

2009

# ALBUQUERQUE Bicycle Map



Bicycle Lane



Bicycle Route



Multi-use Trail



Bicycle Boulevard

## Welcome To Bicycling in Albuquerque



Bicycling is both an important element of the city's multi-modal transportation system and a very popular recreation activity. Our temperate climate and sunshine allows for year-round bicycling opportunities. Taking advantage of these opportunities can result in significant benefits to your health and physical fitness. Bicycle commuting is strongly encouraged as a means of reducing traffic congestion and improving the city's air quality.

Albuquerque bicycle programs strive to provide a safe riding environment for bicycle riders of all levels. There are over 400 miles of on-street bicycle facilities and multi-use trails in the City, and what you see represented on this map is only the beginning. The City is committed to the continued expansion of the system to make bicycling accessible to everyone.

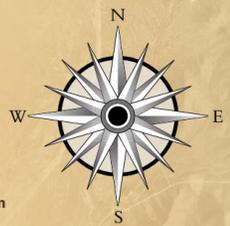
On behalf of the City of Albuquerque, I invite you to explore the routes and destinations identified on this map. I sincerely hope you enjoy your bicycling experience in Albuquerque. Please bicycle responsibly, obey traffic laws and share our multi-use trails.

Mayor Martin J. Chávez



### Legend

- Multi-use Trail - A paved trail closed to automotive traffic
  - Bicycle Lane - A portion of the street with a designated lane for bicycles
  - Bicycle Route - Cars and bicycles share the street
  - Bicycle Boulevard - A shared roadway optimized for bicycle traffic
  - Roads with Wide Shoulders
  - Arroyos
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Overpass
  - Place of Interest
  - High School
  - Bosque Trail Parking Locations
  - Rapid Ride Stop
  - Bicycle Shop
  - New Mexico Railrunner Express Station
  - Mountain Bike Trail
- Neighborhood streets may serve as connections between designated bikeways along your route



Bicycles allowed in City Open Space and non-wilderness areas ONLY

# Bike To Work

Albuquerque is in the midst of creating a transportation system that provides options that meet the needs of individuals and the community as a whole. The majority of Albuquerque residents have bicycles stored in their garages but there is the perception that bicycles are strictly for recreational purposes. City Council and the community have made the commitment to expand the on-street bikeway and multi-use trail system through dedicated transportation funds. The City of Albuquerque has made great progress through various planning and construction activities within the last several years in developing an improved system. These efforts are making bicycle commuting a viable transportation alternative.

## Benefits of Bike Commuting

Bicycle commuting is an opportunity to turn your stressful commute into valuable exercise time. It's fast enough to get you there in a reasonable amount of time, yet slow enough to allow you to enjoy the scenery. Bicycling is environmentally friendly, it will prolong the life of your car, save you money on gas, and parking.

## Getting Started

Plan your route. Map out your route in advance using this map. If there are gaps in the suggested routes or no direct routes, try going out on the weekend or after work to explore alternatives. A leisurely ride through neighborhoods along the way will reveal alternate roads that may be perfect for your commute. Make a practice run. The more comfortable you are with your route the easier



Tramway Blvd.

## Albuquerque Trails

The City of Albuquerque plans for, develops, and maintains many of Albuquerque's trails. The Albuquerque metropolitan area has more than 130 miles of paved multi-use trails and hundreds of miles of unpaved trails that are used by bicyclists and other users. These trails are connected with the on-street bikeway system to provide a recreational and commuter network.

Albuquerque's premiere trail, the **Paseo del Bosque Trail**, goes from the north to the south edges of the metro area through the Rio Grande's cottonwood bosque, 16 miles of paved trails uninterrupted by roadways. It passes through Rio Grande Valley State Park, with opportunities to see birds, coyotes and other wildlife, but also takes trail users to the Nature Center, Bio Park, the zoo, and the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

You may encounter many different kinds of users on the trails. Expect to meet other bicyclists, walkers, people with wheelchairs, in-line skaters, possibly equestrians. **Courtesy and caution** are a part of having an enjoyable and safe trail ride.



