

Philadelphia Bicycle Map



The modern two-wheeled bicycle was invented in 1839.

In the Netherlands, 30% of urban travel is by bicycle and 45% by auto. In the US, 1% of urban travel is by bicycle and 84% by auto.

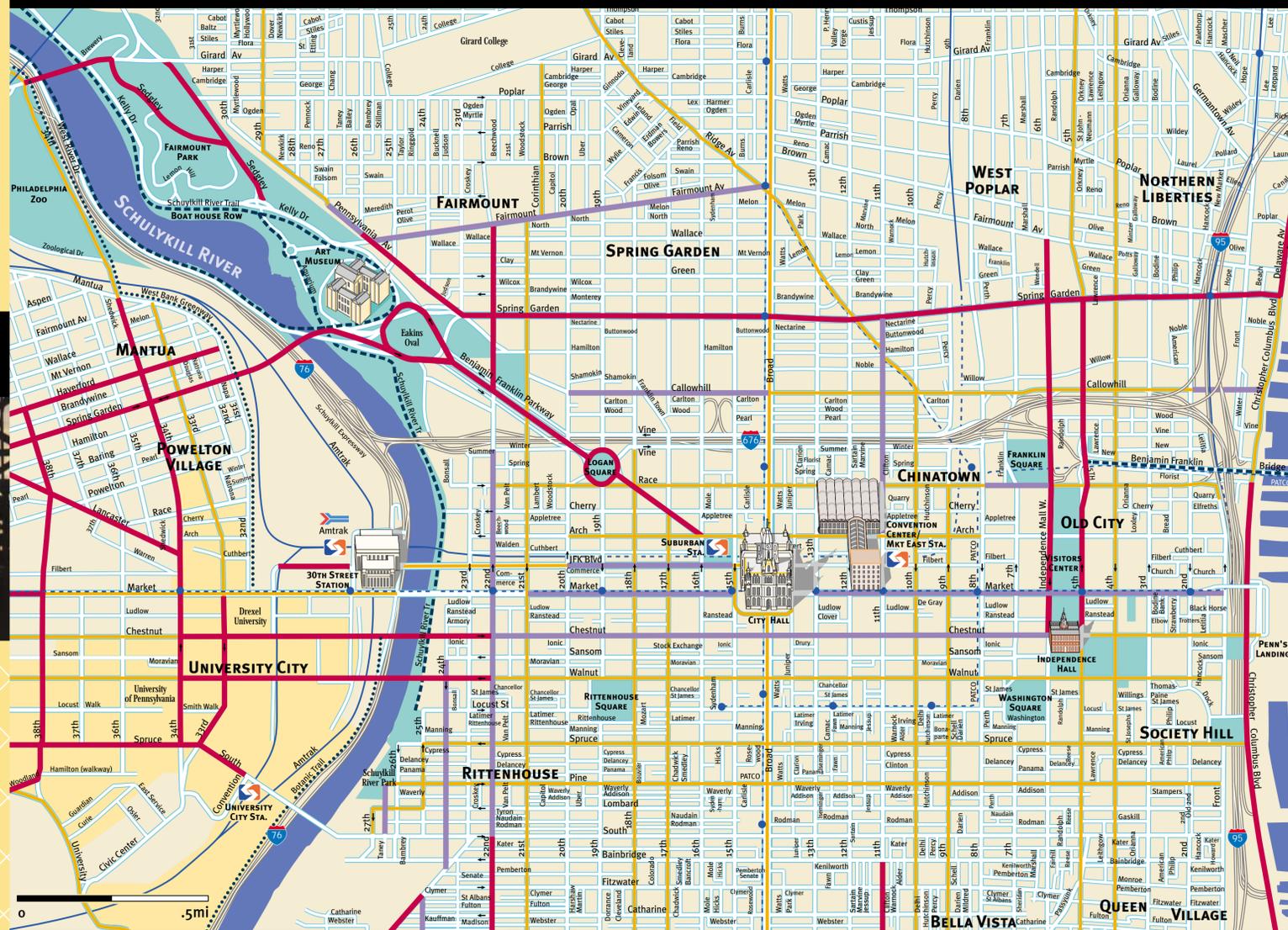


Lou Harris polls conducted in 1992 indicate 53% of adult American cyclists living in central cities would bicycle to work more often if there were safe bike lanes on roads.



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LEGEND

- Bicycle Lanes**
As of the printing of this map, bicycle lanes either exist or are scheduled to be installed in the upcoming construction season (Year 2008).
- Bicycle Friendly Network Streets**
These segments of the bicycle network do not have bicycle lanes. They are part of the evaluated bicycle network that were rated above average for bicycling.
- Evaluated Bicycle Network**
These streets have been evaluated as part of the bicycle network plan. No improvements have been made as of the printing of this map.
- Off-Road Bicycle Routes**
These multi-use trails are paved or unpaved.
- Future Off-Road Routes**
Several trails are being planned.
- SEPTA Regional Rail, NJT, PATCO**
Combining transit with a bicycle commute can save time on longer commutes.



