



CSCS Climate Ride Update

Hello and welcome to the first CSCS Climate Ride Update!

This summer 16 riders will bike almost 4,000 miles across the country to raise awareness about climate change and connect solution-makers throughout the Anabaptist community.

The Climate Ride Update, produced every two weeks throughout the spring, will keep you informed on the details of the trip and introduce you to the riders and the locations they will stop along the way.

You are receiving this update because you are a CSCS subscriber. To receive future updates and find out who the riders will be, sign up at the link below!



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Why is CSCS organizing this ride?

We care about climate change... and we think that everyone can make a difference.

We believe that communities across the country hold a wealth of knowledge and creativity when it comes to finding solutions that help both people and the planet to thrive. Riding across the country is a way to raise visibility for climate issues, learn about the impacts of climate change on diverse communities, and connect concerned people across the country with the climate efforts of CSCS and other organizations.

What's the route?

The Climate ride will traverse the United States from Seattle, WA to Washington, DC in eight weeks. The participants will ride six days a week, with one day set aside for community visits.



Who are the team leaders?

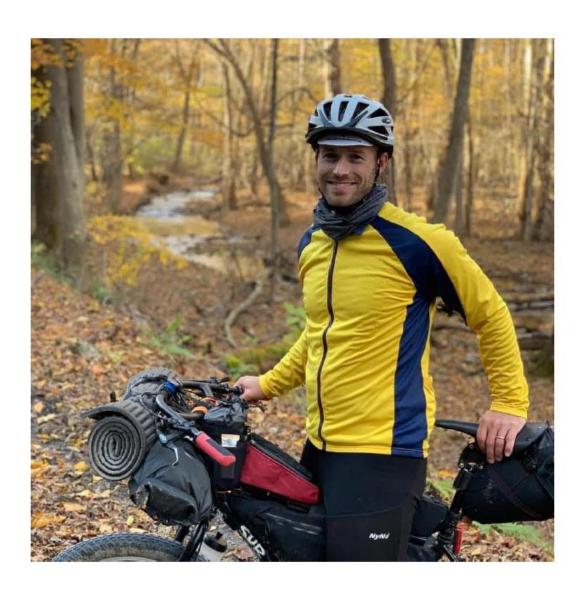


Joanna Friesen

Joanna Friesen will lead the participants on the Climate Ride and is in charge of facilitating training and team building leading up to the trip. An avid biker and runner herself, Joanna coaches cross country, track and triathlon at EMU. She completed a coast-to-coast bike tour in 2017, an experience that sparked her vision for the Climate Ride.

Joanna lives in Harrisonburg Virginia with her husband and their dog. She is currently working toward a Masters in Divinity at EMU, which she will complete this spring. When Joanna is not coaching, exercising or studying, she enjoys reading and gardening.

What does she love most about bike touring? All of the time spent outdoors and the deep relationships built through the experience.



David Landis

David Landis is helping with planning and logistics for the Climate Ride and will join the participants for portions of the trip. David is an experienced cyclist and world traveler who has spent over a decade promoting human-powered travel through his company, Village to Village Press. David has helped to develop prominent long-distance trails across the US, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, and writes guidebook detailing the routes.

After 10 years in the middle east, David now lives in Harrisonburg Virginia with his wife and three children. Besides cycling, he enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, taking photographs, building and fixing things, and dreaming up new adventures.

David said: "For me (bikepacking) is about the freedom the bike offers to go anywhere you want at the right pace, in a low-impact way, and in a style that encourages connections and conversations with people along the way."

Follow the story and watch for the climate ride passing through your area!

Our route from Seattle to Washington DC passes through communities and ecosystems across the US that are experiencing the effects of climate change, and doing something in response. Each week we will stop at one location to dive deeper into a climate-related theme, learning from community members about both the impacts of climate change in their local contexts and the solutions they are implementing to build resilience.

Follow along for inspiring stories and thought-provoking reflections as the riders and communities grapple with difficult issue together.

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We are extremely excited to embark on this adventure, and hope you will join us through our stories in the coming months!

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