

RTD Bike-n-Ride

Bike Lockers

Over 500 bicycle lockers are available at 42 park-n-Rides and Light Rail Stations throughout the District. All lockers require use of an RTD-issued padlock, at a cost of \$20. Some lockers are available on a daily first-come-first-served basis. Other lockers are available on the basis of a six-month lease to individual users. For bicycle locker information, including locations and availability nearest you, call 303-299-2288 (note that this doubles as the lost and found number).



Bus Bike Rack Instructions

- Signal bus driver.
 - To release the rack, squeeze the center handle and slowly lower it down; place front wheel on side labeled "Front Wheel."
 - Pull up and out on the support arm and hook the arm securely over the top of the front wheel closest to the fork.
 - Watch your bike to ensure its safety.
 - Tell driver before exiting front door that you are removing your bike.
 - If you are the last person to unload your bike, return rack to its upright position.
- RTD is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes, or damage to bikes due to improper loading.



Sharing the Road

Biking on Streets

Obey all traffic regulations. Biking predictably and following the law on the laws to safe bicycling on Denver streets. Knowing and following the rules helps you and others properly anticipate each other's movements.

Ride in a straight line. Avoid weaving between parked cars. Ride in a straight line at least 4 feet away from parked cars to avoid the "Door Zone" (see below).

Never ride against traffic. Riding against traffic is dangerous and illegal. Motorists and pedestrians are not looking for cyclists riding the wrong way down a street.

Don't ride on the sidewalk. Denver law says that you may not ride on a sidewalk, unless it is marked as a bike route.

When necessary, use the lane furthest to the center when passing. Move toward the center when the lane is too narrow for materials to pass safely or when you are moving at the same speed as traffic.

To cross an intersection, use the lane furthest to the right that points to where you are going. Follow lane markings to cross an intersection. If you can't change lanes to turn left, ride across the street to the other side and then your bike with traffic.

The "Door Zone"
Tips to Avoid Injuries
The "Door Zone" is the 3-4 foot space along the left side of a parked car when an opening door can hit and seriously injure a cyclist.

When riding on a bike lane, ride on the left side of the lane—at least 1 foot from parked cars.

Look inside each parked car before you pass it. If you can't see someone inside or you spot someone inside, move outside the "Door Zone" and proceed with caution, or slow down and pass carefully.

Watch behind you. Many truck of motorist don't know whether you have enough room. If you need someone suddenly out of the "Door Zone," a mirror helps you see traffic behind you so you pedal forward.



- Downtown bike lanes provide access to many destinations, including bike racks adjacent to the free 16th Street Mall Shuttle.
- Denver's grid system of numbered routes also connect with neighborhood routes.
- Detour signs are provided when construction projects impact bike routes.



4. Occasionally, our designated bike routes use city sidewalks. These are the only locations that bicyclists can lawfully use sidewalks (unless you are delivering newspapers). Please use extra care when crossing streets and driveways — motorists commonly do not expect the presence of bicyclists or may misjudge your speed. There are special signs warning both motorists and bicyclists of these off-street bike routes crossing streets.

Bike-on-Light Rail

Bikes are allowed on Light Rail during off-peak hours before 6 am, from 9 am to 4 pm, after 6 pm on weekdays, and any time on weekends. During peak hours, bikes are allowed only if you are traveling in a reverse-peak direction (away from downtown in the morning and into downtown in the afternoon). Bicycles are allowed on Light Rail on a space-available basis.

Loading Your Bike onto Light Rail

- Allow all other passengers to board and disembark first.
- Load and unload your bike at the front or rear entrance of the car. Bikes are not allowed at the front entrance leading to an occupied operator's cab. Be sure to hold your bike and stay clear of the doors at all times.
- Show the inspector your permit when you're requested to do so.
- Allow all other passengers to exit before you unload your bike.

Light Rail Permit Card

A special permit is needed to take your bike on Light Rail. Visit <http://www.rtd-denver.com/LightRail/BikePermit/index.html> for Light Rail permits online or at any RTD Info Kiosk located at Market Street Station, Civic Center Station, Boulder Transit Center and DIA. Review the instructions and take the online test. When you pass the test, you can receive a temporary permit at that time and the permanent permit will be mailed within 30 days.



Under-carriage bins on regional and skyRide coach buses

- When the bus arrives, remain in line with your bicycle to prevent losing your place in line. Luggage and bicycles will be loaded before the passengers board the bus.
- Always allow the driver to open and close the baggage bin doors.
- Remove your front wheel (if quick release) and load your bicycle as compactly as possible into the baggage bin to accommodate additional bicycles or baggage.
- Once you have loaded your bicycle, you may return to your place in line to board the bus.

