Critical Mass Bike Ride

Thousands of cyclists will set off in the streets of the capital city on Thursday 19th April. The Big Spring Ride starts in Náměstí Jiřího z Poděbrad at 6 p.m. It is held under the auspices of Cllr. Aleksandra Udženije by the Auto*Mat initiative.

Departure and destination

Thousands of cycling enthusiasts will meet on Thursday at 6 p.m. in front of the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord to set off on a two-hour ride through the city centre. The route goes from Jiřího z Poděbrad Square via Olšanské Square, past Vítkov to the Main Raiway Station and then to Prague Congress Centre. There the cyclists will turn and go back on the arterial road to the finish in Stromovka Park.

The biggest and most colourful

Based on the experience from the past cycle rides, the promoters expect up to 10 000 participants if the weather is fine. Every year, cyclists fully enjoy the event and they cycle through the city dressed in colourful clothes. Promoters themselves appeal to the participants to dress in the most original costumes. This years Big Spring Critical Mass will probably be the most colourful out of all the rides that have taken place so far.

A party after the ride

The whole event will finish with a ceremonial bike-lifting ritual in Stromovka. At 8 p.m. the nearby Prager Kabarett at Vltavská metro station will open its door for the official afterparty. The programme includes the well-known band Republic of Two followed by Miki Discjockey. Spectators themselves will have the opportunity to make electricity for the performance by pedalling on so called cycle generators from Nano Energies. Admission fee is voluntary.

What is new?

Bike parking for the visitors of the afterparty will be secured by ekolo.cz, a company which will present various types of electric bikes in its showroom and will provide charging stations for the parked e-bikes. During the event, the promoters will present e.g. the updated edition of The Green Map of Prague, the new form and contents of the information web Cycling in Prague or another edition of the campaign entitled To Work by Bike.

For more information on bike rides in the whole republic, visit www.cyklojizdy.cz.