

The ... PAT FATMUCKET Bike Ride

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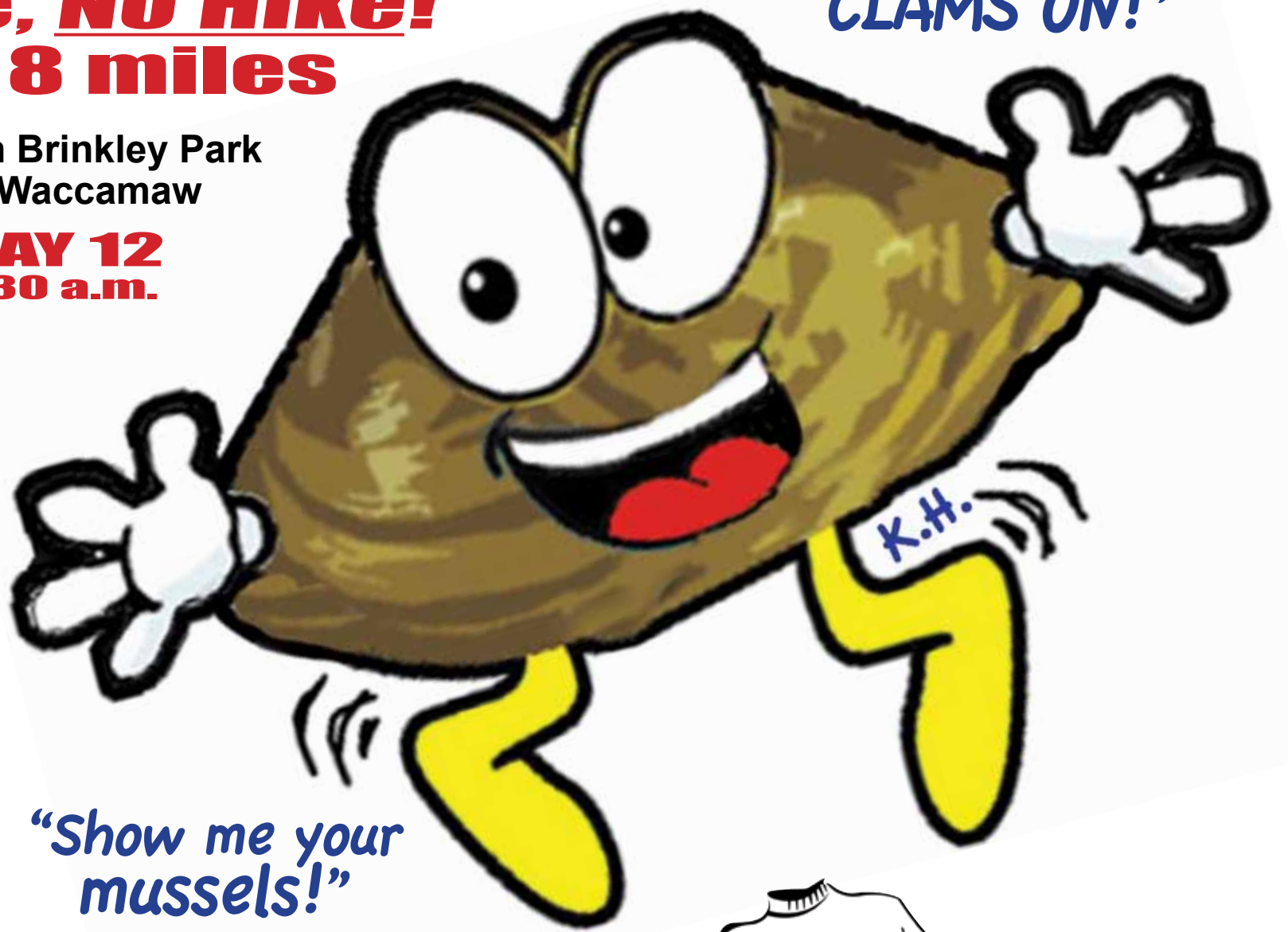
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**“All Bike, No Hike!”
22 or 8 miles**

Elizabeth Brinkley Park
Lake Waccamaw

**MAY 12
8:30 a.m.**

*“It’s the most fun you
can have with your
CLAMS ON!”*



*“Show me your
mussels!”*

By MARK GILCHRIST
Photographer

In response to Take the Lake Bike & Hike participants who claim to “love the bike, hate the hike,” organizers are offering an alternative this Saturday.

The Pat Fatmucket Fun Ride lets participants ride “around” the lake the way many normally do; excluding the state park.

To add to the fun, and for a little reward at the ends of the two southern roads on the route, participants will pat a large bust of our mascot, and that’s why this Fatmucket is named Pat.

Entry fees are only \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, with the first 20 adults receiving a free t-shirt. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Proceeds will go to a fund to explore the possibilities of expanding the trail system in the state park or building a bridge over the Waccamaw River.



The Waccamaw Fatmucket

When event organizers put out the call for a mascot, they couldn’t resist the pleadings of the charming little clam that resides only in our beloved Lake Waccamaw - and to think, this mussel is on our state’s list of threatened species! Learn all about the Waccamaw Fatmucket through a link on Whiteville.com.

