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, indicated where available.

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Where Conditions vary depending on the time of day, day of week, and season.

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Cars and Bicycles share the street

Night Riding

Avoid riding at night. If you ride, you must have the following:

- A bright white or at least 500 candlepower headlight, or a light rear reflector visible for a distance of up to 600 feet behind you
- A white, yellow, orange, or red reflector attached to your bicycle
- A reflector and tail light

- Always ride single file.
- Watch for signs prohibiting bicycles. Be aware that bicycle use is prohibited on all local streets.
- You may ride in a group, but must always ride in a single file line unless permitted by the Village.
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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.

Multi-use Trails

* Always wear a properly fitted helmet on ALL bicycle rides.
* Be sure your bicycle is in good riding condition.
* Check the operation of brakes, free, chain, and other moving parts before riding.
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* Stay to the right.

Bicyclists should yield to walkers. To avoid conflicts with other users, plan to be left, unless riding on your left before turning.

Please avoid stopping and blocking the path. Stop off to the side if you wish to stop or do so for any other reason. Reveal and stay on trail signs, they are there for your safety.

Dear Friends and Fellow Cyclists,

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

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GOOD RULES TO FOLLOW

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet on ALL bicycle rides.
- Be sure your bicycle is in good riding condition.
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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 poles, broken glass, or road debris.

Always ride single file.

Watch for signs prohibiting bicycles. Be aware that bicycle use is prohibited on all local streets.

Making Turns

Use hand signals for turns and stops:

- For a left turn, extend your left arm straight out
- For a right turn, extend your right arm straight out
- For a stop, extend your left arm straight out

A left turn may be made in one of two ways:

- Like a car:
  - common: drive in participants lane and straight ahead
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- Like a pedestrian:
  - stay to the right side of the road
  - cross street when safe and legal to do so
  - after crossing, 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 crosswalks, etc.).

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WHO TO CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Village Bicycle Program
  Department of Engineering
  847.853.7600
  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.

- 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.transitchicago.com
  312.836.7000

- CTA
  www.transitchicago.com
  312.836.7000

- Metra
  www.metra.com
  312.322.6900

- Pace
  www.pacebus.com
  847.364.7223

- Village of Wilmette
  www.wilmette.com
  708.853.7621

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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