

City of Grants Pass

The City of Grants Pass strives to develop a sustainable and balanced transportation system supporting the quality of life valued by Grants Pass' residents, employees and visitors. The City develops and promotes alternate modes of transportation as we all make decisions to travel each day.

Bike Lane Striping: The City Streets Department maintains bike lane striping after fading. As pavement markings wear, they need to be re-stripped to be effective. Thermoplastic striping is being applied in high traffic areas that continually see a great deal of wear. Thermoplastic paint is a high-performance, highly durable waterborne traffic marking material. The product lasts a great deal longer and is perfect for those high traffic zones.



Sharrows: The City's Bikeways and Walkways Committee supports and encourages safe passing of bicyclists by motorists. To accomplish this, "Sharrows" are street markings placed in the center of a travel lane indicating that a cyclist may use the full lane. They are often used on narrow streets or where no bike lanes exist.



Bike Racks: New bike racks are starting to show up throughout our community. Cyclists prefer to park close to their destination. These new racks are small enough to fit almost anywhere. Bike racks offer protection from theft and from having to lay your bike down, possibly damaging it or having it be in the path of pedestrians. They also deter riders from chaining their bike to a tree or other object that is not intended for that purpose. If you know of a location that needs a rack, please let the City know by calling (541) 474-6060.

Additionally, there are now some racks available for lease. If you are interested in leasing, at low cost, a bike rack at your location, please contact the City at (541) 474-6060 for more information.

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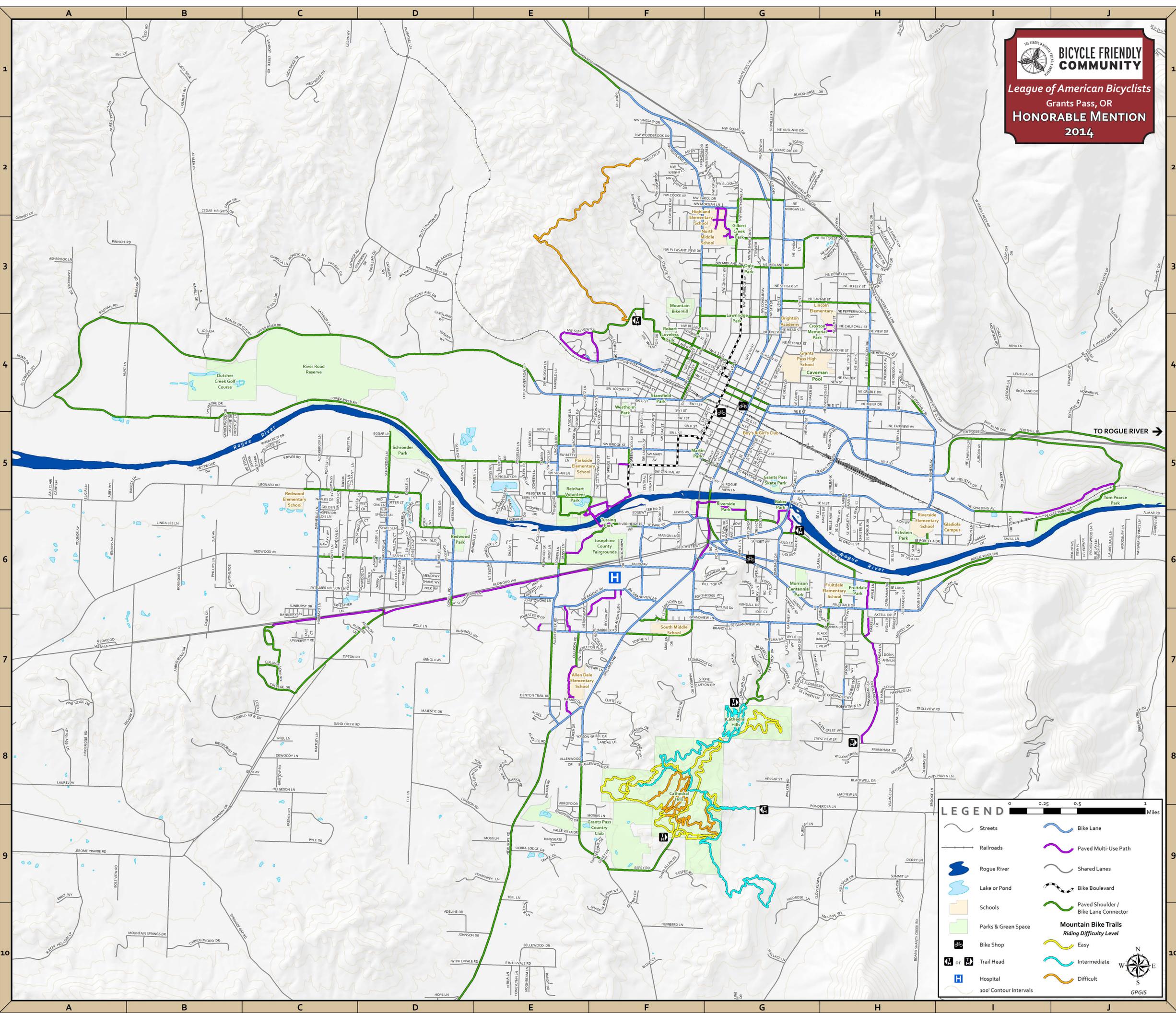
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 2014

