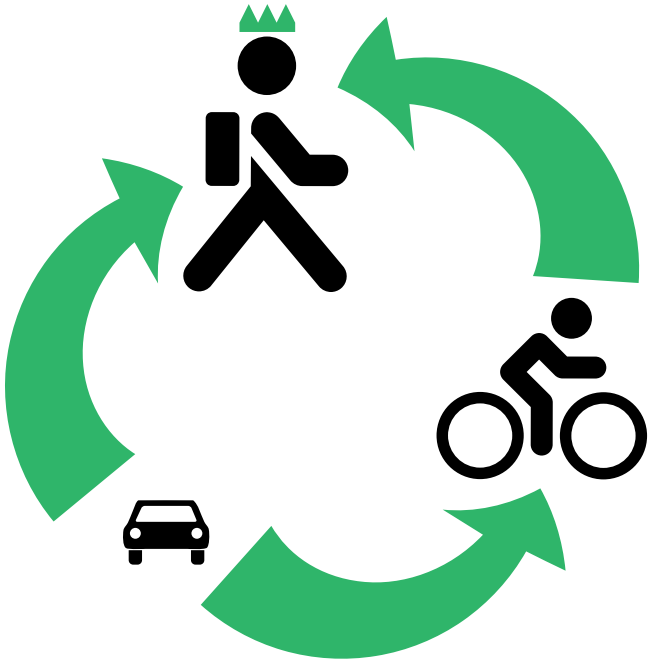


# Biking Rules

A NEW  
**STREETCODE**  
FOR **NYC CYCLISTS**



# WHAT IS BIKING RULES?

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Biking Rules is sponsored by Transportation Alternatives (T.A.) and aims to both encourage cycling and educate cyclists in NYC.

We know – and studies show – that more bicyclists make cycling safer and safer cycling will encourage more people to get out and ride. This is a virtuous cycle that we can work together to continue. In this effort the public's perception of cyclists matters as much as, if not more than, any new bike lane or scores of new riders.

**As our potential to cause harm increases on the street, so does our responsibility to others.** Here's a simple proposition: **always yield to pedestrians.** Slowing down and giving someone the respect they deserve will go a long way towards fostering a sense of shared responsibility that will ultimately make NYC streets better for bikers, pedestrians and even drivers.

Cyclists, as the fastest-growing commuter group in NYC, are the most obvious ambassadors for calmer and more livable streets. Cyclists often know, in painful detail, the fear and havoc that automobiles can bring to NYC streets. Let's not pose a similar threat to pedestrians in the walking capital of the world. Instead, let's seize this opportunity to usher in a new era of safer, saner travel.

That's what Biking Rules is all about. Creating a new Street Code, written by cyclists, for cyclists. Join us in this new moving revolution: **BIKING RULES FOR NYC.**

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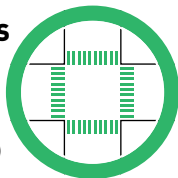
## PEDESTRIANS RULE

Pedestrians always have the right of way.  
PERIOD.



## CrossWALKS

Leave crosswalks free and clear for safe walking. A bike in the crosswalk can take up as much space as a car.  
(Law: VTL §1231)



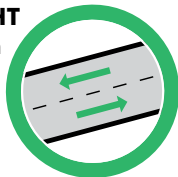
## CLAIM A LANE

Claim space on the street, not the sidewalk. We know we hate it when cars drive in bike lanes.  
(Law: AC § 1976)



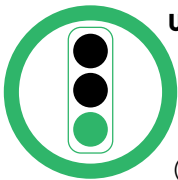
## RIDE RIGHT

Ride in the direction of traffic. When we're on bicycles, we ARE traffic! And it is safer for everyone else on the street.  
(Law: VTL §1231)



# LEAD BY EXAMPLE

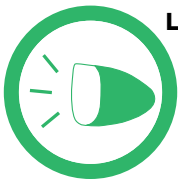
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## UNTANGLE INTERSECTIONS

No one can see how good-looking our bikes are if we speed through intersections. And new cyclists will be following our example. Take a break and relax at red lights.

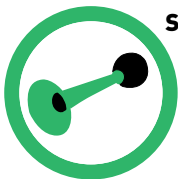
*(Law: VTL §1231)*



## LIGHTEN UP

Don't be invisible. Front and rear lights are our eyes to the world at night and make us bigger and brighter on the street.

*(Law: VTL §1236)*



## SOUND OUT

Having a bell lets people know we are approaching and it's fun to make some noise! Give your bike bling some ring.

*(Law: VTL §1236)*



## HELMET HEAD RULES

Bike brains are beautiful, and NYC needs them if we are ever going to convince more people to ride a bike! Learn to love that helmet hair.

# RULES OF THE ROAD

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Safe city cycling means knowing the rules of the road that apply to cyclists. Not only will following the rules keep us safe and traffic ticket-free, but it will also have a positive impact on the overall safety of the streets. After all, we'll have to give respect in order to get it in return. These are our biking rules!



