

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The **City of Saskatoon** has published this guide to encourage cycling in Saskatoon as a healthy means of transportation and recreation. This guide rates every road in Saskatoon and shows suggested routes and facilities that have been identified by experienced local cyclists and City staff. It should not be construed as representing the absence of hazards for people riding bikes on any particular street; nor is it intended to suggest that cycling is only permitted on the identified streets. Cycling is allowed on all streets and roads except where prohibited.

Cyclists are vehicles and must follow the same rules of the road as all other vehicles. Cyclists are legally allowed to ride in the centre of any traffic lane.

You should use your own judgment, based on your level of experience and cycling ability in dealing with vehicular traffic when planning your route. Some of these routes may not be ideal for all cyclists. The routes in this guide are not intended as guidance for children.

Users of this map bear full responsibility for their own safety as well as the results of their own negligence.



CYCLING TIPS & WHERE TO RIDE

- Always ride in a straight line, rather than weaving in and out of parked vehicles, so that drivers can see you at all times.
- If the traffic lanes are narrow, ride in the centre of the lane, rather than riding between a parked vehicle and a vehicle travelling in a lane. This reduces the risk of being hit by a car door opening.
- When turning left, signal and move toward the left lane before making your turn.
- When riding a bicycle in the traffic lane or painted bike lane, only pass right-turning vehicles on the left. When riding a bicycle in a protected bike lane, right-turning vehicles are required to yield to the person on the bike proceeding through the intersection.
- Position yourself in the right lane when there are no sharrows (shared-lane markings) or painted bike lanes. Only be in the right turning lane if you are turning, signal, then move toward the through lane safely ahead of time if necessary.
- When biking, only ride on sidewalks and bridge pathways where indicated. If you're over the age of 13, walk next to your bike when it is necessary to use the sidewalk everywhere else in Saskatoon. Yield to people walking as they have the right of way.
 - Obey traffic lights and signs.
 - Yield to pedestrians — people crossing with the light have the right of way.



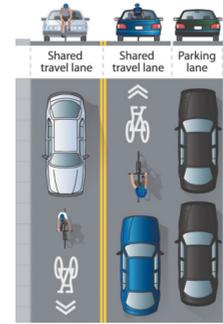
From Saskatoon's residential neighbourhoods, to the downtown and the scenic Meewasin Valley Trail, Saskatoon is full of spaces and places to ride! Before you hop on your bike, check out our Cycling Tips and Where to Ride to learn how to safely bike around town.

- Ride in the same direction as traffic so that drivers can see you and pass at a safer distance.

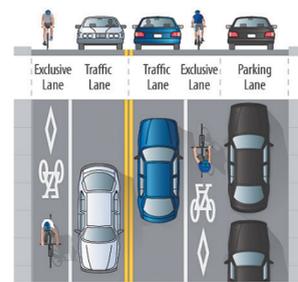
On some streets, sharrows (share + arrow) are used to indicate where people riding bikes can best position themselves. Sharrows also alert motorists that people on bikes may be present.



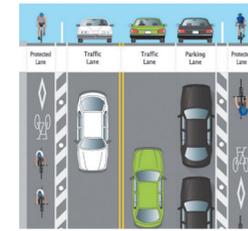
- Shared-Travel Lane:** When sharrows are present cyclists should position themselves in the centre of the marking: if the marking is in the middle of the lane, bike in the middle of the lane.



- Painted Bike Lane:** These lanes are for use by people on bikes only and drivers are not allowed to drive, stop or park on them.



- Protected Bike Lane:** A dedicated, marked lane for people on bikes that is physically separated from motor vehicles and pedestrian traffic by either parked vehicles, a painted buffer and/or delineator posts. When biking you have priority over the right turning vehicle.



- Green painted areas at intersections are Bike Boxes designed to facilitate two-stage left turns for people biking. Go straight through the intersection and wait in the designated left-turn Bike Box for the green signal on the cross street to complete your left turn.



SIGNALLING



- When changing lanes or turning at intersections, make sure to clearly indicate your intentions with hand signals, then move to the appropriate lane ahead of time to turn safely.
- Before turning left or right, always look over your shoulder for traffic, and proceed only when it is safe to do so.

SHARED-USE PATHWAYS

- Shared pathways are for use by everyone.
- Watch for pedestrians, small children, pets, and other cyclists.
- Always travel on the right hand side of the pathway, except when passing.
- Slow down and be considerate when passing other pathway or trail users.
- At signalized intersections, dismount and follow "WALK / DON'T WALK" signals.
- At unsignalized intersections, yield to motorists.
- When approaching other people biking or walking, ring your bicycle bell. A bell can be used to warn other roadway users of your presence if you need to do so.
- Check out the **Meewasin App** at app.meewasin.com for more information about the Meewasin Valley Trail.



TRANSIT BIKE RACKS

All **Saskatoon Transit** buses are equipped with racks to transport your bicycle. Loading and unloading your bicycle is easy! Follow the directions labeled on the bike rack, and be sure to let the driver know you will be unloading your bike before you get off the bus. The rack can accommodate tires up to 2" wide, and space is first come, first served.

Visit saskatoontransit.ca/byxe for a how-to video on using the bus bike rack.

Information on transit routes and schedules can be found at saskatoontransit.ca.

