



#### Cycle of Hope & Spirit of Hope







## Woodcock No-Drop Training Rides

#### Easy Peasy Rides

- April to September\*
- Tuesday nights 6:00 to 9:00 pm
- Distance: 20 to 30 km
- Speed: 17 to 22 km/h
- Destination Rides
  - May to September
  - Friday nights 6:00 to 9:00 pm
  - Distance: 50 to 80 km
  - Speed: 25 to 30 km/h

\*Start date is based on weather and road conditions







## **Woodcock Training Rides**

- MCA membership is required
  - Cost: \$70 (General membership)
  - Click <u>HERE</u> to get yours
- Ride Club Etiquette
  - Don't be THAT person... read <u>THIS</u>
- If you have questions about the rides, contact Brett or Miles for more information



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- Arrive on time & be ready to ride
  - Smart phone
    - All waivers are done online
  - Helmet
  - Headlight & taillight
  - Clothing to suit the weather
    - Bright colours recommended
  - Water bottle(s)
    - Practice drinking & cycling







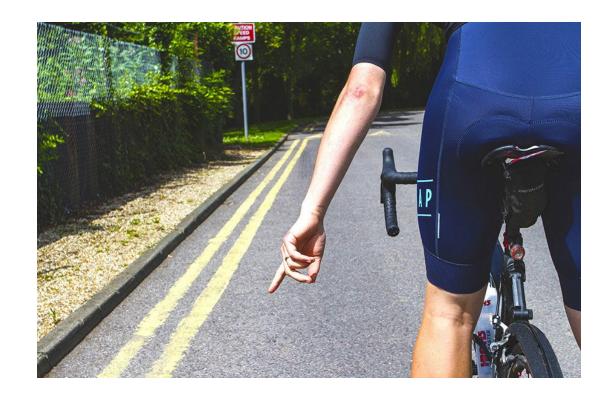
- Other recommended items
  - Spare tubes, tire levers, pump
    - Be as self-sufficient as possible
  - GPS / speedometers
  - Padded cycling gloves
  - High energy snack food
    - Especially for longer rides
  - Mirrors and bells
  - Money
    - Sometimes we stop for treats







- You are responsible for the person behind you and their safety
  - Point out road hazards
  - Periodically check to make sure they are still behind you
    - Advanced tip: Look for their shadow
  - Be consistent & predictable
    - Don't surge forward
    - Don't swerve left or right
    - Don't brake abruptly







- All message / signals should be passed from front to back AND back to front of the group. Including:
  - "Slowing" / "Stopping"
  - "Gap" (unable to keep up with the group)
  - "Glass" (broken glass on road)
  - "Flat" (flat tire)
  - "Rider Back / Car Back" (overtaking)
  - "Walker Up / Car Up" (approaching)







#### **Group Ride Etiquette – Hand Signals**

- Cycling Hand Signals
  - Featuring Miles Purdy
  - <u>https://youtu.be/eX11u8Xz5c4</u>



**Cycling Hand Signals** Join Miles P. for a quick ride and review of key hand signals to make your group rides safer.





- Overtaking
  - Always pass on the left and announce "On your left" before passing
    - Do not pass on the right
  - Stay in your lane
    - Do not cross the center line of a street. There is a risk of being hit from behind
  - Please stay behind the ride leader







- General
  - We ride 1 meter out from the curb or hazard (puddle / parked car)
    - Ensure you always have room to maneuver
  - We "take the lane" when there is not enough room for cars to pass safely.
    - IE: Roundabouts, narrow roads, passing parked cars
    - The sweep rider will inform the group when it is clear to take the lane







- Intersections
  - When we are riding as a group, we act as one vehicle.
  - We will "take the lane" at intersections
  - We will cross the intersection as a group
  - Starting from a stop, should be slow and controlled to ensure the group stays together