Bosque Trail

your commute will be. Get acquainted with your bike. If there are adjustments that will need to be made this is the time to find that out. Get used to riding your bike in a variety of traffic conditions. You will need to plan for arriving at your destination. Where you will park your bike, freshen up and change your clothes, if necessary, are all good things to know in advance. Learn and practice good safety skills and riding habits. You can do this on your own or through a bicycle safety class offered by the City of Albuquerque, Bicycle Safety and Education Program.

## Rules Of The Road

If your bike commute involves streets with a great deal of traffic, be aware of your surroundings and ride defensively. Drivers are more likely to respect your position on the road if you are consistent, predictable, and obey the rules of the road.

## Equipment

**Bicycle.** A mechanically sound bicycle is essential. Be sure all gears, wheels and brakes are in good working order and that the frame is sound.  
**Helmet.** Besides your bike, a helmet that fits well is your most important piece of bicycle commuting equipment.  
**Clothing.** Wear bright clothing so motorists will notice you.  
**Lights.** Lights are necessary if you are going to be riding in darkness. Red strobe lights are very effective. You will want to see as well as be seen in low visibility.  
**Tires.** Keep your tires properly inflated. Use high quality tires and tire liners. Carry a spare tube or patch kit, tire levers and a pump and know how to use them. You may consider making a test run to make sure you are comfortable with fixing a flat before you find yourself in the position of having to do it on your way to work.  
**Carriers.** A rack, panniers (saddlebags), basket, or back pack will be necessary for carrying things and to free up your hands for gripping the handle bars.

## What To Wear

Here are three options to consider:  
**Ride in your work clothes.** Depending on the weather and the length of your commute, you may be able to wear your work clothes on your bike.  
**Wear casual clothes and carry your work clothes.** For longer, more strenuous commutes or more extreme temperatures, it can be more practical to change once you get to work. Rolling work clothes, rather than folding them, will help to minimize wrinkles. Specialized clothing, such as padded cycling shorts and gloves, are optional but can increase your comfort level on longer rides.  
**Store a week's worth of clothing at the office.** This option may require you to drive in one day a week to bring a few changes of clothing to the office.

## Parking

Park in open areas where many people pass by and your bicycle can easily be seen. The best bike racks are made with thick, sturdy tubing, are bolted down, and allow you to lock both the frame and the wheels to the rack. When locking your bike to an object other than a bike rack, parking meter or sign post, ensure that it is not possible to slide the bike up and over the top of the object. Your employer may allow you to park your bike inside the building where you work. This is a good way to avoid theft and protect your bike from the elements.  
**Locking your bike.** Lock the whole bike. Place your chain, cable, or U lock through your frame and wheels. If you have a quick-release front hub, you might consider taking it off and locking it with the rear wheel and frame. When using a padlock, put it where it's not close to the ground, a wall or other solid surface, and decrease the slack in your cable or chain. It's advisable to remove any easily removable accessories that can not be locked such as quick-release seats, horns, bike bags, pumps, cycle computers, or lights.



City of Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development Transportation Division PO Box 12936 Albuquerque, NM 87103

## Moms and Dads,

Please discuss the following information with your child.  
 • When they ride a bicycle on a public street, they are considered as a vehicle not a toy. All traffic laws, such as stopping at stop signs and red lights must be obeyed.  
 • The bicycle should be ridden in the direction of the traffic not against the traffic.  
 • Children should never ride in the dark unless they are experienced, and their bicycle must have proper reflectors and a head light.  
 • Bicycles are easily stolen. Children should always lock their bicycles rather than just leaving them.



## Questions To Consider

- Is my child mature enough to understand the rules and responsibilities of a bicyclist in traffic?
  - Am I willing to shop carefully for a well made bicycle that is the correct size for my child?
  - Am I willing to help my child learn how to ride a bicycle?
  - Do we live in an area which is safe for children on bicycles? If not, are there bicycle paths or other places nearby where children may learn to bicycle safely?
  - Will I make sure that my child knows how to follow safe riding practices?
  - Do I have the patience not only to teach my child traffic laws and safety rules, but to enforce them as well?
  - Will my child keep the bicycle in good mechanical condition, and will I assist with bicycle maintenance and repairs which are beyond my child's skill?
- You should consider purchasing a bicycle for your child only if you've answered yes to all of the above.