## DID YOU KNOW...

Bicycle riders in NYC are obligated to follow all the rules of the road that apply to motor vehicles. This means always:

- Stopping at red lights and stop signs.
- Riding with the flow of traffic on two-way and one-way streets.
- Stopping before crosswalks so they are free for pedestrians crossing.
- Not riding while under the influence.



## KEY

**VTL:** Vehicle and Traffic Law (New York State)

**RCNY:** Rules of the City of New York (NYC)

**AC:** Administrative Code (NYC)



# RULES OF THE ROAD

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## NYC CYCLISTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### VTL § 1231

Bicyclists are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties of the driver of a motor vehicle.

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### RCNY § 4-02 (a)

The provisions of NYC Traffic Rules are applicable to bicycles and their operators.

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### RCNY § 4-12 (h)

Cyclists involved in accidents resulting in death or injury to person or damage to property must stop and give name, address, insurance information, etc. and must report to the Police Department.

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## NYC TRAFFIC RULES PROTECTING CYCLISTS

### RCNY § 4-08 (e)(9)

It is against the law to park, stand or stop within or otherwise obstruct bike lanes.

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### RCNY § 4-12(p)

Other vehicles shall not drive on or across bike lanes.

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### RCNY § 4-12(c)

It is illegal to get out of a vehicle in a manner which endangers cyclists (often referred to as “dooring”).

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## VTL § 1146

Drivers shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any bicyclist, upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary.

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## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR NYC CYCLISTS

### VTL § 1236

- (a) and (e) Bicycles must have a white headlight, a red taillight and reflectors between dusk and dawn.
  - (b) Bicycles must have a bell or other audible signal.
  - (c) Bicycles must have working brakes.
  - (d) Bicycles must have reflectors, reflective tires and/or other reflective devices.
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### VTL § 1238

- (a) Children under 14 but older than 5 must wear an approved helmet.
  - (b) A child under one is not permitted to ride on a bicycle.
  - (c) A child one or more years of age but less than 5 must wear an approved helmet and be carried in a properly affixed child carrier.
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### VTL § 375 (24)(a)

Cyclists may not wear more than one earphone attached to a radio, tape player or other audio device while riding.

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# RULES OF THE ROAD

## **AC § 10-157 Bicycles used for commercial purposes.**

Working cyclists must wear business-identifying information on bike and body, including operator's identification number.

Business must provide working cyclist with a helmet according to A.N.S.I. or Snell standards. Working cyclists shall wear the helmet provided by business.

Working cyclist must carry and produce on demand a numbered ID card that included operator's photo, name, home address and business' name, address and phone number.

Working cyclist must abide by all equipment requirements stated in VTL § 1236.

Business must maintain log book that includes the name, identification number and place of residence of each working cyclist; and the date of employment and discharge. The log book must also include information on daily trips, identifying the working cyclist's identification number and name; and name and place of origin and destination.

Owner of business must file an annual report with the Police Department identifying the number of bicycles it owns and the identification number and identity of any employees.

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# RULES OF THE ROAD

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## BICYCLE RIDING RULES IN NYC

### RCNY § 4-12 (p)

Bicyclists may ride on either side of one-way roadways that are at least 40 feet wide.

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### RCNY § 4-12 (p)

Bicyclists should ride in usable bike lanes, unless they are blocked or unsafe for any reason.

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### VTL § 1234

Cyclists must ride by the right hand curb and no more than two abreast. Does not apply in New York City. It is specifically superseded by 34 RCNY 4-02 (e).

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### AC § 19-176

Bicycles ridden on sidewalks may be confiscated and riders may be subject to legal sanctions (see also: RCNY § 4-07(c)(3)).

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### RCNY § 4-07 (c)(3)

No driving bikes on sidewalks unless sign allows or wheels are less than 26 inches in diameter and rider is twelve years or younger (see also: AC § 19-176).

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### Greenways

When riding on greenways, stay on designated paths. No bicycle riding is permitted on pedestrian paths unless otherwise indicated. Violators are subject to fines and confiscation of their bicycles.

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# RULES OF THE ROAD

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## **RCNY § 4-14 (c)**

No person shall ride a bicycle in any park, except in places designated for bike riding; but persons may push bikes in single file to and from such places, except on beaches and boardwalks.

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## **RCNY § 4-12 (o)**

Bicycles are prohibited on expressways, drives, highways, interstate routes, bridges and thruways unless authorized by signs.

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## **VTL § 1237**

When turn signals are required, left turns shall be signaled with the left hand, and right turns may be signaled with either hand.

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## **VTL § 1233**

Clinging to vehicles or attaching bike to another vehicle being operated on roadway is prohibited.

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## **RCNY § 4-12 (e)**

Cyclists must have at least one hand on handlebars at all times.

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## **VTL § 1232**

Cyclists must ride on a permanent seat, feet must be on pedals, and bike must carry only the number of persons for which it is designed and equipped.

