Town of Windsor







Bicycle Guide Map

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Give Bicyclists A Good Name!

By obeying traffic laws and riding responsibly, you help to give all bicyclists a good reputation. The more courteous you are to others on the road or the path, the more respect bicycling receives.

Contact Information

Emergencies Dial 911

Non-Emergency Contacts

Windsor Police
(707) 838-1234 business
(707) 565-2121 dispatch

Windsor Fire
(707) 838-1170

Sonoma County Regional Parks
(707) 565-2041

Windsor Parks Department
(707) 838-1260

Windsor Public Works Department
For street maintenance please call
(707) 838-1009

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Map Legend

Class I Multi Use Pathway

A multi-use pathway with a completely separate right-of-way for the exclusive use of bicyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized users. (Paved)

Unpaved Pathway

An unpaved right-of-way suitable for use by bicyclists and pedestrians.

Class II Bike Lane

Provides a striped and signed lane for one-way bicycle travel along the side of a street or highway.

Map Features

- Freeway
- Train Tracks
- Park-and-Ride Lot
- Bicycle Lockers
- Bicycle Parking
- Transit Center
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge
- Hospitals/MedicalClinics
- Town Hall
- Public Library
- Schools
- Bike Shop
- Public Restroom

Shared Roadway Street Ratings

Technical - Use (Extreme) Caution!

Technical due to narrow or non-existent shoulders, high traffic volumes and speeds, and/or poor pavement conditions, these facilities may be challenging even for skilled riders.

Intermediate - Be Alert!

Moderate traffic volumes, speeds, and/or pavement conditions combined with available shoulder space and/or wide curb lanes, and limited potential for vehicular conflicts.

Family Friendly - Ride with Care

Generally appropriate for families and children, typically have wider shoulders or curb lanes, low traffic volumes and speeds, good pavement condition, and limited potential for vehicular conflicts.

Bicycle Tips and Laws

Developed by the Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. All illustrations by David Burnham, Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program - Matt Zoll, Program Manager.

It is important to recognize that, by law, except where expressly prohibited, bicyclists are allowed on all streets and roads regardless of whether they are a part of the designated bikeway network. Further, "every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle."—California Vehicle Code Sec. 21200

Share the road

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. According to California law, bicyclists are subject to all motor vehicle laws except those that by their very nature could not apply.

Show respect for all users of the road, and you'll get respect.



Be visible

Wear white or brightly colored shirts and consider reflective clothing at night. A white front headlight and red rear light or reflector are required if you ride at night. (CVC 21201)



Protect yourself

According to national studies, 85% of brain injuries can be prevented by wearing a helmet.



Does Your Helmet Fit?

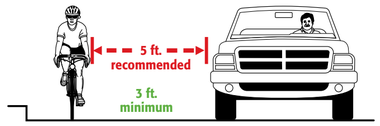
A bike helmet fits well if it:

- Sits level on the head
- Isn't tilted forward or backward
- Has strong, wide straps that fasten snugly under the chin
- Is tight enough so that after fastening, no sudden pulling or twisting could move it around

California law requires all bicyclists under the age of 18 to wear a helmet.

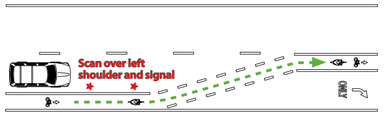
Helmet and bicycle mirrors can improve your overall awareness and allow you to see following vehicles.

Drivers, please pass with care!



There should be at least 3 feet of clearance when you pass a cyclist, or 5 feet if possible. Slow down and don't pass a cyclist until safe to do so.

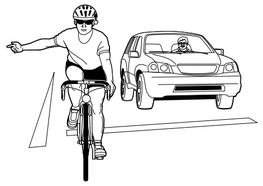
When a bike lane merges



Use extreme caution when merging across right turn only/drop lanes. These lanes can present dangers to bicyclists. Well before the intersection, scan over your left shoulder and signal your intention to merge left across the lane. Always watch for fast moving drivers who may not see you.

Be polite and be smart

Use hand signals to show your intentions and ride in a predictable fashion. (CVC 22111)





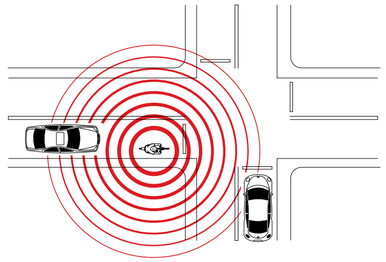
Pay attention

Headphones and cell phones cause distraction and reduce your ability to hear traffic, which could cost you your life.

Don't use any kind of headphones or a cell phone when riding your bike.



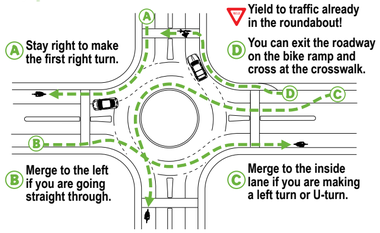
Be a defensive bike 'driver'



Be aware of your surroundings and especially of turning and cross traffic. Make eye contact with drivers and be sure to get their attention.

