

BICYCLING RESOURCES

Organizations and Programs

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www.davisbicycles.org Davis Bike Club C/O B&L Bike Shop,

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Bicycle Program, UC Davis 95616, (530) 752-BIKE. e-mail: bicycleprogram@ucdavis.edu www.taps.ucdavis.edu/bicycle

Important Phone Numbers Emergencies: 911

By cell phone at UC Davis: (530) 752-1230 By cell phone in city of Davis: (530) 758-3600 To report bike theft:

In City – (530) 747-5400 or on-line at police.cityofdavis.org/online-crime-reporting At UC Davis – (530) 752-1230 or on-line at police.ucdavis.edu In County – (530) 666-8282

To report hazardous road/bike path condition In City – (530) 757-5686

At UC Davis – (530) 752-1655 In County – (530) 666-8032

To report bike crashes:

In City – (530) 747-5400 At UC Davis – (530) 752-1230 In County – (530) 666-8920

To request bicycle safety presentations to grow At UC Davis – (530) 752-BIKE In City – (530) 747-8284

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BICYCLING IN DAVIS

Davis has earned its reputation as "Bicycle Capital of the U.S." because of its high volume of bicycle use, its renowned system of bikeways and cyclist-friendly facilities, and supportive City and University programs. In order to promote a safe and efficient environment for bicycling, the following information is important to all bicyclists.

Same Roads, Same Rights, Same Rules

Bicycling can be a hazardous activity if not done properly. While a bike helmet can prevent some serious or fatal head injuries, the most effective means of avoiding crashes and physical harm is to learn to ride with competence, knowledge and skill.

RULES & REGULATIONS

In order to maintain a safe and orderly cycling environment, all local and state laws pertaining to bicyclists are strictly enforced in Davis. Both the City and University employ bike officers and other personnel who enforce ordinances regulating bicycle operation, parking and equipment. According to the California Vehicle Code, a bicyclist has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle. See the "Cycling Tips" section for additional information regarding these rules.

Parking

Bicycle parking is strictly regulated in Davis, especially at the University. The best rule of thumb whenever you're unsure of what is a legal bike parking area is to lock your bike at a bike rack or other specific bike parking device. State law prohibits parking bikes on sidewalks where they obstruct pedestrian traffic.

In the City:

Don't park anyplace where signs prohibiting such parking are posted or where parked bikes will block sidewalks.

At the University:

- Park only in places where bike parking devices are located or where "Bicycle Parking Area" signs are posted.
- Bikes may only be locked to bike parking devices. These do not include trees, poles, railings, fences, signs, etc.
- Bikes may not be parked in buildings except in assigned, departmentally-approved workplaces such as an individual

CYCLING TIPS

The following recommendations are based on state law, local

ordinances, good cycling practice and common sense. When in

doubt as to the correct or legal action or maneuver to make in

any given bicycling situation, remember that in California every

bicyclist riding on a street or highway has all the rights and is

Be Predictable

Obey Traffic Signs and Signals

Cyclists must drive like motorists

Doing so is also the safest behavior.

When approaching a stop sign or red

omplete stop (cease forward motion)

nd proceed only when safe to do so.

ight, you are required to come to a

Bicycle Traffic Signals

Because the University and City

of Davis have so many bicycles,

certain traffic control devices have

safe and convenient travel through

intersections. One such device is the

bicycle traffic signal illustrated here.

lenses. Where bike signals are present,

cyclists must follow them rather than

The main difference is that bicycle

icons are used instead of round

conventional traffic signals.

Use Vehicle Detectors

Many Davis traffic lights will only

be triggered by traffic passing over

buried induction "loop" detectors or

being in the right position to activate

video detectors. Some intersections

have special symbols (below left)

which indicate the optimal position

for your bike to activate the signal;

other detectors can be recognized

by filled-in cuts in the roadway. Ride

over the cut line for best response. If

your bike doesn't trip the signal, treat

the signal as a stop sign and proceed

with caution when it is safe to do so.

been developed to help facilitate

f they want to be taken seriously.

subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

• Illegally parked bikes may be impounded and their owners subjected to fines and any required storage or licensing fees.



