



2026 VBC Ride Interest Survey

Response Statistics

147

Survey Visits

112

Total Responses

107

Completed Responses

5

Partial Responses

0

Disqualified Responses

0

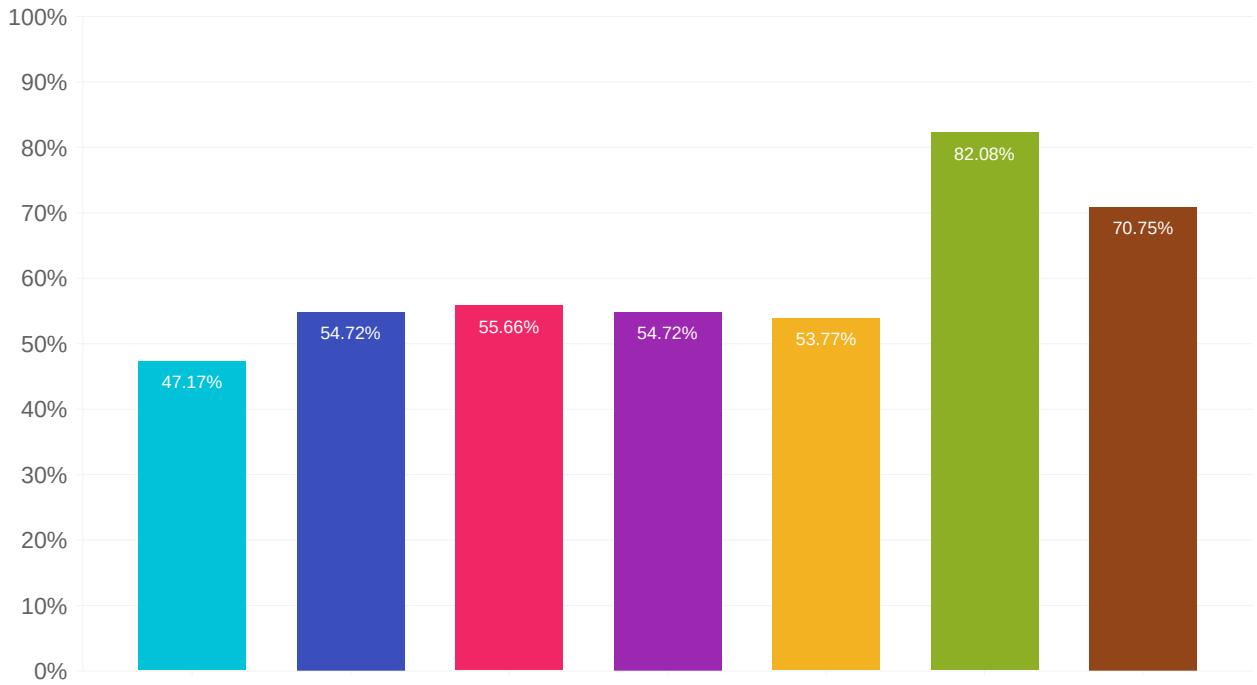
Over Quota Responses

When you like to ride

Q1

On what days of the week are you most likely to ride? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 106 Skipped: 6



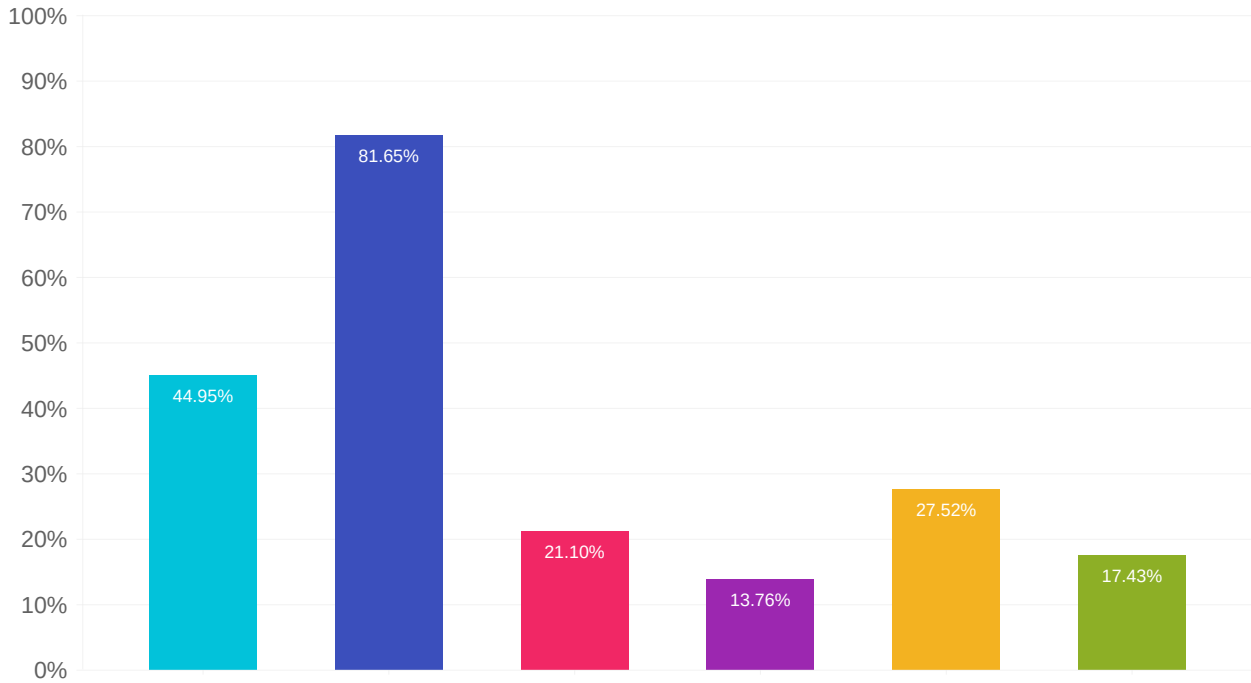
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Monday	47.17%	50
Tuesday	54.72%	58
Wednesday	55.66%	59
Thursday	54.72%	58
Friday	53.77%	57
Saturday	82.08%	87
Sunday	70.75%	75