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# RULES OF THE ROAD

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## TICKETS AND SUMMONSES

If you get a summons, you must appear in Criminal Court on the date specified or you will have a warrant out for your arrest. Riding on the sidewalk will always result in a summons (AC §19-176, RCNY § 4-07(c)(3)). However, it will leave you with no criminal record.

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If you get a traffic ticket, you have 15 days to get your plea postmarked or paid by following the instructions on the back of the ticket. If you choose to plead “not guilty” you will be given a hearing date within 15 days.

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Cyclists never need to pay the additional surcharges on ticket fines.

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If you get a ticket for an equipment violation, you may be able to get the ticket thrown out if you bring proof of buying or attaching the equipment in question to your court date or the precinct that issued the ticket.

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The fine for running a red light on a bicycle is the same as if you were in a motor vehicle. However, you will not receive points on your license.

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If you're stopped and ticketed and you don't have a photo ID, the NYPD have the ability to detain you.

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## RIDING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Riding a bike on NYC streets can be demanding, complex and unpredictable. A study of cyclist fatalities and serious injuries published by the NYC Department of Health in 2006 revealed that roughly 20% of the cyclists killed from 1996-2005 had alcohol detected in their body.

Riding while intoxicated is something we each have control over. It's a no-brainer to be sober when you ride in New York City. Being alert and conscious of everyone else on the road is the best protection a bicyclist has. Biking while impaired makes our already dangerous streets an even greater risk.



### DID YOU KNOW...

If drinking is in the plans, why not leave your bike at home? There's no harm in hopping on NYC's 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest way to get around: our public transit system.

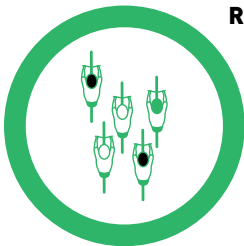
The same goes for when you find yourself stranded at a bar with a bike. New York is the only city with 24 hour bicycle access to subways.



# TIPS FOR BIKE COMMUTERS

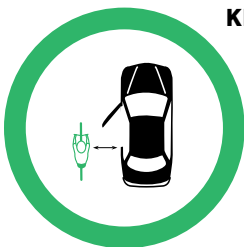
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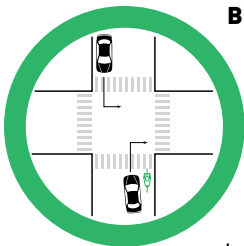
## RIDING IN GROUPS IS FUN

Find friends, neighbors or co-workers that have a similar commute route and ride together. Make friends and map your ride at [bikingrules.org/ridethecity](http://bikingrules.org/ridethecity).



## KEEP CLEAR OF CAR DOORS

Ride four feet away from parked cars, even if it means taking a whole lane of traffic. If you do get doored, be sure to file a police report. **The motorist is at fault** (Law: RCNY §4-12).



## BE BIG IN INTERSECTIONS

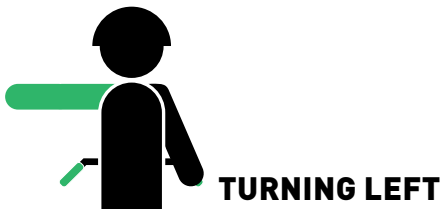
Intersections are where most crashes occur. To avoid a crash, stay out of drivers' blind spots, make eye contact and use your bell and lights to be noticed. When in doubt, go ahead and take a full travel lane to avoid any turning conflict.



# HAND SIGNALS

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With so many people vying for street space at intersections in NYC, hand signals are a great way to let drivers, pedestrians and other cyclists know where we are headed (*Law: VTL §1237*). Use your arms!



# COMMUTER CYCLIST:

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■ **REQUIRED BY LAW**

■ **SUGGESTED**

## HELMET

A good idea for everyone and required by law for children under 14.

## BACK AND FRONT LIGHTS

Being seen is an important way to stay safe.

## REFLECTORS

Put these in places where your lights aren't.

## PANT CL

A great wa  
attention



# THE LOOK

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## BELL

Being heard is as important as being seen, so make some noise.

## MIRROR

Mirrors can help when you are switching lanes.

## ADD A BASKET

A nice way to take the weight off your back and have a dedicated place for your stuff.



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ay to keep your pants from getting dirty or caught in your chain. Pay  
to shoelaces and others dangling parts of clothing as well.

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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As cyclists, it is important that we know our rights as road users. In fact, we have the same right to safe passage as anyone else traveling on NYC streets. Filing police reports at the scene of a crash creates a record and ensures that the information is included in the City's annual injury counts. Accurate counts mean better policies. Being informed about the rules of the road and the responsibilities of motorists and the NYPD is the best way to be sure we are being treated as well as other road users. See page 9 for your rights as a NYC cyclist.

A crash or ticket can be hard to handle alone. The following lawyers support NYC cyclists and are familiar with all the laws and rights that apply to us.



