

May is Bike Month

Bike to School Day

www.walkbiketoschool.org

Annual event held in early May promotes fun and safe travel to school by bike.



Bike to Work Day

www.biketoworkmetrodc.org

Free annual event held on a

Friday in mid-May draws

15,000 regional participants.



Bike to Market Day

www.takomaparkmarket.com

Bike to the Takoma Park Farmers Market the Sunday

following Bike to Work Day.



Check with the Takoma Park Recreation Department for seasonal bike workshops teaching basic bike safety and bike maintenance (like how to fix a flat!). Workshops are available to riders of all skill levels, ages 8 and up. See: www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

Share the Road & Be Safe

Motorists

- Respect bicyclists — share the road with cyclists and drive with courtesy and tolerance.
- Check your blind spots — a bicyclist could be there!
- Come to a complete stop at every stop sign and red light.
- Signal all turns and lane changes 100 feet in advance. When turning right, safely enter the bike lane before completing the turn.
- See the signs — bike lanes, signs and pavement markings indicate cyclists are nearby.
- Be patient — pass bicyclists only if it is safe to do so and with at least 3 feet of clearance.
- Be courteous — yield to pedestrians and bicyclists at crosswalks.

Cyclists

- Follow the rules of the road — Cyclists have the same rights and duties as other drivers and must follow the same traffic laws.
- Be predictable — ride in a straight line, signal turns and look back before turning or changing lanes.
- Come to a complete stop at every stop sign and red light.
- Use a bell and lights (both front and rear), and keep your bike well-maintained.
- Don't ride with headphones.
- Be courteous — yield to pedestrians on trails and sidewalks.
- Wear a helmet — If you're under 18, it's the law in Montgomery County!

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Safety Tips



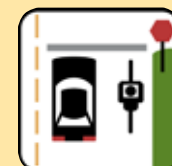
USE APPROPRIATE HAND SIGNALS

Tell motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians what you intend to do. Be predictable.



ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET

Helmets dramatically reduce the risk of head injury in a bicycle accident.



FOLLOW ALL TRAFFIC LAWS

Like motorists, bicyclists are required to obey all regulatory signs and traffic signals.



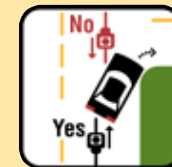
SHARE THE ROAD

Lanes marked with a bicycle symbol and/or "Share the Road" signs are to be shared by both motorists and bicyclists.



BE ALERT, SCAN THE ROAD

Always know your surroundings and check over your shoulder before initiating maneuvers.



NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC

Ride with traffic to avoid potential crashes.



RIDE IN THE APPROPRIATE POSITION AND LANE

Do not ride in a Right Turn-Only lane if you are going straight. In narrow lanes or slow traffic it may be safer to take the whole lane.



BE CAREFUL AT INTERSECTIONS

Use caution since most collisions occur at intersections. Watch for turning vehicles.



WALK YOUR BIKE AT A CROSSWALK

Remember: pedestrians present at a crosswalk always have the right-of-way when crossing a road.



SEE AND BE SEEN

Establish eye contact to ensure motorists know you are there. Wear bright or reflective clothing.



OPTIONS FOR TURNING LEFT

1) Make the left turn as a vehicle, or 2) Cycle straight through to the far right corner of the intersection and cross as a pedestrian.



DON'T BE A DISTRACTED BICYCLIST

Do not use headphones or hand-held devices while riding your bicycle.



BEWARE OF CAR DOORS

They can open any time. Please ride at least 5 feet away from parked vehicles, as well as buses making scheduled stops.



LIGHTS FOR YOUR BIKE

Use lights when riding in low visibility conditions, including darkness. At least one front white light and one rear red flashing light.



USE THE BIKE RACK ON BUSES

The bike rack on the front of each bus can store two bikes. Customers are responsible for loading and unloading their bikes.



Capital Bikeshare provides members with shared access to thousands of bikes and hundreds of stations throughout the District, Arlington, Alexandria and Montgomery County. For station locations, visit capitalbikeshare.com.

