

**Cycle the North Carolina Coast
with the East Coast Greenway Alliance**

**Sunday, October 17, to Friday, October 22, 2010,
immediately preceding greenway events in the Raleigh-Durham area**

Join our 4th annual tour exclusively for major ECG supporters!

Enjoy the company of other ECG supporters and people you meet along the way
Enjoy the coastline sights, the sounds of birds and ocean waves, breathe the fresh salt air, and feel the breeze toss your hair,

Enjoy the rhythm as you pedal, feel the freedom of self-propelled travel,

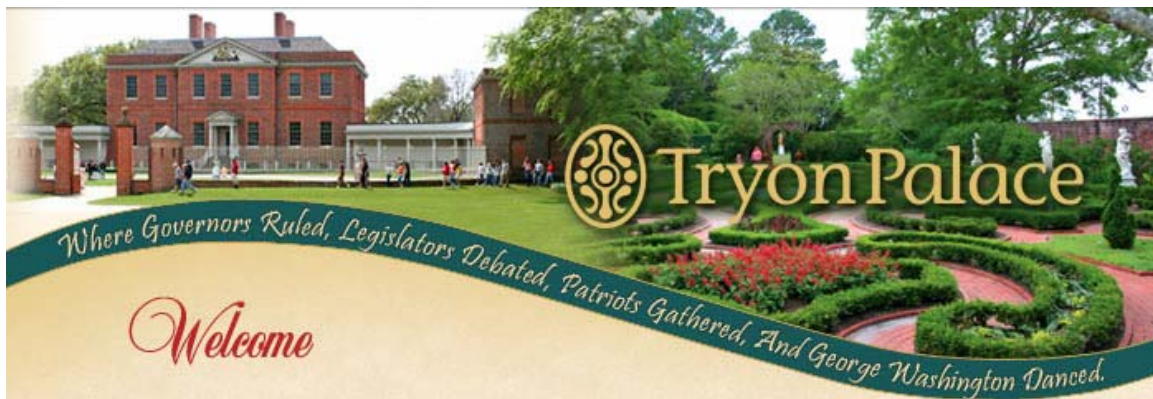
Enjoy discovering...history, arts, wildlife, and sea life...

Enjoy our 2010 Celebration of the East Coast Greenway in North Carolina!

Day 1: Hop aboard our comfortable vans at our meeting place in Raleigh to head to the famed Outer Banks, with its Elizabethan Gardens in full autumn splendor at Manteo, cycling the trail on Roanoke Island, and on to the Wright Brothers' Memorial honoring their First Flight at Kitty Hawk. Nearby we will spend the night at the historic First Colony Inn, Nags Head, where guests have been introduced to the meaning of "Southern Hospitality" since 1912.



Day 2: Monday, Oct. 18, we will travel to the Inner Banks and, with a ferry hop across the Pamlico River, will arrive in historic New Bern where we will have a guided tour of Tryon Palace and its many 18th century gardens during "mum" season, followed by a visit to the newly opened NC History Education Center. Following our cordial welcome at Harmony House Inn, we will explore the historic downtown "city of bears."



Day 3: Another ferry hop Tuesday morning takes us across the Neuse River to approach the pirate territory and fishing seaport of Beaufort. Cycle through the historic district or perhaps a kayak will float you out to the Rachel Carson Wildlife Preserve, or explore Morehead City along its bicycle path, before a fresh catch seafood dinner at the Channel Marker as we head to Atlantic Beach for the night.

Day 4: Activities on Wednesday, Oct. 20, begin with a visit to Fort Macon, followed by cycling the Crystal Coast to Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium where we will meet some local avian and aquatic residents. Additional pedaling will take us along Emerald Isle’s multiuse path to Cedar Point and historic Swansboro. As we pass by the Marines’ Camp Le Jeune in Jacksonville, we can pause at the glass walled memorial engraved with names of all who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. We’ll pass through the shrimping town of Snead’s Ferry on the way to our evening at Topsail Island.