## TAKE ACTION

According to T.A. studies, 40% of NYC drivers exceed the speed limit. Speeding is responsible for 3,000 crashes a year. That is three times as many as alcohol-related crashes.

Contact your state Assemblymember and Senator. Ask them to support legislation to install speed enforcement cameras on NYC streets.



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# WHAT TO DO IN A CRASH

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## AT THE SCENE

1. Call 911, ask for the police and EMS.
2. All parties, including the driver, are required by law to stay at the scene of the crash until police arrive to take an accident report. \*
3. Get name and phone numbers of witness(es)—the more, the better. Get the license plate, name, phone, address and date of birth of all parties involved in the crash.
4. If the motorist refuses to stay or provide ID, get his or her license plate number and state of issue.

*\*If you leave the scene in an ambulance, you can follow up with the appropriate police precinct as soon as you are able to file or get a copy of the report.*

## WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE

1. Request that the police take an accident report (this is required of them). Be sure that your account of the crash is reflected in the report narrative.
2. Get the reporting officer's name, badge number and precinct or command.

# WHAT TO DO IN A CRASH

3. Ask the officer to write a summons for the person that hit you. If you have been doored, tell the officer it is a violation of NYC Traffic Rules: Paragraph 4-12 C and State VTL Art. 33 Para. 1214.
4. If you are hurt, go with the EMS to a hospital. A doctor's report of your injury can be important for future legal action. If you leave the scene without receiving a copy of your police report, you can contact the appropriate precinct to ensure that one has been filed and that you get a copy.

## AFTER THE CRASH

1. Request an abstract of the driver's record from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). There is a fee of \$5 to \$10 and you'll need the driver's full name and date of birth. Call 518-474-0841. The abstract should have details of the driver's history of crashes, summonses, convictions and license suspensions for the last four years.
2. Put the crash in the driver's record: File an MV 104 with the NYS DMV. Fill out this form, available at DMV offices, noting injury and property damage.
3. Photograph your injuries if appropriate.
4. Call a lawyer for additional help.

# GETTING AROUND THE CITY

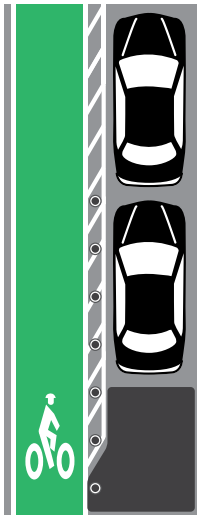
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New York City's bicycling infrastructure is changing all the time. Pick up a NYC Cycling Map to stay on top of the best ways to navigate the city on a bike. Available for free, you can get one at almost any bike store or by calling 311.

## BIKE LANES AND PATHS: A PRIMER

### PHYSICALLY PROTECTED PATH OR 'CYCLE-TRACKS' (Class 1)



#### Street Layout:

Sidewalk – Bike Lane – Painted Buffer –  
Parked Cars – Vehicle Lane

#### Where You'll Find One:

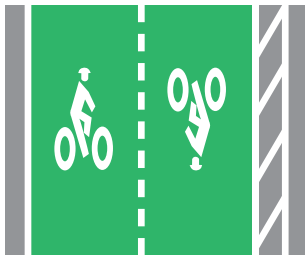
9th Avenue in Manhattan  
or Grand Street in Manhattan

#### On the NYC Bike Map:

Solid Green Lines



## BI-DIRECTIONAL PROTECTED PATH (Class 1)



### Street Layout:

- Sidewalk – Bi-Directional Bike Lane
- Parked Cars-Vehicle Lane

### Where You'll Find One:

Kent Avenue in Brooklyn

### On the NYC Bike Map:

Solid Green Lines

## BUFFERED BIKE LANE (Class 2)



### Street Layout:

- Sidewalk – Parked Cars – Bike Lane – Painted Buffer – Vehicle Lane

### Where You'll Find One:

DeKalb Avenue in Brooklyn  
or Lafayette Street in Manhattan

### On the NYC Bike Map:

Solid Red Lines

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## STANDARD PAINTED BIKE LANE (Class 2)



### Street Layout:

Sidewalk – Parked Cars – Bike Lane – Vehicle Lane  
or Sidewalk – Green Bike Lane – Vehicle Lane

### Where You'll Find One:

20th Street in Manhattan  
or Prince Street in Manhattan

### On the NYC Bike Map:

Solid Red Lines

## SHARED LANE OR 'SHARROWS' (Class 3)



### Street Layout:

Vehicle Lane with Bicycle Markings on Pavement to  
Indicate Shared Space

### Where You'll Find One:

5th Avenue North of Carroll Street in Brooklyn  
or Henry Street at Congress Street in Brooklyn

### On the NYC Bike Map:

Solid Yellow Lines

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## SIGNED ROUTE (Class 3)



### Street Layout:

Bicycle Signs Marking Designated Bike Route

### Where You'll Find One

Bay Street in Staten Island

### On the NYC Bike Map:

Solid Yellow Lines

## GREENWAY PATH



Greenways are shared bicycle and pedestrian paths, almost always separated from motor vehicle traffic. Greenways are one part linear park and another part car-free riding paradise. They can be a great way to get the hang of city cycling. There are more than 100 miles of greenways in NYC and hundreds more are planned.

