

LOCAL LOOPS: Saturday, May 30th 2023

Here is the perfect opportunity to experience RetroTour-ing without a major time commitment. The day begins early on Saturday morning with continental breakfast. If you're coming from a distance you can spend the night at my place. We'll pick you up at the airport or train station for free if necessary; no need to rent a car or pay for an UBER. There is plenty of secure parking if you ride or drive in.

Each rider chooses a bike from the available fleet bikes. There are generally 20-25 prepared bikes to choose from. You'll start on that bike, and you will have the option to switch bikes and try several others during the course of the day. We'll travel in a loose group and explore some of the more obscure back roads in the Brandywine River Valley. It's beautiful, with several covered bridges, and the Brandywine River runs through it all. Stops will be planned every 25-35 miles at scenic points of interest along the way. You can chat, have a snack and change bikes at each stop should you desire. If you prefer to stay on the same bike that's OK too.

One stop will include lunch and the final stop is at a large parking lot where a route sheet detailing a seven-mile self-guided loop will be handed out. You can try as many of the bikes as you like or just hang out and rest with a cold bottle of water and a granola bar (supplied). If you're interested, you may also try piloting the sidecar outfit around the parking lot. It's an experience you won't want to miss! We end up back at my place where a home cooked meal will be waiting. We'll finish dinner and say our goodbyes by 7 o'clock. Total mileage is just under 150.

The \$225 fee includes bikes, insurance, guide, 3 meals and gas. That's it! The pace for Local Loops is quite gentle which is important since most riders will not have enough time on any one bike to fully acclimate. Also, the scenery is great, especially at this time of the year, and best enjoyed at a relaxed pace; so what's the rush?

Local Loops has consistently sold out early the last few seasons so if you have an interest you should reserve your spot early by sending a deposit. Your \$50 deposit is non-refundable but can be applied to any future ride should you need to cancel. *If at the end of the day you feel that the experience was not worth the price, your RetroTours fee will be cheerfully refunded, no questions asked.*