LEGEND

	Streets		Bike Lane
	Railroads		Paved Multi-Use Path
	Rogue River		Shared Lanes
	Lake or Pond		Bike Boulevard
	Schools		Paved Shoulder / Bike Lane Connector
	Parks & Green Space	Mountain Bike Trails	
	Bike Shop	<i>Riding Difficulty Level</i>	
	Trail Head		Easy
	Hospital		Intermediate
	100' Contour Intervals		Difficult

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HAZARD REPORT

Josephine County and the City of Grants Pass are dedicated to improving the bicycle transportation environment for residents and visitors. Please contact Josephine County Public Works on the City of Grants Pass (see LOCAL RESOURCES on the City of Grants Pass) or if you have comments or suggestions regarding bicycling in Josephine County.

Bicycle Map

CITY OF GRANTS PASS, OR

OCTOBER 2014

Walking in Grants Pass

General Pedestrian Rules of the Road



1. **Wear bright colors.**
2. **Walk on sidewalks** where available.
3. **Walk facing traffic** as far to the left as possible.
4. **Don't cross on a red light.**
5. **Cross only at crosswalks or intersections.**
6. **Make eye contact** to assure you are seen.
7. **Make yourself visible.**
8. **Use extra care during dusk / night conditions.**
9. **Be aware of your surroundings.**
10. **Do not dash out between parked cars.**
11. **Always push a stroller in front of you and as close to the curb as possible.**

Bicycling in Grants Pass



General Bicycling Rules of the Road



1. **Make yourself visible.**
2. **Wear bright or reflective clothes.**
3. **Use a headlight at night visible for 500 feet and a red reflector or a red light on the back visible for 600 feet.**
4. **Obey all traffic laws, signals and signs.**
5. **Ride as far to the right as safe.** Take the whole lane only if you are able to ride at the speed limit.
6. **Ride single file in narrow locations.**
7. **Pass slower bikes on the left when safe.**
8. **Do not ride erratically in traffic.**
9. **Use hand signals.**
10. **Keep in mind the relative speed between you and other traffic; plan accordingly.**
11. **Yield to pedestrians.**
12. **Yield to other vehicles when crossing a roadway.**
13. **Use bike lanes / routes whenever possible.**
14. **Be courteous when interacting with vehicles.**
15. **Watch for children.**

Some bike laws you should know...

- LAW** - If under 16, you must wear a helmet.
- LAW** - Bikes must not use sidewalks on 6th and 7th between 'A' and 'M' streets or on 'G' between 4th and 7th.
- LAW** - Walk your bike on these sidewalks.
- LAW** - Requiring vehicles to provide 3 foot safety zone. (Grants Pass Municipal Code 6.20)
- LAW** - Oregon safe passing (3-5 feet) law on roads with speed limits of 35 mph and more. (Oregon SB 308)

A few FACTS you should know...