Q2

During the warmer riding months (roughly June through September), at what times of day are you most likely to ride? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 109 Skipped: 3



- Before 9 am
- Morning (9 am to 11 am)
- Lunchtime (11 am to 1 pm)
- Afternoon (1 pm to 5 pm)
- Early evening (5 pm to 6:30 pm)
- Late evening (6:30 pm to sunset)

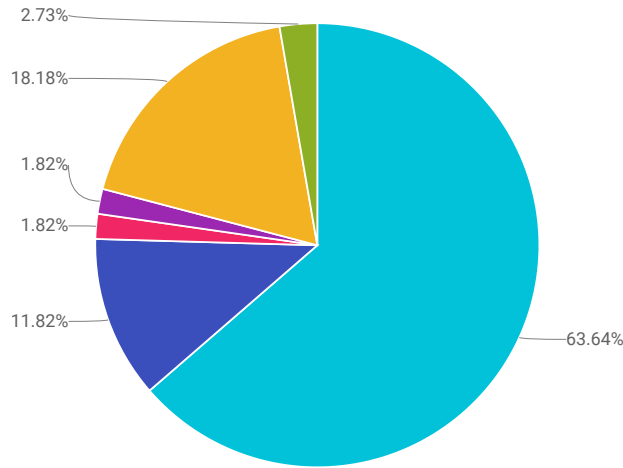
Choices	Response percent	Response count
Before 9 am	44.95%	49
Morning (9 am to 11 am)	81.65%	89
Lunchtime (11 am to 1 pm)	21.10%	23
Afternoon (1 pm to 5 pm)	13.76%	15
Early evening (5 pm to 6:30 pm)	27.52%	30
Late evening (6:30 pm to sunset)	17.43%	19

You and your bike

Q3

What type of bike do you ride most often? (Select one.)

Answered: 110 Skipped: 2



- Road
- Gravel or all-road
- Hybrid or comfort
- Mountain
- E-bike (any type)
- Other (please specify):

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Road	63.64%	70
Gravel or all-road	11.82%	13
Hybrid or comfort	1.82%	2
Mountain	1.82%	2
E-bike (any type)	18.18%	20
Other (please specify):	2.73%	3

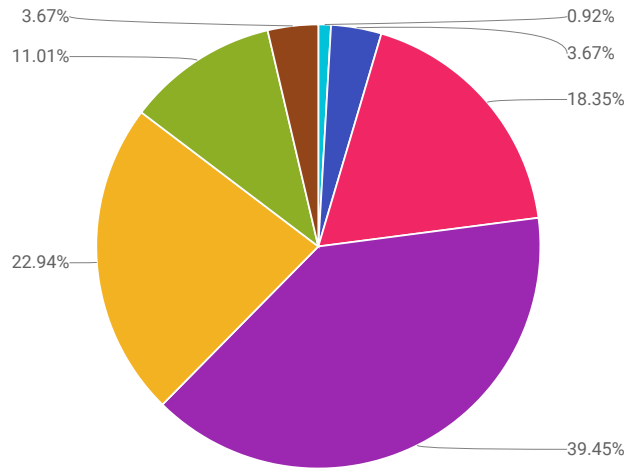
Other (please specify):

- Tandem
- I ride a road bike on VBC rides most often and mileage-wise. Frequency-wise, I probably ride some combination of my single speed bike and ebike, since I use them for errands, most outings, etc.
- Tandem

Q4

What is your usual pace? Here, pace means the sustained speed you hold on the flats with no wind. (Select one.)

Answered: 109 Skipped: 3



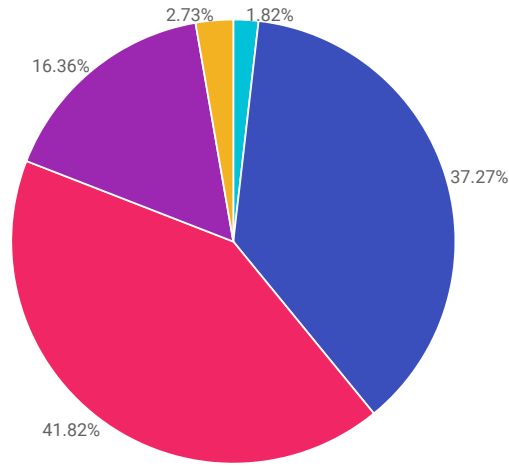
- Under 10 mph
- 10 to 11 mph
- 12 to 13 mph
- 14 to 15 mph
- 16 to 17 mph
- 18 to 19 mph
- 20 mph or faster

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Under 10 mph	0.92%	1
10 to 11 mph	3.67%	4
12 to 13 mph	18.35%	20
14 to 15 mph	39.45%	43
16 to 17 mph	22.94%	25
18 to 19 mph	11.01%	12
20 mph or faster	3.67%	4

Q5

What is your preferred ride duration? (Select one. Pick the closest fit.)

