



If you notice that a bicycle facility is not featured on the map or a road that should be designated differently, please let us know. Contact bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov



If you see a hazard on a trail sidewalk or road, please report it to https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/ or bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov



www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov

# BEGINNER'S GUIDE

**BIKES ARE A FUN, HEALTHY, RELIABLE,** AND ECONOMICAL WAY TO GET AROUND Bikes are great for getting to work or school, the store, the park, or your place of worship. You can ride a bike for exercise or just for pleasure. Different types of bikes are available to fit your needs, whether you prefer to ride on pavement or dirt, need to carry lots of cargo or children, or want pedal-assist technology that makes climbing hills a breeze.

**BE CAREFUL AT INTERSECTIONS** Use caution since If you have never biked before, consider taking a most collisions occur learning-to-ride class first. Bikes and helmets are at intersections. Watch usually provided. You can also hire a private instructor. for turning vehicles and Visit www.bikeleague.org/ridesmart to find classes or private instructors.

Get Yourself a Bike. Research what type of bike will fit your needs. Bike shops in Fairfax County can also provide advice. If you do not want to commit to a new bike, you can find a great variety of affordable preowned bikes through local or virtual yard sales. If you already have a bike, make sure it is in good working condition. You may want to get it inspected at a bike shop to ensure that it is safe to use.

Plan Your Route. Before you go on a ride, plan the most comfortable route. Use this map or an online service such as Google Maps. If you are not comfortable riding in traffic, choose a purple, green or dark blue

**Practice.** Try biking to different destinations such as the store, community center or park. The more you ride your bike, the easier it will become.

# SAFE CYCLING ON THE ROAD



lane if you are going straight. **FOLLOW ALL TRAFFIC LAWS** Obey all signs and traffic lights. RIDE IN A STRAIGHT LINE Do not dip between parked cars.



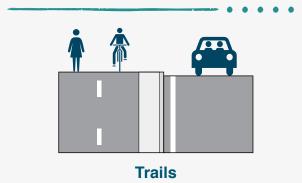




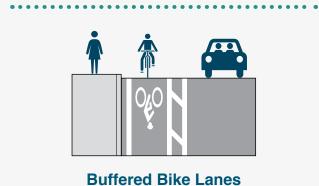
**USE BIKE LIGHTS** 

For further information, visit www.sharevaroads.org.

## WHERE TO BIKE



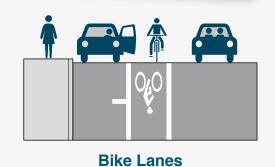
A trail is a form of infrastructure that supports multiple recreation and transportation opportunities, such as walking, running, hiking and bicycling. In Fairfax County, primary and secondary trails are wide asphalt or concrete shared-use paths that run along streets and through parkland. There are also a variety of natural surface trails that are open for mountain biking. Riding on sidewalks is also legal in Fairfax County unless there is a posted sign prohibiting bicycle use.



Buffered bike lanes are dedicated bicycle facilities that provide additional space between people riding bicycles and vehicular traffic.

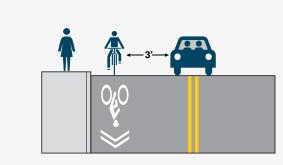






Standard bike lanes give people riding bicycles their own space on the road.

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**Shared Lane Markings** Shared lane markings and "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signage indicate a shared travel lane for bicycles and cars. Motorists may legally cross the double yellow line in order to safely pass a person riding a bicycle, as long as the oncoming

**BE VISIBLE** 

flashing light.

**BE ALERT** 

Be alert to trail conditions.

Watch for slippery surfaces such

as bridges, ice, wet sections and

Watch for debris on the trail.

Use lights when riding in low-

visibility conditions, including

darkness. Use at least one front

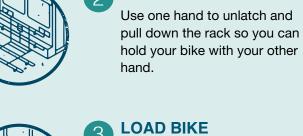
lane is clear.

