

Ride Plan

Important – If you plan to ride, please notify the Ride Leader (not the Webmaster) by the TUESDAY before the Thursday ride. Also, please indicate if you are staying for lunch or not.

Ride Location: Beaufort National Monument to Reconstruction

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. Please arrive by 9:45 to gear up.

Max Ride Speed: 12 mph Ride Length: 12 miles

Directions to Start: Naval Heritage Park adjacent to the Naval Hospital. From HHI/Bluffton, Take 278 to 170N. Go 14.5 over Broad River & turn right on Savannah Hwy 802 toward Port Royal. Continue on 802 Ribaut Rd. past Paris Island, over bridge and end at Heritage Park about 1 mile after bridge on right. Park near pavilion where there are portable toilets.

Ride Description and/or Information: We will hear a few words about the first official public reading of the Emancipation Proclamation under an oak tree in this location. We will then proceed by bicycle to and then across the Lady's Island bridge, then left (north) on scenic Meridian Road and over the Woods Memorial Beaufort River bridge and into downtown Beaufort. We will then stop at the new headquarters of the National Monument to Reconstruction where National Park personnel will speak to us about their new role. We will then proceed west on Craven Street to Tabernacle Baptist Church where Robert Smalls is buried and where a new statue and memorial to Harriet Tubman is being erected. The pastor will address us briefly. Then we will proceed to the Spanish Moss Trail and ride to its terminus in Port Royal. Proceeding through the scenic village of Port Royal we will return to Naval Heritage Park.

Lunch Restaurant and Directions: Madison's at 925 10th Street in Port Royal is a locally owned seafood restaurant named for the owner's young daughter. It is less than a mile from the Park.

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Comments: The bridges are easy to negotiate.

*If off-HHI please provide street address for GPS.