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## The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual



Saturday  
May 7, 2011  
8:30 am

Grueling climbs, thrilling descents and beautiful back roads await you as the Brushy Mountain Cyclists Club presents the 18th annual **Rides Around Wilkes (RAW)** road cycling event.

Rides Around Wilkes benefits the BMCC to help promote cycling in Northwest North Carolina through rides, meetings, trail building and special events.

The 18th annual RAW includes 25, 40 and 65 mile routes through the foothills of Northwest North Carolina. The 40 and 65 mile routes include challenging climbs through the Brushy Mountains south of Wilkesboro. With three routes of varying length and difficulty, there's a ride just right for you.

### **25 Mile Route**

The 25 mile route loops through the rolling hills south and east of Wilkesboro, offering views of the Brushy Mountains and the Blue Ridge. No long climbs, but there are plenty of shorter hills to test your mettle. The 25 mile route has a rest stop midway.

### **40 Mile Route**

The 40 mile route is a loop with a scenic out-and-back section midway. Test your early season form on two challenging climbs to Windy Gap, the route's high point. Fill your need for speed with two daring descents. The RAW 40 features two rest stops: one at the foot of the Windy Gap climb and a second at the turn-around point at the Old Jarvis Store.

### **65 Mile Route**

For the 2011 edition of the RAW we will use the same route as 2010. The 65 miler winds through the fields, forests and orchard country of rural Wilkes, Iredell and Alexander Counties while still climbing the two marquee climbs, Windy Gap and Brushy Mtn Road. The RAW 65 crosses the spine of the Brushy Mountain range twice, putting you to the test on two tough climbs with 4000ft. of elevation gain.

But the RAW 65 isn't all torture. Grind your way to the top of the Brushy Mountains and your reward is a long, winding descent into Wilkesboro. You'll rush into the valley on smooth asphalt at speeds of 40 m.p.h. and more. What a way to end a ride!

**Rest stops** will be fully stocked with water, bananas and other goodies.

**SAG** support will be covering all routes.

A **post ride meal** will await you at the end of your ride.

**Showers** will be available after the ride thanks to our hosts at the North Wilkesboro Express YMCA.

Ride rolls **rain or shine**.

### **Registration:**

Cost for all routes is \$30.

You may register online by visiting

<http://www.bmcc.us>

or

mail this form with your payment to:

**BMCC**

**PO Box 1281**

**North Wilkesboro NC 28659**

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Route: 25                      40                      65

Shirt Size: S            M            L            XL