

# 2025 Highs & Lows Tour: New Hampshire Cycling Event Returns to Raise Mental Health Awareness

Annual Cycling Event Returns August 9 with New Route, Limited-Edition Collector's Poster, and Community Festival

PLYMOUTH, NH, UNITED STATES, May 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Now in its fourth year, the



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<u>Highs & Lows Tour</u> rolls back into action on Saturday, August 9, 2025, uniting cyclists and the community to support mental health awareness and suicide prevention. <u>Registration</u> is now open for this impactful, one-day ride benefitting <u>NAMI New Hampshire</u> (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

Participants will experience some of the state's most beautiful landscapes along scenic, fully supported routes. "This isn't just a ride—it's a movement," said Tom Dearborn, co-founder of the Highs & Lows Tour. "We're building community, breaking stigma, and supporting the

mental health resources that save lives."

# **Five Route Options**

This year's Tour offers five fully supported routes, each starting and ending at Plymouth Regional High School. Staggered departures begin at 8 AM, and a hearty breakfast kicks things off. Riders of all levels can choose from various distances and terrains while taking in breathtaking views of the Pemi-Baker Valley, Baker River Valley, and—on the longest route—the Connecticut River Valley. Each route is fully supported with SAG vehicles, rest stops, and hydration stations to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride. Route options include:

100+ mile Century ride 65-mile gravel/mixed-surface ride 65-mile road ride 43-mile road ride 26-mile road ride Limited-Edition Artist-Designed Poster A highlight of the 2025 Tour is the debut of an artist-designed commemorative poster created by PRHS alumna Jen Vittum. "Art has the power to heal and connect," said Rob Cass, a co-founder and survivor of maternal suicide. "This partnership helps spread our mission of hope and openness around mental health." The poster reflects themes of connection, resilience, and community.

More Than a Ride: A Day of Community

From 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the Tour transforms Plymouth Regional High School into a vibrant community celebration. The day is open to all—riders, friends, and families—and includes live music, food and ice cream trucks, face painting, inflatables, a



Cyclists riding in the Highs & Lows Tour, an event raising awareness for mental health and suicide prevention.

dunk tank, a raffle, an auction, local vendors, nonprofit organizations, and booths offering mental health resources. It's a day of fun with a purpose—raising awareness, encouraging support, and promoting open conversations around mental health. "NAMI NH is incredibly grateful for the Highs & Lows Tour," said Kristen Welch, CFRE, Director of Development. "This passionate group of volunteers brings mental health into the light and reminds everyone they're not alone. The impact goes far beyond the funds raised."

#### Our Mission

Founded with four key goals, the Highs & Lows Tour aims to:

Raise Awareness – Shine a light on mental health and suicide prevention.

Destigmatize – Foster open, judgment-free conversations.

Fundraise – Support NAMI NH's free programs benefiting over 50,000 Granite Staters annually. Build Community – Unite people for a powerful and positive cause.

#### Get Involved

The Tour is open to cyclists of all levels. Fundraising is encouraged but not required. Riders who meet fundraising milestones unlock perks such as discounted registration and exclusive Highs & Lows cycling apparel. In addition to riding, individuals and organizations can participate by becoming sponsors, reserving a booth at the community fair, volunteering, and donating. To register or learn more, visit <a href="https://www.highsandlowstour.com">www.highsandlowstour.com</a>. For sponsorship or vendor inquiries, contact Eric Skinner at skinneric@comcast.net.

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## About Highs & Lows Tour

The Highs & Lows Tour is an annual single-day cycling event that promotes awareness of and destigmatizes mental illness, raises vital funds for NAMI New Hampshire (National Alliance on Mental Illness), and fosters community through sport. To learn more, register to participate, sponsor, or donate, visit the Highs & Lows Tour website <a href="https://www.highsandlowstour.com">www.highsandlowstour.com</a>

#### About NAMI NH

NAMI New Hampshire (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a grassroots organization working to improve the lives of all people affected by mental illness and suicide through support, education, and advocacy. Learn more at <a href="https://www.naminh.org">https://www.naminh.org</a>.

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