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# NYC Century Bike Tour 2006

**T**he 17th Annual NYC Century Bike Tour attracted over 5,000 riders from across the New York City area and from around the world for a beautiful day discovering the joys of biking in New York. We were hosts to a group of over a dozen cycling tourists from Spain, as well as cyclists from Germany, the UK and Mexico. Cyclists from near and far were treated to a great ride, with well-stocked rest stops and beautiful scenery regardless of whether they chose a 15-, 35-, 55-, 75- or 100-mile route. We were delighted this year to offer more cyclists than ever the opportunity to explore the Bronx, as riders on both the 100- and 75-mile got a chance to see the great greenways and bike lanes the borough offers.

More than just a great time, the NYC Century Bike Tour raises money for our advocacy

work to promote bicycling, walking and sensible transportation, encourage daily cycling in New York City and attract new members. We raise a substantial portion of our bicycling advocacy budget and bring in tons of new members while having the pleasure of sharing our vision for a truly bicycle-friendly city. We work with many city agencies (see box) to make this event happen and just days after the tour we received more good news from our City partners: 200 more miles of bike lanes and 40 miles of new greenways in the next three to four years. We will be sure to showcase the improvements in the tour route in the years to come!

## Thank you Volunteers! Thank you NYC!

**Route Assistance:** the City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation, NYC Department of Transportation, especially Evan Korn, Brenda Rivera, Ivory Henderson-Robb and Anthony Norberto, New York Police Department especially Lt. Terry McGovern, Triboro Bridge Authority especially Ray Bush and the NYC Department of Sanitation

**Rest Stop Hosts:** the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Gateway National Recreation Area, Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, Central Park Conservancy, Prospect Park Alliance and Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.

**Sponsors:** Robert Fader, Esq.; Bicycle Habitat; Adam White, esq.; Specialized; the Organic Trade Association and Tour de Trees

**Food donors:** Cedars, Kontos, Clif bar, Poland Springs, Maranatha, Chiquita, Cape Cod, Whole Foods, Tom Cat, Country Choice, Naked Juice, Krispy Kreme, Accelerade, Nature's Path, Nutella, Poland Springs

**Supply and service donors:** Crumpler Bags, Sherwin-Williams/Krylon, Martin Grillo and Emergency Medical Rescue of NYC, Central Park Medical Unit, Park Slope VAC, Glendale VAC, Throgs Neck VAC, Queens Village VAC, Throgs Neck VAC, Seth Asher Massage, Breakaway Courier, NYCE Wheels, Recycle-A-Bicycle, NY Cyclist, Spokes and Strings Bike Shop and NYC Bikes, Trackstar, Tread and Bill's Bike Shop.



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The NYC Century Bike Tour is as challenging as you want it to be; with five route options there is truly something for everyone.



KEN COUGHLIN

Stopping to enjoy hummus and pita in Astoria, Queens.



Proud cyclists with their t-shirts and water bottles at the Central Park Finish Festival.



Riders got a sneak preview of the reconstruction of the Shore Parkway Greenway in Brooklyn. Next year's ride will feature even more great new bicycling facilities citywide.

**NYC CENTURY BY THE NUMBERS**

**Young and Old**

Youngest rider: 1      Oldest ride: 81

**Going the Distance**

Percentage of riders by mileage  
**37%** 100 miles      **16%** 35 miles  
**2%** 75 miles      **4%** 15 miles  
**25%** 55 miles

**Getting Back home**

Where our riders are from  
**72%** NY      **2%** PA  
**13%** NJ      **1%** MA  
**3%** CT      **1%** NV

Along with a few international visitors from Canada, Denmark, Spain, Great Britain, Uruguay and Uganda!

**Battle of the Sexes**

**32%** Women      **68%** Men  
**24%** of women registered for the 100-mile route  
**46%** of men registered for the 100-mile route  
**15%** of women registered for the 75-mile route  
**15%** of men registered for the 75-mile route

**Feeding the Masses**

**400** pounds of Cedar's hummus consumed  
**300** dozen Krispy Kreme donuts eaten

**See you in 2007!**

**76%** of riders say they are "guaranteed" or "very likely" to ride again next year.

We want to extend a special thank you to the thousands of riders who filled out our post-ride survey, giving us feedback on how we can make the ride even better. We've listened carefully and are now already in the process of making improvements to the route, rest stops and registration process to make the entire experience fun and easy for you.

**See you next year at the NYC Century Bike Tour 2007!**



WILLIAM CAPDINE

75- and 100-mile riders this year got to enjoy the spectrum of scenery in the Bronx, from graffiti to greenways and everything in between.



CLARENCE ECKERSON

Nothing beats riding with friends! This year we also welcomed groups of riders including an adventure outings club from Spain, Team One Family and United for Peace and Justice.



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Over 400 friendly volunteers gave their time to support cycling and cyclists at rest stops and along the route.