



Everything you need to plan your uniquely Charlotte adventure

Biktoberfest transforms Charlotte into one big scavenger hunt. Participants explore featured destinations, complete fun challenges, connect with local businesses and organizations, and celebrate the people, places, and experiences that capture the spirit of Charlotte.

General FAQs

Do I have to fundraise to participate in Biktoberfest?

No. Fundraising is optional. Every registration supports Sustain Charlotte's work, and participants who would like to expand their impact may also invite friends and family to contribute.

What does my registration include?

Registration includes access to the Biktoberfest experience and virtual scavenger hunt, featured destinations and activities along the route, participant giveaways (while supplies last), raffle tickets for the after-party, and a fun day of exploring Charlotte!

Is Biktoberfest family-friendly?

Yes. Biktoberfest is designed to be a family-friendly event for participants of all ages and experience levels. You can move at your own pace and visit as many or as few destinations as you choose.

Are the streets closed for the event?

No. Biktoberfest takes place on public streets, sidewalks, greenways, trails, and other shared spaces. The official Biktoberfest route will be marked with event signs. Participants are responsible for following traffic laws, staying aware of their surroundings, and choosing routes that match their comfort and ability level.

What should I do after I register?

Watch your email for event updates and instructions. Registrants will receive details about the virtual scavenger hunt platform, featured stops, event-day schedule, the after-party, etc.

How does the virtual scavenger hunt work?

We're trying something new for Biktoberfest 2026! Instead of a printed passport, participants will use a mobile-friendly scavenger hunt platform to access event information, find featured

destinations, and complete activities or challenges along the way. Full instructions will be shared with registrants before the event. At least one person in your group will need to bring a smartphone to access the scavenger hunt platform during Biketoberfest.

Do I need to visit every stop?

No. Biketoberfest is a go-at-your-own-pace, choose-your-own-adventure event. You can create an experience that works for your schedule, interests, and comfort level.

Will there be raffle prizes?

Yes! Registrants will receive raffle tickets for chances to win prizes at the after-party. Additional details about the raffle will be shared before the event. Winners must be present at the drawings, which will take place during the afterparty at Triple C Brewing.

Getting Around

How can I participate? What if I don't plan to bike?

You are welcome to bike, walk, run, scooter, use public transit, or combine several ways of getting around. Choose the option that works best for you and your group.

Where do I start?

You may begin at Triple C Brewing, the official event hub, or at another featured route stop destination. Starting instructions and event-day details will be sent to registrants in advance.

Where do I finish?

You can finish wherever and whenever you'd like! Biketoberfest officially concludes with an afterparty at Triple C Brewing, where participants can enjoy food and drinks (for purchase), live music, vendors, the limited-release Biketoberfest beer, and raffle prize drawings. We hope you'll join us!

How will I know where to go?

The virtual scavenger hunt platform will provide information about featured destinations and route stops. Additional route guidance and safety information will be shared before event day.

Can I participate in costume?

Absolutely! Costumes are encouraged and add to the fun. Make sure anything you wear allows you to see clearly, move safely, and operate your bike or other equipment comfortably.

What to Bring

What should I wear and bring?

Dress for the weather and for the way you plan to travel. Helmets and bike lights are strongly encouraged. We recommend bringing a fully charged phone and charger, photo ID, a reusable water bottle, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a small bag for personal items and giveaways.

Are helmets required?

Helmets are required for participants aged 17 and younger and strongly encouraged for everyone riding a bike and/or scooter.

Do I need a smartphone?

At least one person in your group will need to bring a smartphone to access the scavenger hunt platform during Biketoberfest. A smartphone will provide the easiest access to the virtual scavenger hunt and event updates. Participants attending as a group may be able to share access on one device. More details will be provided before the event.

Weather, Safety, and Support

What happens if it rains?

Biketoberfest is an outdoor event, and plans may change because of severe or unsafe weather. Any rain date, delay, cancellation, or schedule change will be communicated to registrants by email and through official Sustain Charlotte channels. The official rain date is October 18, 2026.

What if I need help during the event?

Event-day support information, including contact details for the Biketoberfest team, will be included in the participant instructions. For emergencies, call 911.

Donations and Fundraising

How can I make a donation?

Donations to Sustain Charlotte help advance our work to create a healthier, more connected, and equitable region.

- Online: Donation and participant fundraising options will be available through the Biketoberfest registration page.
- Mailed Check: Please make checks payable to Sustain Charlotte and mail them to: Sustain Charlotte, PO Box 18201, Charlotte, NC 28218. Please include a note indicating whether the gift should be credited to a particular Biketoberfest participant or team.

Are donations tax-deductible?

Monetary donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Sustain Charlotte is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our federal Tax ID is 01-0975452. Please note that Biketoberfest registration payments are not considered donations and, therefore, are not tax-deductible.

Will donors receive a receipt?

Yes, donors should receive an emailed receipt soon after the donation is processed.

Other Questions?

What if I have other questions?

The Sustain Charlotte team is happy to help! Please email us at biketoberfest@sustaincharlotte.org

Event details are subject to change. Registered participants will receive the most current information by email before Biketoberfest.