Answered: 110 Skipped: 2



Under 1 hour

1 to 2 hours

2 to 3 hours

3 to 4 hours

4 to 6 hours

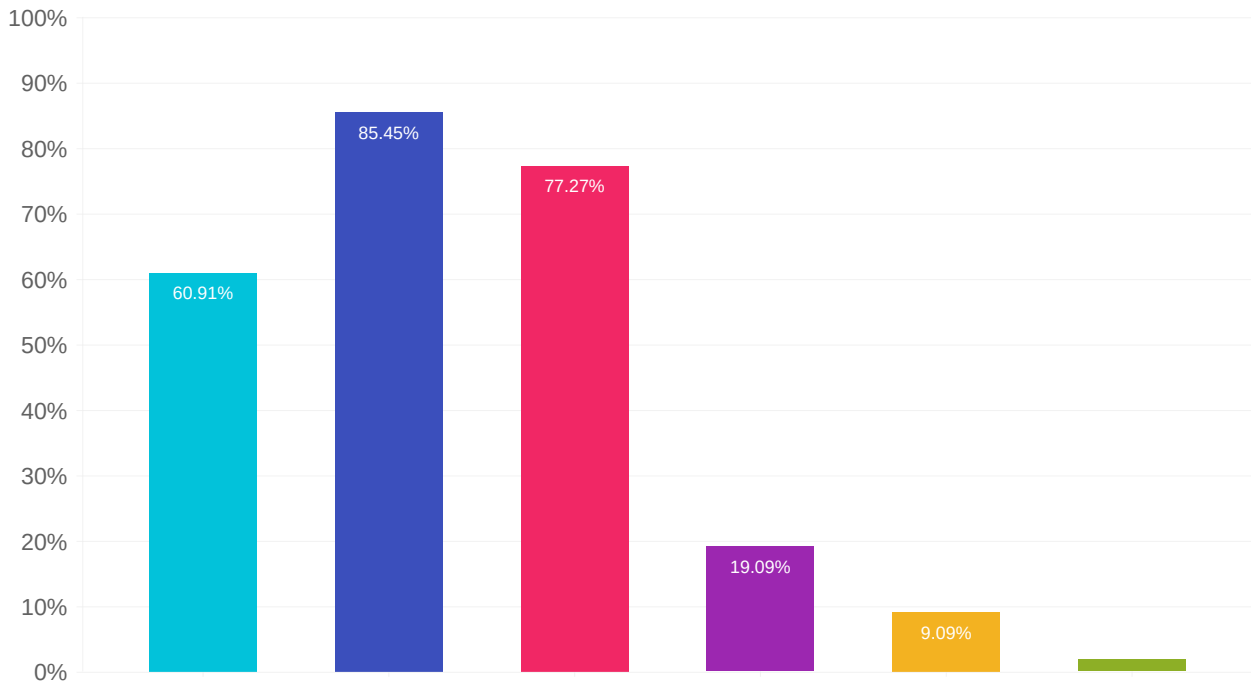
More than 6 hours

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Under 1 hour	1.82%	2
1 to 2 hours	37.27%	41
2 to 3 hours	41.82%	46
3 to 4 hours	16.36%	18
4 to 6 hours	2.73%	3
More than 6 hours	0.00%	0

Q6

What kind of terrain do you most like to ride on? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 110 Skipped: 2



- Dedicated bike paths or multi-use paths
- Roads with bike lanes or wide shoulders
- Low-traffic roads, even without a bike lane or shoulder
- Gravel roads or trails
- Single-track or mountain bike trails
- Other (please specify):

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Dedicated bike paths or multi-use paths	60.91%	67
Roads with bike lanes or wide shoulders	85.45%	94
Low-traffic roads, even without a bike lane or shoulder	77.27%	85
Gravel roads or trails	19.09%	21
Single-track or mountain bike trails	9.09%	10
Other (please specify):	1.82%	2

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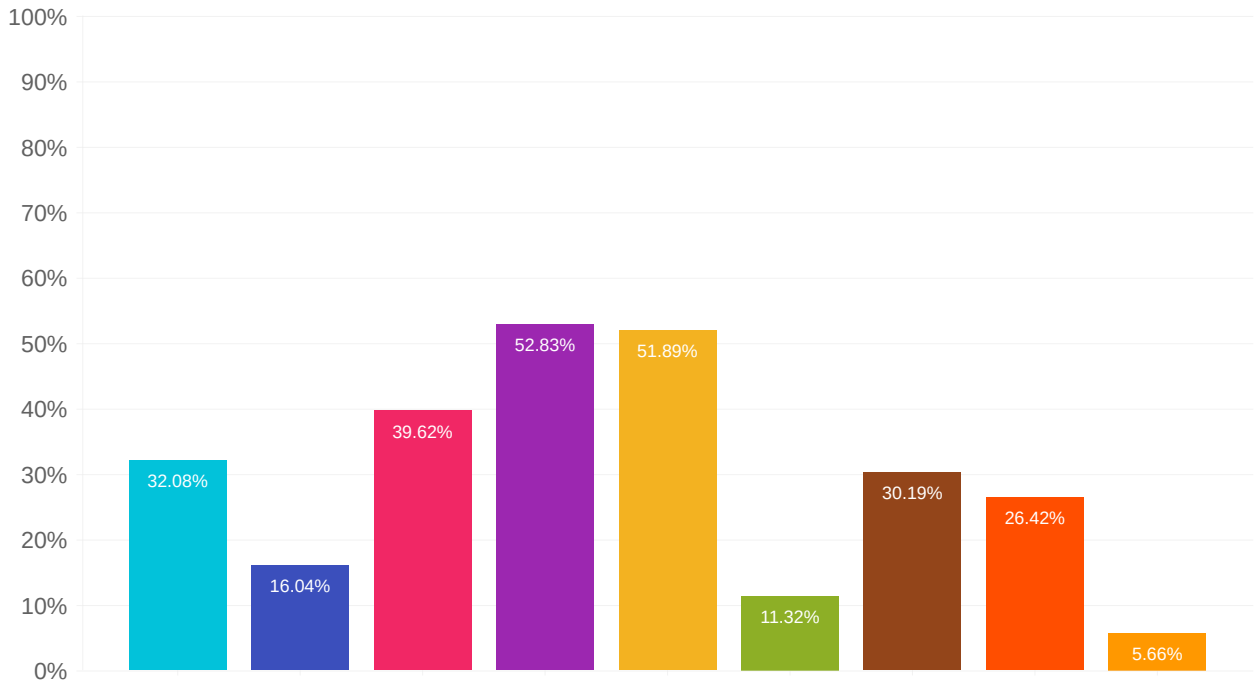
1. I'll ride anywhere that doesn't feel dangerous and also some places that do feel dangerous where there is no other choice. Anything to avoid driving where I can.
2. I will ride just about any road when not riding with RBC

Your rides

Q7

What do you like most about VBC group rides? (Select up to three.)