BICYCLE Map

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### Rio Rancho Bicycle Map

**Legend**

- Multi-use Trail
- Bicycle Lane
- Bicycle Route

### City of Albuquerque

**Citizen Contact Center** **311**

**Municipal Development Department**  
 Transportation Planning and Project Development  
 768-2680

**Street Repair and Sweeping**  
 Street Maintenance Division  
 857-8025

**Construction Barricading and Detours**  
 Construction Management Division  
 924-3690

**Traffic Signals and Signage**  
 Traffic Engineering  
 857-9025

**Parks and Recreation Department**  
**Multi-Use Trail Maintenance**  
 Park Management Division  
 857-8650

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Education Program**  
 Outdoor Recreation Division  
 768-BIKE (2453)

**Open Space Trail Maintenance**  
 Open Space Division  
 452-5200

**Bike NOW Program/Bike and Ride**  
 Transit Department  
 243-HIDE

**GABC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
 A citizen advisory committee that meets the second Monday of every month to review and comment on projects affecting the bikeway system within the Albuquerque metropolitan area. GABC meetings are open to the general public. Anyone interested in more information about GABC, please contact the City of Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development, Transportation Division at 768-2680.

**GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee**  
 A citizen advisory committee that meets the third Tuesday of every month to review and comment on policies and projects affecting multi-use trails (hike, pedestrian, equestrian, in-line skating, etc.) within the Albuquerque metropolitan area. GARTC meetings are open to the general public. Anyone interested in more information about GARTC, please contact the City of Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development, Transportation Division at 768-2680.

**Bernalillo County**  
 Street Maintenance Division  
 848-1503

**City of Rio Rancho**  
 Operations and Maintenance  
 891-7224

**Organizations**

**Bike ABQ**  
 web: <http://www.bikeabq.org>  
 email: [info@bikeabq.org](mailto:info@bikeabq.org)

**New Mexico Touring Society**  
 web: <http://www.nmtsa.com>  
 email: [nmtsa@nmtsa.com](mailto:nmtsa@nmtsa.com)

For more information about bicycling in the Albuquerque Metro Area go to the city's web site at [www.cabq.gov/bike/](http://www.cabq.gov/bike/)

## YOUR BIKE ON BOARD

**Catch the bird and bring your bike for FREE!**

Each train is equipped with tie-downs for at least four standard-size bikes. Additional bike storage is available in the areas reserved for wheelchairs if these are not being used. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Bringing your bike on board—some basic guidelines:**

- Let other passengers get on and off the train first
- Board at doors marked with the bicycle symbol
- Store bike in space marked with bicycle symbol immediately inside the doors
- Secure your bike with the yellow straps
- Keep your bike out of the aisles
- Stay near your bike

**You can also leave your bike safely locked at the bikerracks located at each Rail Runner station.**

## RAIL RUNNER EXPRESS

**866-795-RAIL (7245) www.nmrrailrunner.com**

## Safety

An approved bicycle helmet can greatly reduce the risk of death or permanent injury in the event of an accident. Look for the ANSI Z90.4.

## On-Street Bikeways share the road

Ride Defensively - Prepare for the unexpected and plan alternate maneuvers to avoid conflict. Rules alone do not always protect cyclists from injury. Be alert.

**RIDE IN A STRAIGHT LINE**  
 Avoid dodging between parked cars. Ride in a straight line at least one yard away from the curb to allow room for moving around road hazards. Watch for cars entering from driveways.

**BEWARE OF CAR DOORS**  
 Be wary of parked cars. Motorists can unexpectedly open doors. Be particularly careful if you see a motorist in the car. Ride a car's door width away.

**OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS**  
 As a vehicle, bicycles must obey all the Rules of the Road. Cyclists have the same privileges and duties as other traffic.

**SCAN THE ROAD BEHIND**  
 Shoulder check regularly and use a mirror to monitor traffic. Although bicycles have equal right to the road, be prepared to maneuver for safety.

**RIDE IN SINGLE FILE**  
 Ride in single file when riding in a group except when overtaking or passing.

**DISMOUNT AS POSTED**  
 Dismount and walk across roadways or other posted locations. When choosing a 'pedestrian style' crossing across the flow of traffic, cross only when it is safe to do so.

