

Resource Directory

Bike Walk Mississippi: bikewalkmississippi.org

Visit Mississippi:
visitmississippi.org/things-to-do/cycling

Adventure Cycling Association:
adventurecycling.org

PeopleForBikes: peopleforbikes.org

League of American Bicyclists: bikeleague.org

Certified Bike Friendly Communities

Oxford

Ridgeland

Local Clubs & Organizations

Gulf Coast Bicycle Club:
gulfcoastbicycleclub.com

Jackson Metro Cyclists: jmc.clubexpress.com

Natchez Bicycle Club:
facebook.com/groups/natchezbicycleclub

Ride Oxford: rideoxford.com

Major Trails

Natchez Trace Parkway
nps.gov/natr/planyourvisit/bicyclinghome.htm

Bethel Mountain Bike Trail - Saucier

Longleaf Trace - Prentiss to Hattiesburg
longleaftrace.org

Mt. Zion Bike Trails - Brookhaven

Museum Trail - Jackson
themuseumtrail.com

South Campus Rail Trail [formerly Whirlpool
Trail/Thacker Mountain Trail] - Oxford
olemiss.edu/campusrec/outdoors

Tanglefoot Trail - New Albany to Houston
tanglefoottrail.com

Our goal at the Mississippi Department of Transportation is to provide a safe intermodal transportation network for those that use our system – including bicyclists and pedestrians.

The Mississippi Bicycle and Pedestrian Program provides information for those who choose to bike and walk.



**For more information,
visit GoMDOT.com/BikeandPed
or call 601-359-7702.**

Mississippi BICYCLING GUIDE



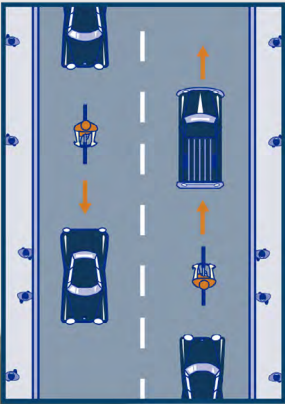
Bicycle Safety

Ride Right

- Bicyclists must ride as far right as practical while still being safe from obstacles, debris and traffic. Exceptions include when passing another bicycle or vehicle and when preparing for a left turn.

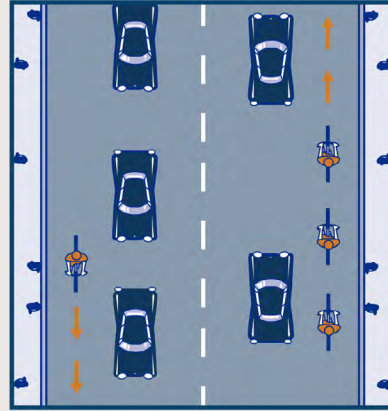
When to Take a Lane

- A bicyclist may take the travel lane if riding at the same speed as other traffic, when passing another vehicle and when traveling in a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and motor vehicle to travel safely side-by-side.



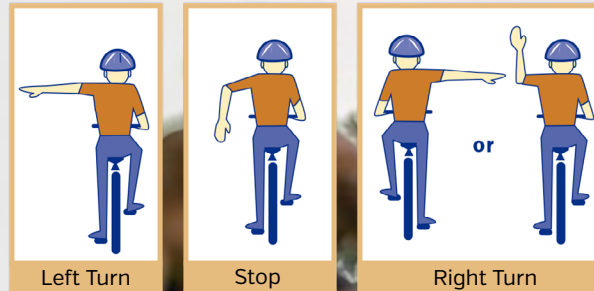
Ride Single File

- When in doubt, ride single file. This provides more room for other motorists to safely pass. Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast except on roads exclusively for bicycles.



Use Hand Signals

- Bicyclists shall indicate right turns, left turns and stops with hand signals before taking action.



State Laws

Senate Bill No. 3014 of the Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature also known as the John Paul Frerer Bicycle Safety Act enacted in 2010 requires that while passing a bicyclist on a roadway, a motorist shall leave a safe distance of not less than three (3) feet between his vehicle and the bicyclist and shall maintain such clearance until safely past the bicycle. The Act also states that it is unlawful to harass, taunt or maliciously throw an object at or in the direction of any person riding a bicycle.

Section 63-3-207 makes bicyclists subject to the provisions of traffic law applicable to the drivers of motor vehicles amended to state that every person riding a bicycle upon a highway shall have all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle except those provisions which by their nature have no application.

Section 63-3-603 was amended to place certain restrictions on persons riding bicycles on a roadway. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a multilane roadway shall ride within a single lane.

Section 63-7-13 Requirements as to lighting equipment. (4) Lamps on bicycles. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted white lamp on the front thereof visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet in front of such bicycle and shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror reflector or lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such bicycle.

Section 63-7-65 Horns and other warning devices. (3) No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as otherwise permitted in this section. No bicycle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