### Where You'll Find One:

Along the Hudson River in Manhattan  
or the Southern Waterfront of the Bronx

### On the NYC Bike Map:

Solid Green Lines

## TAKE ACTION

Do you want a bike lane in your neighborhood? Start an Adopt-a-Bike-Lane campaign.

Visit: [transalt.org/adopt](https://transalt.org/adopt)



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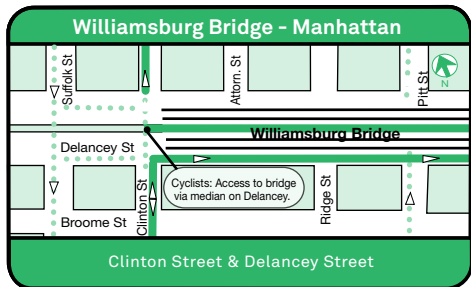
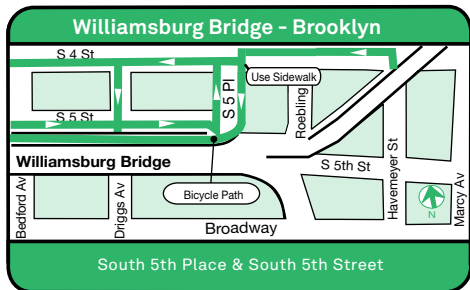
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Every bridge has a different configuration for bike and pedestrian traffic. As a general rule, stick to the Street Code: ride slowly and predictably, use a bell to let others know you are approaching and yield to pedestrians.

## WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE

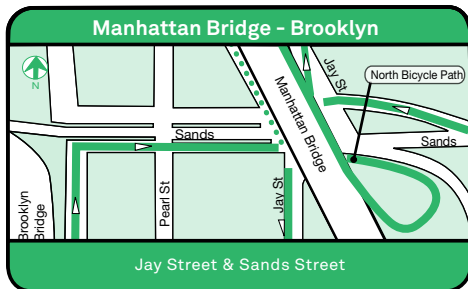
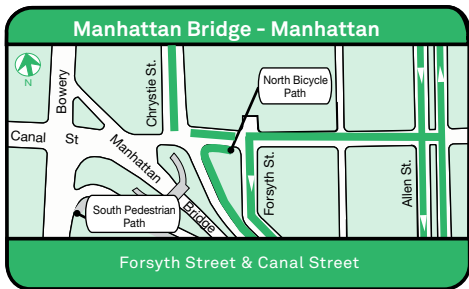
The bike path (north side) and pedestrian walkway (south side) connect the Lower East Side of Manhattan with Williamsburg, Brooklyn.



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## MANHATTAN BRIDGE

The bike path on the north side of the bridge connects Downtown Brooklyn to Chinatown.



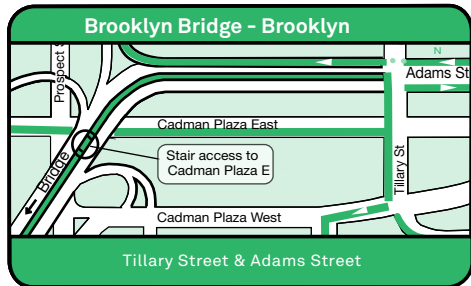
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## BROOKLYN BRIDGE

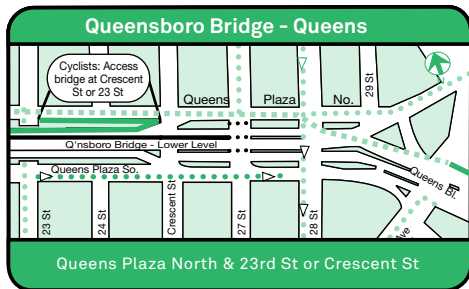
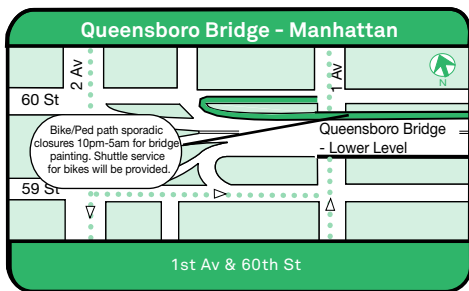
Connects downtown Brooklyn to Lower Manhattan. Bicyclists ride on the north side of the path and pedestrians walk on the south. This bridge is packed with pedestrians who don't always know the rules. Be patient and enjoy the unbeatable view.



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## QUEENSBORO BRIDGE

Connects Long Island City, Queens with Midtown Manhattan. The shared bicycle and pedestrian path is on the north side of the bridge.



