



## *Bike the Sites News*

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### WELCOME

There are lots of exciting things happening at Bike the Sites, and we want to keep you updated with this quarterly e-mail newsletter. Keep reading to find out more about the new Capital Sites package, Blossoms by Bike ride, our new partnership with ScootAround and more. Our season is now in full swing and we're happy to see the sun and warm temperatures! If you prefer not to receive further e-mails from Bike the Sites, please see the unsubscribe information at the end of this message.

### NEW CAPITAL SITES PACKAGE

We've recently revised and improved our signature Capital Sites tour (traditionally 3 hours) to create a two-tour package consisting of the Museums and Monuments tours (for a total of 4 1/2 hours). The new package is a more in-depth tour of Washington's sights (including the two major attractions opening in 2004, and some new sights for us), and also allows for a more up close and personal experience. We think you'll find that the new tour package is the most unique, dynamic, and fun way to see Washington.

Our Museums Tour will help get you oriented and provide an overview of current exhibits and practical touring advice. During the two-hour tour you'll also learn about Washington's fascinating history as you visit (by bike) the Capitol, Supreme Court, Union Station and more.

The Monuments Tour is a 2-1/2 hour exploration of the monuments and memorials around the National Mall and Tidal Basin. Offered during the day and at night (Sites @ Nite), this tour features some of the most famous Washington sights, as well as a few hidden treasures and little-known anecdotes.

Tour prices (includes bicycle and helmet rental): Museums \$30 for adults and \$25 for children under 13; Monuments \$35 for adults and \$30 for children; both tours (Capital Sites Package)\* \$55 for adults and \$45 for children.

\* Both tours must be completed within a week to qualify for the package discount. Go touring on one of our "Tour Discount Days" (Tuesdays or Sundays) for an additional \$5 off.

Both the Museum and Monument tours are offered frequently from March 1 through mid-November – email [info@bikethesites.com](mailto:info@bikethesites.com) for scheduling information or call 202-842-BIKE. The 3-hour Capital Sites tour is still available for groups.

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## **BLOSSOMS BY BIKE**

Bike the Sites is pleased to be participating in the 2004 National Cherry Blossom Festival with our Blossoms by Bike tour. This ride will leave daily during the festival (March 27th – April 11th) at 7:30 am and 3:30 pm from the Old Post Office Pavilion. Blossoms by Bike will cover the major monuments along the Tidal Basin, Haines Point and will pass through the heart of the city's cherry blossoms. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children (12 and under).

Reservations can be made by calling (202) 842-BIKE (2453) or online at [www.bikethesites.com](http://www.bikethesites.com).

More information about the National Cherry Blossom Festival: <http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/>

## **NEW! BIKE THE SITES PARTNERS WITH SCOOTAROUND**

Starting in March 2004, Bike the Sites will be renting electric convenience vehicles (mobility scooters) by the hour, day, weekend or week. Scooters will also be available for customer use on specially designated tours. Don't let mobility concerns hinder your ability to enjoy your visit to Washington, DC. Call 888-441- 7575 to rent your scooter or join a tour by scooter. Check out our partner at [www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com).

## **SITES @ NITE**

Watch the monuments and sites of the capitol city come alive on our Sites @ Nite tour. Explore the monuments and memorials along the National Mall on this safe, family-friendly tour. Leaves from the Old Post Office Pavilion at 7:00 on Tuesdays and Saturdays during spring and fall, and at 7:30 Mondays through Saturdays during the summer. Tour price of \$35 for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under includes bike and helmet rental; trailer tandems and burleys also available.

## **GUIDE VOICE**

by Mark Farrell

Hello folks. Bike the Sites and I are excited and preparing for the upcoming season. As a bike guide, I love to entertain and educate even in the cold, but we're definitely glad the weather's warming up.

I will be leading my fair share of the popular Capital Sites tours, an improved package now split into two components. The Museums tour will cover not only the Smithsonians and National Mall, but also the Capitol Hill area including Union Station, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, and a lot more. The second leg of this new package will be the Monuments tour which will include the White House and all of Washington's famous and hidden monuments. With the addition of the World War II Memorial, Bike the Sites decided to present the monuments now as an up close and personal experience. Now we can allow participants time to rub Albert Einstein's nose or touch the Korean War Memorial's engraved faces. This new offering has really psyched me up for this season because it fits more of our customer interests as well as mine.

Bike the Sites and I believe strongly in creating greater access. Riding bikes is a great way for most people to access Washington's sites, from the National Mall to the C&O Canal to Mount Vernon. However, we are also aware that not everyone can ride a bike or walk long distances. Bike the Sites' partnership with Scootaround will offer greater mobility for even more folks.

I hope to see you all out there either riding with me on tour or renting and out creating your own adventure.

## **TRIVIA CONTEST**

Do you know why there is no "J" Street in Washington, DC?

E-mail your answer to [kelly@bikethesites.com](mailto:kelly@bikethesites.com) - first 5 correct responses will receive a free tour or day rental.

Keep an eye out for the arrival of electric bikes in the Bike the Sites fleet. These bikes, featuring the groundbreaking Wavecrest Adaptive motor, will add new excitement and convenience to our tours and rentals. Be the first to say you rode a Wavecrest Electric Bicycle at Bike the Sites!

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!**

We hope to show you and/or your group the best way to see Washington this season. Reserve on-line at [www.bikethesites.com](http://www.bikethesites.com) or by calling 202-842-BIKE.

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