



Weekend in Lancaster 2015: Cyclists enjoy a fun filled event in the Amish Heartland

A little history: The BBC has been organizing events in Lancaster County since the early 80s, and these trips have taken different shapes and forms. Yes, things have changed over the years, but the current “shape” of this weekend event has been a winner in every way. For over a decade, the Millstream Country Inn-- right in the heart of all things Amish-- has hosted our event. The Millstream staff is very bike-friendly and has made us feel right at home all these years.

This year: The weather cooperated beautifully. Moderate temps and no rain were perfect for enjoying the destination rides, to the Green Dragon and Ephrata (Fri) for the market and street fair, to Lititz (Sat) for Sturgis pretzels and Wilbur chocolates at their factories in town, and to Strasburg (Sun), for an immersion into the world of railroad steam engines. The stops along the way are terrific too for homemade root beer at the Countryside Roadstand (just leave your quarter in the box outside), for ice cream at Lapp Valley Farm (and check out the wonderful bulldogs), for delicious goodies at Miller’s Natural Food Store (and a ride down the farm lane to get there), and, of course, for a stop at Weaver’s Bike Shop right in the heart of Amish country. There are petting zoos, quilt shops, candle shops and other fun things to see and experience along the way.

When not riding: Friends and lots of camaraderie were available at our well-stocked hospitality room back at Millstream. We’re fully prepared with an assortment of pies, cakes, and cookies from the Bird In Hand Bake Shop, a selection of cheese, crackers, wines, and beers as well as munchies, snacks for the bike, and a variety of other drinks. Of course, sharing each other’s company was the highlight. There was lots of socializing too at our Saturday evening banquet dinner, at the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn--which featured delicious PA Dutch-style cooking and local specialties.

2016: It’s hard to beat a cycling weekend in Lancaster County! We have the dates for 2016, Fri, Sept. 23—Sun, Sept 25. We welcome you to join us. Look for the posting on the website, starting in March 2016 to register.

After 30 plus years of visiting this beautiful area, it never ceases to delight!

Happy cycling, Evie & Mike Reinsel