Where to Ride

1. A road with only one lane, the cyclist is on the right. If the route you ride involves riding in the car lane, always ride on the left.

2. A road with two-way traffic, the bike lane is on the right. The cyclist should ride as near the right edge of the road as possible.

Where not to Ride

1. A road with against traffic. Cyclists should always ride in the same direction as traffic.

2. A two-way road with few lanes. Cyclists should always ride in the same direction as traffic.

Watch for Motorists Errors

1. Failing to signal when turning is a common error that might hurt left. Motorists fail to signal before turning left, right, or in a parking lot.

2. Speeding near the crosswalk is another common error that might hurt cyclists. Cyclists must pay attention to the speed limit and slow down when approaching a crosswalk.

3. Distracted driving is a common error that might hurt riders. Motorists must remain focused on the road and avoid using their phones while driving.

4. Failing to yield to the right of way is a common error that might hurt cyclists. Motorists must yield to cyclists when turning right at an intersection.

5. Failure to stop at stop signs is a common error that might hurt cyclists. Motorists must stop at stop signs and yield to cyclists.

6. Bearings incorrectly is a common error that might hurt cyclists. Motorists must follow the correct lane and not block the lane of a cyclist.

Type of Bicycles

- Road Bikes
- Hybrid Bikes
- Comfort Bikes
- Mountain Bikes
- City Bikes

Bike Routes

- City of Charlotte Bicycle Plan: The City of Charlotte Bicycle Plan is a comprehensive plan that sets a vision for the development of a bike network that is safe, accessible, and convenient for all residents.
- Charlotte Area Bicycle Alliance: The Charlotte Area Bicycle Alliance is a non-profit organization that promotes cycling and works to improve cycling infrastructure in Charlotte.
- BikeShare Charlotte: BikeShare Charlotte is a bike sharing program that allows cyclists to rent bikes from a network of stations throughout the city.

Watch for Bicycle Signals

- Bicycle signals are the same as vehicle signals.
- Cyclists must use the same signals as vehicles.
- Cyclists must stop at stop signs and yield to motorists.
- Cyclists must be cautious when crossing streets.

Bike Lanes

- Bike lanes are designated routes for cyclists to use.
- Bike lanes are marked with a blue stripe on the road.
- Bike lanes are designated by the City of Charlotte.

Bike Share

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Bicycle Laws

- North Carolina law requires cyclists to:
  - Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.
  - Yield to all traffic signs, signals, and markings.
  - Yield to all state and federal military installations.
  - Yield to the right of way when entering a roadway or leaving a roadway.
  - Follow the speed limit when entering a roadway or leaving a roadway.

- Cyclists must be aware of their surroundings and obey all traffic laws.
- Cyclists must wear helmets and use lights at night.

Take Your Bike on the Bus

- Take your bike on the bus by following the guidelines provided by the bus company.
- Make sure your bike is clean and free of debris.
- Make sure your bike is securely fastened.
- Make sure your bike is not blocking the aisle.

Resources

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