SAFETY TIPS

- Wearing a helmet is recommended.
- Be sure your bike has a headlight and a red rear reflector or light. A flashing light makes you more visible even during daylight hours.
- Use a horn or bell to warn pedestrians of your presence.
- Watch for cars entering from driveways.
- Allow room on both your right and left to get around hazards or to move aside if you are passed too closely.
- Avoid riding in vehicle blind spots.
- Position yourself where drivers can see you and where you can see what is happening around you.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Always keep your head up and be alert.
- A rearview mirror is recommended to monitor traffic behind you.
- In the winter, remember to layer up and consider studded tires or underinflating your tires for better traction.

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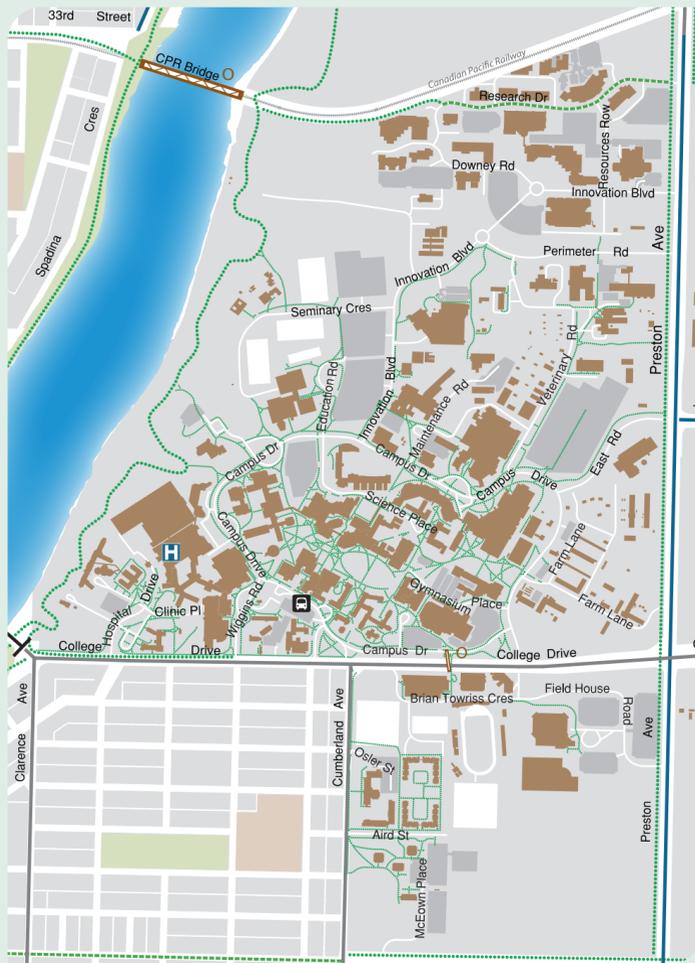
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For more information on cycling safety and Saskatoon's Bicycle Bylaw (#9705) visit saskatoon.ca/BYXE

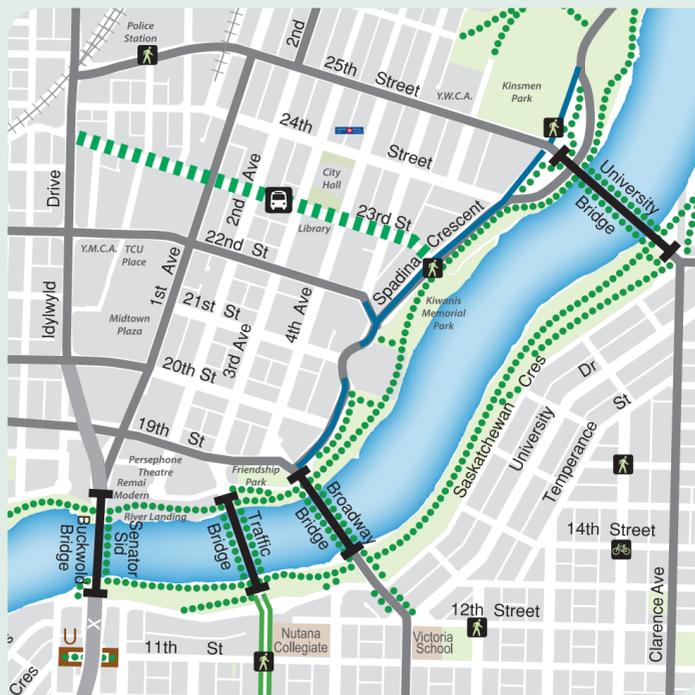
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DOWNTOWN



PRIMARY ALL AGES & ABILITIES

Streets with low vehicle traffic and speeds or Off-Road Pathways that are suitable for riders of all ages and abilities

- Protected Bike Lanes
- Cycle Track
- Bike Boulevard
- Shared-Use or Multi-Use Paths

SECONDARY

Streets with speeds suitable for intermediate riders

- Painted Bike lanes

RESTRICTED

- Restricted Cycling
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- Freeways, Expressways & Highways
- Arterial Road
- Collector & Local Road
- Planned Road
- Underpass/Overpass
- Underpass/Overpass with stairs
- Bridge
- Railway

- Highway
- Bus Terminal
- Hospital
- School
- Leisure Centre
- Golf Course
- Pedestrian Devices
- Cyclist Devices

