

Ready for some bicycling fun?

Critical Mass Baltimore



Dinosaurs for Clean Air

Meet around 5:30 p.m. at Charles and Redwood Streets. Ride leaves around 6:00 p.m. Bicyclists of all abilities are welcome.

Critical Mass is held in cities around the world to protest the 'Car Culture'. Baltimore holds Critical Mass the last Friday of the month.

Join in for the Halloween ride October 31st!

Critical Mass - Who, What, Why, When, How and Where?

Critical Mass is a festival/protest held in cities around the world. It began in San Francisco in the early 1990s. Thousands of bicyclists have participated in some places.

It takes place on the last Friday of every month in Baltimore. We meet at Charles and Redwood streets around 5:30 p.m. (This is near Charles and Lombard.) The ride usually starts at 6:00 p.m.

We ride slow and take up as many lanes as we can. It is kind of rude from the perspective of motorists. Everyone who participates has their own reasons for doing so. Some of the ones that most of us in Baltimore agree on include:

1. Downtown Baltimore needs bike lanes.
2. Baltimore's streets should be made less dangerous for bikes. For example, *where possible* storm water drains that are installed in streets should not have metal bars which run parallel to roads. These drains are potentially lethal to bicyclists during rush hour.
3. Baltimore is dangerous for pedestrians too.
4. Baltimore needs real public transportation.
5. Baltimore's air is really dirty. People should be encouraged to ride bicycles downtown.

With apologies in advance for those people who are being inconvenienced by us. We are not looking to pick fights (but we can defend ourselves). All we want is to say for one hour a month is that we pay for and own the roads as much as anyone else. We also believe that our present consumption of fossil fuels is not compatible with the long-term survival of human life.

Coming soon: <http://www.CriticalMassBaltimore.org>

