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BIKE LAWS & SAFETY:
Bicycles on the roadway are, by law, vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles. However, there are special traffic rules that must be followed – and drivers must accommodate.

• Two abreast. Bicyclists may ride two-abreast, even in traffic.
• Room to ride. Bicyclists are not required to ride on the shoulder or to surrender the lane to vehicles. When riding with traffic, they are expected to ride as far to the right as practical when the lane can be shared safely with other vehicles.
• Extra room. Bicyclists may move away from the right side of the road when passing another vehicle going in the same direction, or when avoiding a hazard such as a pothole, debris, animals, or other vehicles.
• Left lane. Bicyclists may use the left lane or move to the left side of a single lane when preparing to make a left turn – just like a car.

SHARE THE ROAD:
Riding a bicycle on the road means sharing the road with cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Please ride smart so you can be safe and enjoy the ride. Here are a few tips to remember as you share the road.

• Obey all traffic laws.
• Stop at stop signs and traffic lights.
• Signal all turns.
• Ride with traffic, in the right side of the lane.
• Always look back, signal, and check for traffic before turning or entering the roadway.
• Be aware of what's going on around you.

DO'S & DON'TS FOR BICYCLISTS:
• Do wear a helmet. It could save your life!
• Do wear bright colors to help drivers see you.
• Don't surprise other drivers. Ride straight, with no sudden changes in direction.
• Don't hog the road: Two cyclists side-by-side is the limit. If the lane can be safely shared with a car, ride single-file.
• Do let motorists pass when it's safe, but hold your lane so you have room to ride.
• Do allow four feet between you and parked cars so you don't get surprised by an opening door.
• Do let pedestrians go first.
• Do be prepared: Carry water and tools.
• Do allow extra distance for stopping in wet weather.
• Do use a light and wear reflective clothing if you must ride when it's dark. Reflective patches and reflective wheel strips are also helpful.

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Check out our website for updated bike trail information!