Day 5: Topsail Island is one of the “lower outer banks” and features the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue Center for Thursday morning’s cycling target. We will arrive in Wilmington via designated and proposed segments of the East Coast Greenway. Leaders of the community who are helping to make the ECG a reality in southeastern North Carolina will celebrate with us in the Port City during the final evening of our tour.



Day 6: For our Friday, Oct. 22, finale, a catamaran river boat will meet us on the Cape Fear River dock of our Coastline Inn for a breakfast cruise. We will then return to the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle for an afternoon ride on portions of the ECG along the Cross Triangle Greenway ...including the American Tobacco Trail and Umstead State Park.

NOTE: Locations of overnight accommodations are underlined

**OTHER EVENTS ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY,
Oct. 22-23-24 (to help with your planning):**

Friday, Oct. 22 – Dinner for Close the Gaps Club members, trustees, and special guests at the Durham home of Board President Chuck Flink. By invitation only.

Saturday, Oct. 23 – (Durham locations, details to follow)

9 am - Trail Council meeting with reports of ECG progress from regional staff and local volunteers. Free and open to all but pre-registration is required.

4 pm - ECGA Members Annual Meeting.

6 pm - Reception and dinner. Costs TBD.

Sunday, Oct. 24, 9 am to 3 pm – Board of Trustees Meeting. Location TBD.

Who is eligible for the “Close the Gaps Club” North Carolina tour?

This tour is exclusively for supporters who give a tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 (or more) in 2010 to the ECGA. These Close the Gaps (CTG) Club members will have an opportunity to travel with some of our longest and dearest supporters, many of whom are current or past trustees, or advisory board members.

Registration Details

The fee is \$1,500 double-occupancy (plus \$300 single supplement), which includes the following:

- 5 nights of lodgings in comfortable accommodations
- 5 breakfasts and 5 dinners (excluding wine and beer)
- Luggage and bicycle transfers from Raleigh-Durham Airport (noon departure on 10/17) and return to Raleigh-Durham area (on 10/22); luggage transfers between overnight accommodations and bicycle transfers as necessary
- Sag support
- Entries and private guided tours of select sites
- Ferry charges, including breakfast cruise on Cape Fear River
- 15-50 mile cycling options varying by day, with wind “always at our back”; flat route entirely on paved roads or “greenways”
- Knowledgeable local tour leaders, BetTer Bike Tours, Bethel Paris and Terry Benjey
- Assistance with booking at convention hotel for 10/22 & 10/23, and shuttles to/from hotel
- Assistance with bike rental, if desired
- Assistance with parking of car in Raleigh-Durham area, if desired
- ECG jersey (a \$70 value) and water bottle

To hold your place, send a deposit (payable to ECGA) of \$250 to

**East Coast Greenway Alliance
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Wakefield RI 02879**

Please send the balance due by September 15 (reminder will not be sent). Indicate your work and evening telephone number and your e-mail address. Your checks are your receipt.

Cancellation policy: If reservation is cancelled after Sept. 15, an administrative fee of \$50 may be charged.

More Information Sources

Tour information will be posted at www.greenway.org and updated frequently. If you would prefer to talk to someone personally about the tour itself or bike rentals, shuttle pick-ups, and the like, contact:

Tour Leader Bethel Paris: 910-256-2377, psubiker@bellsouth.net

To discuss financial questions, registration, hotel before or after the tour, car parking, contact:

ECGA Office Manager Kitty Carter, 1-401-789-4625, kitty@greenway.org

Space is Limited – RSVP Today

The ECGA has held three rides exclusively for Close the Gap Club members: the Czech Republic in 2007, Wilmington DE to New York City in 2008, and Florida's St. Johns River to Sea Loop in 2009. As those who were on these rides know, we keep the group intentionally small, to 20 including leaders, to increase the pleasure of the experience. So reserve your space now.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience cycling the Carolina Coast, and to see improvements being made along the East Coast Greenway.

Please call me if you have any questions. I look forward to riding with you on the tour.

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