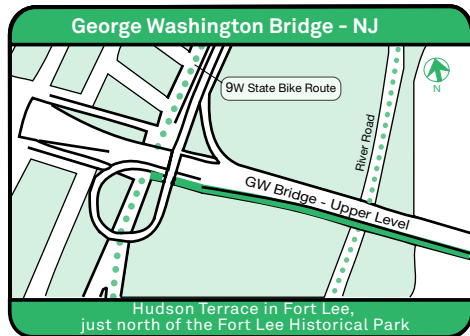
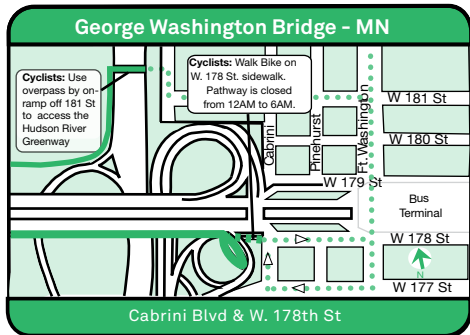
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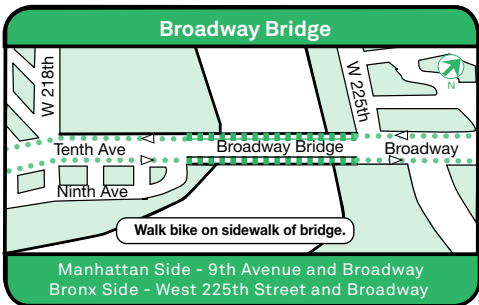
Connects Fort Lee, NJ with Washington Heights in Manhattan.  
The south path is shared by bicyclists and pedestrians and is open from 6 am to midnight.





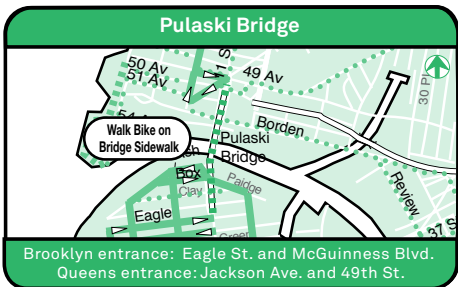
## BROADWAY BRIDGE

Connects Manhattan and the Bronx. Cyclists must walk bikes on the sidewalk crossing.



## PULASKI BRIDGE

Connects North Brooklyn and Long Island City, Queens. Pedestrians and cyclists cross the bridge on a narrow, shared path. Slow riding is best for everyone.



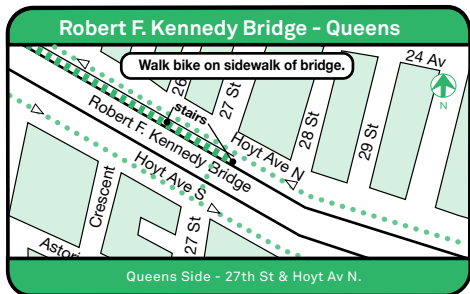
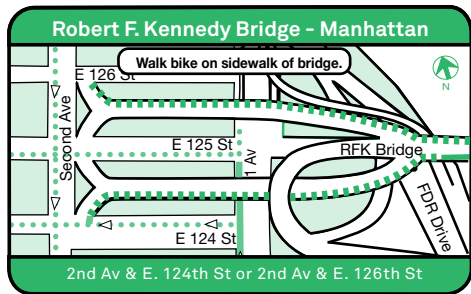
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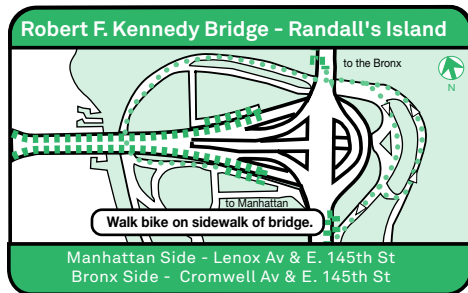
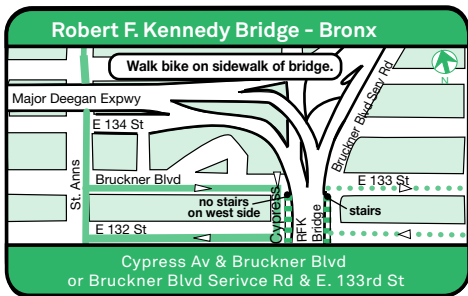
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## ROBERT F. KENNEDY BRIDGE

Formerly the Triborough Bridge. Composed of three separate bridges connecting Manhattan, Randall's Island, Queens and the Bronx. MTA policy states that you must walk your bike over the entire two mile span.





# BIKES ON TRANSIT

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Below is a basic guide to bringing a bike on NYC's public transit system. Visit [bikingrules.org](http://bikingrules.org) for additional information.