Answered: 106 Skipped: 6



- Scenic routes
- Riding at the advertised pace
- Great camaraderie
- Meeting new people and making friends
- Discovering new routes and areas
- Ride leadership
- Safe routes
- Great workout
- Other (please specify):

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Scenic routes	32.08%	34
Riding at the advertised pace	16.04%	17
Great camaraderie	39.62%	42
Meeting new people and making friends	52.83%	56
Discovering new routes and areas	51.89%	55
Ride leadership	11.32%	12
Safe routes	30.19%	32
Great workout	26.42%	28
Other (please specify):	5.66%	6

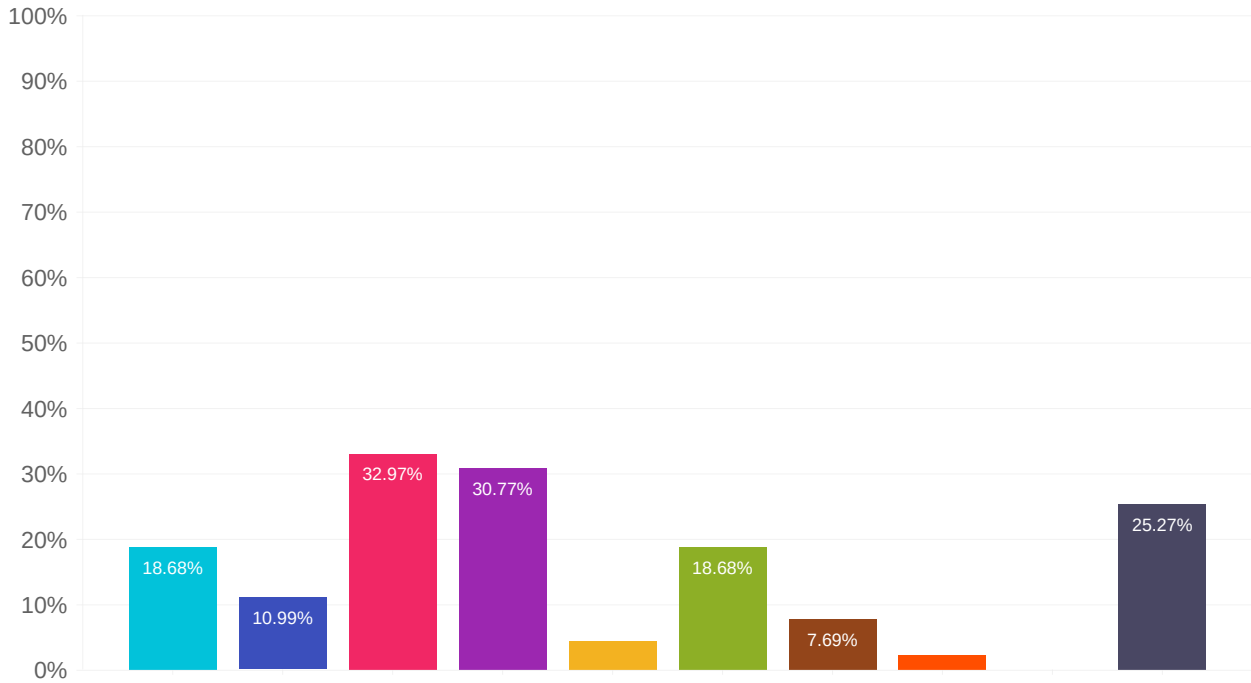
Other (please specify):

1. RACC
2. Riding with the group pushes be to work harder and ride more.
3. Haven't done a group ride yet.
4. I like being part of and contributing to a community with a shared common interest
5. Post-ride coffee and discussions
6. Haven't been yet, but will soon.

Q8

What do you like least about VBC group rides? (Select up to three.)

Answered: 91 Skipped: 21



- Routes feel unsafe or have too much traffic
- Routes are boring
- Ride days or times are not convenient for me
- Pace is faster than advertised
- Pace is slower than advertised
- Getting dropped, or no sweep rider
- Rides get canceled
- I do not feel welcome
- Ride leadership
- Other (please specify):

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Routes feel unsafe or have too much traffic	18.68%	17
Routes are boring	10.99%	10
Ride days or times are not convenient for me	32.97%	30
Pace is faster than advertised	30.77%	28
Pace is slower than advertised	4.40%	4
Getting dropped, or no sweep rider	18.68%	17
Rides get canceled	7.69%	7
I do not feel welcome	2.20%	2
Ride leadership	0.00%	0
Other (please specify):	25.27%	23

