

Bike Along the C&O Canal!

Join us for a leisurely bike ride on the historic C&O Canal towpath on Saturday September 24, 2022 from Shepherdstown, WV to Harpers Ferry, WV. Feel free to bring your own bikes or bikes are available for rent at Shepherdstown Pedal & Paddle.

Trip Length: Approximately 13 miles one way with a nearly negligible downhill grade. Nearly all elevation gain/loss takes place very near each lock. At a very leisurely pace (restroom and photo breaks included) expect about 2 ½ to 3 hours start-to-finish.

What's along the way:

- Lock 38 with restroom (mile 72.65, 5' drop/lift)
- Restrooms near Antietam Creek (mile 69.6)
- Antietam Aqueduct (mile 69.4)
- Lock 37 with Lockhouse (mile 66.96, 9' drop/lift)
- Dargan Bend Restrooms (mile 64.9)
- Huckleberry Hill Restroom (mile 62.9)
- Lock 36 (mile 62.44, 8' drop/lift)
- Lock 35 (mile 62.33, 8' drop/lift)
- Lock 34 (mile 61.57, 8' drop/lift)
- Lock 33 (mile 60.7, 8' drop/lift) located just north of the bridge at Harpers Ferry

Option 1 - Rent a Bike: For people who wish to rent bikes from Shepherdstown [Pedal & Paddle](#), prior to Saturday you'll need to show up at the bike shop to sign rental waivers and be sized for a bike. Then, we'll meet at the bike shop on **Saturday at 9:00 am**, when you can unlock the rental bikes from the storage area. and ride about one mile (mostly downhill) to the C&O Canal trailhead at Lock 38. Note the bike shop will be closed during takeoff. Travel to the bike shop is on your own.

Option 2 – Bring your Bike:

Bikers with their own bikes can either

- 1) **Take the Long Trip (26 miles):** For those with bikes that wish to travel round trip (Harpers Ferry to Shepherdstown and back to Harpers Ferry) **we'll meet at The Point in Harpers Ferry at 7:00 am Saturday**. From here we'll walk our bikes across the Potomac River via the Railroad Bridge and down the spiral staircase on the other side. Then we'll begin our ride to Shepherdstown. We'll anticipate arrival in Shepherdstown at about 9:00 am where we can meet up with people at Shepherdstown Pedal & Paddle.
- 2) **Bring your bike and join us at the Pedal & Paddle at 9:00 am.** There is no shuttle to the store, only the return trip.

The Ride: From there we'll be on the C&O Canal towpath for the rest of the trip to Harpers Ferry. The towpath has a crushed limestone surface and is friendly to riders of all skill levels. After riding 13 miles, upon arrival at Harpers Ferry riders will carry our bikes up the spiral staircase at the railroad bridge (we can help you!), and walk back across the Potomac River to The Point in Harpers Ferry, where one-way riders will catch the shuttle back to Shepherdstown Pedal & Paddle where your car awaits you.

Pricing: Shepherdstown Pedal & Paddle offers bike rental with helmet and a shuttle back to Shepherdstown for \$80 per person. Pricing for the shuttle for people who bring their own bikes will be determined that day.

Shepherdstown Pedal and Paddle: 304-876-3000, 115 West German Street, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Registration: Please register by emailing Doug Bell, dbell@bls-pllc.com. This will allow us to know how many people to wait for at the different legs of this trip. If renting, you will be responsible for making bike rental arrangements at [Pedal and Paddle](#) independently ahead of the departure date.

Please Note: The trip may be cancelled due to weather conditions.