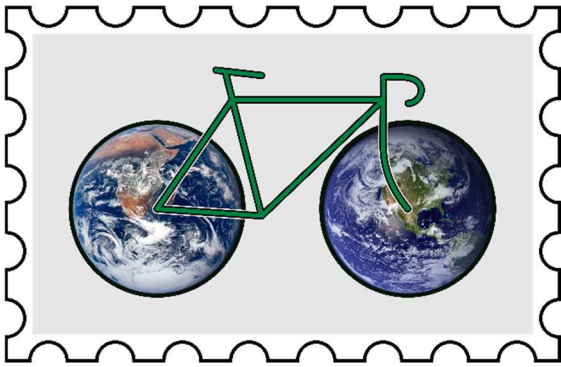


# Earth Day Pedal Post 2019



**Earth Day Pedal Post** is a local initiative to promote environmental engagement by gathering letters from local citizens and delivering them to our government representatives via bicycle. We are asking for your participation, through writing letters, and, if you would like, through joining us for the bicycle ride to deliver the letters.

For more information, visit us at <https://earthdaypedalpost.com> or contact us at [earthdaypedalpost@gmail.com](mailto:earthdaypedalpost@gmail.com)

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## Writing Letters

To write letters for the Earth Day Pedal Post, choose one of the templates provided, or get creative and make your own format. We ask that all letters include the following:

- Your name and address are visible on the outside of the letter
- The name and position of the government representative who should receive your letter are visible on the outside (please see the list of the representatives we plan on visiting at the bottom of the next page).
- A discussion of an environmental issue that is of particular concern to you, your business, or your organization.

Suggested topics include but are not limited to

- Natural resource protection
  - Climate change
  - Single-use plastics
  - Energy efficiency
  - Renewable energy (solar, wind)
  - Water quality
  - Environmental justice
  - Electric vehicles
  - Alternative transportation
  - Recycling
  - The Mountain Valley Pipeline
- Suggestions for steps you would like your representatives to take regarding this issue.
  - Your letter should fold flat and weigh 1 oz or less (similar to a USPS first class letter).
  - Please write no more than one letter per person per representative. And only write to *your* representatives. Blacksburg is divided into different districts.

*Please note that the Pedal Post will not read the content of your letter. The Pedal Post is intended to be a positive and non-partisan event. We want to make sure that all Pedal Post participants and elected officials enjoy the event. We feel that this will help us best represent the environment and have the biggest impact.*

## Letter Pickup

There are several ways to give your letters to the Pedal Post.

- Letters can be dropped off at the following locations during the week of April 14-19:  
*YMCA Thrift Store*                      *TBD Location 2*  
*9 AM to 7 PM Mon-Sat*  
*1000 N Main St, Blacksburg*
- Email by Thursday April 18 to [earthdaypedalpost@gmail.com](mailto:earthdaypedalpost@gmail.com). We will print your letter(s) and deliver them.
- Contact us to arrange a bicycle pickup at your location (you must have a minimum of 5 letters). Please email us at [earthdaypedalpost@gmail.com](mailto:earthdaypedalpost@gmail.com) prior to April 14 so we have time to make arrangements. Include a phone number so we can contact you.
- Bring your letters with you to the start of the Pedal Post Ride 1 on Saturday April 20.



## **Be the Pedal Post! How to Join the Pedal Post Ride.**

There will be four portions of the Pedal Post Ride, and we welcome your participation on all of them. Ride 2 is a Family Friendly ride along the Huckleberry Trail on Saturday April 20. Note that Rides 1, 2, and 3 are all linked together to pickup and deliver letters within Blacksburg and Christiansburg on one day. Ride 4 is a separate ride to deliver letters to Roanoke.

### **Ride 1: Blacksburg letter pickup and in-town delivery**

- Saturday April 20, 9:00 AM (Tentative)
- Ride from Blacksburg Library to the YMCA thrift shop, then to Chris Hurst's office (VA Delegate) and the Blacksburg Town Offices (Blacksburg Mayor and Town Council). Returning to the Blacksburg Library to begin Ride 2.
- This ride will be on Blacksburg streets, but will avoid Main Street, staying on roads that are designated for bicycle traffic as much as possible.
- Distance approximately 2.9 miles
- RSVP by April 19 if you wish to participate.

### **Ride 2: Family Friendly Huckleberry Trail ride, Blacksburg to Christiansburg**

- Saturday April 20, 12:30 PM (Tentative)
- Ride from Blacksburg Library to Christiansburg Rec Center and back
- This ride will be entirely on the Huckleberry Trail, away from car traffic. The pace will be set to accommodate everyone who wishes to join us. Please bring snacks and drinks.
- Distance approximately 16 miles round trip – we also welcome those who might wish to turn around earlier to join us for part of the trip.
- RSVP by April 19 is appreciated but not necessary.

### **Ride 3: Christiansburg letter delivery**

- Saturday April 20, 2:00 PM (Tentative)
- Ride from Christiansburg Rec Center to the offices of Morgan Griffith (US Congress) and Nick Rush (VA Delegate), and the County Government, then returning to the Rec Center.
- This ride will be on Christiansburg streets, but will avoid Business 460, staying on smaller roads as much as possible. This ride is only for those comfortable with sharing the road with cars and other traffic.
- Distance is approximately 6.7 miles round trip.
- RSVP by April 19 if you wish to participate.

### **Ride 4: Blacksburg to Roanoke letter delivery**

- Monday April 22, 9:00 AM (Tentative)
- Ride from Blacksburg Library to Roanoke to the offices of Mark Warner (US Senate), Tim Kaine (US Senate), and John Edwards (VA Senate), then returning to Blacksburg
- This ride is long, has a fast pace, and will be on a variety of road types.
- Distance is approximately 80 miles round trip.
- RSVP by April 19 if you wish to participate.

## **List of Government Representatives the Earth Day Pedal Post is planning to visit**

**Blacksburg Mayor:** Leslie Hager-Smith

**Blacksburg Town Council:**

Susan Anderson, John Bush, Lauren Colliver, Jerry Ford,  
Susan Mattenly, Michael Sutphin

**Montgomery County Board of Supervisors:**

Sara Bohn, Chris Tuck, Steve Fijalkowski, Todd King,  
Darrell Sheppard, Mary Biggs, and April DeMotts

**US Senate:** Mark Warner and Tim Kaine

**US House of Representatives:** Morgan Griffith

**VA State Senate:** John Edwards

**VA House of Delegates:** Nick Rush and Chris Hurst

Please email us if you have suggestions for additional stops for the Pedal Post.