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Greenwich Historical Society Bike Tour of Greenwich Point

Cos Cob, CT, May 24, 2013— In partnership with the town’s “Experience the Sound” festival, the second annual “History on Wheels” family bike tour will take place at Greenwich Point on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at 2:00 pm. Participants will pedal around the point, stopping along the way to engage with historians and naturalists to discover how this idyllic 19th century island estate built by millionaire J. Kennedy Tod on the original 1640 Greenwich founders’ Elizabeth’s Neck, evolved into a beloved recreational facility. Learn about Tod’s original beachfront golf course, the historic “Chimes” and other remaining buildings, how the eagle statue came to stand guard over the estate’s pond and much more. You’ll also hear stories and see photographs from the Historical Society Archives taken at different times in the park’s history.

The tour is open to bike-riding singles, families and children over seven years old who are able to ride a bike. Kids will enjoy their very own scavenger hunt as part of the tour. Experience the Sound is co-sponsored by the Greenwich Shellfish Commission and To The Point, whose aim is to expand the community’s awareness of coastal marine life, nature, outdoor recreational pursuits and the environment by showcasing local organizations and educational institutions that care for and promote them.

Sunday, June 23, 2013, 2:00 pm

Gather at Innis Arden Cottage, Greenwich Point.

Bring bikes and wear helmets (water bottles recommended).

Participation is free but a valid park pass is required.

For more information or to reserve, please call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.



J. Kennedy Tod built a forty-room mansion, a road system and a nine-hole golf course on his estate. When he died and the Town bought the Point for \$ 550,000 in 1945, the mansion was remodeled into apartments for returning veterans. It no longer stands.