

Sharing the Road: Motorists

DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY

- Reduce speed when encountering cyclists
- Don't tailgate, especially in bad weather
- Recognize hazards cyclists may face and give them space

YIELD TO CYCLISTS

- Bicycles are considered vehicles
- Cyclists should be given the appropriate right of way
- Allow extra time for cyclists to traverse intersections

BE CONSIDERATE

- Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections
- Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists
- Look for cyclists when opening doors

PASS WITH CARE

- When passing, leave four feet between you and a cyclist
- Wait for safe road and traffic conditions before your pass
- Check over your shoulder before moving back

WATCH FOR CHILDREN

- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable
- Expect the unexpected and slow down
- Don't expect children to know traffic laws
- Because of their size children can be harder to see



Bicycle Organizations in your Area:

- Missouri Bicycle Federation
PO Box 104871
Jefferson City, MO 65110-4871
MoBikeFed.org
- St. Joseph Bicycle Club
PO Box 8002
St. Joseph, MO 64508
<http://www.stjoebikeclub.org/>
- Quad States Trails Advocacy Group
PO Box 6402
St. Joseph, MO 64506-6402
<http://groups.google.com/group/quadstatestrailsstjosephmo>
- Mark Reynolds Children First Bicycle Fund
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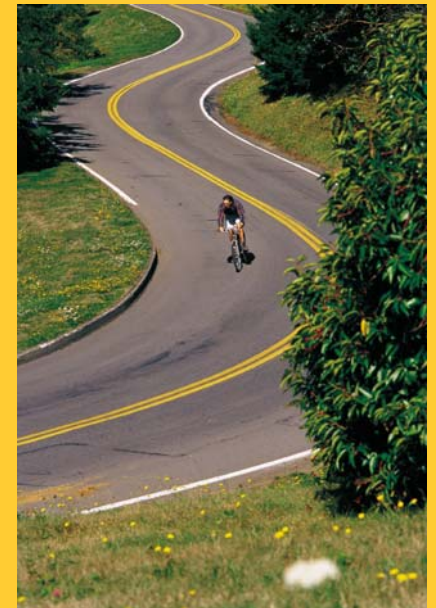
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Missouri Bicycle Rules of the Road



Off-Road Trail Rules

Plan Ahead

Know your equipment, your ability and where you are riding. Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.

Ride on open trails only

Don't trespass on private land (including Federal and State wilderness areas)

Leave no trace

Do not ride on wet and muddy trails. Stay on existing trails (don't create new ones)

Control your bicycle

Watch where you are going and obey all bicycle speed limits.

Always yield the trail

Call a friendly greeting or use a bell, but don't startle others. Stop if necessary to allow others to pass.

Never scare animals

Be quiet and follow directions from equestrians you see. Never chase animals. Leave gates as you found them or as signs say.

Pre-ride check

Inflate tires, check brakes, carry a repair kit and make sure your tire pump works.

Carry tools

Include a tire repair kit, spare inner tube or inner tube repair kit, bike multi-tool, chain tool, tire pump and lubrication oil.



Missouri Bicycle Requirements

- In Missouri, bicycles and motorized bicycles may ride on any street except travel lanes of interstate highways or where prevented by a local law. (Motorized bicycles must be licensed as mopeds.)
- Bicyclists have the same rules, rights and responsibilities as other drivers. For example, bicyclists must stop at stop signs and drive on the right-hand side of the road. Anyone riding slower than the speed limit shall stay as far to the right-hand side as safe.
- Anyone riding between sunset and sunrise must have a headlight on the front, a red reflector or tail light on the back, reflective material or a light on the moving parts of the bicyclist or bike and reflective material or lights on the sides of the bike.
- All bikes must have brakes that work.
- Bicycles may be ridden on sidewalks except in busy downtown areas and where prevented by local law. Pedestrians have the right of way and bicyclists must alert walkers by voice, horn or bell. Motorized bicycles may not be ridden on sidewalks.
- No bicyclist may hold onto another vehicle.
- Use turn and stop hand signals (see Sections 304.019 and 307.192, RSMo) at all times when operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle on Missouri streets and highways.

On-Road Safety Suggestions

Wear safety gear

Always wear a helmet. Wearing sunglasses, gloves and bike shorts are a good idea, too.

Obey the Law

Not stopping at a stop sign is dangerous and makes motorists feel that a bicyclist isn't being fair.

People in cars

Have someplace to go. Don't hold them up without a good reason.

Night-time

Reduces visibility. Night-time bicyclists should have bright lights and wear reflective clothing.

Ride single file in traffic

State law allows bicyclists to ride side-by-side, but only when they are not impeding other vehicles. Otherwise, you must ride single file to the right.

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