## BIKES & TRANSIT

**BIKES ON BUSES** Bringing your bike on a bus can help you go farther, faster. All Fairfax Connector buses, Arlington Transit buses and WMATA Metrobus buses have front-mounted bike racks. Each rack accommodates two bicycles of most standard sizes. There is no additional charge.

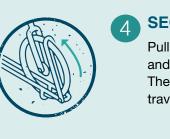








Lift your bike onto the track and into the slot for the wheels. Load your bike with the front wheel toward the wheel clamp.



SECURE BIKE Pull the spring-loaded clamp and put it over the front wheel The bike is now secured for

**BIKES ON TRAINS** Bicycles are permitted on Metrorail and VRE trains For rules and exceptions, please visit https://www.wmata.com/service/bikes and https://www.vre.org/service/policies.



**RESERVE A SPOT IN A BIKE ROOM** 

Secure bicycle storage rooms can be found at the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station and Stringfellow Park and Ride. The enclosed facilities feature both floor-mounted bicycle racks and vertical space-saver racks. Amenities include parking for oversized bikes/bikes with trailers, bench seating, an air pump, bike tools and a work stand. Access is controlled electronically. You must subscribe and pay an annual fee to use these facilities.

**RENT A BICYCLE LOCKER** 

**LOCATIONS** 

walking practices A bicycle locker lets you store your bicycle securely out of with others. rain, sun and snow. Lockers are usually located at transit Ambassadors attend events year round, talking to transfer centers such as park and ride facilities and Metro Fairfax County residents about bicycling and walking best practices. Ambassador events include outreach at festivals, neighborhood health fairs, block parties farmer's markets and other private or public events. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation currently

County to be the

safest place to

walk and ride a

bike, whether fo

You can help by

volunteering to

become a Bicycle

transportation

or recreation.

safety presentations at camps, libraries, schools and

FAIRFAX COUNTY

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

at bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov if you would like to become an ambassador, or to request an

# BIKEMAP



Nothing Compares to the SIMPLE PLEASURE

BIKE RIDE'

-John F. Kennedy

## BICYCLE-FRIENDLY BUSINESS PROGRAM



and Turnover



Reduce

**Parking Costs Apply for Bicycle-Friendly** 

**Business Designation** The League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle-Friendly Business (BFB) program provides standards to guide your progress and recognize workplace achievement. Your BFB application is free, confidential and entitles you to detailed feedback on how to improve. www.bikeleague.org/business

Participate in National Bike Month (May) Host a Bike-to-Work Day event at your workplace, such as a free breakfast for bicycle commuters or a group ride from the office. Launch a company-wide Bike Month challenge, or encourage your employees to participate in the National Bike Challenge.

www.bikeleague.org/bikemonth

**AMENITIES** 

**SCAN THE ROAD** 

Always know your

surroundings.

**USE APPROPRIATE HAND SIGNALS** 

Tell motorists, cyclists and pedestrians

what you intend to do. Be predictable.

**CAR DOORS** 

at any time. Ride

away from parked

at least 5 feet



Showers Many bicyclists need to shower after their commute. Smaller work places could provide space for a change of clothes.

Tax Incentives Federal law allows employers to provide incentives for employees to commute to work by bike through the Bicycle Commuter Benefit.

**Safety Awareness** Offer bicycle education classes to ensure your employees follow the rules of the road and feel comfortable riding. Issue bicycling educational materials in your workplace common area and new employee packets. Share the League's educational videos and other online resources with employees www.bikeleague.org/ridesmart

> OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS since 1880

## NATIONAL BIKE CHALLENGE

**GET REWARDED FOR BICYCLING!** Compete against coworkers, friends and family Earn points and win prizes.



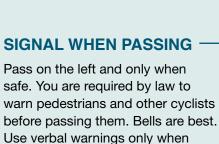
The National Bike Challenge is a nationwide event uniting thousands of people who enjoy biking for mountain biking. The free website allows you to log your rides while challenging yourself, your colleagues, and your community to ride more while competing on a local, state and national level for prizes. The scoring rewards frequent riding to allow beginner riders to compete with seasoned sport cyclists. Join the challenge as an individual or as part of a team. Schools, businesses and clubs can sign up multiple teams to allow for internal competitions. The challenge runs every year from May 1 to September 30.

