Invitation to the
Traditional Bike Tour
Saturday/Sunday, May 10/11
Lake Neuchatel/Biel

It's time to prepare for our annual Whitsun Weekend bike tour, which this year will take us around two lakes: Lake Neuchatel and Lake Biel/Bienne. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, 10 and 11 May 2008. Two lakes may sound daunting, but the complete circuit is 160 km, shorter than what we have done in the past. Besides, since Whitmonday is a holiday, you have a day to recover from the exertions.

As in the past, the aim is to offer an adventure accessible to all. Again, we will take two days, stopping overnight for a rest. We will set off from the train station in Neuchâtel on Saturday morning around 9.00 and go around the eponymous lake in a counterclockwise direction. Our overnight stop will be a nice hotel after half the distance. We will complete the circuit on Sunday, going clockwise around Lake Biel and then returning to our point of departure.

The whole idea is to have some fun together. If you are daunted by the entire circuit, join us for a part. If you don't have a bike, you can rent one in Neuchatel. If you don't know how to bicycle, join us for dinner at St Peter's. No one is too old for this and the youngest was 9 when he joined us the first time. Actually last year, one of the participants was still inside her mother's tummy. If you are worried about being able to keep up, there will be a chase car to pick up stragglers. Besides, there are several opportunities to bail out early, though hopefully no one will feel the need to do so.

So, if you are planning to come along this year, please send an e-mail to michael.helke@alum.mit.edu. If you're not sure and have questions, don't hesitate to ask.

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