

# Lions, tigers, and bicyclists, oh my!

Spring's just around the corner so come join us as we take an excursion to The Queens Zoo located in Flushing Meadows Park. Here you'll see animals in their natural environment while we, the homo sapiens cyclinus, must keep to an enclosed path so the animals may taunt and make silly Far Side jokes about us (just kidding...we hope.) In addition, it's the permanent residence of that coyote that was running loose in Central Park last year and it features an adjacent petting zoo. You can easily visit both in an hour. Admission fee is \$2.50. Round trip distance clocks in at 18 miles.

Thanks for this month's cue sheet goes to Trudy Hutter, who along with Ann Shorter are the coordinators of The Week-day Cyclists (TWC), a loosely-knit cluster of cyclists that enjoy riding together. All TWC rides are free. Trudy extends an open invitation to all.

For more information visit The Week-day Cyclists' website at:

<http://members.aol.com/trudyth>

**Do this ride with Trudy and Ann!**

Sunday, March 26th at 10 AM.

**Very Important:** Meet at the Roosevelt Island Tram near QBB (not Central Park), on 2nd Ave, between 59th - 60th Street. Bring a snack (or get food on the way), locks, and admission for the zoo. Closest subway stop is 4,5 or 6 to 59th street. Bad weather cancels.

## TWC Ride to the Queens Wildlife Center in Flushing

KEY: BR = Bear Right; BL = Bear Left

- Start** Boathouse in Central Park
- Right** East Dr
- Right** 72 St Terrace Dr
- Left** West Drive
- Right** Seventh Ave South Exit
- Left** 58 St
- Left** 1 Ave (Stay on **Left** side)
- Left** 60 St (SW corner of 1 Ave/60 St), (CAUTION: Do not enter 60 St) go through gate to enter Queensboro Bridge North Pathway
- Left** Queens Plaza North
- Right** 23 St
- Left** 40 Ave
- Right** Vernon Blvd to end
- Left** 8 St
- Right** 27 Ave
- Left** 12 St (takes you into Shore Rd)
- Cross** Astoria Blvd & on **Right** corner go up path to restrooms on **Right**
- Ahead** Shore Blvd
- BR** Onto Shore Blvd
- Right** 20 Ave
- Left** 41 St
- Right** 19 Ave to end (81 St)
- Right** 81 St
- BL** Ditmars Blvd (prepare to make **left** on to 23 Ave after overpass)
- Left** 23 Ave
- Left** 86 St
- Right** Ditmars Blvd
- Left** Astoria Blvd
- BR** Astoria Blvd/114 St
- Ahead** 114 St
- Right** Roosevelt Ave
- STOP** 111 St & make **Left** to deli on opposite corner to pick up lunch
- Ahead** 111 St
- Left** 56 Ave to enter Flushing Meadow Park
- BL** After entering park & ahead to fountain
- BL** Go halfway around fountain & follow path ahead for about the distance of one block - Zoo at left
- Enter** Zoo & eat lunch at tables/picnic area at Water Seal exhibit
- Return:** to Boathouse in Central Park
- Left** When exiting main zoo
- Left** Go over overpass
- Right** On exiting overpass
- BR** Go over overpass
- Right** On exiting overpass
- Ahead** Follow path around right (west) side of lake end
- Exit** Pathway (narrow dirt path) onto Jewel Ave
- Right** Jewel Ave
- Left** 110 St
- Right** 70 Rd
- Left** 108 St (71 Ave/Continental Ave)
- Right** Exeter St
- Cross** Yellowstone Blvd (BL & look for Alderton ahead)
- Right** Alderton
- Left** 63 Ave/Juniper Blvd N
- Stop** Juniper Valley Park for water & restrooms
- Right** Lutheran Ave (NW corner of park)
- Left** Eliot Ave
- Right** Fresh Pond Rd
- BL** 61 St
- Left** Flushing Ave
- Right** Rust St/56 Rd
- Ahead** 56 Rd
- Left** Laurel Hill Rd/Review Ave
- Ahead** Review Ave
- Left** Borden Ave
- Right** Vernon Blvd
- BR** 10 St
- Right** Queens Plaza South
- Ahead**
- & Cross** Pedestrian crossing to Queens Plaza North for Northern Pathway or Shuttle Bus
- Left** 1 Ave
- Left** 72 St (Cross 5 Ave & Enter Central Park)
- Right** East Drive
- Left** Boathouse