Bike Operation

Bicycling on sidewalks is generally discouraged. It is prohibited by ordinance in the downtown Davis central traffic district and on the University except in those few areas where no parallel roadway or bike path exists. Bikes at UC Davis may not be operated on any landscaped areas, pedestrian corridor, pedestrian ramp, or anywhere signs are posted prohibiting bike riding.

Bicyclists must obey all posted speed limits. Additionally, no cyclist may travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions. At the University, the speed limit in the campus core area and all other bike paths is 15 mph and in parking lots is 10 mph.

Operating a bike while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is punishable by fines, jail time and/or loss of driving privileges

is also illegal for two persons to ride on a bike meant for one or have earphones covering both ears while cycling.

Bike Traffic Enforcement

Bike Boxes

Cyclists who violate traffic or equipment rules may be subject to being cited by police. Fines for bike violations in the city of Davis begin at \$50 for the first offense.

Cyclists who are cited on campus will usually be offered the option of taking the on-line bike traffic school which saves the violator well over half the usual fine. See more info under "B.E.E.P!" below.

Cycle Tracks

A cycle track is an exclusive bike

separated path and on-road bike

lane. A cycle track, while still within

the roadway, is physically separated

from the sidewalk. Generally, a cycle

from motor traffic and is distinct

track will include painted arrows

A bike box creates space between

motor vehicles and the crosswalk

themselves ahead of motor vehicle

ed signal phase. Right turns by

raffic at an intersection during the

cyclists and motorists are prohibited

that allows bicyclists to position

indicating correct use.

on a red signal.

Use Hand Signals

Signal to other drivers; your

movements affect them. Hand

signals tell everyone what you

Ride In a Straight Line

intend to do. Signal as a matter of

law, courtesy, and self-protection.

Ride to the right of faster traffic in

a straight line at least five feet from

parked cars to avoid being hit by

an unexpected door opening. It's

safe and legal to occupy the full

Don't Weave Between

Don't ride to the curb between

parked cars. Motorists may not see

you when you try to move back

Parked Cars

traffic lane if the lane is too narrow

to safely share with motor vehicles.

facility that has elements of a

B.E.E.P.!

UC Davis' Bicycle Education and Enforcement Program offers a concise online bike safety course available for free to anyone with internet access. A short video provides a wealth of information, especially for campus cyclists, about how to ride safely and avoid tickets. A brief quiz tests your knowledge and provides even more helpful tips. If you have received a bike traffic ticket on campus, you will usually be able to take the course, for a modest fee, and avoid a sizeable fine. You can find the course online at www.bikesafety.ucdavis.edu.

Bike Buying Tip

Avoid "department store" bikes. Always buy a new bike from a specialty bicycle retailer. "Big box" brand bikes are usually poor quality, heavy, inefficient, may be improperly assembled, and will not last long. Repairs often cost more than the original price of the bike! When buying a used bike, look for reputable brands originally sold through bike shops. Have it checked out by a competent mechanic before you ride.

BIKE PATH TIPS

Many miles of bike paths exist in the City and at UC Davis. A bike path differs from a bike lane by being physically separated from city or campus streets and being off-limits to motor traffic (with the exception of service or emergency vehicles). Although popular with many cyclists, special precautions need to be taken while riding on these paths:

- 1. "Bike" paths are really shared-use paths. Watch out for pedestrians, joggers, skaters, etc. Their movements may not be as predictable as those of the traffic you encounter on the road. **Keep your speed down** and pass with caution and by saying, "Hi, I'm passing on your left."
- 2. Because motorists often ignore or are unaware of cyclists on bike paths, you must take special care when entering intersections to ensure that you are seen by all traffic.

3. On narrow paths, ride single file.



Follow Lane Markings

Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a lane marked "right turn only"; stay to the left of the right turn only lane if you are going straight.



Choose The Best Way to Turn Left There are two ways to make a left turn. (1) Like a motorist: Signal, move into the left lane, and turn left. In a left

turn only lane, stay to the right of the lane to allow any motorists behind to make their turn on your left. (2) Alternatively, ride straight across to the far-side corner and go left across the intersection when safe to do so.