The 22-mile Schuylkill River Trail begins at the Art Museum and goes to Ridge Ave. After 5 mi on Ridge Ave. and Main Street in Manyunk, it continues along the Manyunk Towpath to the old Shawmont Train Station. At Shawmont, the trail follows River Road for a few hundred yards. It is then paved all the way to Valley Forge National Park.



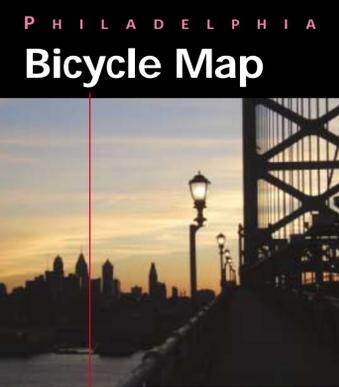
Three of Philadelphia's largest parks, Fairmount Park, Wissahickon Park and Pennypack Park have many miles of off-road bicycle trails. A bicycle commute to work that utilizes these trails in combination with the on-street bicycle lanes offers a scenic commute.



The Street-Smart Cyclist

Bicycling is a healthy, cost-effective mode of transportation. Philadelphia's first bike lane was installed on Christopher Columbus Blvd. in 1995. Bicycling Magazine Rated Philadelphia one of the top 10 bike-friendly cities in the US and Canada in 1999.

Need more maps?
Philadelphia Streets Department 215-686-5560
Bicycle Coalition 215-BICYCLE
Independence Visitors Center 215-636-1666
Libraries and Bike Shops
Lloyd Hall at Boathouse Row



Bicycling is a fun, efficient way to get around Philadelphia.

This map has been developed to assist cyclists in planning both recreation and commute trips in and around Philadelphia using the future 300-mile network. Even though particular routes are highlighted on the map, bicyclists may use most roads in Philadelphia that are open to cars. Bicyclists have the same responsibility as motor vehicle operators to obey traffic laws.

Conditions on streets and trails may vary. Be prepared to make your own evaluation of traffic and road/path conditions. Plan routes appropriate to your riding skills.

The user of this map bears full responsibility for his or her own safety.

Information is accurate as of November, 2003.

Bikes on Transit

Bringing a bike on the train or bus can be a great time-saver or welcome relief from the rain. Cyclists commuting downhill during daylight hours into Center City from the west and northwest can take advantage of SEPTA's climate-controlled, off-peak service on their return commute after dark.

Listed below are the policies for transit services in Philadelphia that carry bicycles.

SEPTA
(215) 850-7800 www.septa.org

Buses
Bicycle racks are being installed on many SEPTA buses. Buses that carry bicycles are noted in schedules.



Regional Rail
Bicycles are welcome onboard trains during off-peak hours, weekends, and the following holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

Broad Street, Market-Frankford and Norristown high speed lines.
Bicycles are welcome weekdays off-peak (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), evenings (after 6 p.m.), all day weekends, and the following holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

Amtrak
(800) USA-RAIL
Some Amtrak trains carry bicycles. Contact Amtrak for availability and details.

PATCO
(215) 922-4600
Bicycles are welcome on board all Speedline trains.

New Jersey Transit
(973) 491-9400
All New Jersey Transit buses serving Philadelphia and southern New Jersey carry bicycles.

Bicycle storage on trains: Up to two standard frame bicycles can be accommodated in accessible areas. Accessible cars are designated with an international symbol of accessibility.

Greyhound & Peter Pan
(800) 231-2222
Greyhound carries boxed bicycles between Philadelphia, New York, Washington D.C. and Massachusetts on a space available basis. On Peter Pan, the front wheel should be removed. Bicycles may need to be boxed if there is limited space.

Carl R. Bieber Tourways
(800) 243-2374
Carl R. Bieber Tourways carries bicycles between Philadelphia and Lehigh County. Bicycles do not have to be boxed. There is a fee and the front wheel must be removed.