# TRAIL SAFETY & ETIQUETTE

**CONTROL YOUR SPEED** Slow down when approaching a road or driveway crossing, when the trail is busy, slippery or your sight is

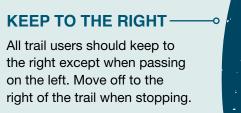
obstructed.

necessary.

















# MOUNTAIN BIKING

manages bicycle lockers at these locations:



**FOUNTAINHEAD** Fountainhead Regional Park is a challenging mountain biking destination trail in Fairfax County that uses color designations to indicate the level of difficulty. The Green

loop includes rooty flow trails, bridges and 12-inch drops. The Blue loop includes rooty flow trails, bridges, drops and wooden technical trail features. The Black loop adds advanced, expert-only rock features in tight twisty terrain with 4-foot drops. Please respect the trails by riding the tread or walking if uncomfortable with the

**BULL RUN OCCOQUAN TRAIL** Enjoy great views on this point-to-point trail along the

Occoquan Reservoir. The 6-mile long trail starts in Fountainhead Regional Park and goes to the Bull Run Marina parking lot. This very technical trail has short, steep climbs/descents, and most also have exposed roots and rocks. Follow the blue blazes, and yield to hikers and horses at all times.



**LAKE FAIRFAX** 

At 480 acres, Lake Fairfax Park hosts a full range of amenities, including a skatepark that is open to bicycles, a pump track suitable for bicyclists of all ages and abilities, a lake and streams for paddling or fishing, a water park, campgrounds, pavilions, athletic fields and nearly 10 miles of natural surface trails. The trails are rooty and fast with a deceiving amount of elevation change. The system includes a flow trail that is fast and fun for everyone from beginner to expert riders.

**LAUREL HILL** 

Located on the grounds of the former Lorton Prison, Laurel Hill is a fun trail system perfect for beginners. With trails ranging from flowing singletrack to doubletrack, Laurel Hill is a great place to go for a quick ride or to start a day trip on the Cross County Trail (CCT), which starts at Laurel Hill and goes north all the way to Great Falls Park. The trails at Laurel Hill tend to drain very well and, when it rains, are often rideable before other trails.



**MEADOWOOD** These trails wind through some of the best mature

hardwood forest on the Mason Neck peninsula. The South Branch Loop Trail is a 4.7-mile beginner trail, while the Boss and Stinger Trails combine to provide 1.5 miles of trail with a great deal of technical variety. They boast a 300-foot progressive bike ramp, multiple table tops, wooden skinnies and large, fast wooden berms. The Yard Sale is a fast, free-flowing trail that totals 0.67 miles. The Meadowood trails pass through a variety of terrain and vegetation, providing riders with constantly changing seasonal experiences. Combine a ride at Meadowood with a visit to historic Gunston Hall, or a paddle up Kane

Creek from Mason Neck State Park at the tip of the peninsula for an all-day adventure. LAKE ACCOTINK

The trail system at Lake Accotink is the perfect way to add miles to a longer ride on the Cross County Trail (CCT) or get in a quick ride. A loop that goes around Lake Accotink provides scenic views of the lake and is appropriate for beginner riders. The adjacent singletrack is tight and twisty, with roots and some steep climbs. The park also has boat rentals and picnic areas.