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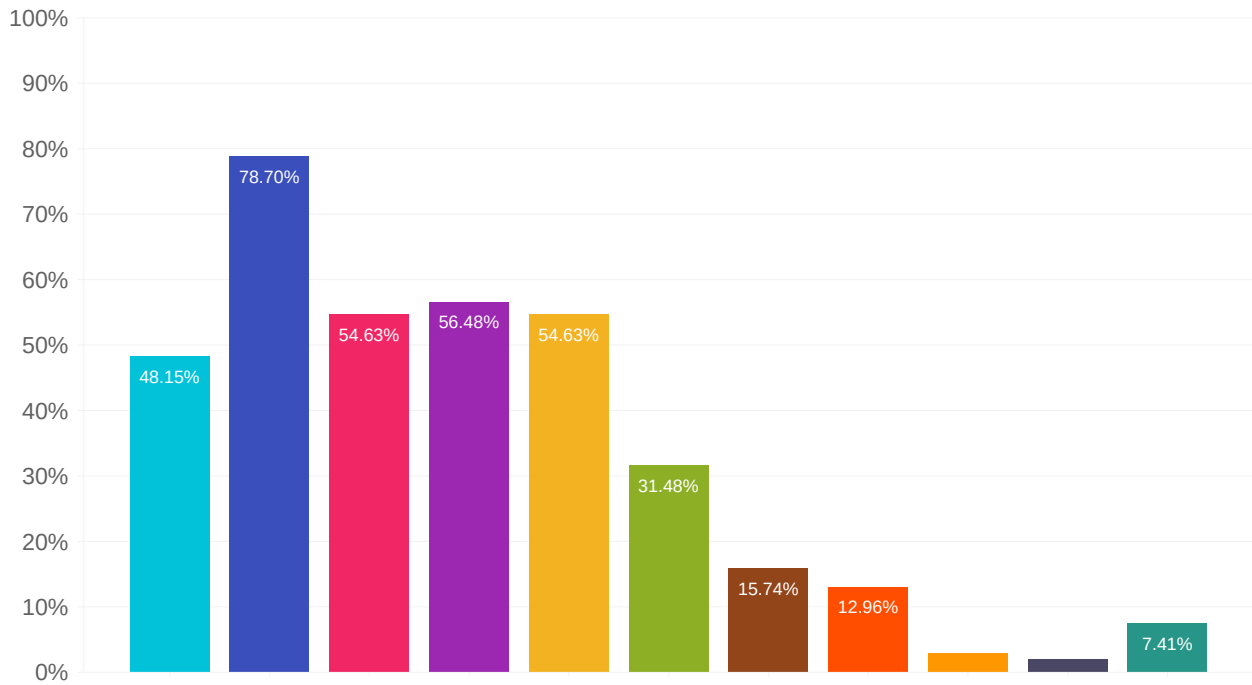
1. Haven't done any yet.
2. A significant number of the consistently scheduled rides are weekdays/day time that just aren't accessible to someone still working full time.
3. none of the above.... I love club rides
4. Often they are listed as a group ride but are more of a non group
5. N/A
6. Ride leaders may mention roads of concern, but could put more emphasis on how to ride thru those areas (Salmon Creek Rd is narrow w/o a shoulder, yet frequently riders are side by side or passing, but should be single file.
7. Like more on the PDX side
8. Stopping mid ride for long breaks
9. I still work, so evening or weekends work
10. Riding in a group often feels significantly less safe than riding alone. Regression toward classic club rides.
11. None
12. All rides could(should) be re-group, no one left behind
13. Rainy days
14. Some groups push through lights, run lights and stops even when there is traffic
15. Riding through red lights
16. Nothing
17. More young people would be nice
18. None of the above

19. I tried a ride that mostly went through neighborhoods. It had low traffic, but many intersections and turns that demanded constant vigilance. I wouldn't easily have found my way back, had I not kept the group in sight. Not my favorite ride.
20. NA
21. None really
22. I just don't have any issues with the rides
23. Would like longer distances (50+ miles)

Q9

What types of rides do you enjoy? (Select up to five.)

Answered: 108 Skipped: 4



- Fun, social rides
- Scenic rides
- Repeat rides on established routes on predictable days
- One-off rides on new routes to new destinations
- Rides that visit interesting destinations (parks, landmarks, restaurants, and similar)
- Flat rides or those with very few hills
- Rides that feature lots of climbing
- Multi-day loaded tours
- Co-led rides with other clubs
- Racing or competition
- Other (please specify):

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Fun, social rides	48.15%	52
Scenic rides	78.70%	85
Repeat rides on established routes on predictable days	54.63%	59
One-off rides on new routes to new destinations	56.48%	61
Rides that visit interesting destinations (parks, landmarks, restaurants, and similar)	54.63%	59
Flat rides or those with very few hills	31.48%	34
Rides that feature lots of climbing	15.74%	17
Multi-day loaded tours	12.96%	14
Co-led rides with other clubs	2.78%	3
Racing or competition	1.85%	2
Other (please specify):	7.41%	8

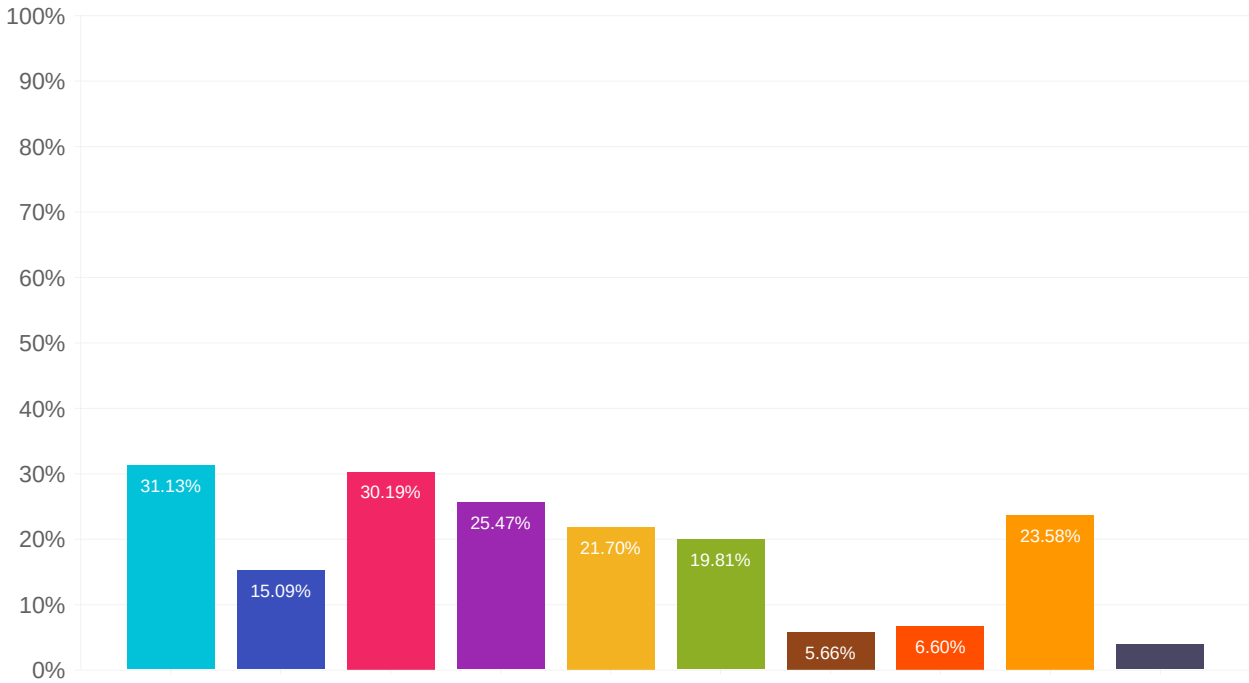
Other (please specify):

1. Sally Led Rides
2. Varied rides for fitness
3. variety
4. Exploring neighborhoods
5. Variety of routes on various days. Predictable routes on predictable days tend to be racing/ Strava orientated
6. Rides that start in EAST Vancouver!!
7. I am new to Vancouver, so very open to all types of rides.
8. Longer rides (50+ miles)

Q10

Would you take part in "series" rides designed to prepare you for any of the following? (Select up to three.)

