



The Abilene cycling community **welcomes you** to hundreds of great, low-traffic routes and great rides.

## Online Sources



### Club Web Site:

[www.steamboatcyclingclub.com](http://www.steamboatcyclingclub.com)

Interactive route finder, lists of rides all over Texas

## STRAVA

Updated ride schedules for the next week at:

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/sTEAMboat>

[Ask to join the Steamboat Strava Club](#)



Facebook pages, good for checking weather postponements

[@BikeTownAbilene](#)

[@SteamboatCyclingClub](#) - road

[@AbileneBicycleClub](#) - MTB

[@awcc2010](#) - Abilene Women's Cycling Connection

## Monthly Time Trials

First **Tuesday** of each month April through September you can check your progress toward conditioning goals at the Biketown/ABC/Steamboat Time Trials. A 10 mile course that's mostly flat, you can review year to year performance. There are prizes and you can gather points for participating throughout the season.

## Annual Events

### Bent Wheel Bash - Last Weekend in February



This is a major race weekend sanctioned by the Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association and USA Cycling. It brings in the best mountain bike riders from all over, but there is plenty of opportunity for less experienced riders too. The ride benefits the Abilene Police Department

Bike Unit. Buck Creek Trails, 4557 East Lake Rd., Abilene 79601.

[bentwheelbash.wordpress.com](http://bentwheelbash.wordpress.com)

### Tour de Gap - 4th weekend in July

The summer's premiere road event, celebrating its return benefiting Big Brothers-Big Sisters of West Central Texas. Starting out from the Old Settlers' Reunion Grounds at Buffalo Gap (15 miles S of Abilene) under the centuries-old live oak trees, the race has three distances: 100K, 50K and 11 miles. 14 and under free if accompanied by a paying adult. Choose the right distance for you on Saturday and stay for the included lunch. Prizes and swag raffles after the ride. Stay around for Sunday morning's Steamboat Challenge Time Trial, brunch and awards presentation. [www.tourdegap.com](http://www.tourdegap.com).



## Weekly Rides

### Saturday rides from Biketown, 9 am or 8 am

Each Saturday. Typically an A and B group ride of 5 to 15+ riders. Distances range from 25 miles to 100K and more. Ride together to Allsups in Tuscola, then riders' choice of longer routes or return. Wheels out from Biketown parking lot. Organized by Biketown, Abilene's full service shop since 1997. Summer shifts to 8 am with warmer weather in May. 1789 Industrial Blvd 79606.

### Sunday recovery rides from Beltway, 2 pm

Each Sunday. Trying for a true recovery ride of a distance 25 to 35 miles. Leaves from Beltway Park church parking lot at 2:00. Coordinated by Steamboat. Year round. 4009 Beltway South 79606.

### Monday evening from Biketown, 6 pm

Mondays in DST. A good ride for new riders and getting to know others. Leaders will stop and let everyone catch up. Regular route to the east to Potosi area. Coordinated by Biketown

### Thursday evening ride from Biketown, 6 pm

Shake off the week's troubles and start the weekend early with this speedy ride from Biketown parking lot during DST months. Bring a light early or late in the season. Coordinated by Biketown.

## Ad Hoc rides

You can usually find someone to ride with by starting a Steamboat Strava discussion or posting on the Steamboat Facebook page. Some will plan a ride in the morning and some in the evening.

## Did someone say gravel?

The Taylor County Precinct Map shows paved and unpaved.

<http://www.taylorcountytexas.org/DocumentCenter/View/2466/TaylorCountyCommissionerPctMap-Final>

## Buck Creek Mountain Bike Trails

Buck Creek Trails offers more than 14 miles of singletrack. There's everything from beginner to expert terrain. Open to Abilene Bicycle Club members and their guests, memberships and access keys are available at Biketown. Check on the trail conditions and open status before heading out there. 4242 E Phantom Hill Rd, Abilene, TX 79601



**Working together to build a fun and safe cycling community**