

# Sioux Falls Bicycle Laws

## Traffic regulations

Every bicyclist has the same rights and responsibilities as any other driver of a vehicle except where specifically prohibited by law. Bicyclists must ride with the flow of traffic and obey all traffic laws and traffic signs.

## Bicycling on city streets

A bicycle and motor vehicle must “share the lane” when there is adequate room available in the lane with the bicycle riding as far to the right in the lane as allows. When there is not enough room available in the lane for both motor vehicles and bicycles to share, the bicyclist may “take the lane” to signal to a motor vehicle that it is not safe to pass in the same lane.



## Safely passing bicyclists—3 feet separation

A motor vehicle must allow a bicyclist at least a three-foot separation between the right side of the driver’s vehicle, including all mirrors or other projections, and the left side of the bicyclist at all times.



## Riding on a one-way road with two or more lanes

A bicyclist may ride as far to the right as allows and also as far to the left as allows on a one-way road with more than one-lane.

## Two bicycles riding within the same lane

Two bicycles may ride side by side within a single-lane *except* when a motor vehicle approaches from behind.

## Interfering with pedestrians

Bicyclists must not interfere with pedestrians while riding their bike.

## Lights

Bicyclists riding at night or during adverse weather conditions (ex. heavy overcast, fog, rain, snow) must have a headlight on the front of their bike and a reflective yellow or red mirror mounted on the rear.

## Traffic regulations

Bicyclists must have control of their bicycle at all times and ride in a careful and responsible manner.

## Overtaking or passing another vehicle

A bicyclist passing another vehicle/bicycle traveling in the same direction must pass at a safe distance on the left and must not cut in front of the vehicle until safely clear.

## Vehicles on parkways or sidewalks

Bicycles are allowed to ride on sidewalks or parkways (except where prohibited) but they must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and stop at every intersection. Always be sure vehicle drivers see you before proceeding.



## Bicycling in city parks

Bicyclists riding in city parks and greenways are required to follow the same laws as bicyclists on city streets. Bicyclists riding in city parks and greenways are required to operate their bicycles in a careful manner with concern for the safety of others and concern for the preservation of park property.

## Parking bicycles on sidewalks

A person may park a bicycle on a sidewalk which is six feet wide or greater, unless marked as prohibited or restricted by an official sign. The bicycle must be parked so that it does not block traffic.

# Share the Road

## Communicate with drivers

Use hand signals so that drivers know where you’re going. Signal all your turns and stops ahead of time. Also, before turning, look over your shoulder for any traffic. Check and only move when it is safe.



## Street-smart cyclist (be seen and avoid injury)

Always wear a bicycle helmet to reduce the risk of permanent injury or death from a crash.

To make sure your helmet fits right, put it on then use the “eyes/ears/mouth” test. **Eyes:** When you look up you should see the front rim. If not, your helmet won’t protect your forehead. **Ears:** the side straps should come to “V” just below each ear. **Mouth:** When you open your mouth wide, you should feel the helmet push down on your head. If your helmet doesn’t pass the test, adjust its buckles.

Wear bright clothing, use lights, reflectors, a bell and a mirror to see, be seen and be heard.

Consider using the other equipment illustrated below to make your ride safer and more comfortable.



## Sioux Falls Bicycle Plan ‘design for the rider’

### Advanced riders

Experienced riders can operate under most traffic conditions.

#### Needs

- Direct access to the existing street and roadway system.

#### Design goals

- Sufficient operating space on the roadway to reduce the need for either the bicyclist or the motor vehicle operator to change position when passing. Types of facilities on which to focus — arterial and collector roadway improvements including bicycle lanes and wide curb lanes.

### Basic riders

New adult and teenage riders who are less confident of their ability to operate in traffic without special lanes for bicycles.

#### Needs

- Comfortable and safe access to destinations, preferably by a direct route; either low-speed, low-traffic, low-volume streets, or designated bicycle facilities.

#### Design goals

- Well-defined separation of bicycles and motor vehicles. Types of facilities include bicycle trails, collector bicycle lanes, and residential street routes.

### Child riders

Pre-teen riders are those whose roadway use is initially monitored by parents.

#### Needs

- Access to key destinations surrounding residential areas.