Watch for Right-Turning Traffic Motorists turning right may not

notice cyclists on their right. Watch for any indications that the motorist may turn into your path. When approaching intersections try to stay far enough from the curb to allow cars to turn right on your right.



Pedestrians in a crosswalk have the

right of way. Don't cross sidewalks via driveways without yielding to edestrians. Be especially aware of edestrians with disabilities. Don't ride on sidewalks. Use the street, bike lane, or bike path.

Be Alert



Negotiate With Drivers

Make eye contact with motorists and ommunicate through hand signals and body language so they know what you intend to do.

Watch for Chasing Dogs

existing conditions.

Ignore the dog, or try a firm, loud "NO". If the dog doesn't stop, dismount with your bike between you and the dog. Dogs are attracted by the spinning wheels and feet.

CYCLING SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Bike Auctions: UC Davis holds two bike auctions each year,

usually in October and May. Hundreds of abandoned and

unclaimed bikes are sold to the highest bidders. For more

Fixit Stations: A number of fixed bike repair stations are

Bike Traffic School: See info under the BEEP program.

Bike Rental: Bicycles are available to rent at the ASUCD

Bike Barn, B&L Bike Shop, and Ken's BIKE.Ski.Board. Helmet

rentals may also be available at these locations. For addresses

and phone numbers, see the shop listings on the bike map.

Summer Bike Storage: Bikes may be stored over the

UC Davis goBike Club: for campus affiliates only who

commuters to benefits including complementary parking

permits, use of campus shower facilities, emergency ride

home options and discounts on bike lockers and bus passes.

The Davis Bike Collective provides self-service bike repair,

repair instruction, recycled parts and inspiration. They are

located east of downtown at 1221½ 4th St. near L St. http://

Bike Lockers: Bike storage lockers are available on campus

for rent by intercity UC Davis bike commuters. Call 530-752-

Scan The Road Behind

Learn to look back over your

Avoid Road Hazards

shoulder without losing your balance

or swerving left. A rear-view mirror

is a good idea, but don't rely on it

alone in difficult traffic conditions.

Watch out for parallel-slat sewer

grates, slippery manhole covers, oily

pavement, gravel, and ice. Cross rail-

oad tracks carefully at right angles.

You may not stop in time if you brake

one-handed. Allow extra distance

ease up on the front brake.

Watch Your Speed

for stopping in the rain, since many

Observe posted speed limits and

obey the basic speed law: Never

ride faster than is safe under the

Keep Both Hands Ready

to Brake

davisbikecollective.org/ for more information.

don't have a parking permit, free membership entitles bike

summer months at TAPS. For current fees and other

located in town and on campus. They provide basic tools for

information, call 530-752-BIKE.

simple adjustments and repairs.

information, call TAPS at 752-BIKE.

See http://goclub.ucdavis.edu/.



also has bike lockers available for rent. Phone 530-757-5686.

Bike Commuter Showers: UC Davis students, staff and faculty intercity bike commuters may obtain free privilege cards allowing use of a shower, locker and towel at the ARC upon arrival for work or classes. Call 530-752-BIKE.

Bike Clubs: The Davis Bike Club promotes the safe, fun and healthy use of bikes for recreation, fitness, competition and commuting. DBC sponsors the Davis Double Century, Foxy's Fall Century, the July 4th Criterium races, and numerous weekend and weekly rides as well as long-distance tours and brevets. The club's members are active in improving the Davis cycling environment. Visit http://davisbikeclub.org.

UC Davis students interested in becoming involved in intercollegiate road and mountain bike racing may join UC Davis Cycling. http://www.ucdaviscycling.com.



Be Equipped

Get in Shape

See and Be Seen

Begin with short trips, working up

to longer distances. This will ease

muscles into shape and allow you

to become more comfortable on a

longer trip, spend a few minutes

stretching your legs and body.

State law requires bikes ridden at

night to be equipped with a front

light visible from 300 feet in front

and to the sides of the bike, a back

reflector visible from 500 feet to the

ear, pedal reflectors, and wheel or

light and bright-colored or reflective

clothing further increases visibility.

Dress Appropriately

side reflectors. Using a bright rear red

CALIFORNIA BICYCLE LICENSES — THE \$10 SECURITY SYSTEM

Six Reasons Why You Should License Your Bike:

1. Theft Prevention & Recovery

found and returned.

