

FAMOUS PROVO RIDES

Hands down my favorite kicked back fun bike ride is the ride from downtown to Footprinter Park in West Provo. It has all the things that I look for in a good bicycle ride. It is quiet, beautiful, and chock full of surprises. The first time I stumbled on this park it was with my good friend Tod. We were out on our bicycles just kicking around. It was one of those great summer evenings when nothing is really pressing and no one really cares. We decided to head west and cruise out to the old farmland on the other side of I-15. We figured our rusty old Schwinn's could use a little dirt. The idea was to find an old dirt road and ride down it until a bolt came off or the sun went down. We cruised through a bunch of neighborhoods we had never been in before. We never did find the dirt road we wanted, but we did find some giant baseball fields that had games going on. It should be noted here that as kids Tod and I were the type that either had bike grease under our nails and scabs on our knees or were busy inside figuring out how to use the Force (yes, from Star Wars). As a result, to this day, things like Little League Baseball are anomalies that must be watched and understood. As we rode up to the games I went in search of some goodies. With goodies in hand and bikes parked we hung out for a good half an hour watching the games. It was a blast! As we left we noticed a little park just west of the fields. As we rode over to the park we realized we had found the mother load. While it was a small park it had an awesome bridge, and the body of the park was completely surrounded by moat. For any of you who have ever found a new cool place on your bicycle you know how exciting these discoveries are and, since it bears repeating, on top of being a secret uncovered this place had a MOTE! After this initial ride, Tod and I came back to the baseball fields and the park many times over the summer. We would always try to go in the evenings so we could catch the baseball games and get snacks. The last ride we did together we had somewhere around 12 people with us on bicycles. It is rides like this one, the kind that end with friends and discovery, that keep me coming back to the bicycle over and over again. I hope that you will follow our trail one of these summer nights and be lucky enough to catch a game while you are at it. Happy riding.

1. We started at 300 E and Center Street. From there take 300 E to 200 S
2. Take a right (go west) on 200 S until you get to 900 W
3. Take a left (go south) on 900 W. Make sure to check out the old foundry just past the railroad tracks. Take 900 W until 600 S
4. Take a right (go west) on 600 S go under I-15 until 1100 W
- 5 Take a left (go north) on 1100 W and follow it down to 1150 S
6. Take a right on 1150 S. If you follow this road down you will find the baseball fields and Footprinter Park. Enjoy, but do not think this is all. There are tons of awesome little roads back here so make sure to take some time and explore.

The Provo Bicycle Committee? What's That? The Provo Bicycle Committee is a group of oh-so-friendly cyclists working to make Provo a better place for everyone to ride their bikes.

What is the Provo Bicycle Committee Doing for Me? The committee recently designed a series of inter-connecting, city-wide bike lanes that was approved by the city council. We've hosted dozens of rides, organized our famous Provelo summer-time bike picnic series, offered tune-ups to scouts, and volunteered at bike rodeos for schools.

Right now we're working on two BIG projects. First, we're advocating for the inclusion of bicycle lanes when University Ave. is re-stripped. This is a critical time for public input and the wrong decision could make it very difficult for thousands of cyclists to get to and from downtown Provo. Second, we're working to get artistic bike racks all over the city, particularly near downtown businesses.

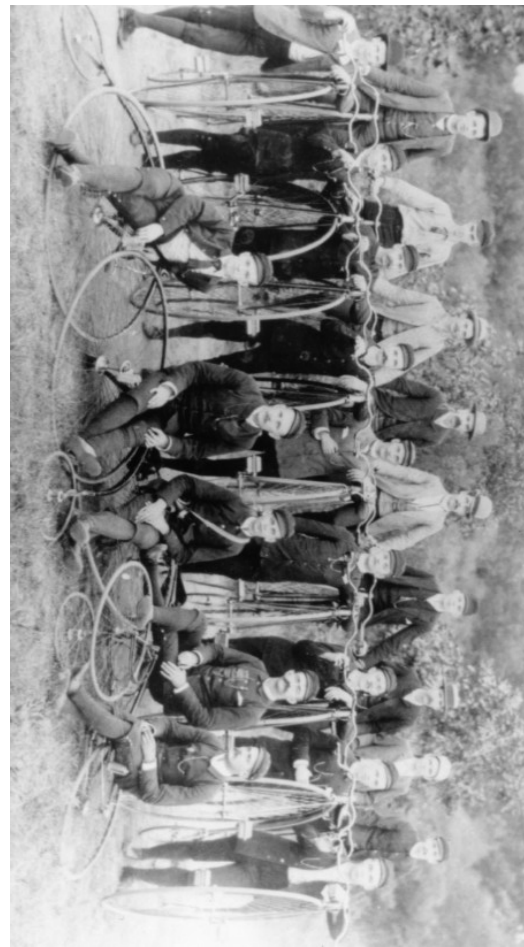
Where Do I Sign Up? We'd love to have you join our group. Get involved to make a difference and find some like-minded friends.

Get the latest news:
www.bikeprovo.org,
www.provobc.com

Follow us for updates:
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Come to our meetings: 2nd and 4th
 Thursday, Provo City Center (351 W.
 Center) 5-6pm

Send us feedback: bikeprovo@gmail.com



Bicycling isn't new to the valley. These mustachioed Provo gentlemen knew how to ride in style.
 Photo Courtesy: Utah State Historical Photo Archives

My Top 5 Provo Rides

1. **Best Date** = A ride on the Provo River Trail. This summer, going up the canyon is better than going to the lake due to construction. Tandem is not required. (Beginner)
2. **Best Cruise** = Anywhere in the square between 800 N, University Ave, Center St, and 900 E. Try to stay away from 400 E (always a little dangerous). Swing into the library and check out the cool architecture. (Beginner)
3. **Best for Summer** = Type "7-11 Provo Ut" into Google. Now click "Maps." See that dot closest to you house? Get on your bike ride there and get a Slurpee. You can thank me later. (Beginner)
4. **Best Escape** = Find a bike friendly way to get to Kuhni Blvd. (avoid University Ave. The bridge is not bicycle friendly). Ride Kuhni Blvd to Springville. Once in Springville, you can turn around or you can follow Center St. in Springville to their downtown which has restaurants and cool shops. (Intermediate)
5. **Best Challenge** = There are actually two. For the less sporty, you can ride your bike up South Fork. Gentle climbs, beautiful scenery, and a couple of parks make this ride perfect. For you go-getters out there, grab your bike and ride up Squaw Peak Road. This ride is not for the faint of heart or the faint of legs, but it is well worth it once you get to the top. I make it a point to ride up Squaw at least once a year on my fixie, so if you have a few gears you can do it. (Intermediate/Advanced)