

Santa Monica Bike Map

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Scale: 1 inch equals 0.20 miles

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Miles

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Bike Santa Monica

Cycling is a great way to get around in Santa Monica and is good for our environment. Get out there and ride for fun, exercise, or as a means of transportation.

Enjoy the ride.



Please contact the City's Transportation Management Division, at 310-458-8291 with questions and comments. For more information about riding and what Santa Monica has to offer, visit some of the websites listed on the back cover.

Which Way?

Which Way to the Beach

When riding your bike, make your way to the following streets for beach path access: Santa Monica Pier bridge at Colorado Ave and Ocean Ave, Bay St, Bicknell Ave, Ocean Park Blvd, or Ashland Ave. These points are shown on the map. The pedestrian bridge north of the Pier along the California Incline (California Ave and Ocean Ave) has minimal steps and can be used by walking your bike down via the west side sidewalk to the bridge. For more information about the Santa Monica Pier, go to: www.santamonicapier.org

Which Way to the Promenade

The 3rd Street Promenade area can get very busy with buses, cars, and pedestrians. Plan your route ahead and consider the following for access to the Promenade: Broadway Ave (bikes are permitted in the bus only lane), Arizona Ave, 2nd St, or 5th St. There are bike racks in the area and on the Promenade but riding on the Promenade is not permitted.

Let's Roll



Bike Route – a street designated for cyclists and motorists to share the traffic lane.



Bike Lane – a designated lane for one-way bike travel on a street.



Bike Path – an off-street bike lane that is completely separated from motor vehicle traffic. On the path pay attention to the posted signs, painted directional signage on the path and never ride where there is pedestrian only signage. Riding single file is recommended; do your best to let a rider know when you are passing. Pass always on the left. Just over 2 miles of the 20 plus mile path is in the City of Santa Monica.

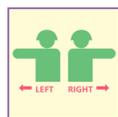
Keep Yourself Safe

Most bicycle riding is done on roads and streets shared with motor vehicles. Every person riding a bicycle in a street has all rights and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. For your safety and the safety of others, obey the rules of the road as if you were driving a car – stop at stop signs, red lights, and signals before turning or changing lanes.



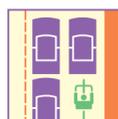
Ride with traffic.

Riding on the sidewalk is prohibited in the City of Santa Monica. Ride on the right side of the road. Observe stop signs, signals and basic right-of-way rules.



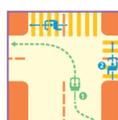
Use Hand Signals.

Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signaling is a matter of law, of courtesy and of self-protection.



Ride in the middle of the traffic lane in slow traffic.

Don't ride the line. Get in the middle of the lane at busy intersections and whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic.



Choose the best way to turn left.

There are two ways to make a left turn.

- Like an auto.** Signal, look back for oncoming traffic, then move into the left turn lane, and turn when it is clear.
- Like a pedestrian.** If you are within a designated crosswalk, dismount and walk your bike across. This is a great alternative for difficult intersections.



Navigating roundabouts.

Ride counter-clockwise. Traffic already in the circle has the right of way. Don't cut across the center of the circle or go against the traffic flow.



Follow lane markings.

Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't ride straight in a lane marked right-turn only.



Look before you pass or merge.

Some riders also use rear-view mirrors. Leave 3-4 feet when passing a motor vehicle or another bicyclist. Give a clear warning or call out "Passing on your left." Make eye contact. Assume drivers don't see you even when you may be certain they do.



Keep clear of the door zone.

Try to ride a door's width away from parked cars. Keep to the outside of the bike lane to avoid the door zone. If you have to ride in the door zone, ride very slowly. You have the right to ride in a traffic lane if it is too narrow to share with a car.



Keep both hands ready to brake.

You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain and heavy fog, since brakes are less efficient when wet.



Bicycling at night.

At night, a white front light, red rear reflector, wheel and pedal reflectors are required by law. Wear bright or reflective clothing for visibility.



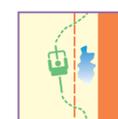
Don't weave between parked cars.

Don't ride out to the curb between parked cars, unless they are far apart. Motorists may not see you when you try to move back into traffic.



Avoid road hazards.

Cross streetcar and railroad tracks carefully at right angles. Avoid parallel-slat sewer grates, utility covers, painted and/or oily pavement, gravel and pot-holes.



You may leave a bike lane.

When a road hazard or other obstruction exists in a bike lane, or you anticipate a motorist might turn across your path, you may temporarily merge with caution into the adjacent motor vehicle lane for safety.



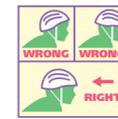
Passing on the right can be hazardous.

Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.



In front, or far behind, not beside!

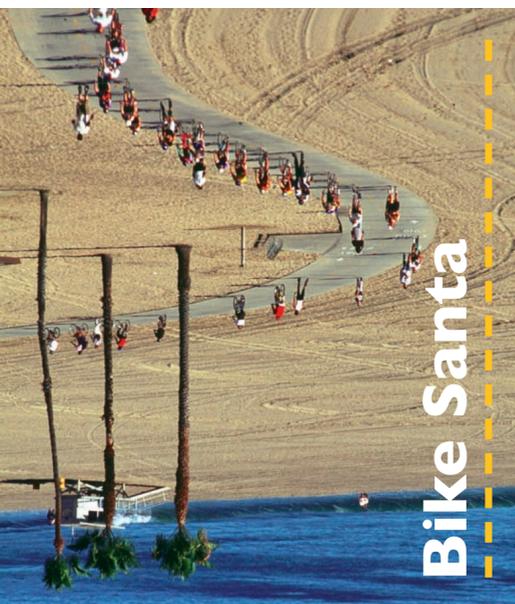
To ensure drivers of large vehicles (trucks, buses, and motor homes) can see you, stay out of their blind spots. Never pass on the right side. Ride far enough behind for the driver to see you, and at least 4 feet from the sides to avoid falling under a large vehicle.