3. Money for Bike Programs

which directly benefit local cyclists.

identification.

4. It's Inexpensive

5. It's Easy

6. It's the Law

2. Accident Victim Identification

• Sends a warning to would-be thieves: This bike is registered with law enforcement agencies.

Provides a means of identifying accident victims —

especially children, who typically carry no form of

License revenue supports UC Davis bike programs

New licenses costs \$10, renewals are \$5.* Both are

Bring your bike to the UC Davis TAPS office on the

Dairy Road Bike Path just south of the ARC and north of

the Pavilion Parking Structure between 8:30 am – 4 pm,

M-F. For other licensing locations, including local bike

• All bikes operated on the UC Davis campus must be

registered with a current California bicycle license.

valid statewide for up to three years.

shops, call (530) 752-BIKE.

- Enters your bike into a statewide system of
- Lock your bike in a highly visible, well-lit location. identification, recovery and notification. • Increases the likelihood of your stolen bike being



BIKE THEFT PREVENTION

Hundreds of bikes are reported stolen in Davis each year.

However, most thefts could be prevented. Here's how:

• Always lock your bike, even if you're leaving it for

• Whenever possible, always lock your bike to a bike rack.

"just a minute".

- U-shaped high security locks are among the most theft-resistant locks available. Be aware, however, that they may be defeated by knowledgeable thieves. Heavy duty chains with case-hardened, 5/16" thick links are more secure than cables. All cables are relatively easy to defeat. Padlocks also should have case-hardened
- 5/16" shackles. Quick-release wheels and seats can be secured with a cable, chain, or other security devices available at bike
- Consider using a less valuable or older bike for running errands and commuting in Davis.



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* Subject to change without notice.

Motorists aren't looking for cyclists

• Unlicensed bikes on campus are subject to

impoundment and/or citation

Never Ride Against Traffic



riding on the wrong side of the road,

and many other hazards threaten the wrong-way rider.



Position Yourself

When riding slower than other traffic, ride on the right side of the road if the lane width allows enough room to share side-by-side with motorists. If not, it's legal and safest to make use of the full lane. Use bike lanes where present, but exit them to make left turns, pass obstructions and to avoid hazards.



Short for "Shared Lane Markings"

these pavement symbols indicate correct lane position for cyclists to avoid the "door zone" and/or make use of a lane that is too narrow to safely share with vehicles. They also alert motorists to the likelihood of encountering cyclists in the lane.



Bike Loop Proposed in the 1980s by UC Davis

landscape architecture professor Mark Francis and completed in 2007, the Davis Bike Loop is an approximately 12-mile circuit through Davis and UC Davis making use of greenbelt paths, bike lanes and low-traffic streets to create a low-stress route that shows cyclists a variety of bicycle-friendly infrastructure while connecting a number of parks, schools and neighborhoods and is accessible to just about anyone who can ride a bike. By following the directional arrows on the bike loop pavement markings, one

can easily ride the entire loop without

reference to a map.

City of Davis. Any and all facilities, features and information on this map are subject to change without notice. A bicyclist should use these facilities only if he or she has the adequate skill level as a bicyclist and the bicyclist must make that determination. The vintage bicycles depicted here are examples from the Pierce

Miller antique bicycle collection owned by UC Davis. Some of these bicycles and many more may be viewed at the US Bicycling Hall of Fame at 303 3rd St. in downtown Davis. More information may be found at www.usbhof.org.



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Davis CA 95616, (530) 752-BIKE or City of Davis Department of Public Works, 1717 Fifth St., Davis CA 95616, (530) 757-5669.



Wear a properly-fitted, CPSCbrakes are less efficient when wet. approved (look for the sticker For a sudden stop, move back on





Maintain your bike in good working condition. Check brakes regularly

and keep tires properly inflated. Routine maintenance is simple. Learn to do it yourself or leave it to an expert at your local bike shop.

Keep Your Bike in Shape

Roundabouts

already in the circle has the right of way. Don't cut across the center of the circle or go against the traffic flow. When passing someone in the circle, pass on the left.

Where to Ride

Ride counter-clockwise. Traffic