**MAKE EYE CONTACT**  
 Confirm that you are seen. Establish eye contact with motorists to insure that they know you are on the roadway.

**TURNING LEFT - 2 OPTIONS**  
 1) AS A VEHICLE: Signal your intentions in advance. Move to the left turning lane, and complete the turn when it is safe.  
 2) AS A PEDESTRIAN: Ride to the far crosswalk and walk across.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY**  
 Cyclists and pedestrians must yield to equestrians.

**KEEP TO THE RIGHT**  
 All trail users must keep to the right except when passing or turning left. Move off the trail to the right when stopping.

**BE CAREFUL AT INTERSECTIONS**  
 The majority of accidents happen at intersections. Proceed with care. Vehicles making turns are particularly dangerous.

**CONTROL YOUR PET**  
 Albuquerque requires pets to be leashed while on the trail and owners to clean up after their pets. Keep leashes short and walk pets on the outside of the trail.

**EARPHONE DANGERS**  
 If you must use earphones on the trail, keep the volume sufficiently low to be able to hear other trail users.

**USE LIGHTS AT NIGHT**  
 Always use a strong white headlight and red taillight at night or when visibility is poor. Use bike reflectors and reflective clothing. See and be seen!

**BE VISIBLE**  
 All trail users must keep to the right except when passing or turning left. Move off the trail to the right when stopping.

**SIGNAL TO OTHERS**  
 Cyclists, when approaching others, sound your bell or call out 'on your left', then pass safely on the left. Pedestrians acknowledge with a wave when someone is overtaking, then step to the right.

## Multi-Use Trails Shared Responsibilities

Share the trail. Albuquerque's trails have been designed for a variety of users, and not only for one group. By following simple, common sense rules and courtesy, trail use will be safe and enjoyable.

**RESPECT NATURE**  
 Do not disturb or feed wildlife. Keep to trails to protect habitat. Do not collect plants or animal material.

**BE ALERT**  
 Watch for slippery sections covered by ice, loose gravel or salt. Be sure the trail is clear of obstructions ahead. Ring bell for others where visibility is restricted such as on hills and turns.

**Bike Boxes**  
 make Cyclists more visible at intersections

**Bike Box at stop bar allows bikes to move in front of traffic at intersections**

**Care must stop behind the box, and may not turn right on red**

## Trail Courtesy

**TRAIL COURTESY**  
 Yield to Pedestrians

**YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN**  
 Cyclists and pedestrians must yield to equestrians.

**KEEP TO THE RIGHT**  
 All trail users must keep to the right except when passing or turning left. Move off the trail to the right when stopping.

**STOP WHEN RED**  
 Care must stop behind the box, and may not turn right on red

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## BIKE & BUS

Bike and Bus in Albuquerque is designed to give you more commuting alternatives to your car. Cyclists can use multi-use trails, bicycle lanes and routes, and continue to travel in higher traffic areas by combining bicycle trips with public transit. Try it and you'll find that you should have been doing this sooner!

Loading instructions are marked on each bike rack. Bicycles are not allowed aboard buses.

**Step #1:** As per instructions on the bike rack, pull handle up and slowly lower into position

**Step #2:** Lock the front wheel of the bike in position nearest the bus with the handlebars toward the curb

**Step #3:** Pull on spring loaded tire harness and place over front wheel as shown in photo. Remove your water bottle, pump, etc., before boarding

**UNLOADING**

1. Before reaching your stop tell the driver that you'll need to unload your bike. When the bus stops, leave via the front door.
2. Pull the hook out and over the wheel to release your bike. The hook springs back into position. Lift or roll your bike out of the wheel slot, moving it toward the curb side of the bus.
3. If no other bike is being loaded and the rack is empty, please fold it up and lock into place.
4. Quickly move away and signal the driver that it is safe to leave. Never step into traffic. Always move toward the curb.

**BIKE ON BOARD**

## Albuquerque Code of Ordinances Chapter 8: Traffic Code

### § 8-3-3-1 JURISDICTION.

The regulations in §§ 8-3-3-1 et seq. shall be applicable whenever a bicycle is operated on any municipal paved or dirt path or roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or set aside for use of bicycles with pedestrians, motorcycles and/or horseback riders and shall also be applicable to all streets, parking lots and the like, regardless of road surfaces covered by § 8-3-1-2. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.1.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-2 PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY.