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HOW IT WORKS



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take.



ride.



return.

Capital Bikeshare is a unique transportation system designed to get you from point A to point B, similar to a bus or a train.

join Capital Bikeshare by choosing a membership, **take** a bike from one of hundreds of stations, **ride** to your destination and **return** your bike to any station. Repeat as many times as you would like throughout your membership period. All trips under 30 minutes are free!

To start, choose a membership.

(How long do you want access to the bikes?)

JOIN AT STATIONS

24-Hour
\$7

3-Day
\$15

Daily Key
\$10

\$10 one-time key fee includes one 24-hour membership. Additional \$7 each day you ride

Month
\$25

Annual
\$75

OR
Annual
\$7 per month

with monthly installments

YOUR COST = Membership fee + Usage fee per trip

The first 30 minutes of EVERY trip are FREE throughout your membership period.

Trips beyond 30 minutes will incur usage fees.

0-30 minutes
FREE

31-60 minutes
\$2

61-90 minutes
\$6

Each additional 30 min
+\$8

Walk bike, don't ride, at the monuments. Riding on sidewalks in Downtown DC is illegal and in Alexandria in the King/Union Street Commercial Zone.



Pavement Markings

Bicycle pavement markings reinforce the legitimacy of bicycle traffic on the street. Motorists must share the road with cyclists, and show them courtesy and respect.



Shared lane markings, or "sharrows", communicate shared spaces for bike to all road users, and help direct cyclists at traffic circles and key turns along neighborhood bike routes.



Sections of Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park have striped shoulders marked for bikes. Motorists must respect the bike lane, taking care when making right turns. Where space exists for a wider shoulder or bike lane on only one side of the road, it is usually placed in the climbing direction for the comfort of slower-moving cyclists.

Follow the Signs



Ride the "Takoma Greenways," neighborhood routes that connect regional trails with local destinations on quiet streets shared with traffic. Cyclists should watch for speed bumps and pedestrians in the roadway.



Indicates that bicycles may be operating anywhere within the traffic lane on a Maryland State Highway, such as New Hampshire Avenue (MD650). Motorists must share the road with cyclists, and show them courtesy and respect.



These small signs will help you get to know the Metropolitan Branch Trail, linking Silver Spring with Union Station through a combination of signed on-street routes and off-road trails. Learn about the history and future of the trail: www.metbranchtrail.com



Welcome!

Takoma Park residents bike to work, school, Metro, shops, social events, and also just for fun. The City encourages you to incorporate cycling into more facets of your life, as a clean, healthy, safe, and convenient alternative to driving. This map will help guide your two-wheeled adventures in and around Takoma Park, with safety tips and handy resources along the way.

Printed copies of this bike map are available from the Takoma Park Community Center on Maple Avenue and the Takoma Park Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. Find it online for download at:

www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/transportation-planning

www.theNewAve.com/explore/bike

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Bike to School

The Takoma Park Safe Routes to School program aims to encourage students to walk or bike to school. Safe Routes offers regular school based programs to teach students the best safety practices when biking to school and around town. Schools are invited to participate in the annual Bike to School Day event in May. A bulk helmet purchase in the fall allows families access to high quality helmets at a reduced price.

For more information, see www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/safe-routes-to-school or contact lucyn@takomaparkmd.gov.

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Bike Takoma Park

2014



	SHARED-USE TRAIL (may be crushed gravel)
	BIKE LANE / PAVED SHOULDER
	SIGNED BIKE ROUTE / SHARED ROAD
	ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEEKENDS
	CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK CAMPUS
	PARK (City/County/National)
	STREAM / POND
	METRO LINE (green/yellow/red)
	CAPITAL BIKESHARE (5/1/14)
	BIKE SHOP
	COMMUNITY / RECREATION CENTER
	PUBLIC LIBRARY
	UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE
	SCHOOL

The update to the 2014 Takoma Park Bike Map was made possible by the dozens of comments and suggestions provided to City staff since printing the 2013 map. See something that needs to be added, improved, or made more clear? Contact the Takoma Park Planning Division at planning@takomaparkmd.gov.



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