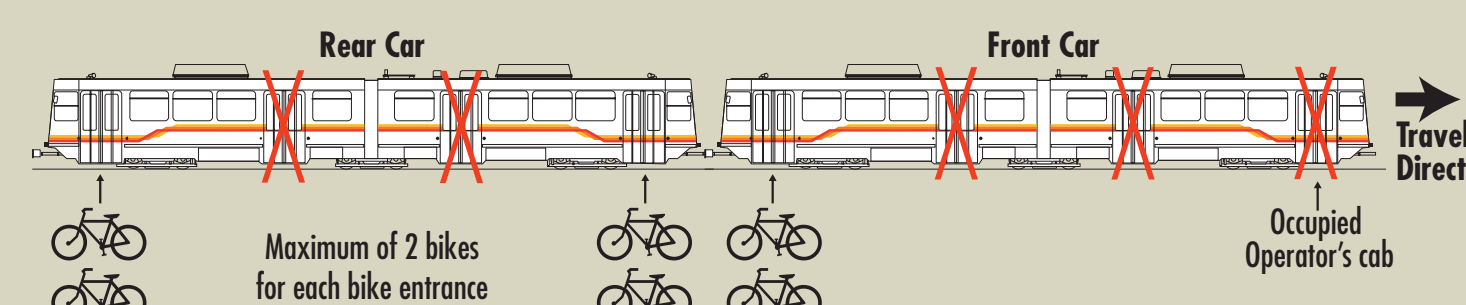
Denver International Airport

Bicyclists may use the shoulders of Peña Boulevard to travel the routes that is signed to and from the airport. Use caution — especially when traveling through the interchanges.

Bicycle access to DIA is available via the RTD SkyRide bus routes 303-299-6000.

For the status of the future DIA bike trail call 303-342-2200.

Bike-n-Ride queries should either go through the RTD general info line 303-299-6000 or the bike-n-Ride hotline 303-299-BIKE (2453). The direct URL for the bike-n-Ride link is: http://www.rtd-denver.com/SpecialRides/B_n_Ride/index.html



Rocky Mountain Wildlife Refuge
The Denver Police Department provides bike safety classes, community bike rides, and addresses other bike safety issues. Call 720-865-6943.

Cherry Creek Trail
Cherry Creek Trail has "Wheels & Heels" trails between Colfax and Confluence Park. Bicyclists and skaters are to use the Wheels side.

SCALE
0 1/2 1 Mile
0 1/2 1 Kilometer

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0 1/8 1/4 Mile
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Multi-Use Trails – Shared Responsibilities

Share the trail. Denver's trails have been designed for a variety of users, and not only for one group. By following simple, common sense rules and courtesy, trail use will be safe and enjoyable.

	Keep To The Right All trail users must keep to the right except when passing or turning left. Move off the trail to the right when stopping.
	Signal To Others Cyclists: when approaching others, sound your bell or horn early, then pass safely on the left. Pedestrians: acknowledge with a wave when someone is overtaking, then step to the right.
	Right-of-Way Cyclists and in-line skaters must yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way. Pedestrians: exercise caution. Be aware that cyclists and skaters require lots of room to stop.
	Control Your Pet Denver ordinance requires pets to be leashed while on the trail and owners to clean up after their pets. Keep leashes short and walk pets on the outside of the trail.
	Earphone Dangers If you must use earphones on the trail, keep the volume sufficiently low to be able to hear other trail users.
	Be Alert Watch for slippery sections covered by ice, loose gravel or silt. Be sure the trail is clear of obstructions ahead. Ring bell for others where visibility is restricted such as on hills and turns.
	Merge Correctly Look both ways. Bicyclists: yield to through traffic; at intersections, pedestrians have the right-of-way. Pedestrians: exercise caution; be aware of bicyclist's stopping limitations.
	Respect Nature Do not disturb or feed wildlife. Keep to well established trails to protect habitat. Do not collect plant or animal material.
	Ride Appropriately Ride according to conditions: traffic, trails, weather, bicycle and fitness. Use caution on hills, under/over bridges, bends, and when the trails are busy.
	Be Visible Bicyclists: Outfit your bicycle with a headlight, rear light, and reflectors as you would for riding on the road. Pedestrians: Ensure your visibility at night by wearing light-tinted clothing with reflective tape.
	Dismount As Posted Dismount and walk across roadways or other posted locations. When choosing a pedestrian style crossing across the flow of traffic, cross only when it is safe to do so.
	Use Appropriate Trail Where twinned sections of trail exist, use the appropriate trail as posted. "Wheels and Heels"; cyclists and skaters on one trail, and walkers and joggers on the other.

On-Street Bikeways – Share the Road

Ride defensively — Prepare for the unexpected and plan alternate maneuver to avoid conflict. Rules alone do not always protect bicyclists from injury. Be Alert. Be Visible. Ride Predictably.

