

2009

ALBUQUERQUE Bicycle Map



Bicycle Lane



Bicycle Route



Multi-use Trail



Bicycle Boulevard

Welcome To Bicycling in Albuquerque



Bicycling is both an important element of the city's multi-modal transportation system and a very popular recreation activity. Our temperate climate and sunshine allows for year-round bicycling opportunities. Taking advantage of these opportunities can result in significant benefits to your health and physical fitness. Bicycle commuting is strongly encouraged as a means of reducing traffic congestion and improving the city's air quality.

Albuquerque bicycle programs strive to provide a safe riding environment for bicycle riders of all levels. There are over 400 miles of on-street bicycle facilities and multi-use trails in the City, and what you see represented on this map is only the beginning. The City is committed to the continued expansion of the system to make bicycling accessible to everyone.

On behalf of the City of Albuquerque, I invite you to explore the routes and destinations identified on this map. I sincerely hope you enjoy your bicycling experience in Albuquerque. Please bicycle responsibly, obey traffic laws and share our multi-use trails.

Mayor Martin J. Chávez



Legend

- Multi-use Trail - A paved trail closed to automotive traffic
- Bicycle Lane - A portion of the street with a designated lane for bicycles
- Bicycle Route - Cars and bicycles share the street
- Bicycle Boulevard - A shared roadway optimized for bicycle traffic
- Roads with Wide Shoulders
- Arroyos
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Overpass
- Place of Interest
- High School
- Bosque Trail Parking Locations
- Rapid Ride Stop
- Bicycle Shop
- New Mexico Railrunner Express Station
- Mountain Bike Trail

Neighborhood streets may serve as connections between designated bikeways along your route

Bicycles allowed in City Open Space and non-wilderness areas ONLY

Like To Work

Albuquerque is in the midst of creating a transportation system that provides options that meet the needs of individuals and the community as a whole.

Benefits of Bike Commuting

Bicycle commuting is an opportunity to turn your stressful commute into valuable exercise time. It's fast enough to get you there in a reasonable amount of time, yet slow enough to allow you to enjoy the scenery.

Getting Started

Plan your route. Map out your route in advance using this map. If there are gaps in the suggested routes or no direct routes, try going out on the weekend or after work to explore alternatives.



Albuquerque Trails

The City of Albuquerque plans for, develops, and maintains many of Albuquerque's trails. The Albuquerque metropolitan area has more than 130 miles of paved multi-use trails and hundreds of miles of unpaved trails that are used by bicyclists and other users.

Albuquerque's premiere trail, the Paseo del Bosque Trail, goes from the north to the south edges of the metro area through the Rio Grande's cottonwood bosque, 16 miles of paved trails uninterrupted by roadways.

You may encounter many different kinds of users on the trails. Expect to meet other bicyclists, walkers, people with wheelchairs, in-line skaters, possibly equestrians. Courtesy and caution are a part of having an enjoyable and safe trail ride.



your commute will be. Get acquainted with your bike. If there are adjustments that will need to be made this is the time to find that out. Get used to riding your bike in a variety of traffic conditions.

Rules Of The Road

If your bike commute involves streets with a great deal of traffic, be aware of your surroundings and ride defensively. Drivers are more likely to respect your position on the road if you are consistent, predictable, and obey the rules of the road.

Equipment

- Bicycle. A mechanically sound bicycle is essential. Be sure all gears, wheels and brakes are in good working order and that the frame is sound.
Helmet. Besides your helmet, a helmet that fits well is your most important piece of bicycle commuting equipment.

What To Wear

Here are three options to consider: Ride in your work clothes. Depending on the weather and the length of your commute, you may be able to wear your work clothes on your bike.

Parking

Park in open areas where many people pass by and your bicycle can easily be seen. The best bike racks are made with thick, sturdy tubing, are bolted down, and allow you to lock both the frame and the wheels to the rack.



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City of Albuquerque Citizen Contact Center 311
Municipal Development Department Transportation Planning and Project Development 768-2680
Street Repair and Sweeping Street Maintenance Division 857-9025

Bernalillo County Street Maintenance Division 848-1503
City of Rio Rancho Operations and Maintenance 891-7224
Organizations Bike ABQ, New Mexico Young Society

Bicycle Safety Program

The Bicycle Safety Program offers "Bicycle Safety Rodeos" and presentations to the schools and the community. Children and adults learn basic bicycling skills, traffic laws, helmet use and safety.



Cycling 101

Let the Bicycle Safety Education Program help you sharpen up your cycling skills with a Cycling 101 Class. The seven and a half hour program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will include:

America's Parkway

- Effective Bike Handling
How to change a flat
Traffic Rules
Proper Bike Fit
Minor Bike Maintenance

Moms and Dads,

- Please discuss the following information with your child.
When they ride a bicycle on a public street, they are considered as a vehicle not a toy. All traffic laws, such as stopping at stop signs and red lights must be obeyed.



Questions To Consider

- Bicyclists are subject to the same traffic laws as automobile drivers. You are responsible for seeing that your child understands and obeys the signs, signals and traffic regulations described in this map.
Is my child mature enough to understand the rules and responsibilities of a bicyclist in traffic?



Safety

An approved bicycle helmet can greatly reduce the risk of death or permanent injury in the event of an accident. Look for the ANSI Z90.4.

On-Street Bikeways share the road

Ride Defensively - Prepare for the unexpected and plan alternate maneuvers to avoid conflict. Rules alone do not always protect cyclists from injury. Be alert.

Multi-Use Trails Shared Responsibilities. Share the trail. Albuquerque'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.

YOUR BIKE ON BOARD. Catch the bird and bring your bike for FREE! Each train is equipped with tie-downs for at least four standard-size bikes.

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BIKE & BUS. Bike and Bus in Albuquerque is designed to give you more commuting alternatives to your car. Cyclists can use multi-use trails, bicycle lanes and routes.

Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Chapter 8: Traffic Code

8-3-3-1 JURISDICTION. The regulations in §§ 8-3-3-1 et seq. shall be applicable whenever a bicycle is operated on any municipal paved or dirt path or roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or set aside for use of bicycles with pedestrians.

8-3-3-7 OPERATION IN BICYCLE LANE. Where the bicycle lane provides a minimum of four feet of ride-able space or once a bicyclist has entered a bicycle lane, bicyclist shall endeavor to maintain the lane except: (A) At intersections;

8-3-3-9 POSITION ON THE ROADWAY. (A) If the right hand vehicle lane available for traffic is wide enough to be safely shared with overtaking vehicles and no bike lane is present, a bicyclist shall be ridden far enough to the right in said lane to facilitate such overtaking movements unless other conditions make it unsafe to do so.

8-3-3-14 TRAVELING IN GROUPS. Persons riding bicycles on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles where more than two abreast may ride in safety and traffic is not impeded.

8-3-3-21 TURNING AND HAND SIGNALS. (A) Before turning and altering the course of a bicycle, the bicyclist shall make sure that movement can be made safely and shall give a signal by hand in the same manner as hand signals are given by motorists to indicate the direction in which he intends to proceed.

Area Bicycle Shops. List of shops including Albuquerque Bicycle Center, Broken Spoke Ride Shop, etc. with addresses and phone numbers.