The City of Tampa embraces cyclists and encourages biking for both recreation and transportation. We have created over 120 miles of on-street bike lanes, 72 miles of greenways and trails. Florida’s first two way cycle track on a two way road, and paved the way for regional bikeshare program that continues to grow.

Tampa Riverwalk is 2.6 mile pathway weaving its way along the eastern side of the Hillsborough River and the shores of Tampa Bay. Accessing from the Tampa Bay History Center in the Channel District up through the heart of downtown and north to Waterworks Park in historic Tampa Heights, 6 bike parks, museums, parks, and connects Historic Ybor to downtown while becoming a catalyst for positive, and area inspirational change.

For a calendar of ‘Bay Area Bike Happenings’, visit bikewalktampabay.org. There are many fun opportunities for group rides and tours. You can also request a free BikeSmart class taught by a certified instructor from this site.

Find other cyclists like you

The Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, which organizes free two-hour rides the first Saturday of each month. Local guides lead the group throughout Tampa’s streets! Learn more at floridabiketours.com. After you’ve mastered the basics, find a group ride, like BikeSmart group rides and tours. You can also request a free BikeSmart class taught by a certified instructor from this site.

Bike safety tips

Bright colored clothing

Headlight (required at night)

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Reflectors

See and be seen. Wear bright colored clothing and use lights at night. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn’t mean the driver can see you.

Headlight preferred

Tail light/reflector required

Look before turning. When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left- or right-turning traffic.

Always yield to traffic and give way to the right

Do not ride in the sidewalks in busy districts

Rings your bell or yell out as you approach

Be respectful when passing. While on trails or shared-use paths, ride right, pass left, and make others aware of your presence.

Drivers must yield to pedestrians, including those who are already entering the crosswalk

Always refuel with traffic and give way to the right

Use your eyes and ears. Scan ahead for cars, pedestrians, and other road hazards. Watch out for slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, debris, sewer grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could cause you to lose control of your bike.

Obey all traffic laws. Bicycles are vehicles and as a “driver” you must follow all rules of the road including traffic signs, signals and lane markings.

Features Places to Ride

In addition to the available bike lanes throughout the city, there are also some great trails and greenways to take advantage of locally in the Tampa area.

Bike theft prevention

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Register your bike

Help Tampa Police prevent theft by registering your bike today at tampagov.net/RegisterMyBike.

Bikes on buses

Bike racks are available on all HART buses and HARTFlex Vans. However, each rack only accommodates two bicycles at a time; if the rack is full, please wait for the next bus or choose a safe location nearby to lock-up your bicycle. Find more information at gohART.org.

Hazards & Emergencies

Report a road hazard. Please call (813) 274-3101 to report an issue in the roadway, like potholes or other hazardous situations.

Emergencies: In any emergency situation, please immediately call 9-1-1 or tell someone else to call for you.

For more information, please contact the City of Tampa Bike-Pedestrian Coordinator at (813) 274-7884 or visit tampagov.net.