#### Design goals

- Residential streets with low motor vehicle speed limits and volumes.
- Well-defined separation of bicycles and motor vehicles.

## Bike & Bus

Bike your way to any bus stop and then you, and your bike, can take the bus from there to any other stop. Complete the rest of your trip on your bike. Call 367-7151 with questions or visit [siouxfalls.org](http://siouxfalls.org).

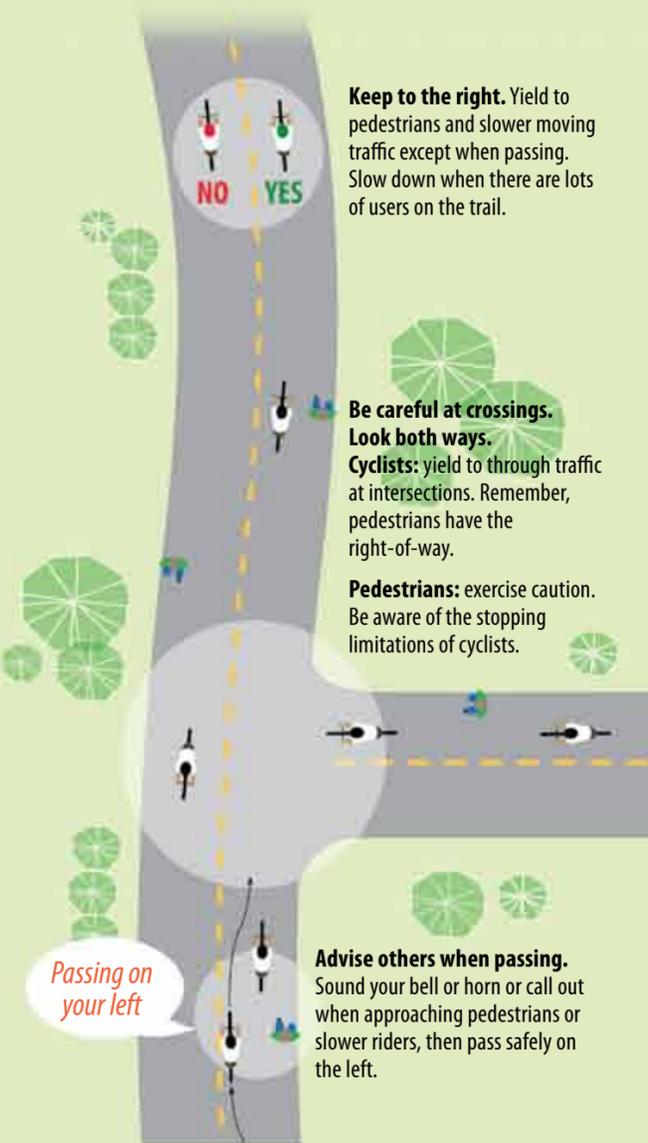


### It’s easy to use

- Each fixed route bus is installed with a rack.
- Bike racks are mounted on the front of the bus along with instructions.
- The rack holds up to two bicycles.
- The rack allows for most bicycle wheel and frame sizes.
- The bike doesn’t touch the other bike, the bus or other vehicles.
- There is no additional charge for your bicycle.
- Training is available at the Downtown Bus Stop.



# Share the Trail



**Keep to the right.** Yield to pedestrians and slower moving traffic except when passing. Slow down when there are lots of users on the trail.

**Be careful at crossings. Look both ways.** Cyclists: yield to through traffic at intersections. Remember, pedestrians have the right-of-way.

**Pedestrians:** exercise caution. Be aware of the stopping limitations of cyclists.

**Advise others when passing.** Sound your bell or horn or call out when approaching pedestrians or slower riders, then pass safely on the left.

## Safety tips

- Please be courteous of others using the trails and routes.
- Wear protective gear such as a helmet.
- Be aware of your surroundings, and watch out for unsafe situations.
- Be aware of changing weather conditions and places you can go in an emergency. Fire stations and Hospitals are shown on the map.
- In case of an accident or other type of emergency, call 911.