# RESOURCES

Fairfax County Bicycle Program www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk

**Fairfax County Park Authority** www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks **Fairfax County Public Schools** www.fcps.edu

**Virginia Department of Transportation** www.virginiadot.org Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and **Bikeways Committee** 

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/trails **Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling** www.fabb-bikes.org

**Washington Area Bicyclist Association** www.waba.org **Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts** 

> **League of American Bicyclists** www.bikeleague.org **Reston Bike Club**

> > www.restonbikeclub.org

www.more-mtb.org

**Potomac Pedalers** www.potomacpedalers.org **Trails for Youth** www.trailsforyouth.org **Sharing the Roads in Virginia** 

www.sharevaroads.org

We encourage you to pass this map along to someone who would like to start bicycling. For a complimentary replacement, contact bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov

PLAN YOUR TRIP

MoovIt is an urban mobility tool that helps with multi-modal trip planning. Plan your commute;

Fairfax County Parkway Trail.

compare your transportation options; and find the

lowest-carbon, healthiest and cheapest way to travel.

https://moovitapp.com



Go to www.capitalbikeshare.com to sign up for a membership, and a key will be mailed to you. Get a 24-hour membership at any Capital Bikeshare station. Capital Bikeshare offers affordable, accessible and fun transportation options for everyone, regardless of income. Those who qualify for certain state or federal assistance programs may apply for a subsidized membership. To learn more, visit www.capitalbikeshare.com/pricing/for-all.

TAKE unlock it.

Run an errand, go to lunch, enjoy a ride through a park, go to a meeting, ride to class, or connect to Metro. You can take as many trips per day as you like for free, if you dock your bike every 30 minutes. Rides beyond 30

eapital bikeshare

## CAPITAL BIKESHARE



minutes will incur a small usage fee.

BIKESHARE STATIONS

Town Center Pkwy & Sunset Hills Rd

Vy Reston Heights

**CORPORATE PARTNERS** There are many ways your organization can support Capital Bikeshare. Go to www.capitalbikeshare.com to learn about becoming a corporate member; subsidizing

hosting or sponsoring a station.



quick-release lifted together over parts separately.

on the go, check out





# KEEPING YOUR BICYCLE SAFE



mechanisms with



National Bike Registry: Take a photo of your bike, and record the serial number. This will aid in recovery if your bike



that the bike and

FIND BIKE PARKING Want to see if there is a good place to lock a bike near your destination? Whether at home or www.rackspotter.com

## Don't leave bicycles outside for days or nights on end. Thieves may be watching to target "unused" bicycles. **Register Your Bike** www.nationalbikeregistry.com

# BIKING WITH KIDS

BIKING WITH KIDS Kids love to bike. Depending on the age, they can ride in a child seat or trailer (ages 12 months to 5 years) or ride along on their own set of wheels (3+ years). Kids under the age of 15 are required by law to wear a bicycle helmet. The route you normally drive usually isn't the best route by bike. Look for trails

and green bike routes. Choosing good route

for your bike trips can make your rides safer

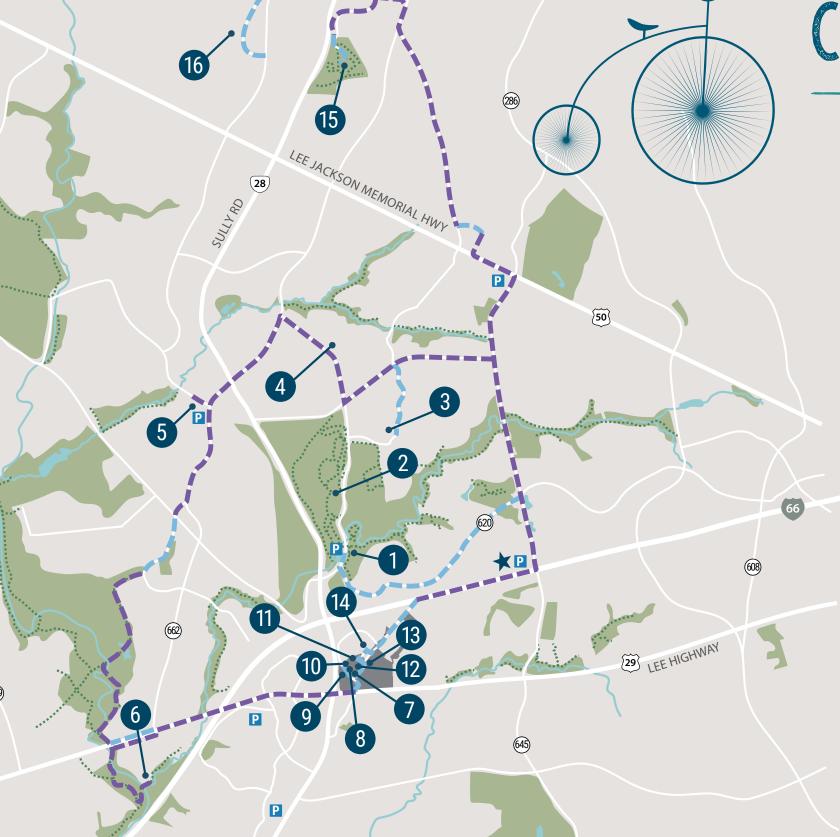
more pleasant and more kid-friendly.



