Lots of Bicycling in Gilroy during May’s “Bike to Wherever” Month!

Ride around town, ride the levee, take up the Hills of Gilroy Challenge and stop by an Energizer Station on May 21, 2021 to pick up some great goodies!

Gilroy BPAC Announces Bike to Wherever Events May 21 in Gilroy

The month of May 2021 is the Bay Area’s bike to wherever month, the post-covid evolution of the popular and well known pre-covid Bike to Work Day. During Bike to Wherever Days, everyone is encouraged to pedal around town, to do errands, commute to work if you are going in, to Gilroy’s parks, along the levee trail and ride anywhere you need or want to go! One day is set aside for special festivities — May 21, which will be “Bike to Wherever Day 2021”.

The City of Gilroy’ Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, (BPAC), in conjunction with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, (SVBC) is promoting some fun events in Gilroy. Make the Pledge to Ride and earn a complimentary 2021 bicycle bag full of goodies* like a custom 2021 bike bag, Custom Gilroy Facemasks, and SVBC Event T-shirts. *quantities are limited to about 250 bags and shirts. First registered Pledge to Ride participants, first serve.

Ride the Levee! SWAG and Fuel at the Energizer Tent on the Levee: May 21, 7am to 2:30pm

From 7AM to 2:30PM, at the intersection of Miller Avenue and Uvas Park Drive, Gilroy’s BPAC will host a tent stocked with snacks and SWAG for the first 250 riders that pledge to ride and visit the Energizer Station. To get on the list for this year’s complementary bike bags filled with some great goodies, register your pledge to ride at https://bikesiliconvalley.org/btwd/. Use Gilroy’s extensive bike lane network to access the Uvas Levee trail and ride from the Sports Park all the way to Hecker Pass road on the protected path. Discover why Gilroy has been recognized by the League of American Wheelman as a Bronze Bicycling Friendly Community!

Ride Around Gilroy Gardens! First time ever event

May 21, Energizer Tent 4:00pm to 7:00pm

For May's Bike to Wherever Month Gilroy Gardens are preopening on May 21 for a special public Ride the Gardens event. The only rides operating will be the ones you power. This event limited of 300 riders has already sold out. But in the parking lot near the entrance to the Gardens will be an Energizer Tent where you can pick up your Bike to Wherever Bag. Remember to first pledge to ride at https://bikesiliconvalley.org/btwd/. Expect to see Mayor Marie Blankley and members of Gilroy’s BPAC and City council at the tent!
Hills of Gilroy Challenge

Lots of enthusiasts from all over the bay area come to our region to ride the extensive network of quiet country roads. In May there is a special event: Ride the Hills of Gilroy Challenge. It is a route that features the steepest hills within the city limits. Participants pledge to ride at https://bikesiliconvalley.org/btwd/, join the Hills of Gilroy Riders Strava Club at https://www.strava.com/clubs/hillsofgilroyriders, and ride the published route. A similar club and challenge have been set up for Morgan Hill Riders and can be found at https://www.strava.com/clubs/hillsofmorganhillriders.

Cyclists have all of May to ride these routes at least once. Custom King and Queen of the Hills Jerseys will be awarded to the fastest times posted on Strava. Anyone from the bay area can compete. Visit one of the Gilroy Energizer Stations to pick up your 2021 SVBC messenger bag and other goodies!
About the Gilroy Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, (BPAC), and Bike to Wherever Month

Gilroy has earned the League of American Wheelman Bronze Badge as a bicycle friendly community, a result of Gilroy’s successful efforts to expand and enhance its bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Bicycle lanes around town are clearly marked and some streets allow bicyclists to take the full lane. Bicycle repair stations and bike parking spots are strategically placed around town.

BPAC is a five-member Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, (BPAC), that advises City staff and the City Council on matters related to bicyclists and pedestrians including studying problems, activities and concerns of bicyclists and pedestrians, and providing input on bicycle and pedestrian issues in the community. The BPAC has and remains a big supporter of Bike To Work Day / Bike to Anywhere Month in Gilroy.

As many are working from home during the pandemic, residents are taking to the streets! More folks and families than ever are rolling and walking around Gilroy neighborhoods, to retail centers and parks. Our residents access the town by taking advantage of the pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure whether it be for recreation, shopping or commuting to work. The BPAC is excited about the evolution of Bike to Work Day to Bike To Wherever Month and looks forward to meeting local riders at the two Energizer Stations May 21.

Silicon Valley Bike Coalition (SVBC)

SVBC’s purpose is to create a healthy community, environment, and economy through bicycling for people who live, work, or play in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. We envision a community that values, includes, and encourages bicycling for all purposes for all people. SVBC has for many years promoted Bike to Work Day and for 2021, Bike to Wherever Month in May. See more details at https://bikesiliconvalley.org/btwd/.

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