Answered: 106 Skipped: 6



- RACC (Ride Around Clark County)
- Seattle to Portland (STP)
- Century rides
- Climbing rides
- Touring rides
- Gravel rides
- Mountain bike rides
- Basic on-the-road cycling skills
- I am not interested in any of these
- Other (please specify):

Choices	Response percent	Response count
RACC (Ride Around Clark County)	31.13%	33
Seattle to Portland (STP)	15.09%	16
Century rides	30.19%	32
Climbing rides	25.47%	27
Touring rides	21.70%	23
Gravel rides	19.81%	21
Mountain bike rides	5.66%	6
Basic on-the-road cycling skills	6.60%	7
I am not interested in any of these	23.58%	25
Other (please specify):	3.77%	4

Other (please specify):

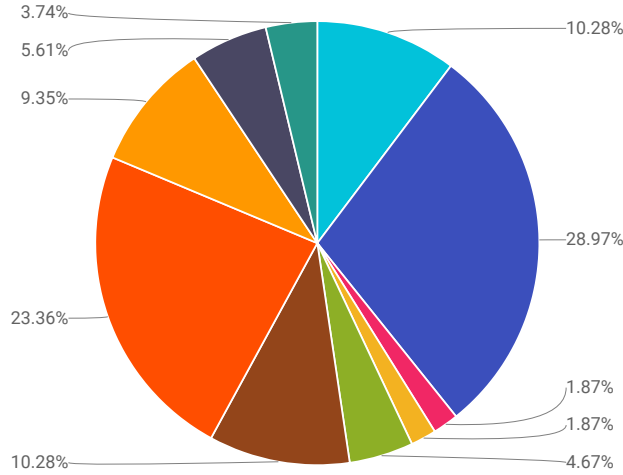
1. Training for Cycle Oregon
2. Have done STP, cycle OR, now ride for exercise
3. Coming from Portland each time so not always convenient- but love the group activities, culture and promoting safe and increasing biking participation/bike use overall
4. Are you asking, if we are looking for training rides for RACC, STP or century rides?

Help us shape the calendar

Q11

Which of these areas is closest to where you live? (Select one. Required.)
We cannot list every possible location, so please choose the area closest to your home.

Answered: 107 Skipped: 5



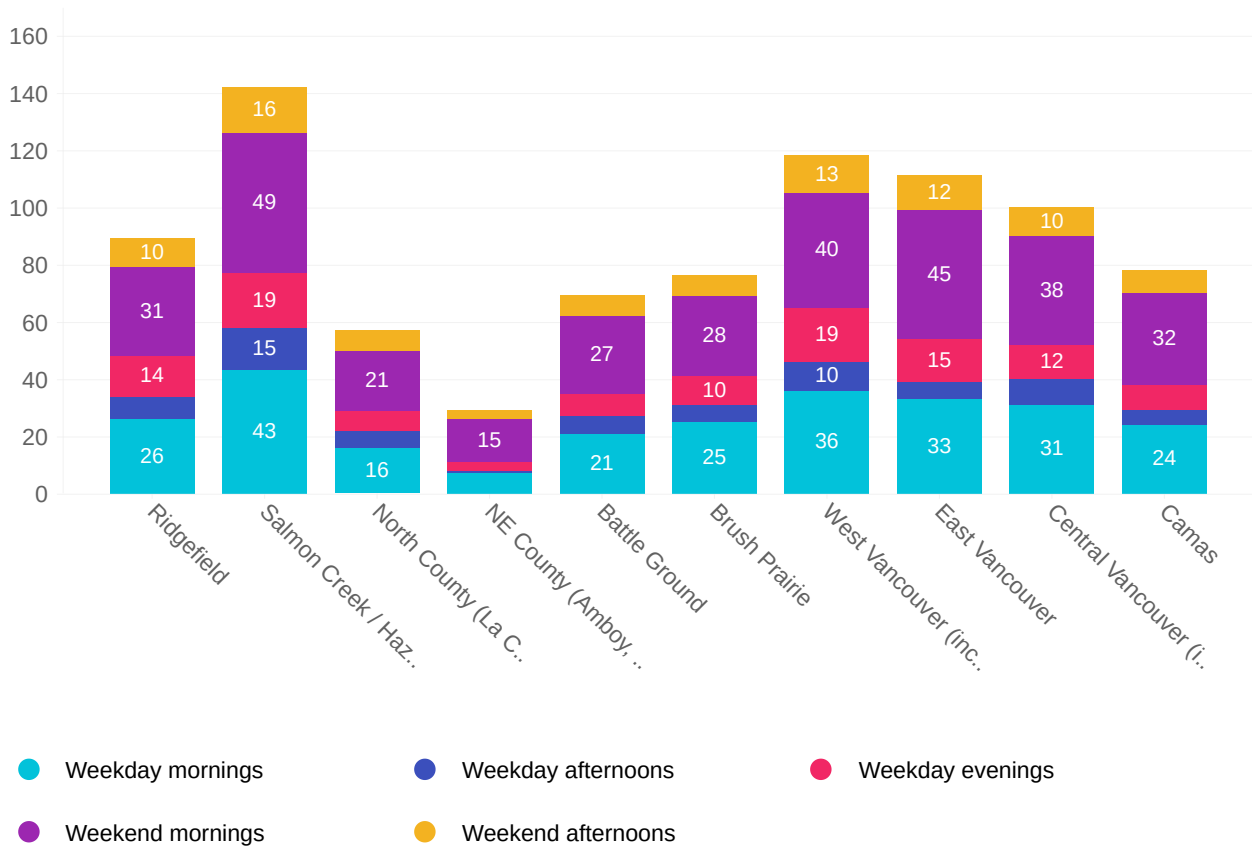
- Ridgefield
- Salmon Creek / Hazel Dell
- North County (La Center, Woodland, and similar)
- NE County (Amboy, Yacolt, and similar)
- Battle Ground
- Brush Prairie
- West Vancouver (including Downtown)
- East Vancouver
- Central Vancouver (including Minnehaha)
- Camas
- Outside Clark County

