

# Greenway plans inaugural Family River & Ride

**F**ew things are as idyllic as a bike ride through picturesque scenery. When it's a bike ride along the Susquehanna River, you get the kind of view that keeps post-card companies in business.

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership will make some beautiful images of their own when they hold a cycling event from 1 to 5 p.m. May 10. It's the first such event that the partnership has organized, and one that has Jerry Walls, board chairman, very excited.



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**Activity tents and rows of bicycles are seen at a prior Susquehanna Greenway biking event. Greenway officials are throwing a family friendly bike day on the Susquehanna River Walk and South Williamsport Sports Park in May.**

"The encouragement of families to become involved in biking and active healthy living is central to our purpose and our overall vision," he recently told West Branch Life. "The Susquehanna Valley has a rich legacy of river towns and various uses of the river, and this is just another attempt to use the greenway and trail pathways to interconnect our communities."

The Susquehanna Greenway Family River & Ride will be staged at the South Williamsport Sports Park and the Susquehanna River Walk.

**IF YOU GO:**

- WHAT:** Susquehanna Greenway Family River & Ride
- WHEN:** 1 to 5 p.m. May 10
- WHERE:** South Williamsport Sports Park and the Susquehanna River Walk

"There are two elements to the event," said Bridget Kane, partnership membership and volunteer coordinator.

A kid's derby will allow children to test their bike-riding skills, maneuver through obstacle courses and weave around cones. And for teens and adults, "an Amazing Race-type scavenger hunt will take place along the River Walk," said Kane.

Teams or individuals will answer questions — all pertaining to the history of the greenway areas — that will lead them to the next clue, until each

one has been solved. Successfully completing a clue will earn a punch on a punchcard, and those who complete them may turn in their cards for a drawing sponsored by The Bicycle Center in South Williamsport. The prize: New bikes. And at the park, event-goers may expect a party atmosphere, complete with vendors, information tables and live music by the Uptown Music Collective and the Pepper Street Band.

If this sounds like fun, but you or your family are missing the most essential component — a bicycle — there's no need to worry. Bicycles will be available for children and adults through a bike program operated by the Williamsport Rotary Club and the Genetti Hotel, which keeps them on hand for guests during the warmer months.

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