Even with eye contact the person may not really see you or realize the speed you are going, so be prepared!

Ways to ride at a roundabout

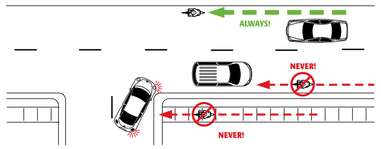


Respect pedestrians



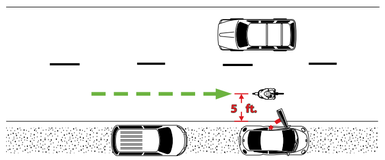
On a shared pathway reduce speeds when approaching pedestrians, give a verbal warning such as "Passing!" when you're about to pass, and provide at least 5 feet of passing distance. **Remember!** The pedestrian you treat well on the pathway may be the driver who treats you well when you're riding on the roadway.

Never ride against traffic



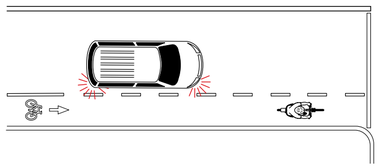
Ride on the right with the flow of traffic — NEVER ride against traffic on the road, in a bike lane, or on a sidewalk. Drivers turning from the side street cannot see you, and approaching drivers will not expect you to be riding the wrong way (CVC 21650.1).

Be careful when riding by parked cars



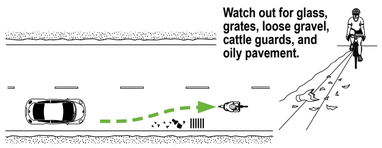
Look for people in parked cars ahead of you and ride in a straight line at least 5 feet away from the car. Someone may open the car door unexpectedly. Be predictable: don't weave in and out between parked cars.

Bike lanes are for bikes



Do not drive or park in bike lanes or on paved shoulders. When turning right, wait and allow the cyclist to go through the intersection first. Be predictable and always signal your intentions. Be careful not to turn in front of cyclists.

Take the lane when appropriate



Remember that you may "take the lane" if the lane is not wide enough for both a car and bike to safely share. Check behind to make sure it's safe, signal your intention, and take the lane by riding one third to halfway into the lane. When safe and possible, move to the right to allow a following vehicle to pass.

Bikes on Buses

Front loading bicycle racks

All Sonoma County Transit buses that serve the Town of Windsor are equipped with a front-loading bike rack which accommodates either two or three bikes. Availability is on a "first-come first-served" basis. Bicyclists are responsible for loading, securing and unloading their bicycle according to the instructions provided on the racks.

REMEMBER, as the bus approaches and comes to a complete stop, have your bike ready to go, let the driver know that you would like to use the front-loading rack, and prepare to load your bike. Never walk or stand in front of on-coming traffic while loading or unloading your bike on the bus.


Lowering the bike rack


Placing the bike in the inside slot


Securing the support arm

Bikes inside buses

When the front-loading bike rack is full, the driver may allow up to two bikes inside the bus (with permission from a supervisor/dispatcher). Note that wheelchair passengers must be given priority and there is no guarantee that bicycles can be accommodated inside the bus. Therefore, always be prepared to lock your bike at the bus stop.

Bikes transported inside a bus can be no larger than 80 inches long and 48 inches high, and with handlebars and/or panniers no greater than 24 inches in width. To load your bike inside the bus, board with the rear wheel of your bike positioned through the front door and position your bike into one of the wheelchair tie-down areas near the front of the bus, then follow the instructions provided to secure your bicycle. Please sit near your bike, making sure it is properly secured and does not obstruct the aisle. Remember, you may be asked to leave the bus with your bike prior to your destination if wheelchair passengers board or if the bus has standing-room only.

Sharing the Path

Trail Etiquette



Multi-use trails are a transportation and recreation resource. Whether walking, bicycling, riding, or rolling, all trail users must learn how to communicate and share trails!

Courtesy

- Respect other trail users; joggers, walkers, bladers and wheelchair users all have trail rights
- Respect slower cyclists; yield to slower users
- Obey speed limits; they are posted for your safety

Announce when passing

- Use a bell, horn or voice to indicate your intention to pass
- Warn others well in advance so you do not startle them
- Clearly announce "On your left" when passing

Yield when entering and crossing

- Yield to traffic at places where the trail crosses the road
- Yield to other users at trail intersections
- Slow down before intersections and when entering the trail from the road

Keep right

- Stay as close to the right as possible, except when passing
- Give yourself enough room to maneuver around any hazards
- Ride single file to avoid possible collisions with other trail users

Pass on left

- Scan ahead and behind before announcing your intention to pass another user
- Pull out only when you are sure the lane is clear
- Allow plenty of room, about two bike lengths, before moving back to the right

Be predictable

- Travel in a straight line unless you are avoiding hazards or passing
- Indicate your intention to turn or pass
- Warn other users of your intentions