- FACT** - Most crashes are avoidable.
- FACT** - Most crashes with motor vehicles and bicycles happen at intersections.
- FACT** - Pedestrians account for 10 to 15% of traffic fatalities every year.
- FACT** - Pedestrians and motorists both share in the responsibility of pedestrian safety.
- FACT** - The speed limit is 20 mph or less in school zones.
- FACT** - Safe Routes to School programs are part of a solution to increase physical activity and to improve unsafe walking and bicycling for our children.
- FACT** - It costs about \$6,000 a year to own, maintain and operate a motor vehicle.
- FACT** - You can decrease your gasoline bill by walking / riding to work or school.

Limitations of the Map

Not all highways, roads and city streets may be shown in this guide. Routes shown are those considered most desirable for bicycle travel. Therefore we recommend this map be used in conjunction with more detailed maps, especially in rural areas. Road grade changes are minimal in and near the City of Grants Pass. Grades often exceeding 6% should be expected when traveling out of the City Limits.

No warranty is made or intended as to the fitness or safety of routes shown in this guide for bicycle travel. Federal, State and local government employees disclaim responsibility and shall not be answerable or held accountable in any manner for loss, damage or injury that may be suffered by bicyclists while traveling highways, roads, streets or paths within the City of Grants Pass and Josephine County.

Courtesy Guidelines



1. **Drive defensively.**
2. **Ride predictably** if on a bike.
3. **Be generous with space.** It is fairly easy to allow at least 3 feet of space between a motorist and cyclist. Slow down if needed.
4. **Be patient.** A cyclist may delay your journey by a few seconds; a careless mistake could change your life.
5. **Respect bike lanes.** They are in place to help channel the paths of cyclists and motorists for more predictable movements.
6. **Yield to pedestrians.**
7. **Respect private property** at all times.
8. **Don't block the movements of vehicles or of cyclists.**
9. **Expect the unexpected** and slow down.
10. **Look for bicyclists when opening car doors.**
11. **Don't tailgate** a vehicle or a bicyclist.
12. **Remember:** use caution always.
13. **Make eye contact** with drivers and cyclists so they are aware of your presence. Don't make assumptions.
14. **Use bike paths and bike lanes** that are in-place for safer riding whenever possible.

Above all, be aware of each other while on our roadways. Taking an extra few seconds to drive/ride/walk safely could prevent an accident or save a life. Children ride to school using these same roads. Many adults bike or walk to work to save fuel costs, stay in shape, and to provide recreation. There is room for us all.

Courtesy is Contagious. Spread it!

Driving Guidelines

1. Avoid cell phone calls while driving.
2. Don't pass vehicles that are stopped at a cross walk.
3. Allow a safe distance (at least 3 feet) when over-taking and passing a bicycle.
4. Pass a bicyclist safely - it is permissible to go over a double yellow line to do so.
5. Remember: cyclists are allowed to occupy the lane in front of you.
6. Watch the speed of approaching bicyclists when pulling out of a driveway or intersection.
7. Wait before passing bicyclists on narrow sections of roads.
8. Stop for pedestrians.
9. Watch for bikes on your right.
10. Check to see if a cyclist is approaching when pulling away from the curb.
11. Check before opening your car door to avoid striking a cyclist.
12. Don't honk at a cyclist - it doesn't help. The cyclist is trying to get through traffic just as quickly as you.
13. Watch for pedestrians / bicyclists where you don't expect to see them.
14. Keep alert. Distractions are unavoidable, but use common sense.

We all have to share the roads that we have available to us. The same traffic laws that apply to motorists also apply to bicyclists. Being erratic in either situation will most likely result in an accident.

SHARE THE ROAD For further information on safety guidelines and laws, please visit:

The City of Grants Pass
www.grantspassoregon.gov

Safe Routes to School
www.oregonsaferoutes.org

The National Center for Bicycling and Walking
www.bikewalk.org

Walking
www.walking.org

Along for the Ride
www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Bicycle Transportation Alliance
www.bt4bikes.org/resource/educational.php

League of American Bicyclists
www.bikeleague.org

Riding In Traffic

Bicyclists on public roadways have all the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety, observe these bicycling rules and safety tips.