# Bike Map

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

### Bike Routes

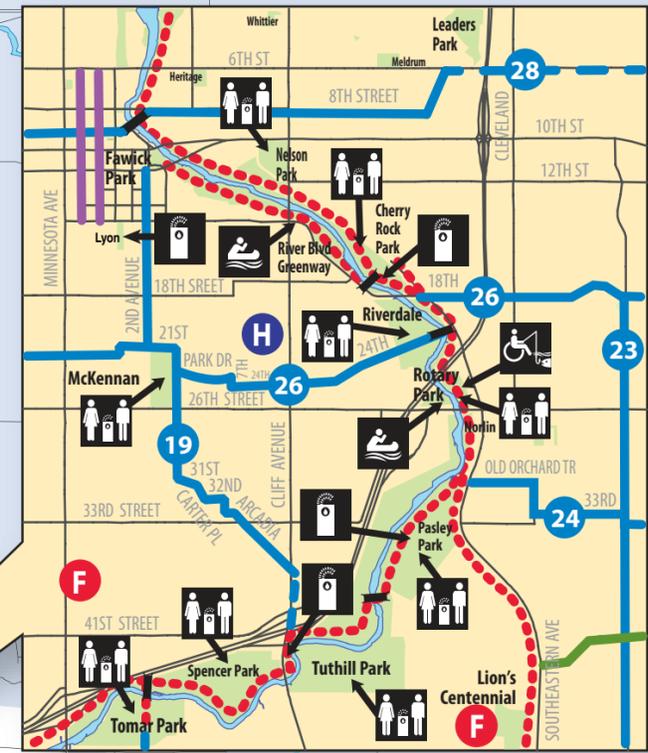
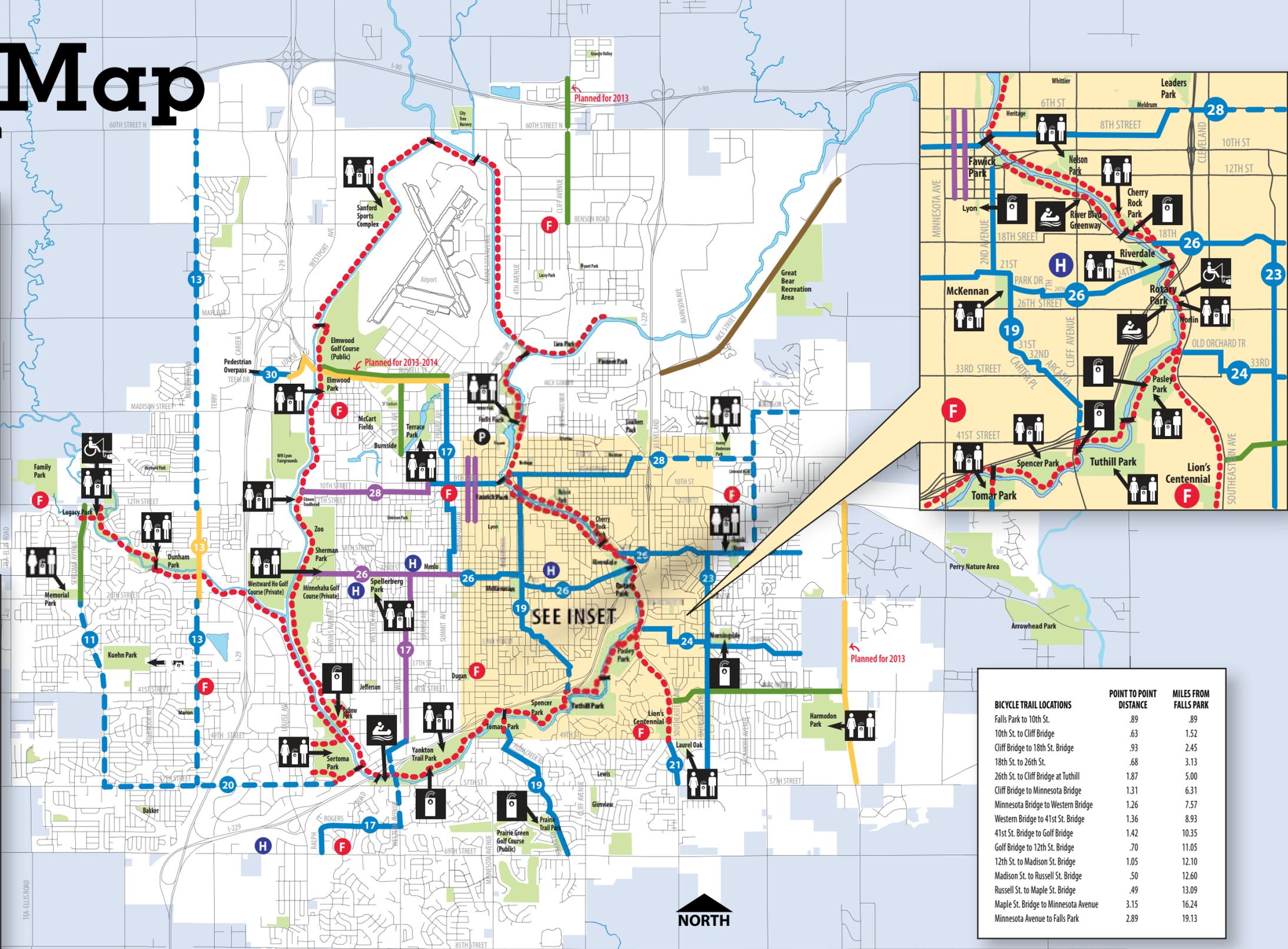
- Advanced rider route
- Basic rider route
- Side path route (off street)
- Bike lane
- Sharrow (shared road)
- Bike shoulder
- Route number\*
- Hospital
- Fire station
- Police