Bicycle Shops

- Abington Wheelright • 1120 Old York Rd. (215) 884-6331
- Bicycle Therapy • 2208 South St. (215) 735-7899
- Bike Addicts • 5548 Ridge Ave. (215) 487-3006
- Bike Line/ Arch Street • 1028 Arch St. (215) 923-1310
- Bike Line/ University City • 226 S. 40th St. (215) 243-2453
- Bike Line/ Manyunk • 4151 Main St. (215) 487-7433
- Bilenky Cycle Works, Ltd. • 5319 N. 2nd St. (215) 329-4744
- Bustleton Bikes • 9261 Roosevelt Blvd. (215) 671-1910
- Cycle Sonic • 220 Huntingdon Pike (215) 379-1102
- Drive Sports • 2601 Pennsylvania Ave. (215) 232-7368
- Bike Rack • 1901 S. 13th St. (215) 334-9100
- Erdenheim Bicycle Center • 821 Bethlehem Pike (215) 233-3883
- Firehouse Bicycles • 50th St. and Baltimore Ave. (215) 727-9692
- Frankenstein BikeWorx • 1529 Spruce St. (215) 893-0415
- Guy's Bicycles • 326 E Street Rd. (215) 355-1166
- Jay's Pedal Power Bikes • 512 E. Girard Ave. (215) 425-5111
- Keswick Cycle Co. • 408 N. Easton Rd. (215) 884-6996
- Liberty Bell Cycle • 7820 Frankford Ave. (215) 624-7343
- Liberty Bell Cycle • 6153 Ridge Ave. (215) 487-1850
- Mainly Bikes • 229 Haverford Ave. (610) 668-2453
- Neighborhood Bike Works • 3916 Locust Walk (215) 386-0316
- Neighborhood Bike Works • 5958 Vine St. (215) 386-0316
- Philadelphia Bicycle Shop • 826 N. Broad St. (215) 765-9118
- Trophy Bikes • 311 Market St. (215) 625-9999
- Via Bicycle Shop • 406 S. 9th St. (215) 627-3370
- Wissahickon Cyclery • 7837 Germantown Ave. (215) 248-2829
- Wolf Cycle • 4311 Lancaster Ave. (215) 222-2171

Bike to Work Day

www.bicyclecoalition.org
Generally held in May, this annual celebration at City Hall's Dilworth Plaza celebrates cycling as a healthy, affordable, and pollution-free mode of transportation. This event is sponsored by the City of Philadelphia, Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, Center City District, Central Philadelphia Transportation Management Association, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, and local businesses.

US Pro Championship Bicycle Race

www.procyclingtour.com
Each June, Philadelphia welcomes more than 140 of the world's greatest professional cyclists to the US Pro Championship bicycle race as well as the top women's road race, the First Union Liberty Classic. Join the thousands of spectators at this incredible event.

Bicycle Repair and Safety Classes

www.neighborhoodbikeworks.org
Neighborhood Bike Works provides bicycle maintenance and safety training to both youth and adults. In after-school, weekend, and summer classes, youth rebuild donated bicycles which they get to keep by completing the class requirements.

Scheduled Bicycle Club Rides

www.phillybikeclub.org
Bicycle Club of Philadelphia has an online calendar of recreational cycling activities for cyclists of all abilities.

S A F E T Y T I P S

- Built for Two**
Roads are built for vehicles, including bicycles. Bicycles are not restricted to bikeways; they share the road with motorists and also share responsibility for obeying the rules of the road. Sidewalks are for pedestrians, not bicyclists.
- The Ride-of-Way**
Never ride against traffic. Usually you should ride in a straight line to the right of traffic or in a designated bike lane. But you have the right (and responsibility) to use any part of the road you need to ensure your safety.
- A Route Awakening**
Although bikes are allowed on any street, designated bike routes and bike lanes increase your safety and make your ride easier and more refreshing. Familiarize yourself with Philadelphia's Bike Network by reviewing this map.
- Be Real**
Bicycles are, in fact, vehicles. They are not toys. Drivers and police expect all vehicles to:
 - stop at stop signs and signals
 - ride in the proper direction on one-way streets
 - signal before turning
 - yield to pedestrians
- Reflect Action**
Equip your bike with lights and reflectors and wear reflective clothing for riding at night or in the rain. Be aware that bicyclists are least visible as it begins to get dark.
- Cut off at the Pass**
Motorists may not see their right side at an intersection. Don't pass on the right; instead, take your place in the line of traffic.

- When making a left turn, move to the left of the center lane, indicate your intention by signaling and using eye contact. Make the turn when there is an opening.
- Sustained Yield**
In conflicts between cars and bicycles, the bicyclist always loses. Ride defensively and always be prepared to yield.
- A Crash Course in Cycling**
Common causes of bicycling accidents in Philadelphia are:
 - Bicyclists riding against traffic, even on bike lanes
 - Bicyclists riding on sidewalks
 - Inadequate lights and reflectors on bikes
 - Conflicts at intersections, usually between a cyclist going straight and an adjacent or oncoming car turning.
- Contact Sports**
Drivers do not always see bicyclists. For your safety, make eye contact before assuming the driver sees you.
- Open Door Policy**
Ride far enough away from parked cars to avoid an opening door and stay alert.
- Passing Fancy**
Philadelphia's popular off-road trails can be very crowded. When pedestrians or slow-moving bicyclists are present, slow down and give a bell or voice warning before passing.
- Be SCAN-dalous**
To avoid problems, continually scan the road ahead of you for glass, driveways, parked cars, dogs, road construction, wet leaves, debris, etc. Listen and watch for cars approaching from behind.

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Innovative businesses such as Sweetkriz, a tire manufacturer, and Konosport, maker of human-electric powered vehicles, have found a home in Philadelphia.



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