- **Bikes on NYC Subways**  
Bikes allowed on all lines 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Be considerate of other subway riders to keep this policy going.
- **Bikes on NYC Buses**  
Folding bicycles are permitted on local and limited buses at all times. All other bicycles are prohibited.
- **Metro-North/LIRR**  
Lifetime \$5 permit required. Rush hour restrictions apply. Folding bicycles are allowed at all times and do not require a permit.
- **New Jersey Transit**  
No permit required. Peak-period/ peak-direction restrictions apply. Folding bikes always permitted.



## DID YOU KNOW...

In 1993, Transportation Alternatives won cyclists the right to bring their bikes on all NYC subway lines 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



# BIKES ON TRANSIT

- **PATH**

No bikes allowed 6-9:30 am (inbound to NYC) and 3-6:30 pm (outbound from NYC) on weekdays.

- **New York Water Taxi**

No permit required, no rush hour restrictions.

- **New York Waterways**

\$1 fee. No bikes allowed between Port Imperial-Weehawken and Wall Street. Folding bikes allowed on all ferries with no charge.

- **Staten Island Railway**

Rush hour restrictions apply. Folding bicycles allowed at all times.

- **Staten Island Ferry**

Bicycles allowed at all times, bicyclists subject to security screening at the ferry terminals.



# BIKE PARKING

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There are public sidewalk bike racks installed at popular transit and business spots across the five boroughs. With more cyclists on NYC streets every day, the demand for public bike parking continues to grow.

Keep in mind, the rules regarding bike parking to street signs are unclear. Park at your own risk. If you do lock to street signs, remember not to block the sidewalk for pedestrians.

As for private property (scaffolding, fences, railings, awning posts), it is up to the property owner/manager to allow or disallow bike parking.

## GOOD BIKE PARKING CHOICES:

- **Designated Bike Racks**—NYC Circle Racks, Inverted-U Racks, Ribbon Racks, Spiral Racks, Double-U Rack, etc.
- **Covered Bike Parking Shelters**—Located at popular subway stops (resemble bus shelters).
- **Garages with Designated Bike Parking**—Many NYC garages are required by law to provide bike parking. For more information, check out: [transalt.org/indoor](http://transalt.org/indoor)



## TAKE ACTION

To suggest a location for a free NYC bike rack, contact the Department of Transportation's CityRacks Program by visiting [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov) or by calling 311.



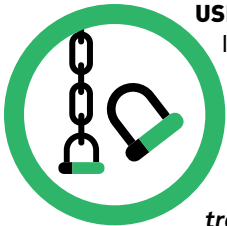
## BAD BIKE PARKING CHOICES:

- **Trees**—Fine: \$1000.
- **Street Sign Posts with Missing Signage**—Your bike and lock can be lifted up and off the sign. Be sure that the post is secure in the ground.
- **“X” Bars of Scaffolding**—These beams can easily be detached with wrenches.
- **Bus Stop Signs**—This is where people are entering and exiting the bus.
- **Doormen or Security Guards**—They will not leave their posts if someone runs off with your bike.
- **Unattended** — Even for “just a minute.” A thief will have the speed advantage!

# LOCKING UP YOUR BIKE

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## USE TWO LOCKS

If you are locking your bike outside, we recommend a heavy-duty chain and padlock. You might also consider a second lock to secure your wheel. Become a T.A. member and get a great deal on a Kryptonite lock!

*[transalt.org/join](http://transalt.org/join)*



## SECURE BOTH WHEELS AT ALL TIMES

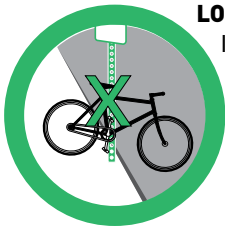
Protect your wheels by using locking skewers, removing the front wheel and taking it with you or using a second lock.



## SECURE YOUR SEAT

Lock your seat to your frame or take it with you, especially if you have a bike with a quick-release seat clamp. A bit of bicycle chain connecting your seat can be a great and cheap solution.





## LOCK AWAY FROM THE CURB

If you lock to a street sign, keep it safe from careless driving and parking. Position your bike parallel to the sidewalk, on the building side of the sign.



## DID YOU KNOW

Lack of secure bike parking is the No. 1 reason that seasoned cyclists don't bike to work. In 2009, T.A. secured passage of the Bike Access to Buildings Law, which guarantees that employees who have space set aside for bikes in their workplace can no longer be refused building access. Find out more at [transalt.org/indoor](http://transalt.org/indoor)



# PARKS

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NYC's parks are ideal places to learn to ride or relax in a (mostly) car-free environment. Central and Prospect Park maintain regular car-free hours, while most other parks ban cars altogether. As on greenways, safe cycling in parks means riding at a speed that is considerate of other park users, including joggers, walkers, rollerbladers and less experienced cyclists.

## **RIDING THE LOOP DRIVES OF CENTRAL AND PROSPECT PARKS**

### **Central Park, Manhattan**

Loop Drive Length: 6.1 miles

### **Prospect Park, Brooklyn**

Loop Drive Length: 3.35 miles

#### **When the loop drives are open to cars:**

Cyclists ride in the left “recreational lanes.” Traffic signals apply to bicycles.

