

Ride Directions

Important – If you plan to ride and/or have lunch, please notify the Ride Leader by the TUESDAY before the Thursday ride.

Date and time of ride: June 13, 10:00 a.m.

Destination: Learnington Lighthouse

Directions to departure point: Shelter Cove parking lot behind Scotts Seafood in Shelter Cove Marina.

A description of the ride: The ride will take us around Shelter Cove, under 278 to Palmetto Dunes Plantation. We will ride through Palmetto Dunes to Learnington and then to the Learnington Lighthouse. This is an 11 mile ride.

Leamington Lighthouse was built in 1879 replacing an earlier 1863 tower. The lighthouse is cast iron skeleton tower on concrete piers. A hurricane made a direct hit on Hilton Head in 1893. Water was reported to be three feet deep. The lighthouse keeper, Adam Fripp and his daughter Caroline worked through the night trying to keep the lanterns burning during the storm. He collapsed and died the next day. Caroline died a few weeks later from exhaustion and the loss of her father. Local legend refers to her as the Blue Lady, believing she still haunts the Lighthouse wearing the blue dress from that stormy night.

Lunch arrangements: Signey's Heaven Bound Bakery 93 Arrow Rd at about 11:45 rain or shine.

Ride Leaders: Diane Dunning who can be reached at 843-298-0777 or by e-mail at <u>diane.dunning@hotmail.com</u>.