1. **Wear a helmet.** Bicyclists and bicycle passengers under 16 years old are required to wear helmets meeting specified standards (ANSI Z 90.4, Bicycle Helmet Standard, SNELL or the American Society for Testing Materials ASTM F-1447 Standard) that are conspicuously labeled with those standards. This also applies to a passenger in a restraining seat attached to the bicycle or a trailer towed by the bicycle. Violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$25.00.
2. **Always ride with traffic. This is the law.** Helmets are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Also, you can endanger an oncoming bicyclist.
3. **Observe stop signs, signals and basic right-of-way rules.** Bicycle riders on public streets have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers. Cyclists are part of the normal traffic flow and are entitled to share the road with other drivers. Like drivers, bicyclists must yield to pedestrians. Bicyclists should normally ride as near to the sidewalk or edge of the roadway as practical. Never ride on a sidewalk, unless it is specifically marked as a bike route.
4. **Keep clear of the door zone.** Try to ride a door's width away from parked cars. If you have to ride in the door zone, ride very slowly. You have the right to ride in a traffic lane if it is too narrow to share with a car.

5. Use hand signals. Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signaling is a matter of law, of courtesy and of self-protection. All required signals are given as follows:

- a) **Left turn:** Left hand and arm extended horizontally beyond the side of the bicycle.
- b) **Right turn:** Two signaling methods exist, including left hand and arm extended upward beyond the side of the bicycle, or right hand and arm extended horizontally. While signaling with the right hand is more widely understood, braking may be more difficult with this method.
- c) **Stop or sudden decrease of speed:** Left hand and arm extended downward beyond the side of the bicycle.

6. Keep both hands ready to brake. You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain and heavy fog, since brakes are less efficient when wet. If you are a bicyclist carrying a package or bundle, you must keep at least one hand on the handlebars.

7. Ride a well equipped bike. Be sure your bike is adjusted to fit you properly. For safety and efficiency, outfit it with a bell, rear-view mirror, rack or basket, lights and reflector. Carry a water bottle, bike pump and patch kit. Wear a helmet. Keep your bike in good working order. Oregon law requires all bicyclists and bicycle passengers under 16 to wear helmets that meet specific safety standards. Violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$25.00. A passenger is allowed on a bicycle only on a separate attached seat. If the passenger is 4 years old or younger or weighs 40 pounds or less, the seat must adequately retain the passenger in place and protect him/her from the bicycle's moving parts.

8. Bicycling at night Bicycles operated during darkness are required to be equipped with the following:

- a) **A white light** that illuminates the street and is visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the bicycle.
- b) **A red reflector or a red light** mounted on the rear of the bicycle and visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear of the bicycle.

9. Don't weave between parked cars. Don't ride out to the curb between parked cars, unless they are far apart. Motorists may not see you when you try to move back into traffic.

10. Follow lane markings. Cyclists make left and right turns in the same way that drivers do, using the same turn lanes.

- a) A cyclist turning left should use a left-turn lane.
- b) A cyclist traveling straight ahead should use a through traffic lane rather than ride next to the curb and block traffic making right turns.
- c) Don't turn left from the right lane.

11. Choose the best way to turn left. There are two ways to make a left turn:

- a) **Like an auto.** Signal, move into the left lane and turn left.
- b) **Like a pedestrian.** If you are within a designated crosswalk, dismount and walk your bike across.

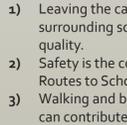
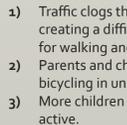
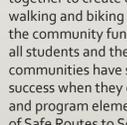
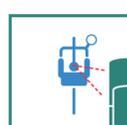
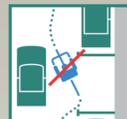
12. Passing on the right. Be careful. Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.

Passing on the left. Cyclists can legally move left to turn left, to pass a parked or moving vehicle or another bicycle, or to make a turn, avoid debris, an animal or other hazards. Cyclists may ride near the left curb or edge of a one-way street.

