



**Bicycle Ride to St. Peter's Village
for Summerfest from
Natural Lands' Crow's Nest
Preserve**



A Schuylkill Highlands Conservation Landscape Event

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2017 **Fee:** There is no charge for this special tour.

Parking and Departure Point: Crow's Nest Preserve, 201 Piersol Road, Elverson PA

Crow's Nest Preserve is in Chester County near Hopewell Furnace NHS, and French Creek State Park. From PA-100 take PA-23 west 4.9 miles and turn right onto Trythall Rd. Follow Trythall Rd. until T intersection. Turn left onto Harmonyville Rd. and then take the first right at Piersol Rd. Parking is available in a lot just past the restored barn.

Options:

1: Five Mile Loop: from Crow's Nest to St. Peter's Village and return

2: Ten Mile Loop: from Crow's Nest to Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site and St. Peter's Village and return

Departure Times: 1pm for the Ten Mile Loop and 2.15pm for the Five Mile Loop. There will be a two-hour stop for SummerFest in St. Peter's Village. You may return at any time on your own, or depart with the leader at 4:30pm.

Terrain: Mostly gently rolling; a few short hills

Pace: Moderate pace. We will keep together through the entire ride.

Surface: All paved roads, except for 1 mile of easily negotiated fine crushed stone at Hopewell Furnace. 1-1/2" minimum tire width recommended for the Ten Mile Loop

Traffic: Except for a short stretch on the gravel road in Hopewell Furnace, all roads are shared with motor vehicles, although traffic volume and speed is usually moderate.

Helmets/Vests/Blinker Lights: Helmets are required for all riders. For better visibility, a reflective vest and blinker lights are highly recommended.

Toilets: are located at Crow's Nest, Hopewell Furnace and St. Peter's Village.

Advance Registration is Required: sign up at the www.philaparks.org Click on "ParkTours." **There is no charge** for this special tour, but the number of riders is limited to 20 for safety reasons and to preserve the quality of this ride through the peaceful quiet countryside. Deadline to sign up is Friday, July 21st.

Safety Talk and Waiver: There will be a short safety talk prior to the ride, and all participants must sign a waiver of liability.

Points of Special Interest:

Natural Lands' Crow's Nest Preserve

State Game Lands 45

French Creek State Park

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

Bethesda Church

St. Peter's Village and Summerfest

Your Leader, Bob Thomas: Bob is well known as a designer and advocate of trails throughout the region, an outdoorsman, a longtime leader of walking and bicycling tours, and as a preservation architect with a passion for local history. He is a founding partner of Campbell Thomas & Co. Architects, and serves as well as the Chair of the Philadelphia Historical Commission and as the President of the Philadelphia Parks Alliance. He bicycles to work every day, but is an easy-going cyclist who will assure that riders of even moderate ability will enjoy this tour.