

# VF Power Pedal Ride for Rare Diseases Fact Sheet

- Name:** VF Power Pedal Ride for Rare Diseases
- Website:** [www.vasculitisfoundation.org/vfpedalpower](http://www.vasculitisfoundation.org/vfpedalpower)
- Mission/Goals:** Fourteen riders will bicycle from Pittsburgh, PA to Washington D.C to raise awareness and promote research into vasculitis and other rare diseases. Sponsored by the Vasculitis Foundation (VF), the riders will deliver a petition signed by hundreds of rare disease patients, caregivers, and medical specialists asking for increased funding into rare disease research through the National Institute of Health (NIH) Office of Rare Disease Research.
- Dates:** Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through Monday, June 29, 2009
- Mileage:** 325 Miles
- Route:** Starting in Pittsburgh, PA and following the Great Allegheny Passage to the C&O Canal Trail to Washington, D.C.
- Stops along way:** Connellsville, PA; Meyersdale, PA; Cumberland, M.D.; Hancock, M.D.; Harpers Ferry, M.D. and Washington D.C.
- Participants:** Fourteen men and women of varying ages, backgrounds, and biking experience.
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