Don't risk it.

Always wear a helmet. This actually is required by law for bicyclists under the age of 18.

This map is provided as a guide for those who intend to bicycle in Santa Monica. The City is not responsible for your safety, and no representation is made or intended as to the safety or fitness of the suggested routes for bicycle travel. Bicyclists should exercise caution at all times and are required to obey the California Vehicle Code and the "Rules of the Road."



Bike Santa

Lock It Up

Once you reach your destination, it is important to properly and securely lock your bike. There are a few simple steps you can take to secure your bicycle. At a minimum lock the frame of the bicycle to the bicycle rack.

- To reduce possible leverage points on your lock, be sure that it fits snugly around your bicycle and the bicycle rack and that the lock is elevated off the ground.
- Using two different types of locks makes your bike more secure, especially because each lock type requires a different style of instrument to break.



- Do not lock your bike to sign posts, as these can be removed allowing one to slide your bike over the top.
- If possible, be sure to lock your bike in well-lit, public spaces.
- Whenever possible, do not leave your bike parked outside over night.
- You are required to obtain a license for your bicycle if you will be traveling on a public street. Please contact the City's Business License Office at 310/458-8745 for more details. The license number could come in handy if your bicycle is ever lost or stolen. If this does occur, you may contact the Police Department at 310-458-8491.
- For more information on how to get bike racks installed in your area please call the City's Parking Office at 310-458-8295.

Rack And Ride

Bring your bike for a ride on the Big Blue Bus. Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus is equipped with convenient and easy to use front-mounted bike racks. Try one out; it's free with your paid fare.

About our free bike rack service

- Easy to follow instructions are clearly displayed on every bike rack. If the rack is full, please wait for the next bus.
- Each rack can carry two bikes.
- Bikes are not allowed inside the bus.
- The racks accommodate most types of bikes including kids' bikes. Tandem bikes will not fit in the rack.
- Bikes cannot be locked onto the rack.
- Only the bike's tires touch the rack.
- Always load and unload your bike by approaching the bus from the curb and never from the street.
- If you forget to remove your bike, or if the bus pulls away before you unload it, please note the bus number and route then call Big Blue Bus Customer Service at (310) 451-5444.

Loading

- When the bus doors open, let the driver know you'll be loading your bike onto the rack.
- Approach the bike rack from the curb.

Valet It

Bicycles may be left with an attendant at the Main Street Sunday Farmers' Market located just south of Ocean Park Boulevard on the west side of Main Street during market hours. This is a free service for those arriving by bicycle. An attendant will give you a ticket, watch the bike while you shop and retrieve the bicycle at any time requested. The City of Santa Monica hopes to expand this service to other events throughout the city.

For Farmers' Market hours and locations visit their website: www.smgov.net/farmers_market/

- Lower the bike rack from its folded position until it's parallel to the ground. It's easily done with one hand so you can hold onto your bike at the same time.
- Place your bike in the rack's wheel slots closest to the bus.
- Raise the support arm over the top of your bike's front tire.
- Board the bus.
- That's it. Your bike is now securely stowed and you're both ready to ride.



Unloading

- Before you reach your stop, tell your driver you need to unload your bike and return the neon baton.
- Approach the bike rack from the curb.
- Lower the support arm from the top of your bike's front tire.
- Lift your bike out of the rack.
- If there is no other bike, fold up the rack.
- Step away from the bus with your bike.

For more information, go to the Big Blue Bus website: www.bigbluebus.com.



Bike Shops

Bangs
1925 Main St
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-450-7007

Bicycle Ambulance
707 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-395-5026

Bicycle Workshop
1638 Ocean Park Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-450-3180

Bike Attack
2400 Main St
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-581-8014
bikeattack.com

Bikerowave
1816-A Berkeley St
Santa Monica, CA 90404
bikerowave.org

Blazing Saddles
320 Santa Monica Pier
Santa Monica, CA 90401
310-393-9778

Cynergy Cycles
2300 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404
310-857-1500
cynergycycles.com

Helen's Cycles
2501 Broadway
Santa Monica, CA 90404
310-829-1836
helencycles.com

Performance Bicycle
501 Broadway
Santa Monica, CA 90401
310-451-9977
supergo.com

Perry's Blazing Saddles
2400 Ocean Front Walk
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-452-2399
perryscafe.com

Perry's Café & Rentals
2400 Ocean Front Walk
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-452-2399
perryscafe.com

Perry's Café & Rentals
2600 Ocean Front Walk
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-584-9306
perryscafe.com

Perry's Café & Rentals
930 Pacific Coast Highway
Santa Monica, CA 90403
310-696-8643
perryscafe.com

Perry's Café & Rentals
1200 Pacific Coast Highway
Santa Monica, CA 90401
310-696-8644
perryscafe.com

REI
402 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(310) 458-4370
rei.com/stores/107

Sea Mist Rentals
1619 Ocean Front Walk
Santa Monica, CA 90401
310-395-7076

Spokes N' Stuff
1715 Ocean Front Walk
Santa Monica, CA 90401
310-395-4748

Triathlete Zombies Inc
3216 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404
310-315-1485
triathletezombies.com

Veloworx
3106 Lincoln Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405
310-584-9797
veloworx.com



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