\* Routes are numbered with even routes traveling east/west and odd traveling north/south. The route numbers are for identification purposes only.

### Bike Trails

- Paved bike trail
- Park
- Restrooms/drinking fountain\*\*
- Drinking fountain\*\*
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Handicapped fishing access
- Pedestrian/bicycle crossing

\*\* In general, drinking fountains and restrooms are available for use beginning mid April and ending late October, dependent upon weather conditions. For the latest information, contact the Parks Department at 367-8222.



BICYCLE TRAIL LOCATIONS	POINT TO POINT DISTANCE	MILES FROM FALLS PARK
Falls Park to 10th St.	.89	.89
10th St. to Cliff Bridge	.63	1.52
Cliff Bridge to 18th St. Bridge	.93	2.45
18th St. to 26th St.	.68	3.13
26th St. to Cliff Bridge at Tuthill	1.87	5.00
Cliff Bridge to Minnesota Bridge	1.31	6.31
Minnesota Bridge to Western Bridge	1.26	7.57
Western Bridge to 41st St. Bridge	1.36	8.93
41st St. Bridge to Golf Bridge	1.42	10.35
Golf Bridge to 12th St. Bridge	.70	11.05
12th St. to Madison St. Bridge	1.05	12.10
Madison St. to Russell St. Bridge	.50	12.60
Russell St. to Maple St. Bridge	.49	13.09
Maple St. Bridge to Minnesota Avenue	3.15	16.24
Minnesota Avenue to Falls Park	2.89	19.13

For information regarding the status of bike trail construction including alternative routes, go to [www.siouxfalls.org/parks/bike](http://www.siouxfalls.org/parks/bike).

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 The Sioux Falls Bicycle Route Map is provided as a public service by the Sioux Falls Planning Office in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department, and is not for resale. This map should act as an aid to bicyclists but does not guarantee safety upon the identified streets. Most roads suggested are regular streets used by motorized vehicles, with no special lanes provided for bicyclists. Therefore, the bicyclist assumes the risk for his or her own safety.  
 For more information or questions regarding this map, please contact the Sioux Falls Planning Office at 367-8888.

**Maintenance needs**  
 During your travels, if you come upon obstacles that you believe need to be corrected or repaired contact Parks and Recreation (367-8222) for trail issues or Public Works (367-8255) for street hazards.



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**Bicycle travel**  
 As motorized traffic and fuel prices continue to increase as well as people wanting to live a healthier life, Sioux Falls has worked to enhance the convenience and attractiveness of using non-motorized forms of transportation. There are designated bike routes on city streets to help guide bicyclists from their neighborhoods to work, school, friends' homes, shopping, and recreational activities. Use this map to find the route that will help meet your needs.  
 The key to successful bicycle travel is safety. Make sure your bicycle is in working order. Knowing and obeying the rules of the road can help you with any challenges that roll your way. Bicycles are considered vehicles by city and state law and must obey the rules of the road. Also, always remember to wear a helmet.