



**The Orange County  
Country Roads  
Fall Foliage  
2011 Bicycle Benefit Tour  
10, 21, 42 & 63 mile Scenic Rides!**

***For The Orange County Land Trust, children with special needs  
& The Sanctuary for Animals***

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**2011 Annual Country Roads Fall Foliage  
Bicycle Benefit Tour Another Huge Success!**

Warwick, NY – On Sunday, September 18, 2011, more than 400 riders arrived at the Warwick Valley High School to participate in the Orange County Country Roads Fall Foliage Bicycle Benefit Tour. Over \$20,000 was raised from the Bike Tour, net proceeds of which will benefit The Orange County Land Trust, children with special needs through Occupations, Inc., and The Sanctuary for Animals.

On this chilly fall morning that quickly turned into a sunny day, hundreds of helmeted riders from the Tri-State area, including Pennsylvania, and from as far as California, rode the picturesque Orange County countryside on clearly marked routes of 10, 21, 42, and 63 miles. The Orange County Bicycle Club provided SAG support and hosted three well-stocked rest stops, one of which included a camel from the Sanctuary for Animals—explaining why the tour’s moniker is “The ride with the camels.”

After the ride, kids and adults alike enjoyed a catered lunch from Loughran’s of Salisbury Mills, NY ([www.loughransirishpub.com](http://www.loughransirishpub.com)), Orange County’s happiest Irish Pub, accompanied by Petey Hop and his live band ([www.peteyhop.com](http://www.peteyhop.com)). “This was the best Orange County ride this year—and I did them all,” said one jubilant rider. One woman said, “It was my first time...and I finished! It was very, very easy to follow the route.” Another responded: “Awesome! Whoever arranged the day...perfect!”

Riders were extra generous and from the 50/50 raffle and jug collection, they raised an additional \$225 for 2011 Warwick Valley Farm Aid to support family farms impacted by the aftermath of recent tropical storm Irene. See complete Country Roads 2011 Tour Gallery at: [www.flickr.com/photos/borderlandfarm/sets/72157627579764685/with/6161552546/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/borderlandfarm/sets/72157627579764685/with/6161552546/)

Premier sponsors included Warwick Valley High School, Day Seckler, Great Eastern Energy, Clicks by Karen, DevineDesign.com, Loughran’s Irish Pub, M&R Energy Resources Corp., Occupations Foundation, Inc., Rare Book Studio, and Wealth Advisory Group, in addition to many other sponsors in donations and in-kind services and supplies.

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The Orange County Bicycle Club (OCBC) is a not-for-profit group of recreational enthusiasts that has been wheeling through the Hudson Valley for about 20 years. We feel there is no better place to be a cyclist than in Orange County, and we have regular weekly rides for all levels of riders. We have plenty

of empty roads in a landscape of fields, lakes, pastures and woods. When you crest a hill and suddenly a view opens up of a high ridge across the fields, you inflate with a sort of happiness. That is why we ride, and we enjoy giving back to our community through benefit riding. In 2009, we decided to join forces with Occupations Foundation, Inc. to co-sponsor/co-host an annual benefit ride, after skipping our club annual tour in 2008. [www.ocabicycleclub.org](http://www.ocabicycleclub.org)

OCBC's two beneficiary not-for-profit organizations for half of the benefit tour's net proceeds are:

- The Orange County Land Trust, which protects open space in Orange County, NY. [www.oclt.org](http://www.oclt.org)
- The Sanctuary for Animals, caring for old, abandoned and abused animals in a large, scenic farm in rural Orange County, NY. [www.sanctuaryforanimals.com](http://www.sanctuaryforanimals.com)

Occupations Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit recently established to raise funds in support of the programs and services of Occupations, Inc., Family Empowerment Council, Inc., and New Dynamics Corporation. For more than 48 years, the Occupations, Inc., a not-for-profit agency, has provided outpatient mental health services, case management, child welfare, emergency services, residential services, and employment opportunities to people with developmental disabilities and individuals recovering from mental illness. Its affiliate, Family Empowerment Council, Inc, provides services to people with disabilities, including service coordination and case management, mental health family support, early intervention, educational advocacy, consumer-directed personal care, residential habilitation and respite services. New Dynamics Corporation, a not-for-profit sister corporation of Occupations, Inc., is a leader in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. All of Occupations, Inc.'s, services can be accessed 24-hours a day, seven-days-a-week, through one toll-free call to the Service Access Center at 1-888-750-2266. [www.occupations.org](http://www.occupations.org)