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Ridgefield	10.28%	11
Salmon Creek / Hazel Dell	28.97%	31
North County (La Center, Woodland, and similar)	1.87%	2
NE County (Amboy, Yacolt, and similar)	0.00%	0
Battle Ground	1.87%	2
Brush Prairie	4.67%	5
West Vancouver (including Downtown)	10.28%	11
East Vancouver	23.36%	25
Central Vancouver (including Minnehaha)	9.35%	10
Camas	5.61%	6
Outside Clark County	3.74%	4

Q12

We want to add more variety to the event calendar. For the areas where you would actually start or join a ride, mark the times that work for you. Leave the other areas blank.

Answered: 101 Skipped: 11



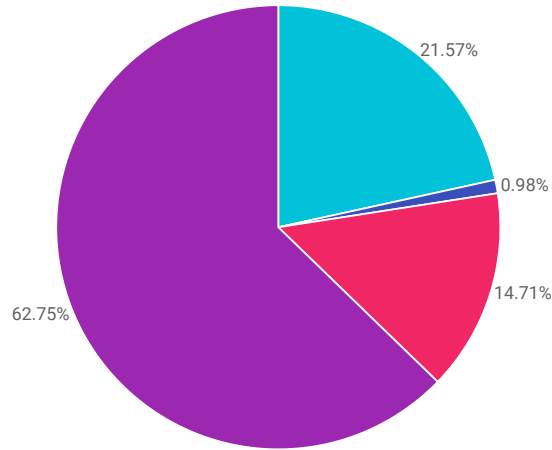
Row	Weekday mornings	Weekday afternoons	Weekday evenings	Weekend mornings	Weekend afternoons	Response count
Ridgefield	57.78% (26)	17.78% (8)	31.11% (14)	68.89% (31)	22.22% (10)	45
Salmon Creek / Hazel Dell	65.15% (43)	22.73% (15)	28.79% (19)	74.24% (49)	24.24% (16)	66
North County (La Center, Woodland)	55.17% (16)	20.69% (6)	24.14% (7)	72.41% (21)	24.14% (7)	29
NE County (Amboy, Yacolt)	38.89% (7)	5.56% (1)	16.67% (3)	83.33% (15)	16.67% (3)	18
Battle Ground	61.76% (21)	17.65% (6)	23.53% (8)	79.41% (27)	20.59% (7)	34
Brush Prairie	65.79% (25)	15.79% (6)	26.32% (10)	73.68% (28)	18.42% (7)	38
West Vancouver (including Downtown)	66.67% (36)	18.52% (10)	35.19% (19)	74.07% (40)	24.07% (13)	54
East Vancouver	62.26% (33)	11.32% (6)	28.30% (15)	84.91% (45)	22.64% (12)	53
Central Vancouver (including Minnehaha)	67.39% (31)	19.57% (9)	26.09% (12)	82.61% (38)	21.74% (10)	46
Camas	66.67% (24)	13.89% (5)	25.00% (9)	88.89% (32)	22.22% (8)	36

Getting involved

Q13

Are you interested in becoming a ride leader? (Select one.)

Answered: 102 Skipped: 10



- Already a ride leader
- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Already a ride leader	21.57%	22
Yes	0.98%	1
Maybe	14.71%	15
No	62.75%	64

Q14

If you are interested in leading or have questions about it, share any comments here.

Answered: 6 Skipped: 106

1. I was a leader once upon a time, but have been too irregular riding. Hopefully I will become more regular and able to pick it back up.
2. New to the area, don't currently know the roads well enough.
3. I am interested, but have had a very off winter with not much riding. When I feel in better shape and more consistent on the bike, I will consider becoming a leader.
4. It would help if you gave the ride leader class again
5. I'm interested in leading all terrain rides, - gravel, dirt, tarmac
6. I'm about 4 years from retirement and once I do may look into it at that time.

Q16

Are there routes from our RideWithGPS catalog you would like to see run regularly, or an area where great rides should start? We want to hear your ideas.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 93

1. I have been working on several new routes that can be used to vary regular rides. For example, you might do the Reverse Newliner one week, the Ridgefield Ramble the next, and then the Ridgefield 22 on a rotating basis
2. The old Saturday west rondo was great. Multiple ride leaders at different pace groups. Really brought a lot of riders together every Saturday
3. There are some scenic options starting out of Battleground and going north and ne. I'm looking forward to riding the new route of the RACC.
4. I'm new to Vancouver and want to learn the local area better. I think the current rides you have meet my expectations.
5. No don't have GPS
6. I would like to see Camas starts/loops without many hard climbing hills with 10-12mph pace.
7. We need another Thursday ride! Used to have a ride out to Battle Ground Lake and before that the Non-Throbbing Thigh Thriller/Throbbing Thigh Thriller. Other good routes: NW Classics, Salmon Creek to Lacamas Lake, West Side-East Side, Newliner Extended
8. More rides outside Clark County.
9. I live in Camas and would prefer more rides from there or east Vancouver. It's too far for me to drive to west Vancouver to do a ride. It adds an extra hour to my ride time.
10. I live in Camas so would like to see more rides starting there or east Vancouver, as well as an occasional ride starting across the river, like troutdale or gresham
11. I haven't looked thru the catalog
12. Neighborhood rides that wind through various areas
13. None at this time
14. East Fondo and other east Vancouver rides. Rides in Portland area Rides in the gorge
15. I am just too new to Vancouver area to comment.
16. Camas and east Vancouver
17. Rides that start at East Vancouver
18. Rides starting from Orchards..
19. These routes around La Center are favorites of mine - some great climbs and views!
https://ridewithgps.com/trips/388887548?privacy_code=fTt8H5fWpwbCV7tbqs6FqHaPSizLmgwG (just over an hour - steep hill and then great descent) https://ridewithgps.com/trips/382335419?privacy_code=wSMGiecrPP42y2ZEv2gvRvdfVgHJvN94 (just over two hours - fairly quiet roads, past the Grist Mill, and then up Goodnight Road, and on to another fantastic descent.

