Sioux Falls Bicycle Laws

Traffic regulations
Every bicyclist has the same rights and responsibilities as any other driver of a vehicle except where specifically prohibited by law. Bicyclists must ride with the flow of traffic and obey all traffic laws and traffic signs.

Bicycling on city streets
A bicycle and motor vehicle must “share the lane” when there is adequate room available in the lane for both motor vehicles and bicycles to share. When there is not enough room available in the lane for both motor vehicles and bicycles to share, the bicyclist may “take the lane” to signal to a motor vehicle that it is not safe to pass in the same lane.

Interfering with pedestrians
Bicyclists must not interfere with pedestrians while riding their bike.

Lights
Bicyclists riding at night or during adverse weather conditions (e.g., heavy snowfall, fog, sleet, rain) must have a headlight on the front of their bike and a red taillight visible to oncoming traffic.

Bicycling in city parks
Bicyclists riding in city parks and greenways are required to follow the same laws as bicyclists on city streets. Bicyclists riding in city parks and greenways are required to operate their bicycles in a careful manner with concern for the safety of others and concern for the preservation of park property.

Parking bicycles on sidewalks
A person may park a bicycle on a sidewalk which is six feet wide or greater, unless marked as prohibited or restricted by an official sign. The bicycle must be parked so that it does not block traffic.

Vehicles on parkways or sidewalks
Bicycles are allowed to ride on sidewalks or parkways (except where prohibited) but they must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and stop at every intersection. Always be sure vehicle drivers see you before proceeding.

Share the Road

Communicate with drivers
Use hand signals so that drivers know where you’re going. Signal all your turns and stops ahead of time. Also, before turning, look over your shoulder for any traffic. Check and only move when it is safe.

Make eye contact. Confirming eye contact with motorists helps them know that you are on the road.

Street-smart cyclist (be seen and avoid injury)
Always wear a bicycle helmet to reduce the risk of permanent injury or death from a crash.

To make sure your helmet fits right, put it on then use the “eye test.” When you look up you should see the front rim. If not, your helmet won’t protect your forehead. The side straps should come to “V” just below each ear. When you open your mouth wide, you should feel the helmet push down on your head. If your helmet doesn’t pass the test, adjust its buckles.

Wear bright clothing, use lights, reflectors, a bell and a mirror to be seen and heard.

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Bike & Bus
Bike your way to the bus stop and then get on the bus and your bike, can take the bus from there to any other stop. Complete the rest of your trip on your bike. Call 367-7131 with questions or visit Siouxfalls.org.

It’s easy to use
Each fixed route bus is installed with a rack. Bike racks are mounted on the front of the bus along with instructions. The rack allows for most bicycle wheel and frame sizes. The bike doesn’t touch the other bike, the bus or other vehicles.

There is no additional charge for your bicycle.

Training is available at the Downtown Bus Stop.

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Safety tips
Please be courteous of others using the trails and routes.
Wear protective gear such as a helmet.
Be aware of your surroundings, and watch out for unsafe situations.
Be aware of changing weather conditions and plan to go in to an emergency. Fire stations and Hospitals are shown on the map.
In case of an accident or other type of emergency, call 911.
Liability disclaimer

The Sioux Falls Bicycle Route Map is provided as a public service by the Sioux Falls Planning Office in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department, and is not for route. This map should act as an aid to bicyclists but does not guarantee safety upon the identified streets. Most roads suggested are regular streets used by motorized vehicles, with no special lanes provided for bicyclists. Therefore, the bicyclist assumes the risk for his or her own safety.

For more information or questions regarding this map, please contact the Sioux Falls Planning Office at 367-8889.

Bike travel

As motorized traffic and fuel prices continue to increase as well as people wanting to live a healthier life, Sioux Falls has worked to enhance the convenience and attractiveness of using non-motorized forms of transportation. There are designated bike routes on city streets to help guide bicyclists from their homes to work, school, friends’ homes, shopping, and recreational activities. Use this map to find the route that will help meet your needs.

The key to successful bicycle travel is safety. Make sure your bicycle is in working order. Knowing and obeying the rules of the road can help you with any challenges that roll your way. Bicycles are considered vehicles by city and state law and must obey the rules of the road. Also, always remember to wear a helmet.

Bike Map

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

For information regarding the status of bike trail construction including alternative routes, go to www.siouxfalls.org/parks-bike.