	Be Careful at Intersections The majority of urban bicycle accidents take place at intersections. Proceed carefully, make sure you are visible, and signal your intentions. Vehicles making turns can be particularly dangerous.
	Be Courteous Share the road and the responsibilities. Motorists and cyclists get along much better when showing courtesy and consideration towards each other.
	Beware of Car Doors Motorists can unexpectedly open doors. Ride a car door width away from parked cars.
	Commuter Cycling Transportation becomes recreation; the necessary jaunt becomes a pleasurable and healthy journey. Plan your trip and prepare for sudden weather changes. Bring a set of clothes and freshen up at work.
	Make Eye Contact Confirm that you are seen. Establish eye contact with motorists to insure that they know you are on the road. Share the road in a polite and courteous manner.
	Ride in a Straight Line Avoid dodging between parked cars. Ride in a straight line at least three feet away from the curb to allow room for moving around road hazards. Watch for cars entering from driveways.
	Scan the Road Behind Look over your shoulder to check regularly and use a mirror to monitor traffic. Although bicycles have equal right to the road, be prepared to maneuver for safety.
	Turning Left – 2 Options (1) AS A VEHICLE: Signal your intentions in advance. Move to the left turning lane, and complete the turn when it is safe. (2) AS A PEDESTRIAN: Ride to the far crosswalk and walk across.
	Use a Pack or Rack Use a bike carrier, small backpack, or saddlebags to transport packages. This secures your load and frees your hands for safe riding.
	Use Appropriate Lane Avoid being in a right turn-only lane if you plan to proceed straight through. Move into the straight-through lane early. In narrow lanes or slow traffic it may be safer to take the whole lane.
	Use Hand Signals Signal all turns and stops ahead of time, check over your shoulder, then make your intended move only when it is safe to do so.
	Use Lights at Night Always use a strong white headlight, rear light and red reflector at night or when visibility is poor. Use bike reflectors and reflective clothing. See and be seen!

Bike Laws and Bike Safety

Bicyclists are reminded that bicycles are defined as vehicles by Colorado Statute 42-1-102 (6) Bicyclists "...have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle..." except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application."

	Obey Traffic Signals and Signs As a vehicle, bicyclists must obey all the Rules of the Road. Cyclists have the same privileges and duties as other traffic.
	One Person Per Bike Riding double is only permitted when carrying a child in an approved carrier or when riding on a tandem bicycle. Children should always wear a helmet.
	Bike Bans Bicycles are banned from: Speer Boulevard from Zuni to 1st Avenue, and 1st Avenue from Speer Boulevard to Steele Street. Bicycles are also banned from the 16th Street Mall (except Sundays).
	Stay Off Sidewalks Denver Ordinance 54-576 prohibits bicyclists from using sidewalks unless the sidewalk is part of an officially designated bike route, or if the bicyclist is engaged in delivering newspapers. Even where the sidewalk is an official bike route, make sure that motorists see you before crossing streets and driveways. Always yield to pedestrians.
	Ride in a Single File Ride in single file when riding in a group on city streets except when overtaking or passing. Colorado Statute 42-4-106.5 (6) (a) states that "Persons operating bicycles on roadways shall ride single file, except that riding no more than two abreast is permitted in the following circumstances: (1) When there is no motor vehicle traffic approaching from the rear within a distance of three hundred feet and the sight distance on the roadway at the time and place and under the conditions then existing is a minimum of three hundred feet to the front and rear of the bicyclists; or (2) When riding on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles."

In-Line Skating

	Rules In-line skaters should follow the travel, passing and speed rules for cyclists. Where "Wheels and Heels Trails" are provided, in-line skaters should use the trail marked for cyclists.
	Where to Skate Stay to the right of the trail or solid line. Ensure your stride does not cross the center of the trail.
	In-Line Recommendations The use of poles by in-line skaters and roller skiers on trails is discouraged.

Keep to the right. Yield to pedestrians and slower moving traffic except when passing. Slow down when there are lots of users on the trail.

Use your path. Don't bike on designated walking or running paths.

Use proper etiquette. Cyclists: yield to through traffic of intersections. Remember, pedestrians have the right-of-way. Pedestrians: exercise caution. Be aware that cyclists and skaters require lots of room to stop.

Advise others when passing. Sound your bell or horn or call out when approaching pedestrians or slower cyclists, then pass safely on the left.

Theft Prevention

Most bike thefts are due to unlocked or improperly locked bikes. Following these tips will help prevent your bike from being stolen:

- Never leave your bike unlocked, not even for a second.
- Always use a high quality U-lock or chain. For added security, use both.
- Always lock the frame and front wheel to either a rack or pole (see illustration 1).
- For extra security remove the front wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel (see illustration 2).

Register your bike with the Denver Police Department for free at: www.denvergov.org/bikeregistration.asp

The city provides standard "inverted U" bike parking racks on public property.

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