



BIKE THE SITES ANNOUNCES NEW BICYCLE ART APPRECIATION TOUR

Unique bicycle tour highlights three Washington outdoor sculpture gardens and the Hillwood Museum and Gardens

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WASHINGTON, DC, September 8, 2003 – Bike the Sites has created a unique, active and environmentally friendly way to experience several of Washington's hidden art treasures from the seat of a 21-speed comfort bike.

Bike the Sites' Sculpture Garden and Hillwood Museum tour will begin at The Old Post Office Pavilion and continue along paths and trails to the outdoor sculpture gardens at The National Gallery of Art, The Hirshhorn Museum, and The Organization of American States. After a five mile ride through Rock Creek Park, the tour will arrive at Hillwood Museum and Gardens, former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, cereal heiress, Washington socialite and pioneer art collector. Upon arrival at Hillwood there will be the opportunity to admire the 12 acres of formal gardens including a French Parterre garden, a Japanese-style garden, a rose garden and a cutting garden. Lunch will then be served at the Hillwood Museum and Gardens Café. Participants may explore the museum's collection of Russian Fine and Decorative arts including Faberge Eggs, porcelain, Russian Orthodox icons, silver, and portraits. The tour will conclude with a downhill ride back to the Old Post Office Pavilion.

The Sculpture Garden and Hillwood Museum tour is of moderate difficulty, covering approximately 12 miles and lasting 5 hours total. The cost is \$55/adult and \$45 for children 7-12 (includes bike, helmet, water, museum entrance and lunch at the Hillwood Café). The tour will be offered on October 11 and November 8, leaving at 9:30 am. Group discounts and alternative scheduling available.

Join us for the preview tour, leaving at 3 pm from the Old Post Office Pavilion on Friday, October 3, 2003. Complementary tours available to event planners and members of the media. Call 202-842-2453 today to make your reservation.

BIKE THE SITES offers professionally guided bicycle tours and bike and stroller rentals. Our Capital Sites tour is an easy 3-hour ride around the National Mall and the Potomac's Tidal Basin, featuring over 50 of the most popular attractions, and a few local secrets. Other off-the-mall and custom tours available also. See www.bikethesites.com for more information, rates and tour schedule.

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