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“But you realize Scranton gets cold?”

That’s one of the top responses we get whenever we tell people that we’re having our NEPA Party Bike Scranton Pub Crawl grand opening this December. On one hand, it’s sort of insulting that they think we were dense enough to forget that Northeast PA is graced by the presence of winter. On the other hand, it’s sort of fulfilling to tell them all the reasons that’s not going to be an issue for us. On the contrary, we’re excited for our outdoor winter pub crawls. In fact, it’s one of the reason we chose to stick to Scranton, rather relocated somewhere warmer.

The first time we actually rode a pedicyle was on a February weekend in Philadelphia. We were sort of jonesing to get outside after being cooped up, and figured that the exercise would help combat the cold. Plus, one of our party was celebrating a birthday, and just because your birthday falls in the winter, doesn’t mean you should miss out on the fun those June and July babies get to have, does it? We ended up having a great time. You know why? Because when you have a great group of people assembled, it shouldn’t matter if your hands are a little cold. We also peddled enough to combat that cold-some of us ended up taking off some layers. You know what else was good? We were warm, but weren’t dripping in sweat, which would be apt to happen on the lazy, hazy, crazy summer nights everyone’s always raving about.

You know why else the winter season is a great time to rent the NEPA Party Bike? There’s a lot to celebrate, especially here in NEPA when the winter often starts before Halloween and doesn’t end till late March. You’ve got the night before Thanksgiving (we take the actual Turkey day off), relieving stress on Black Friday, Christmas caroling, work Christmas parties, Christmas break reunions when everyone’s back in town, New Years, Valentine’s Day (we know some of you could use a bar-crawl that day) and that long weekend for President’s Day when you’re trying to find something to do. If we were deterred by the cold, we’d also miss the area’s high holiday: Parade Day and St. Patrick’s Season-it would seem almost sacrilege to not offer pedal-pub crawls in Scranton at that time.

What’s even more ridiculous then discounting the NEPA Party Bike during the winter months is the veritable plethora of other things to do around here, some that are winter *only* options, that you could combine with a jaunt on the Party Bike for a very memorable (albeit, chilly) weekend. Over on our blog we’ve documented five ideas (<http://nepapartybike.com/2014/11/5-more-winter-activities-to-do-in-nepa/>): cross country skiing at the inn at Starlight Lake in Susquehanna County, renting snowshoes through Honesdale’s Wilderness Explorers, downhill skiing at Montage Mountain or Elk, curling lessons from the Anthracite Curling Club, or maybe some hot yoga courtesy of Steamtown Yoga to help warm up (and detox) after a night on the bike. That’s just a sampling though. There’s also Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey, snowtubing at Camelback, and there’s even dogsled rides at Arctic Paws in Pocono Manor. Heck, winter is the perfect time to explore the area burgeoning craft beer scene with a nice winter lager.

We here at the NEPA Party Bike embrace winter, and think that you should too. And if you’re one of those people who still lives here and just can’t wait for it to be over, save us all the whining and move to Florida. We won’t judge you (too much).