#### **When the drive is car-free:**

Cyclists ride in the vehicular lanes. It is still illegal to run a red light, and cyclists can be ticketed by Parks Enforcement Patrol. Yield to pedestrians trying to cross the loop!

To find the most up-to-date car-free hours for Central and Prospect Parks, visit the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation bicycling page at [nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org)

Have a complaint about traffic enforcement in the parks? Call or write the police precinct responsible for your park, the Department of Parks and Recreation ([nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org)), the Central Park Conservancy ([centralparknyc.org](http://centralparknyc.org)) and/or the Prospect Park Alliance ([prospectpark.org](http://prospectpark.org)).



## TAKE ACTION

Parks are for people! To get involved in T.A.'s car-free Prospect and Central Park Campaigns aimed at removing cars from parks at all times, visit [transalt.org](http://transalt.org).



# GET INVOLVED

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**LEARN** more about T.A.'s bicycle advocacy:

*bikingrules.org*

*transalt.org/bicycling*

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**VOLUNTEER** to make NYC a better place to ride a bike.

T.A. has borough-specific volunteer committees that make it easy to help out in places you care about most:

*transalt.org/volunteer*

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**SUBSCRIBE** to T.A.'s bi-monthly e-newsletter, StreetBeat, and receive breaking news and action alerts about bicycling, walking and public transit in NYC:

*transalt.org/streetbeat*

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## EVENTS

NYC Century Bike Tour (September) *nyccentury.org*

Bike Month NYC (May) *bikemonthnyc.org*

Tour de Brooklyn (June) *tourdebrooklyn.org*

Tour de Queens (July) *tourdequeens.org*

Tour de Bronx (October) *tourdebronx.org*

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# BECOME A T.A. MEMBER

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Biking Rules is brought to you by Transportation Alternatives, New York City's leading advocate for cyclists, pedestrians and public transit takers.

Since 1973, we've been fighting to make NYC a world-class cycling city, winning major improvements like 200 miles of new bike lanes since 2006, more car-free hours than ever in Central and Prospect Parks and safer streets for seniors and children.

T.A. is supported by more than 8,000 members, whose input shapes our campaigns and whose contributions are driving reform on NYC streets.

Become a member today and become part of the solution!

## Membership Pays for Itself

- T.A. members save 10% at more than 100 local bike shops
- Save \$40 on Kryptonite locks, the gold standard in bike locks
- Save \$10 on registration for the NYC Century Bike Tour, the country's only all-urban 100-mile bike tour
- Free subscription to Reclaim magazine
- Free New York City bike map
- And more!

Join online at: **[TRANSALT.ORG/JOIN](http://TRANSALT.ORG/JOIN)**

# HELPFUL LINKS

Stay up-to-date on bike improvements, livable streets initiatives and bike resources in NYC and across the country through the following online resources:

## **Biking Rules**

[bikingrules.org](http://bikingrules.org)

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## **Transportation Alternatives**

[transalt.org](http://transalt.org)

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## **Streetsblog**

[streetsblog.org](http://streetsblog.org)

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## **Streetfilms**

[streetfilms.org](http://streetfilms.org)

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## **Ride the City**

[ridethecity.com](http://ridethecity.com)

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## **Bike Buddy**

[commuterlink.com](http://commuterlink.com)

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## **NYC Street Memorial Project**

[ghostbikes.org](http://ghostbikes.org)

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## **Transportation for America**

[t4america.org](http://t4america.org)

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## **Alliance for Biking and Walking**

[peoplepoweredmovement.org](http://peoplepoweredmovement.org)

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## **Complete the Streets**

[completestreets.org](http://completestreets.org)

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# NYC BIKE COALITION

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**T.A. works with the following partners in building a more bike-friendly NYC:**

**Bike New York** *bikenewyork.org*

**Brooklyn Civic Riders Bicycle Club** *cityreliquary.org*

**Century Road Club Association** *crca.net*

**Fast and Fabulous Cycling Club** *fastnfab.org*

**Five Borough Bicycle Club** *5bbc.org*

**FreeWheels** *bicycledefensefund.org*

**Injury Free Coalition for Kids at Harlem Hospital** *injuryfree.org*

**Kissena Velodrome Committee** *kissena.info*

**New York Bicycle Messenger Foundation** *nybmf.org*

**New York Bicycling Coalition** *nybc.net*

**New York City Mountain Bikers** *nycmtb.com*

**New York Cycle Club** *nycc.org*

**North Brooklyn Health Network** 718-919-1200

**Recycle-A-Bicycle** *recycleabicycle.org*

**Right of Way** *cars-suck.org*

**Staten Island Bicycle Association** *sibike.org*

**Time's Up!** *times-up.org*

**Transportation Alternatives** *transalt.org*

**Veloprop** *whyiridenyc.org*

**The Weekday Cyclists** *weekdaycyclists.org*

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