a child seat! A double-sided kickstand can assist in stabilizing during loading and unloading, but always keep a hand on the bike during the process.



Teach street safety skills. Riding together is a great time to talk about what stop signs, road markings or other traffic controls mean when on a bike.



# CYCLE THROUGH HISTORY

### safe way to learn about the history of Fairfax County, all while riding a bicycle!

HISTORIC SULLY DISTRICT

The Historic Fairfax Cycling Tour provides a fun and

**Cycle Tour Route Map** Cabell's Mill and Middlegate House 2. Walney Visitor Center 3. Cross House

Sully Governmental Center— Newton Boundary Stone Lanes Mill and Newton's Mill Ruins

Harrison House

B. Havener House

Sites along

Virginia Civ

War Trails are

indicated with

a bugle

Centreville Methodist Church

10. Stone Filling Station 11. Mt. Gilead **12.** Spindle Sears House 13. St. John's Episcopal Church 14. Civil War Earthworks 15. Sully Historic Site

16. Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum \*

★ — STRINGFELLOW PARK & RIDE ROUTE ON PAVED TRAILS/SIDEWALKS

ROUTE ON ROAD

..... NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL

**14** MILES — MAIN LOOP STARTING AND ENDING AT STRINGFELLOW PARK & RIDE AND VISITING SITES 1/14 **6.25** MILES — STRINGFELLOW PARK & RIDE

TO THE AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

Request a free printed guide with detailed information about the historic sites at bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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generates 2/3 of the obesity risk by 6%.

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physically active

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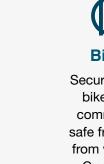
NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY (BTSD)

communities across the nation participate in BTSD, which highlights the importance of bicycling as a fun, healthy and safe way to get to school and around town. Participating in BTSD and hosting an event is a great way to www.virginiadot.org/programs/srsm\_national\_bike\_to\_school\_day.asp.

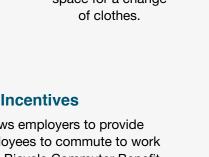
& Pedestrian Ambassador and sharing your knowledge about safe riding and Ambassadors also give bicycle and pedestrian CONTACT US

# **WHY BECOME BICYCLE-FRIENDLY?**









www.lovetoride.net/usa

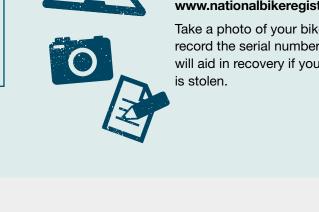














accounts for 14 million missed days of school per year

traveled by 6%.