Q17

What would make you more likely to attend VBC group rides, and is there anything else we should know? We want to hear your ideas.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 73

1. I'm from out of state, when I visit I bring my bike and join in a scheduled ride.
2. 3 days advanced notice.
3. It would be nice to have other activities during the winter time. For example bowling, happy hours etc... It would be nice if VBC could coordinate a couple of week long or longer rides in USA or Europe.
4. I really enjoy VBC group rides and the people I've ridden with. The only thing that keeps me from attending more rides is the timing. The calendar is packed M-F but at times someone with a 9-5 schedule (or 630-3 in my case) can't join.
5. I've never been on a group ride with the club before so just an apprehension to join a group that's already established. Maybe if there was some newbie orientation group ride to get connected.
6. More Saturday, Sunday morning social rides.
7. Having more days when my daughter does not want me to tend to the granddaughters! and having fewer "Honey do's"
8. Sticking to posted pace and of a group ride waiting for those who fell behind cause of a hill or wind is always nice Cause it's not a group ride if you are dropping people. This gives our club the wrong image and scares away new riders or potential future members
9. Rides that start in the evenings later in the week, and/or more weekend morning options.
10. More evening rides schedule with more notice. Ideally posted more than 2 days in advance
11. More longer rides (40-60 miles) on weekday mornings
12. Themed rides (such as area history, during select holidays). Thanks again to all your work going into creating this survey.
13. I know it is difficult to ride far in Clark County (30 miles or more) without riding along some sections of roads with no shoulder and too much fast traffic. I no longer trust the traffic heading out along sections of the main back roads to Ridgefield. The section leading into Ridgefield with the rolling hills and many cars that seem to be impatient with bike riders, just feels wrong anymore. I don't have a solution for that ride except to say that I will be avoiding it whenever possible.
14. Currently, life is very full. I'm not in shape for a 20ish mile ride right now and many rides are longer.
15. It's a combo of scheduling, location, and "feels right." I prefer smaller group rides and since I have no real way of knowing how big a ride will be, I sometimes am reluctant to sign up for rides.
16. Better compliance with traffic laws ie.: stop signs, signaling turns (especially leaders), consistent communication between riders (especially passing). Regrouping (regardless of speed group) can increase ridership so new comers don't feel left behind. Appreciate all volunteers and your effort to receive feedback!!
17. More challenging rides in new places. Not just the same old easy rides over and over again.
18. Help transporting 65lb e-bike from home to start and back. I have an expensive rack but I don't feel confident to drive with heavy bike bouncing around.
19. Quite a bit of variation in ride leaders and adherence to road rules or even setting examples of announcing stopping or slowing, advance notice of turns - Joe and Jane are excellent- sure there are others but I look forward to 14-15 mph so I can look around at scenery- getting harder to find rides with even paces with more e-bike use and lightweight racing bikes that have a tendency to rush up hills and if your slower or have heavier bike- hard to stay up either group on hills
20. A once a week, evening (5:30-6 start) somewhat fast (18-20)paced ride of 25-35 miles or so, would be great. For those of us who work, it's a great motivator.
21. I would like to see routes with 2 paces offered. I usually ride 10-12mph, non ebike, flatter social rides & destination rides such as Woodland Peonies. But it becomes not fun when I work hard just to keep up & still fall behind where I couldn't see the group anymore. I love the routes but wish a slower pace is offered so some of us "slower" riders can catch our breath and enjoy the views.
22. Our regularly scheduled rides are starting to feel a bit stale. How about rotating among several different routes to keep things interesting? The Friday ride could alternate between Clockwise and Counter-clockwise. The Reverse Newliner could alternate with the Ridgefield Ramble or Clockwise/Counter-Clockwise.
23. Start rides on East side, so I can ride my bike to starting point!
24. I think the group is doing a great job with having rides available and help if something goes wrong. So far I have enjoyed the rides I have done and the leaders are all really nice people.

25. I think the club offers many good options. I haven't felt quite up to speed but been riding more and think I could stick with rides around 14. I just need to get involved. I used to ride regularly with VBC.
26. More routes for tandem riders
27. I wish everyone would read the basic rules of the road and riding with a group. Folks join the club then register for a group ride and think they are good to go. This is because they've ridden for "20 yrs." And know everything. If I know a particular person whom I feel is unsafe is on the ride I am less likely to sign up.
28. Live in Portland and still in the process of "exiting the work force" (retiring)....will be more involved, active in due time
29. None at this time
30. Thank you for this survey. I'm still exploring the rides that are offered, so I don't have many suggestions to offer at this time, but perhaps can provide better input if the club decides to survey the group again.
31. Would truly love to see more late afternoon/early evening offerings starting in late May/early June and running through the end of Aug/early Sept. . Lots of sunshine left in the day during those months.
32. Overall, I feel VBC doing great, especially with the FB activity I've seen recently. Available time is my personal constraint.
33. With my limited experience with VBC rides, I am most impressed so far! I love the Ride with GPS link so I can download for solo rides. Thank you for all your hard work!
34. Gravel rides anywhere and rides that end with eating out
35. Add rides that start at East Vancouver
36. Less conflicting hobbies / tasks / interests ? :)
37. Just had ablation procedure for AFib. Once healed, I plan to participate as much as possible. I currently ride at 14-15 pace and would like to up that.
38. I would like to see more gravel rides and start times to accommodate typical working hours. Additionally, majority of the rides that work for my schedule are at a pace that is too casual for me.
39. I look forward to attending my first as a recent new member!!