Use lights at night

- Most trail users will not have lights at night; use a white front and red rear light
- Watch for walkers as you will overtake them the fastest
- Reflective clothing does not help in the absence of light

Do not block the trail

- For group rides, use no more than half the trail; don't hog the trail
- During heavy use periods (holidays and weekends) stay single file
- Stop and regroup completely off of the trail

Clean up litter

- Pack out more than you pack in
- Encourage others to respect the path
- Place all litter in its proper receptacle

Limitations for transportation

- Most paths were not designed for high-speed, high volume traffic
- Use paths keeping in mind their recreational nature
- It might be faster to use roads and avoid the traffic on the paths during heavy use

Courtesy of the Northwest Bicycle Federation and the Washington State Association of Police Chiefs and Sheriffs

Obey traffic laws

Traffic violations cause the majority of bicycle/motor vehicle accidents. Following traffic laws makes bicycles predictable to other drivers.

1. Yield when entering the roadway
2. Stop or yield when required by a sign or light
3. Always ride in the direction of traffic
4. Use proper lighting at night
5. Never ride while intoxicated
6. Signal your intentions to other drivers

Train and supervise children

Learning to ride takes many new skills. Adult supervision prevents accidents. Bicyclists of any age should not ride in traffic until they feel skilled with their equipment and traffic rules.

Don't lock your wheels when stopping

Use both brakes during a hard stop. Keep your weight low and back on the saddle. If the rear wheel starts to skid, reduce the force on both brakes. Practice this.

When bicycling on sidewalks, trails or paths

1. Keep speeds down
2. Yield to pedestrians
3. Yield to traffic before entering or crossing a roadway

Adults should not ride on a sidewalk unless there is a specific reason (such as crossing a narrow bridge).

Take special care on rough or slippery surfaces

1. When approaching a slippery surface (loose gravel, wet metal surfaces, or wet painted surfaces) go slow and avoid sudden stops or turns.
2. Ride slow over rough surfaces (potholes, rocks and cracks) and stand up to absorb the shock in your legs and arms. Cross railroad tracks and cracks in the roadway at a right angle to avoid catching the front wheel.
3. "Turtles," ceramic mounds used to mark some lane separations, and parallel drain grates that can catch a wheel are special hazards to avoid.

Ride safely when in a group

Each rider must stop and signal when required. Keep groups small (about 6 riders maximum). When the group stops to rest keep all riders off of the roadway.

Keep bicycles mechanically safe and loads secure

Be in control of your bicycle. If a bicycle is too big, hard to handle or if loads shift, an accident can result.

Riding in the Rain

Cornering

- Make your turns slowly and consistently; no jerky movements
- Keep your weight on the outside pedal in the 6 o'clock position
- If you need to brake in a turn, apply the brakes slowly

Braking

- Water on the rims will lubricate your brake system making it hard to stop
- Apply the brakes lightly to clean off the rims before you need to stop
- Allow a greater distance for stopping

Hazards

- Bridges, metal grates and painted lines and crosswalks can be very slick
- Avoid puddles as they may conceal deep potholes
- During the first few minutes of rain, oil seeps from the roadway making it very slick

Protect yourself

- Visibility can be limited during a storm; wear bright clothing
- Keep your eyes free of debris with yellow or clear lenses in your glasses
- Wear waterproof clothing that is breathable with layers underneath

Protect your bike

- Front and rear fenders will keep you and your bike dry
- Lube your chain before and/or after a wet ride to replace the lube that washed off
- Drip chain lube down into your brake and shifter cables to avoid rust

Town of Windsor Events

Earth Day and Wellness Festival


April (Sunday nearest Earth Day)
Windsor Town Green
www.townofwindsor.com

Windsor Certified Farmers Market


Sundays: May – December, 10 am – 1 pm
Thursdays: June – August, 5 - 8 pm
Windsor Town Green
www.windsorfarmersmarket.com

Celebrating Cinco through Cultura y Carnaval


First Saturday in May
Windsor Town Green
www.townofwindsor.com

Windsor Day Parade and Festivalé


Second Saturday in May
Old Downtown Windsor
kiwaniswindsor.org

Windsor Green Half Marathon 10K 5K


Fourth Sunday in May
Windsor Town Green
www.windsorgreenhalfmarathon.com

Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games


June
Various locations
www.winecountrygames.com

Sonoma County Hot Air Balloon Classic


June
Keiser Park
www.schabc.org

Independence Day Fireworks


July 3rd
Keiser Park
www.townofwindsor.com

Shakespeare on the Green


July
Windsor Town Green
www.theatergreen.com

Vineman Iron Man & Full Vineman Triathlons


July
Various locations
www.vineman.com

Summer Nights on the Green


June~July~August
Tuesday Kids' Movies
Thursday Live Concerts
Windsor Town Green
www.townofwindsor.com/summernights

Windsor Holiday Celebration


First Thursday in December
Windsor Town Green
www.townofwindsor.com

Charlie Brown Christmas Tree Grove


December
Windsor Town Green
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