

TELL THE RAMONES...

With the reconstruction of the Marine Parkway Bridge slated to last until the year 2002, the city has cut off the most popular route for cyclists to get to the Rockaways. For peds and cyclists, there is the promise of a shuttle bus from spring to fall to transport them over the bridge (see article on page 2), but if you're stubborn like many NYC cyclists you'll still want to bike there without assistance. Your only option: using the Veterans Memorial Bridge which lies many miles east.

However, it is a long detour, roughly 10 extra miles each way. But fear not—we've got a route that's simple and safe. Clip and save for beach trips next year. Note: If you get too tired on the way out, you can always take the A train back to the mainland.

- START:** Start at Shore Parkway Greenway @ Brigham Street near the Windjammer Hotel in Sheepshead Bay
- 0.0 Enter the Shore Parkway Bike Path
 - 1.2 Cross Flatbush Avenue and continue east on bike path (note: this is where you would normally turn right and go out to Marine Parkway Bridge)
 - 6.2 Left over bridge to Pennsylvania Ave.
 - 7.1 Right on Cozine
 - 8.2 Left on Crescent
 - 8.5 Right on Loring, ride through apparent dead end, around hump of dirt, becomes 149th Avenue on the other side.
 - 9.5 Right on 84th Street.
 - 10.0 Right on Shore Parkway then immediate left and go under expressway. 84th Street continues on the other side.
 - 10.1 Left on 164th Avenue.
 - 11.3 Right on Cross Bay Blvd. Bike lane will appear as you cross the first bridge. Ride bike lane until it ends (about four long miles), then cross street (a good deli stop right behind here too), go behind and to the left of toll plaza and enter the ped/bike path of the Veterans Mem. Bridge. Rock, Rock, Rockaway Beach.

Break out the jackets – It's time for cool weather riding!



Seth Asher, an active member of T.A.'s Brooklyn Committee, has put together a fabulous joyride for us. Unfortunately, his turn sheet is way too long to print, so we'll post it on our web site at www.transalt.org. After reading the listing below, how could anyone miss this ride? Save the date!

For urban explorers...

So you love Brooklyn? Well come enjoy the eclectic mix of parks, historical sites, interesting architecture and waterfront views. Encompassing the exciting cement of South Brooklyn Height, Fort Greene, Gowanus, Clinton Hill, Weeksville, Greenpoint, Red Hook, and Vinegar Hill, we'll ride through diverse and fascinating communities on this mostly flat ride. There will be several stops for sightseeing, and riders should pack a lunch or bring lunch money.

Special note: we'll look closely at little-known Willowtown, with its radical (probably illegal) street greening, mid-19th

Century architecture, and urban ambiance. We'll also explore aspects of the area's street design, local history, spots of interesting urban in-fill and a pioneering example (later mutilated by expressway construction) of gorgeously designed working-class housing. Even for the very well explored Brooklynite, there are still loads of must-see treats on this one!

Do this ride with fellow T.A. members. Free. Meet Saturday, Nov. 20 @ 9am at Brooklyn Boro Hall, Cadman Plaza at Montague Street in front of Christopher Columbus statue. Subway access via 2, 3, 4, 5, A or F to Borough Hall stop. Or N, R to Court Street. Reminder: this is an official 5BBC ride, so all 5BBC rules, including mandatory helmets, apply.