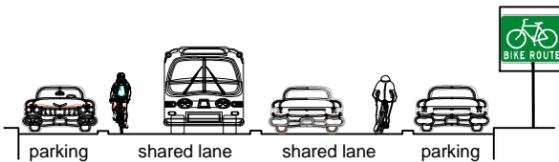


BICYCLING IN WILMETTE: WHERE TO RIDE

This map identifies bicycle routes in Wilmette. The blue route utilizes less congested streets and provides local access to parks, schools, and other destinations within the Village. It is recommended for children and less experienced riders. The red route provides easy transit through the Village using busier streets, and is recommended for more experienced cyclists who are accustomed to sharing the road with motor vehicles. Multi-use trails are shown as well. Connections to routes in adjacent communities are indicated where available.

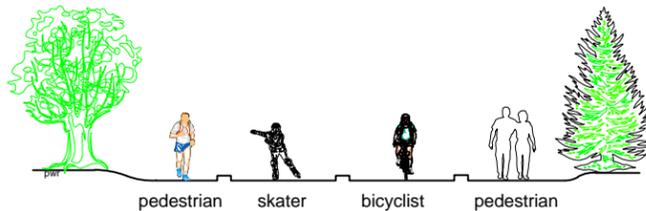
Except for Lake Avenue and the Edens Expressway, bicycles are allowed on all Village streets. Always remember that potential hazards exist along all routes and Village streets. Cyclists must share the road safely with motorists. Trails are used by bicyclists, pedestrians, and others. Conditions vary depending on the time of day, day of week, and season.

Bike Routes



- * Cars and Bicycles share the street
- * Signs identify the route and provide directions to destinations

Multi-use Trails



- * Users travel on paths separated from the street. Trails may be used by bicyclists, runners, walkers, and in-line skaters.
- * Wilmette includes portions of the Green Bay Trail; nearby trails include the North Branch Bicycle Trail, the Evanston Lakefront Path, and the Skokie Path along the North Shore Channel

GOOD RULES TO FOLLOW

- * Always wear a properly fitted helmet on ALL bicycle rides.
- * Be sure your bicycle is in good riding condition. Check the operation of brakes, tires, chain, and other moving parts before riding.
- * Plan your route carefully
- * Follow all rules of the road
 - Stay to the right.
 - Bicyclists should yield to walkers. To avoid conflicts with other users, pass to the left, announcing, "Passing on your left" before you overtake slower moving traffic.
 - Please avoid stopping and blocking the path. Step off to the side if you wish to talk or stop for any other reason. Read and obey all trail signs; they are there for your safety.
- * Riding Routes and Lanes
 - Obey all traffic safety laws and rules as if you were driving an automobile, including all traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings.
 - Stay to the right as far as possible, except to avoid hazards such as utility grates, broken glass, or road debris.
 - Always ride single file.
 - Watch for signs prohibiting bicycles. Be aware that in Illinois bicycles are prohibited on all interstate highways, freeways, and tollways. Other roads may also prohibit bicycles and would be marked as such.
- * Night Riding
 - Avoid riding at night. If you do, you must have the following:
 - * front light visible for at least 500 feet
 - * red rear reflector visible for a distance of up to 600 feet (you should also wear brightly-colored clothing with reflector stripes for high visibility).
- * Making Turns
 - Use hand signals for turns and stops:
 - * for a left turn, extend your left arm straight out
 - * for a right turn, bend your left arm 90 degree° at the elbow with your hand pointing upward
 - * for a stop, bend your left arm 90° at the elbow with your hand pointing downward
 - A left turn may be made in one of two ways:
 - * like a car: use the left-turn lane or left-most lane, stay to the right-hand side of the lane, make your turn when safe and legal to do so;
 - * like a pedestrian: stay to the right side of the road, cross straight ahead when safe and legal to do so, after crossing, wait at corner for signal or safe passage, cross again when safe and legal to do so.
- * Riding on a Sidewalk
 - If you ride on a sidewalk, you must act and operate like a pedestrian (e.g., wait for "walk" signal at intersection). Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and respect their rights. Ride slowly. If you wish to ride fast, ride on the road.

Information courtesy Illinois Secretary of State.

WHO TO CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- * **Village Bicycle Program**
Department of Engineering 847.853.7660
Call for copies of this map and information about Wilmette's bicycle program.
- * **Village Street Maintenance**
Department of Public Works 847.853.7500
Call to report potholes and other road hazards and missing or damaged signs.
- * **North Branch Bicycle Trail**
Forest Preserve District of Cook County 708.403.7391
Call to report maintenance and repair needs.

Request a free copy of trail maps. 708.771.1330
- * **Chicagoland Bicycle Federation** 312.427.3325
Get information about commuting by bicycle in Chicago and suburbs, bicycle advocacy, and other bicycle issues. CBF publishes and sells a bicycle map of the 6 county Chicagoland area.
- * RTA www.rtachicago.com 312.836.7000
- * CTA www.transitchicago.com 312.836.7000
- * Metra www.metrarail.com 312.322.6900
- * Pace www.pacebus.com 847.364.7223
- * Village of Wilmette www.wilmette.com 847.853.7621

All these Chicago area transit agencies have information about taking your bike along. Contact them for details about routes and hours of operation with bicycles.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: CALL 911

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Dear Friends and Fellow Cyclists,

Bicycling is a great way to get around the Village of Wilmette. It's fun, fast, good for the environment, and reduces traffic congestion.

The Village has been planning improvements to make it a more bicycle-friendly place. Bike racks have been installed, multi-use trails constructed, bike routes designated and designs prepared for bike lanes and paths.

Please help by biking responsibly and sharing the road with others. Contact us if you have suggestions to improve cycling in the Village.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. Canning
Village Board President