Source: https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/ transportation-services/safe-routes-school-srts

Every year in May, thousands of students, parents, teachers and encourage biking and teach safe bicycling skills. Learn more at

throughout the day. improves and kids benefit. Walking and biking to **55** Capital Bikeshare Stations of physical activity school is also a great way for kids to get exercise. M WMATA Metro Stations Studies of existing SRTS programs show about a 50% **TYSONS STATIONS RESTON STATIONS MERRIFIELD STATIONS** We all want to keep our kids safe. SRTS includes decrease in crashes involving Greensboro Dr & International Dr **Campus Commons Dunn Loring Metro** education, encouragement, enforcement, and child cyclists and pedestrians. Merrifield Cinema Dr & Merrifield Greensboro Dr & Pinnacle Dr Library St & Freedom Dr engineering to help keep kids safe. WAYFINDING SIGNAGE Jones Branch Dr & Westbranch Dr New Dominion Pkwy & Fountain Dr Merrilee Dr & Lauren Elizabeth Ln North Shore Dr & Cameron Crescent Dr/ Jones Branch Dr & Scotts Crossing Rd Crescent Apartments McLean Metro Bicycle wayfinding signs are placed at decision Schools designed so children AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GASES New Stations Coming Soon -North Shore Dr & Village Rd points along preferred bicycle routes at multiple Park Run & Onyx Dr can walk and bicycle to visit www.capitalbikeshare.com Reston Pkwy & Spectrum Di Air pollution produced by locations throughout Fairfax County. Information Solutions Dr & Greensboro Dr Bike rides tend to lull children to sleep. Make sure Similar to traveling with your child by any other school have measurably for locations. Reston Regional Library traffic is linked to children's includes destination, directional arrow, and distance in Spring Hill Metro better air quality. node, be prepared for whatever the weather might their heads and necks have enough support when health issues including asthma, Reston Station/Wiehle & Reston Station Blvd miles. Look for signs near the Franconia-Springfield. Towers Crescent Dr & Tysons One Pl bring when considering apparel and accessories. they nod off. Reston Town Center Transit Station chronic respiratory illnesses Huntington, Vienna, and Wiehle-Reston East Metro **Tysons Corner Station** Having water and snacks on hand can make the Various brands offer accessories for child seats and certain cancers. Asthma Reston YMCA stations; in downtown McLean; Tysons; and along A return to 1969 levels of walking and bicycling to school would Tysons One PI & Chain Bridge Rd such as rain/element covers, handlebars, head ride more enjoyable. the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail and the Sunset Hills Rd & Discovery Square save 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of carbon dioxide and Tysons West Transit Center rests, adjustable foot rests and more. Never leave your bike unattended with your child in Sunset Hills Rd & Isaac Newton Square 89,000 tons of other pollutants, equivalent to keeping 250,000 cars Westpark Dr & Jones Branch Di nationwide. The transportation sector produces nearly one-third Sunset Hills Rd & Old Reston Ave off the road for a year. Westpark Dr & Park Run Dr of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. When schools are built in Temporary Rd & Old Reston Ave Westpark Dr & Leesburg Pike ↑ √ Vienna M OR 1.4 neighborhoods safe for walking and bicycling, air quality improves Town Center Pkwy & Bowman Towne Dr and kids benefit.

# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL HER The Fairfax County Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program aims to improve the health and well-being of children by encouraging them to walk and bike to school. About 30% of our elementary and middle schools regularly participate in the program.



reduces vehicle miles

 Herndon-Monroe Park and Ride Reston South Park and Ride • Reston Town Center Transit Station Spring Hill Metro Station Kiss and Ride • Burke Centre VRE Station Backlick Road VRE Station Additional lockers are leased by other transit entities Refer to the map for exact locations. **HOW DO I SIGN UP?** For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk.







































practices.

THE LEAGUE



Return the bike to any Capital Bikeshare station. Make sure when you click your bike back in, you see a green light indicating it is locked.

> Capital Bikeshare is expanding in Fairfax County! For current station locations and bike and docking availability, please visit www.capitalbikeshare.com or download mobile app, Capital Bikeshare, for on-the-go

> your employees' memberships; purchasing bulk, 24-hour

memberships for hotels, events, and conventions; or

**REAL-TIME BIKE STATION INFORMATION** 

lock cannot be