The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of §§ 8-3-3-1 et seq. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.2.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-3 BICYCLE SERIAL NUMBER.

(A) No person shall alter, obliterate or change the serial number imprinted on the frame of any bicycle.  
 (B) No person shall rent or lease a bicycle on which the serial number imprinted on the frame has been altered, obliterated or changed.  
 (C) This section shall not prohibit the restoration by an owner of an original serial number or mark. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.4.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-4 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLY

(A) Operators of bicycles have the same rights as operators of automobiles in the use of streets, highways and roadways within the city, except as otherwise specifically provided herein.  
 (B) Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the drivers of motor vehicles, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Traffic Code and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application; and each such person shall be subject to the same provisions and sections of this Traffic Code to which a motorist is subject. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.5.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-5 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

(A) Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the restrictions of official traffic control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.  
 (B) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left U-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make such a turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.6.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-6 RIDING ON PROHIBITED STREETS OR CONTROLLED ACCESS ROADWAYS.

No person shall ride a bicycle either on any street or path where signs have been erected by the Mayor or his designated representative which prohibit the use of the street or path to bicycles, which restrict the use of the street or path



to modes of transportation other than bicycles, or on controlled access streets. Notwithstanding this provision, drivers of vehicles using such streets or controlled access roadways are not relieved of responsibility of using due care. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.7.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-7 OPERATION IN BICYCLE LANE.

Where the bicycle lane provides a minimum of four feet of ride-side space or once a bicyclist has entered a bicycle lane, bicyclist shall endeavor to maintain the lane except:  
 (A) At intersections;  
 (B) To pass a slower bicyclist, or to avoid parked cars or obstacles;  
 (C) A bicyclist may leave the bicycle lane between intersections in order to make a U-turn, or left hand turn where such a turn is permissible for vehicular traffic, or to turn into driveways;  
 (D) When leaving a bicycle lane, the bicyclist shall use caution and yield the right-of-way to vehicles. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.8.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-8 DIRECTION OF TRAVEL IN BICYCLE LANE.

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle within a bicycle lane or on the roadway in any direction except that permitted of vehicular traffic proceeding on the same side of the roadway; provided, that bicycles may travel either way along a lane where two-way bicycle traffic is so designated. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.9.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-9 POSITION ON THE ROADWAY.

(A) If the right hand vehicle lane available for traffic is wide enough to be safely shared with overtaking vehicles and no bike lane is present, a bicyclist shall be ridden far enough to the right in said lane to facilitate such overtaking movements unless other conditions make it unsafe to do so.  
 (B) Exceptions to driving bicycles on the right:  
 (1) When and where road hazards exist.  
 (2) To overtake vehicles making right-hand turns at intersections.  
 (3) Bicycle may move out of their lane to overtake and pass another vehicle/bicyclist.  
 (4) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection, when making a U-turn or turning into a private road or driveway.  
 (5) Upon a one-way road with two or more marked traffic lanes the bicyclist may ride in the center of the most left hand lane for a reasonable distance to complete a left hand turn.  
 (6) If the right-hand vehicle lane available for traffic is not wide enough to be safely shared with overtaking vehicles or if passing is otherwise unsafe, a bicyclist may be ridden far enough to the left to temporarily control the lane. Bicyclist must move to the right to allow vehicles to overtake at the earliest and safest location. At no point is a bicyclist required to ride within less than three feet of any object or curb on the right. (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-10 DUTY OF MOTORIST TO BICYCLIST.

(A) In approaching or passing a person on a bicycle, every person operating a motor vehicle shall proceed with caution and pass such bicyclist at a reasonable speed and keep a safe distance from him; provided however, in no event shall a distance of less than five feet be considered a safe distance within the meaning of this division.  
 (B) No person operating a motor vehicle shall harass or endanger a bicyclist. (74 Code, § 9-5-16.11.) (Ord. 65-1974; Am. Ord. 19-2007; Am. Ord. 37-2008)

### § 8-3-3-11 OPENING AND CLOSING VEHICLE DOORS.

No person shall open any door on a motor vehicle unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so and can be done without