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Champaign County Bike Month Returns in September

Free events include Bike to Work Day and Light the Night, which promote safe active transportation and encourage people to adopt bicycling and walking into their everyday lives

URBANA, IL (September 8, 2025) Wednesday, September 10, from 7-10am will be the 15th annual Champaign County **Bike to Work Day** presented by MTD, the University of Illinois, and the City of Champaign; and Tuesday night, September 16, from 4-7pm will be the 18th annual **Light the Night** free bike light giveaway.



On Bike to Work Day, cyclists can visit one of 16 Welcome Stations across Champaign, Urbana, the University of Illinois campus, Savoy, and Rantoul from 7-10am. The stations will offer free snacks, coffee, bicycling information, and Bike Month 2025 t-shirts (style pictured above) to cyclists while supplies last. This year's shirt reminds people that they can bike anytime: to work, to play, tomorrow, today!

Whether you are a new or regular bicycle commuter, you travel to work or work from home, or if you are a student of any age, bicyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in this friendly event. Cyclists are encouraged to join the hundreds of people already registered for this event by pre-registering online at cuBikeMonth.org and to check in at one of the Welcome Stations on September 10. There are three new stations this year: Champaign Centennial Park, Champaign First Street Trail at Carle Orthopedics, and Campus North. There will again be eight Welcome Stations on campus. All Welcome Station locations are viewable on this map: <https://tinyurl.com/ms5bp6k7>.

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There are four Light the Night locations on the University of Illinois campus where people can get free lights installed on their bike: Alma Mater, Hallene Gateway (Lincoln Avenue at Illinois Street), the Ikenberry Commons quad, and Green Street at Lincoln Avenue. Attendees must bring their bike to receive lights. Illinois state law requires a bicycle to have a front light and either a back light or reflector when riding in the dark but does not require that bicycles be sold with light sets. Many bicycle riders are not aware of the law, which is why this event takes place.

Rain dates are scheduled for Bike to Work Day on September 11, and for Light the Night on September 17. All changes will be posted on the “C-U Bike Month” Facebook page and website. Other free bike events happening this fall are the [Friday Kickapoo Rail Trail \(KRT\) Rides](#) on September 12 and 26, [Park\(ing\) Day](#) on September 18, [Let’s Ride Illinois](#) Champaign on September 21, and [Walk ‘n’ Roll to School Day](#) on October 8. More details are available at cuBikeMonth.org/calendar.

Champaign County Bike Month activities are organized by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (RPC), Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD), Champaign-Urbana Safe Routes to School (C-U SRTS) Project, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, City of Champaign, City of Urbana, Village of Rantoul, and the Village of Savoy. Bike to Work Day is also sponsored by local bike groups and area businesses and organizations. These groups seek to encourage safe active transportation through this event and encourage people to adopt bicycling and walking into their everyday lives.

Bike to Work Day participants are invited to support the [C-U SRTS Project Earn-a-Bike program](#). Earn-a-Bike program’s goals are to teach student participants basic bike maintenance, repairs, and traffic safety skill maneuvers through hands-on demonstration. Upon completion of the program, students are awarded their bike, a bike lock, a pair of bike lights, and a helmet. Donation information can be found within the [Bike to Work Day registration form](#).

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