13. Look before you pass or merge. Some riders also use rear-view mirrors. Leave 3-4 feet when passing a motor vehicle or another bicyclist. Give a clear warning (use your bike bell, or call out ("Passing on your left"). **Make eye contact.** Assume drivers don't see you even when you may be certain they do.

14. In front, or far behind, not beside! To insure drivers of large vehicles (trucks, buses, and motor homes) can see you, stay out of their blind spots. Never pass on the right side. Ride far enough behind for the driver to see you, and at least 4 feet from the sides so you can't fall under a large vehicle.

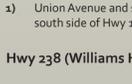
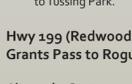
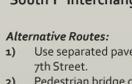
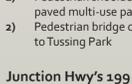
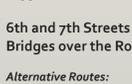
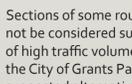
15. Avoid road hazards. Watch out for railroad tracks. Cross them perpendicularly. Avoid parallel-slat grates, utility covers, only pavement, gravel, and pot-holes. These are all more hazardous when wet. DON'T wear headphones. DO pull over if you need to use your cell phone.



Bicycle Facilities



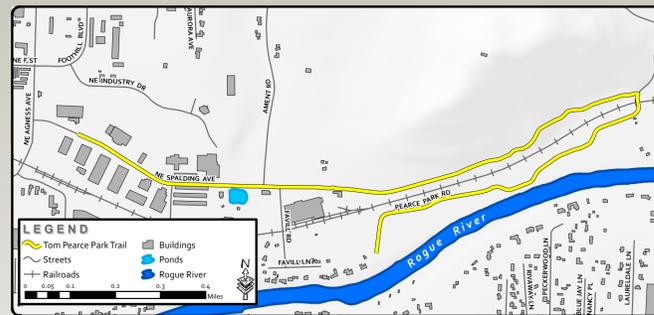
Paved shoulders and bike lane connectors provide specific connections to existing bicycle network facilities such as bike lanes, the bike boulevard and paved multi-use paths. In addition, paved shoulders provide access to other urban areas outside of the Grants Pass city limits. Paved shoulders and bike lane connectors are shown in green on the map.



Family Bike Routes

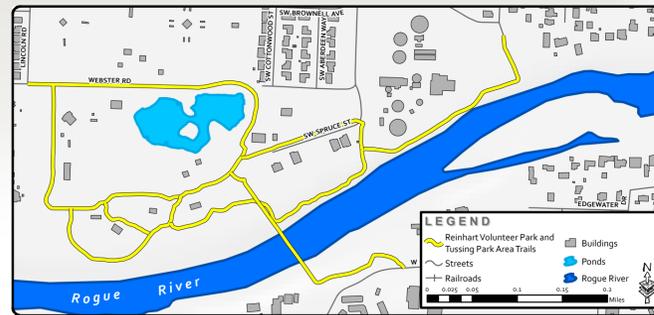
Tom Pearce Park Trail (2 miles one way)

Park in Evergreen Federal Bank's parking lot at 2101 NE Spalding Avenue. Ride east for 1/4 mile to the end of the road where the trail starts. Travel an additional 1/2 mile to Inger Baker Parkway, then turn right. Go through Tom Pearce Park for 1 1/4 miles, then turn around.



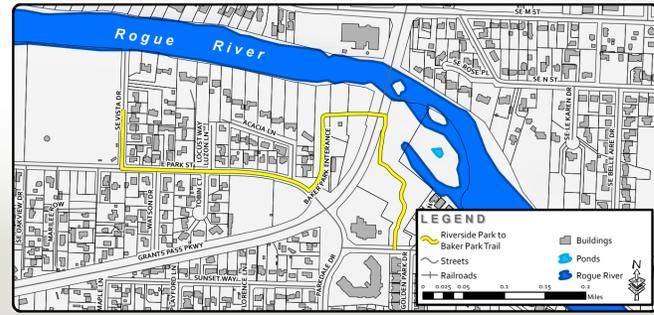
Reinhart Volunteer Park and Tussing Park Area Trails (Great trails and accessible from both sides of the Rogue River)

From downtown Grants Pass, go south on 6th Street (one-way street). Turn right on 'M' Street which becomes Bridge Street at the bend and proceed 1 mile to Lincoln Road. Multiple parking options lie within the beautiful Reinhart Volunteer Park with a pedestrian bridge over the Rogue River.



