



Press Release

World Naked Bike Ride London 2020 Cancelled

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17th annual World Naked Bike Ride in London is cancelled

The World Naked Bike Ride in London will not take place on 13th June. Participants and spectators should not go to the start locations.

WNBR London has considered current circumstances and concluded we must take a cautious approach for the safety of our participants and the general public. We assume it will still be unwise to encourage public gatherings in June.

We have seen no reliable evidence to indicate when it will be safe to take the ride onto the streets so we have not proposed a new date for the ride. It is possible that there will be no ride in 2020. We will review the situation at each of our monthly meetings and have the ability to mount a ride at short notice if circumstances change. Our next update should be around 14th May.

The ride has been increasingly popular over the past 16 years, with its fun, attention-grabbing campaign for safer cycling along with healthier environment, lifestyles and behaviours. This year was planned to be the biggest ride ever, with 8 start groups covering over 53 miles (85Km) of London's congested and polluted streets, crossing 14 Thames bridges on the way, before merging into a spectacular 1,000+ rider peloton.

But this June we will be focused on safety for all, and grieving for the suffering of many of our participants, supporters and the public at large. We particularly applaud the many of our supporters who are active in the response to this global crisis.

It's Not the World Naked Bike Ride

We will not be riding on 13th June – but that doesn't mean we cannot mark the date. This year we will be campaigning safely with activities that are "Not the World Naked Bike Ride". Watch out for announcements about how supporters can join us not on the ride.

Cycling during the lockdown

We echo the views of experts and other cycling campaigns that cycling is a valuable activity during times of lockdown and social isolation. As a means of transport for essential workers it is far safer than using public transport. In terms of accident prevention, it is a much smaller factor than the driving of motor vehicles. Practised with due consideration for social distancing it is an excellent, healthy form of exercise.

About the World Naked Bike Ride

The World Naked Bike Ride is a global protest movement with rides in cities around the world. There are currently 124 WNBR flags on the world map. As well as promoting healthy life choices it can also be the best fun you can ever have on two wheels. The London ride has the excitement of a carnival, with big crowds to cheer it on.

Every year, in cities around the world, people ride bikes naked to celebrate cycling and the human body. The ride demonstrates the vulnerability of cyclists and is a protest against car culture. WNBR is a world-wide campaign, with a number of linked themes.

WNBR's objectives are to:

- **Protest against the global dependency on oil**
- **Curb car culture**
- **Obtain real rights for cyclists**
- **Demonstrate the vulnerability of cyclists on city streets**
- **Celebrate body freedom**

Cycling demographics in London

Demographic analysis of London's World Naked Bike Ride supporters shows that there are more women than men aged under 35. That is great news for the future of cycling and the future of the World Naked Bike Ride. Cycling and WNBR should be for everyone! There are more men in the over-35s, giving an overall balance or around one third women.

Costs and Funding

WNBR is made possible by volunteers and donors. No one is paid for working on WNBR, but there are several things that cost money, such as road closure fees, communications equipment hire, printing, etc. The ride is completely free to attend. We have already incurred significant costs in 2020 so we remain grateful for donations, which can be made via PayPal using the "Donate" buttons on the WNBR London website.

Links

<https://wnbr.london>

<https://www.facebook.com/WNBRLondon/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/WNBRLondon/events/>

@WNBRLondon (<https://twitter.com/WNBRLondon>)

Donations via PayPal at https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=UGA9T8VT8HH5W

WNBR London is part of [Bike Week](http://bikeweek.org.uk/) [<http://bikeweek.org.uk/>]

[London Bicycle Tour Company](http://www.londonbicycle.com/hire/event-wnbr) [<http://www.londonbicycle.com/hire/event-wnbr>]

Media Resources

More information is available at <https://WNBR.London>

Requests for further information are welcome at london@wnbr.org.uk.

A 30 second advert is [available for download](https://vimeo.com/288711952), or viewable at <https://vimeo.com/288711952>.

A video of the ride in 2014 was produced to meet social media standards, avoiding the display of private parts and female nipples through tight and sometimes clumsy editing. This gives a good representation of what it looks and feels like to be a participant. Clips may be used for the purpose of illustrating WNBR in a positive manner. We can supply original out-of-the-camera clips if requested in advance.



See <https://vimeo.com/125406031>

This video has been produced in accordance with common social media standards. It has been carefully edited to contain no violence, no bad language, no private parts, no female nipples, and no fully exposed bottoms. This video was filmed in June 2014.

Many photos are available on the internet, most are somewhat exploitative and not approved for publication.

We rely on your judgement for suitability in any given publication. Some photos might not be suitable for a family audience. Use of the photos below for the purpose of promoting WNBR has been approved by the named photographers and any featured individuals. Photography credits are preferred but not essential. Please do not blow up crowd scenes and backgrounds to feature people who are just a face in the crowd.

These and several more photos and images can be downloaded from a Google Drive folder – please do not publish the address of the folder! Alternatively, email us to request a copy. See <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bw9utABL3mPxX3RrakliTXgyY1k>.

World Naked Bike Ride passing by Waterloo, London. Photo by: BAZ

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World Naked Bike Ride passing by Waterloo, London. Solarised and edited for social media. This version attempts to avoid any bodily features that are unacceptable to social media. Original photo by: BAZ

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Ride leader Natasha shepherding the World Naked Bike Ride past Buckingham Palace. Photo by Scott Hortop

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WNBR Rider with "Burn Fat Not Oil" slogan saddle cover. Photo by: Cy Wol

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Naked bike riders keep their shoes on! Photo by: Cy Wol

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World Naked Bike Ride participants outside County Hall (June 2014) Panoramic Shot. Photo by: Biggsytravels

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World Naked Bike Ride participants on The Mall (June 2014). Photo by: Biggsytravels

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Naked Bike Rider vs London Traffic. Photos by: Cy Wol (from video stills – medium resolution)

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Naked Bike Rider vs London Traffic. Photos by Cy Wol (from video stills – medium resolution)

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World Naked Bike Ride bicycle, decorated with flag and slogans. Photo by: Cy Wol

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The Queen at the Houses of Parliament
Photo by Scott Hortop


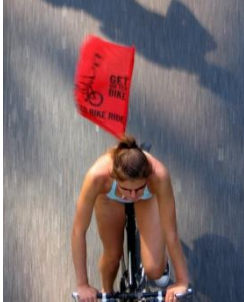
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World Naked Bike Ride participants outside
County Hall (June 2014). Photo by:
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<p>World Naked Bike Ride participants approaching Trafalgar Sq (June 2014). Photo by: Biggsytravels</p> <p>Biggs14170344.jpg 2046 x 1200</p>	
<p>World Naked Bike Rider with flag. Photo by Cy Wol</p> <p>IMG_0218e.JPG 500 x 625</p>	
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<p>WNBR London skyline couple</p> <p>Riders(blank).jpg 1040x720</p>	
<p>WNBR Tandem Logo</p> <p>WNBRtandemlogo.png 859x964</p>	

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