Philadelphia Bicycle Map

Philadelphia is always expanding its on- and off-street network of facilities for cyclists. Here’s what we’ve got so far and how to use it.

### Bike Facilities

- **Buffered Blue Lanes (11.3 miles)**: A 3-foot painted strip between a road and a sidewalk or path. They are more visible when lights change and reduce conflicts with vehicles.
- **Blue Lanes (32.6 miles)**: This logo/arrow bike lane is distinguished from motorized traffic by a standard bicycle symbol. Direction of travel is indicated by arrows marking the lane. Pedestrians and motor vehicles are not permitted travel in the bike lane.
- **Sharrow (20.9 miles)**: “Sharrows,” or shared-use arrows, are a bicycle symbol painted with a double chevron. They indicate that motorists must share the lane. Sharrows are placed in the middle of the far roadway to minimize conflicts with parked cars where conflict exists. Cyclists should ride directly over the sharrow and take the entire lane.
- **Trail / Sidewalk**: Trails and sidewalks are off-road facilities intended exclusively for biologists and pedestrians. The majority of trails and sidewalks accommodate both user groups, so cyclists should exercise caution and be alert for slower moving passengers.
- **Connector Streets**: Those are streets where none of the above facilities exist, but the street is an important connecting route for cyclists. Some are marked by Spruce Friends. These become necessary at places where gaps still exist between different parts of the bicycle network.
- **Conflict Zones**: Conflict areas are marked with dashed green lines. They indicate intersections with infrastructure that may need to be changed to accommodate both user groups, so cyclists should use caution and share the same space.
- **Bike Box**: Bike boxes are spaces where cyclists are encouraged to pull out in front of cars so that they are more visible when lights change and reduce conflicts with vehicles. Bike boxes are sometimes painted with a green background. Other times, standard bike symbol is placed on black pavement in front of a stop bar for cars.
- **2 Stage Left Lanes**: A two stage left turn allows cyclists to turn left but not make a complete turn at a two-stage signalized intersection. To use the two-stage turn lane, proceed through the intersection with the green signal and wait in the box on the cross street. Proceed through the intersection when the cross street gets a green signal.
- **Designated Bike Routes**: This East Coast Greenway is a 2,500-mile greenway linking cities from Maine to Florida. The goal is to develop as an entirely off-road network by the year 2030. Other designated bike routes include the Delaware River Trail and the Patapsco Bike Path.

### Bicycle Signage

Philadelphia has a bicycle way-finding system of over 350 signs citywide that cyclists can use to determine direction. The bicycle way-finding system consists of over 350 signs citywide that provide information to cyclists and other road users.

- **Bicycle Signage**
  - **Bicycle Symbol**: The bicycle symbol clearly designates each sign. The symbol is made up of two bicycle images that are printed on a flexible metal plate. The plate is then attached to a metal post with a white reflector. The post is then attached to a metal pole.
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### Legend

- **Existing Bike Facilities**
  - **Blue Line**: Blue Line
  - **Red Line**: Red Line
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- **Proposed Bike Facilities**
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- **Trafﬁcation**
  - **Buffered Bike Lane**: buffered bike lane
  - **Bike Lane**: bike lane
  - **Bike Path**: bike path
  - **Sharrow**: sharrow
  - **2 Stage Left Turn**: 2 stage left turn
  - **Hospital**: hospital
  - **Bike Shop / Repair**: bike shop / repair
  - **2 Stage Right Turn**: 2 stage right turn
  - **PATCO**: PATCO
  - **SEPTA**: SEPTA
  - **Central Commuter Rail**: Central Commuter Rail
  - **Regional Rail**: Regional Rail
  - **R’R’’S’ Office of Transportation**: R’R’’S’ Office of Transportation

### Connect the Circuit

- **Regional Trail Network**
  - **East Coast Greenway**: East Coast Greenway
  - **Greenway Alliance**: Greenway Alliance
  - **www.greenway.org**
  - **www.drpa.org**
  - **Connect the Circuit**: Connect the Circuit
  - **www.ridepatco.org/travel/bicycles.html**
  - **www.explorepatrails.com**
  - **PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**: PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
  - **www.bicyclecoalition.org**
  - **Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia**: Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
  - **Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation**: Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation
Safety Tips

Know The Signals

Use hand signals so that motorists and other bicyclists know where you are going. Signal all turns and stops ahead of time. Also before turning, turn your head to check for any traffic.

In Case of Theft or Crash

What to do after a bicycle crash

- Call the police and file a report.
- Take as many photos as possible of the scene, including damages, other people present, and the bike, and the number of any witnesses.
- Follow the police officer's instructions.
- It is in your best interest to file a police report as soon as you are able.

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If it is a hit and run, file a police report as soon as you are able.

- Tag number of the car
- Make note of any license plate numbers
- Display the information on your phone

Bicyclists and car drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all intersections and marked crosswalks.

Visibility is the key to safety when riding at night. In Pennsylvania, the law requires that all vehicles operating at night are required to have working front and rear lights when riding.

Rules of the Road

- Bicycles see legal vehicles with the same rights and duties as a motor vehicle.
- Pennsylvania law does not call for dirt, but that the bicycle is a motor vehicle.
- Far river trail is in the right lane if it is a safe trail to ride in an emergency.
- Motor vehicle operators must exercise due care in the safe trail to ride in an emergency.
- Driving beyond the use of hand signals while riding, the bicycle or walking.
- The same traffic rules that apply to automobiles hold true for cyclists.
- The minutes. Take care when passing parked vehicles.
- The police officer will take the report.

Bike Parking Tips

- Never leave your bike unlocked, even for a moment. Always use a high-quality U-lock or chain. For more security use both.
- Choose solid metal bike racks or poles.
- The lock should always secure the bike frame to the secure object, which should be secured as well.
- Never lock to trees or objects subject to vandalism, damage, and theft.
- Always secure your bike at multiple secure locations for long-term storage.

In Case of Theft or Crash

- Call 911 and report the theft.
- It is very important to report theft to the police.
- Always be cautious of the surroundings and immediately advise the police.
- The police will take the report.
- Post a sign on your bike.
- The sign will include the bike's location and the number.
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