

More Normalized Ride Starts Beginning Monday June 1

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- Beginning June 1, we will return to a more normalized ride start at Barnes and Noble. Bradenton starts will follow on June 2. Ride starts are at 0800.
- Ride announcers will be at the ride starts and first time riders/guests may ride after signing the waivers. Announcements will be very brief consisting of rides for the day and a safety announcement as appropriate.
- Cyclists should socially distance at the ride start. Let's not give the appearance of a mass mob.
- Normal club rules for leader, sweep, and number of cyclists in a ride group apply.
- Leaders may still be in short supply. Cyclists who have not been cycling with others need to listen carefully to the ride announcements and choose a ride group that is appropriate for their experience, pace, and distance. This is particularly important if you have been off the bike for an extended period of time.
- Leaders and cyclists who are not comfortable with a large group start are free to continue to have their rides at other start locations, consistent with club protocols.
- Please respect social distance rules of the break locations and any post ride locations. This is particularly important if these areas are restaurants that need to utilize outdoor seating to serve their patrons.
- Bring extra water while cycling. It's hot and we have seen some dehydration problems. We hope to have the water fountains in The Villages back up and running by June 8th.