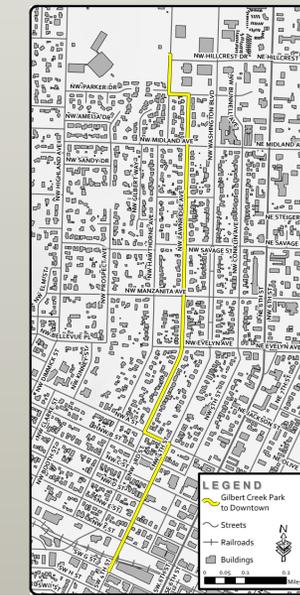
Riverside Park (3/4 mile to Baker Park one way)

Park in Riverside Park and follow Park Street east to Baker Park. Cross under the Parkway Bridge following the trail, then return to Riverside Park, or continue to Fruitdale Creek Trail if you feel comfortable crossing Rogue River Highway.



Gilbert Creek Park to Downtown (1.4 miles one way)

Park at Gilbert Creek Park. Follow Hawthorne Avenue south to the Bike Boulevard on Lawncridge Avenue. Turn left on 'A' Street and then right on 4th Street to 'G' Street.



High Traffic Areas & Alternate Routes

Sections of some routes shown in this guide may not be considered suitable to all riders because of high traffic volume. Those areas, in and near the City of Grants Pass, are listed below with suggested alternatives.

6th and 7th Streets (Highway 99) Bridges over the Rogue River

- Alternative Routes:**
- 1) Pedestrian shoulder on 7th Street bridge connecting to paved multi-use path on the south end of the bridge.
 - 2) Pedestrian bridge connecting Reinhart Volunteer Park to Tussing Park

Junction Hwy's 199 & 238 'South Y' Interchange

- Alternative Routes:**
- 1) Use separated paved multi-use path adjacent to south 7th Street.
 - 2) Pedestrian bridge connecting Reinhart Volunteer Park to Tussing Park.

Hwy 199 (Redwood Highway) Grants Pass to Rogue Community College

- Alternative Route:**
- 1) Union Avenue and separated paved multi-use path on south side of Hwy 199.

Hwy 238 (Williams Highway) south to Murphy

- Alternative Routes:**
- 1) New Hope Road (Bikeway shoulder on Hwy 238).

Oregon Safe Routes to Schools



A successful Safe Routes to School program is a partnership between city and county agencies, schools, community organizations and neighborhoods that work together to create opportunities to make walking and biking to school and throughout the community fun, easy, safe and healthy for all students and their families. Schools and communities have seen the best chance of success when they combine expertise, resources and program elements that consider the "5 E's of Safe Routes to School." **Encouragement, Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Evaluation.**

For more information regarding the SRTS movement in the US, visit www.saferoutespartnership.org and the Oregon Safe Routes to School program page with the Oregon Department of Transportation at www.oregon.gov/odot/ts/saferoutes.shtml.

Issues:

- 1) Traffic clogs the roads around schools, creating a difficult and unsafe environment for walking and bicycling.
- 2) Parents and children are walking and bicycling in unsafe conditions.
- 3) More children are becoming less physically active.

Why Safe Routes Work:

- 1) Leaving the car at home reduces the traffic surrounding schools and improves the air quality.
- 2) Safety is the core component of all good Safe Routes to Schools programs.
- 3) Walking and bicycling to and from school can contribute towards the development of a lifelong habit of physical activity.

GRANTS PASS

WHERE THE ROGUE RIVER RUNS

BWC Bicycles and Walkways Committee

Grants Pass Josephine County

LEGEND

- Tom Pearce Park Trail
- Reinhart Volunteer Park and Tussing Park Area Trails
- Riverside Park to Baker Park Trail
- Gilbert Creek Park to Downtown

Buildings, Streets, Railroads, Ponds, Rogue River