- Triathlon bars
  - These type of handlebars can be very dangerous in a group setting
    - Hard to maneuver quickly
    - Hard to access your brakes quickly
  - Participants are prohibited to use them on group rides
    - Note: The bars do not have to be removed from your bike







#### • Flat tires

- It happens...
- Notify the other riders by yelling "FLAAAAT"
  - Other riders should echo it
- Carefully move to the right side of the road if you can
- Slow down and stop when there are no riders behind you
  - DO NOT stop abruptly
- The group will stop while flat is repaired







- Keep your eyes up
  - Look past the rider ahead of you
    - Do not focus on the wheel in front of you.
- NEVER overlap your front tire with the rear wheel of the rider ahead
  - If they swerve, you will crash (as shown in the photo)







### **General Tips**

- Tips for Riding in the Heat
  - Stay Hydrated! Set a timer to go off every 10 minutes and alternate between water and electrolyte beverages.
  - Use waterproof Sunscreen! Apply liberal amounts of SPF 30 everywhere.
  - Use Chamois cream to prevent chafing
    - I recommend Bag Balm available at Lee Valley Tools







#### **Recommended Local Routes**

#### • Popular Routes to Explore

- Birds Hill Park Loop (11 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36291617</u>
  - Good to ride early in the season
- Habitat St. Vital Loop (27 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36291035</u>
- Habitat Birds Hill Loop (28 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/35911811</u>
- Habitat St. Boniface Loop (29 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36291124</u>
- Grants Mill Forks Loop (30 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36083855</u>

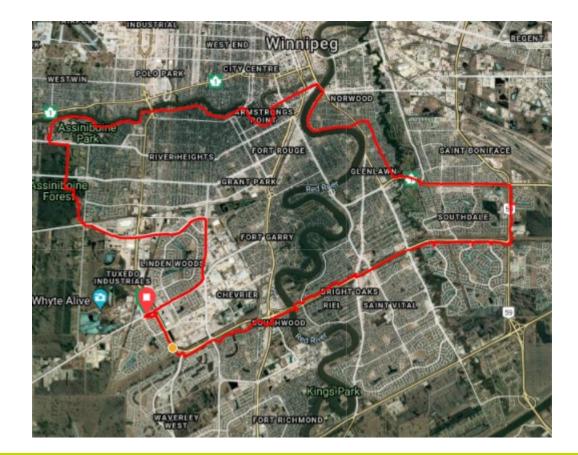






#### **Recommended Local Routes**

- Assiniboine to Headingley Loop (32 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36291873</u>
- South Winnipeg Loop (50 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36038907</u>
- Habitat Lockport Loop (53 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36290806</u>
- Muddy Waters (70 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29440284</u>
- Muddy Waters (110 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29440297</u>
- Muddy Waters (160 km)
  - <u>https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29440443</u>

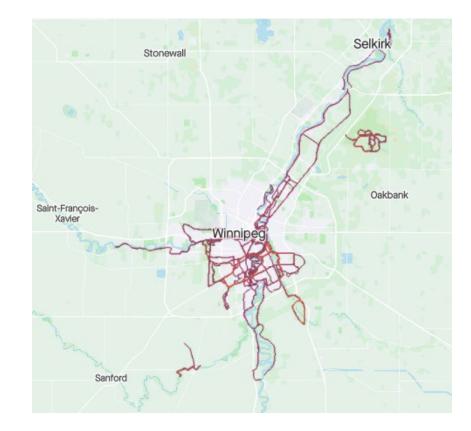






# **Local Cycling Route Resources**

- Other relevant route information:
  - Bike Map
  - <u>Bike Winnipeg</u>
  - <u>City of Winnipeg Maps</u>
  - Manitoba Cycling Association
  - <u>Manitoba Randonneurs</u>
  - <u>Northgate Trail Maps</u>
  - <u>Trail Forks App</u>
  - <u>Winnipeg Trails</u>









#### Any Questions? Contact Brett: bbourne@habitat.mb.ca 204.235.2181

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