



4th Annual **Wild Ride** and Campout

Camp out Friday night (Oct 20)
Riding at 10:00 AM, Saturday (Oct 21)

What is the Wild Ride? The **Wild Ride** began in California years ago as a way to rally support for mountain bike access on trails threatened to be closed. CAMBC's **Wild Ride** is meant to spotlight the pressure our national forests are seeing from the Virginia Wilderness Coalition to designate areas as "Wilderness Areas," thereby closing these areas to mountain biking.

Where is the Wild Ride? The 4th Annual **Wild Ride** is heading West!!! This year's **Wild Ride** will feature **Buck Mountain** trail. Buck Mountain is located in the North River Ranger District of the George Washington National Forest west of Harrisonburg/Staunton.

Why there? Buck Mountain will most likely be designated as a **wilderness area**, a conservation area where bicycling is not a permitted activity... which means we will actually be losing this trail! It may seem like a mean trick to show some of you this beautiful, BIG mountain descent only to have it permanently crossed off your list of potential trails. But the way I see it, what better way to show folks how important it is to work toward establishing conservation areas that allow bicycling than to go and ride one of these threatened areas!

Give me the skinny!!! We will be camping out the night before at a campsite off of Tilghman Road (FR 101) – all are welcome. A group of us is going to be riding the Harrisonburg-sponsored 6-pack downhill race which will be in that area (exact location TBD). Then we can camp out there, enjoy those 6-packs, and get up and ride the next morning in the **Wild** style! We will have breakfast for all campers – eggs, bacon, juice, coffee!

The Rides!!! The event will have three rides at three levels: beginner, intermediate, and expert. Nobody will get left behind! Both the intermediate and expert level rides will climb to the West Virginia state line and descend Buck Mountain. For those of you not

interested such a HUGE climb, a ride will head out on the beautiful trails on Narrowback Mountain – right in the back yard of our campsite! After the rides, membership forms will be available for anyone who wants to join CAMBC.

Meet at 10:00 AM at the campsite (directions below). Rides will leave shortly thereafter. Carpooling is encouraged and will help reduce parking congestion. If the weather is dubious, we'll post a cancellation notice on www.cambc.org and send a cancellation email to mtb@cambc.org by 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 21st.

If you have any questions, please send email to meq4q@yahoo.com or see www.cambc.org.

Directions from Charlottesville:

- Take **I-64** west from Charlottesville over Afton Mtn.
- Merge onto **I-81** North
- Take **Exit 225, Route 275** – head west, that's a left at the end of the exit ramp.
- Right (west) onto **Rte 250**
- On west side of Churchville go right (north) on **Rte 42**
- Left on **Rte 760**. There is a small blue sign there for Stokesville observatory. If you reach the town of Parnassus you've gone too far.
- At T go left onto **Rte 747**
- Bear right onto **Rte 730**
- Bear left at next yield Sign – **Rte 718** and go straight across the iron bridge over the North River.
- Follow this road into the national forest and **Tilghman Road (FR 101)** will be the gravel straight ahead where the paved road goes left towards Wild Oak Trail.
- Continue down Tilghman Road about 3 miles and just past the Hearthstone Lake Dam look for the campsite and a **Wild Ride** sign on your right.

On the Virginia Gazetteer (DeLorme), the campsite location (campsite is not actually labeled) is on Page 66, block A2, just east of the Hearthstone Lake Dam. There is a trail coming off Hearthstone Ridge and on the other side of the road, off of Narrowback Mountain. The campsite is between where those two trails meet on Tilghman Road.