

This map represents the most comprehensive resource of its kind for the region, but it is also a work in progress. As you explore Texas's capital region by bicycle, please help to refine this resource by sharing your feedback on the accuracy of the information shown here. To help improve the map, share your feedback at campotexas.org/programs_bicped.php.

This map is a product of collaboration between the City of Austin's Public Works Department and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). The road ratings given here are based on CAMPO's evaluation of roads in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties according to the Federal Highway Administration's Bicycle Compatibility Index (BCI). The BCI weighs such factors as road width, presence/width of shoulder, traffic speed, and traffic volume to estimate the level of comfort that bicyclists can expect to find on a given stretch of road. Then, ratings were refined by incorporating data from Austin's and San Marcos's Bicycle Maps, and through review by area bicyclists. The network was then extended outside of the 5-county area, again using the BCI, to estimate bicycle-friendliness of relevant roads.

CONNECTING TO TRANSIT

Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority provides bus and rail transit throughout the greater Austin area. (512) 474-1200 cametro.org

Capital Area Rural Transportation System serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, and non-urbanized areas of Travis and Williamson counties. (800) 456-RIDE ridecars.com

While school is in session, BT Interurban provides service to Texas State commuters and the general public between Austin and San Antonio, making stops in Kyle, San Marcos, and New Braunfels. (512) 754-8993 tram.txstate.edu

AMTRAK provides rail travel to destinations throughout the continental U.S. (800) USA-RAIL amtrak.com

NICE, SAFE, AND LEGAL

Bicyclists are legally welcome on all Texas roads, except where posted signs prohibit them. State law requires that bicyclists abide by the same basic rules as all other road users. By obeying the laws and riding predictably, you make it easier for everyone to share the road. Below are some guidelines for safe riding. For more, see Austin's Bicycle Map at austintexas.gov/departments/bicycle

- Always ride with traffic, never against it.
- Obey traffic signs and signals, and observe others' right-of-way.
- Don't pass other vehicles within the same lane.
- Stay visible and predictable.
- Communicate your intentions using lane position, eye contact, and hand signals.
- Don't ride more than two abreast.

For a complete description of State traffic laws applicable to bicyclists, see Transportation Code section 551 at www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us, and for bike laws specific to Austin, search "bicycle" at www.amlegal.com/austin_tx/

GET READY TO ROLL

Before you ride, be sure your bike is in good working order - especially the brakes and lights. At night, you must use a white headlight (visible from at least 500 feet) and a red rear reflector (visible from at least 300 feet). A bright red rear light is also recommended. If rain is possible, give yourself extra time to take it slow and careful. Wearing a helmet is a wise choice, and required by law for bicyclists age 17 and under.

RIDE DEFENSIVELY

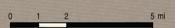
- Watch traffic behind and beside you. Learn to check over your shoulders without swerving. A mirror on your helmet or handlebar can also be helpful.
- Watch driveways and cross-streets. Make eye contact with anyone who might cross your path. Don't assume that others will see you or yield to your right of way.
- Everyone makes mistakes. Do your best to keep plenty of space around you.

USING THE MAP

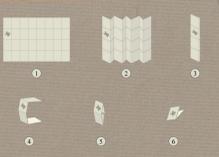
This map is meant to help bicyclists plan routes by giving information on level of riding comfort, hilliness, and off-road options for bicycle travel. The roads marked **HIGH** comfort have either specific bicycle accommodations, wide shoulders, or low traffic volumes and speeds. On the **MEDIUM** sections, you may find bicycle accommodations or wide shoulders on high-speed roads, shared lanes on roads with moderate speeds and volumes, or high-speed roads with good sight distances and very little traffic. The **LOW** comfort level designates important connections with high traffic volumes and speeds, and no bicycle accommodations. **VERY LOW** roads are not recommended for bicycle travel, but may still be necessary for some trips. This rating is shown only where no alternative route is available.

LEGEND

- SEPARATED PATHS (PAVED)
- SEPARATED PATHS (UNPAVED)
- HIGH-COMFORT ROADS
- MEDIUM-COMFORT ROADS
- LOW-COMFORT ROADS
- EXTREMELY LOW COMFORT
- HELPFUL SIDEWALKS
- DIRT ROADS
- INTERCITY ROUTES



FOLDING THE MAP



For more detailed bicycle maps of Austin and San Marcos, see: austintexas.gov/departments/bicycle sanmarcos.tx.gov/departments/transportation/

REGIONAL TRANSIT

- CAPMETRO PARK AND RIDES
- METRO RAIL STATIONS
- CARTS TRANSIT STATIONS
- AMTRAK STATIONS

Disclaimer: This map illustrates popular bicycle routes that have been identified by the City of Austin and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. The City of Austin and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization assume no liability for accidents involving users of these routes and therefore bicyclists assume a risk upon these routes identical to the risk assumed upon all other roadways. This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. It does not represent an engineering survey and represents only the approximate relative location of property boundaries.

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