



5pm-6:30pm

CNC Mountain Ride Social and Meal at Lifeway Church in Downtown Sylva!

The Cycle NC Mountain Ride Social for all registered participants will take place at Lifeway Church (31 Allen St) in Downtown Sylva, located between Bridge Park and Motion Makers Bike Shop. The menu features pulled pork, chopped chicken, green beans, potato salad, mac & cheese, garden salad, rolls, tea, water and banana pudding for dessert!



Sunday, August 3rd

6am-8:30am

Breakfast available at Bridge Park

Twin Brews and Bowl & Blender will be offering coffee and breakfast items at Bridge park.

7:30am-10am

Cycle NC Check-in and Rider Services Open

Rider Services located at the Bridge Park 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 Bridge Park. Rest Stops include:

BSI Construction Company, Wilmot, NC

Wilmot is an unincorporated community in Jackson County within the scenic Barker's Creek Township. Historically, Wilmot served as a whistle stop and access point to the Western North Carolina Railroad for logging companies. The rest stop will be at BSI Construction's Company's newly renovated building in Wilmot. The family-owned company was started in 1969 by Carl Buchanan and is now owned by Carl and his three sons.

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad Depot

The historic Great Smoky Mountains Railroad Depot sits in the heart of Bryson City. Originally known as the Western North Carolina Railroad, the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad gives passengers an opportunity to relive railroad travel on the Murphy Branch as it was in the 1940's. Don't forget to visit the retail store and model train museum on-site. They will have a huge collection of model trains running for your enjoyment!

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8am

Indoor Camping closes.

All items must be broken down and removed by this time.

12pm-3pm

Showers open at the Sylva Municipal Pool

Located next to Town Hall and accessible via Bridge Park and Central Street.

3pm

Campsite closes.

All tents must be broken down and removed by this time and all RVs must be out of the designated parking area.

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Jackson County TDA

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!