Thanks to WHS senior Krystal Hawkins, who created our fearless mascot’s image for use on banners, t-shirts, and... right here!



FREE T-shirts

to the first 20 adults to register...

The rest are only \$8 while they last!

FUN Ride?



This is not a race... Unless you’re the racing type. If so, we’ll give you a bib number and we’ll time you, and you might make the record book!

CHILDREN

Children must be with parents at all times!



HELMETS

If your head is less than 16 years old, N.C. law requires a helmet on it when you’re on a bicycle.

DON'T MISS!

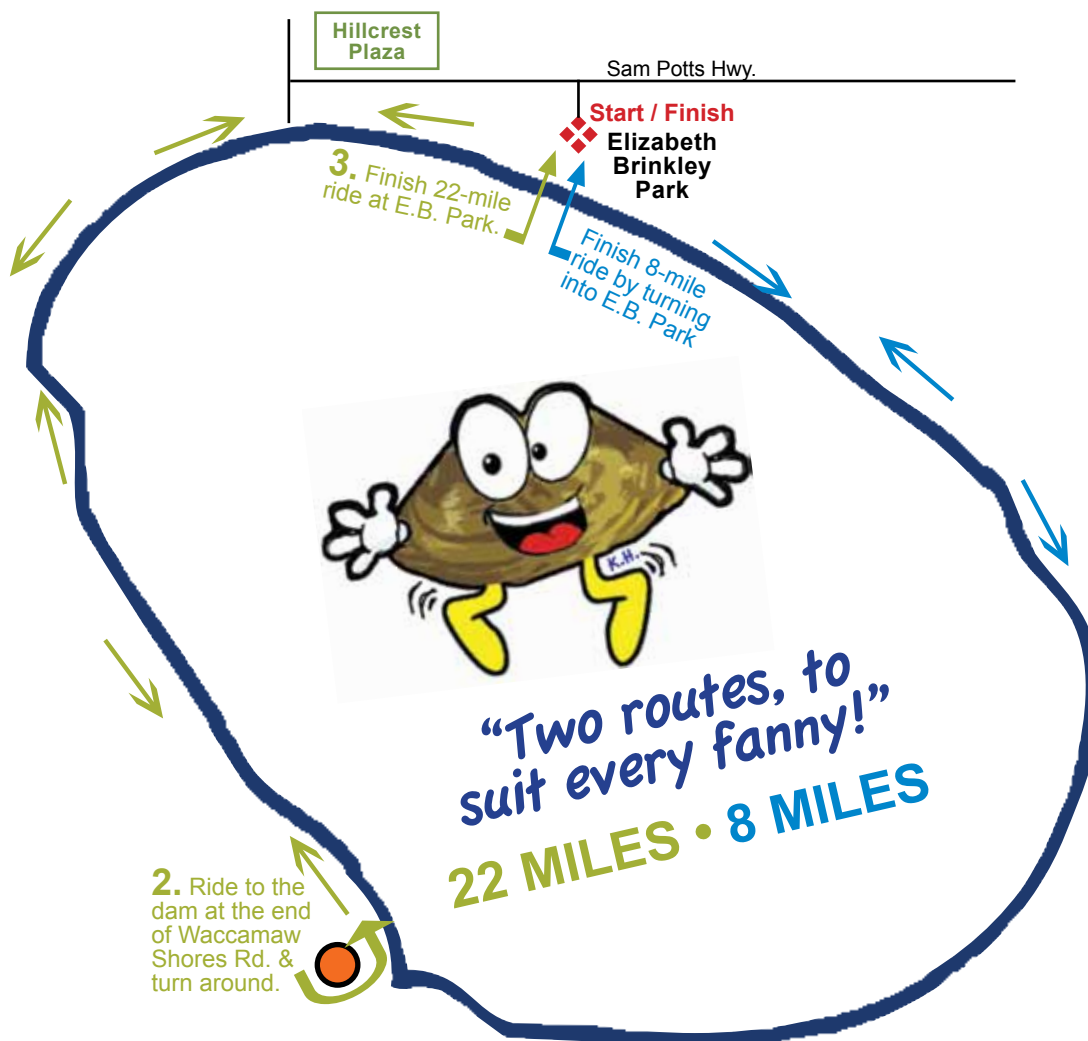
- Farmers Market Fun Run 5k (\$5) and half-mile. (Free) May 19.
- CRHS Family Health Festival walk, run & bicycle rides. (Free) June 2.

Details: TaketheLake.org



FAST RIDE

Take a speedy spin around Lake Waccamaw, from the dam to the state park entrance, in the Latest Video on Whiteville.com!



2. Ride to the dam at the end of Waccamaw Shores Rd. & turn around.

3. Finish 22-mile ride at E.B. Park.

Finish 8-mile ride by turning into E.B. Park

1. Ride to the end of Bella Coola Rd. & turn around.

ENTRY FEE
Children: \$3 Adults: \$7

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