



Signalized Intersections!

When traffic is lined up at signal and there is adequate clearance, bicyclists may pass stopped vehicles **on the right** and proceed to the front of the line of traffic (not for left turns!). When the light turns green, proceed through the intersection or take your right turn. If you are taking a left, stay in the line with the other vehicles, move forward slowly within the lane, signal your turn and turn left when clear.

Rude Motorists!

As usual, there is always some motorist who thinks he owns the road. Learn how to ignore harassment from rude motorists. It is in the bicyclists' best interest not to return harassment or insult. If you can do it safely, get the license number and/or vehicle description and report bad behavior to the JSU campus police (256) 782-5050 or JPD (256) 435-6448.

For Motorists!

Never harass, honk at or tailgate a bicyclist, they have a legal right ride in the lane and are simply trying to get from one place to another. When encountering a bicyclist in your lane, slow down and pass with 2-3 feet of clearance just as you would with a farm tractor.

Be Thorough!

Check and maintain your bicycle regularly. Make sure the brakes work. Keep the tires at the proper air pressure. Most bicycle shops will perform a maintenance check up for a modest fee.



Links of Interest:

City of Jacksonville Bicycle Information Page – www.jacksonville-al.org/BicyclingInformation

Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association – www.neaba.org

League of American Bicyclists – www.bikeleague.org

Chief Ladiga Trail Info – <http://epic.isu.edu/clt/>

Jacksonville PD – jpdchief@cablone.net
(256) 435-6448

JSU Campus PD – www.jsu.edu/police/
(256) 782-5050

AL Rules of the Road Act of 1995 (H68) – <http://arc-sos.state.al.us/CGI/actyear.mbr/input>

Gamecock Express – www.jsu.edu/transit
ACTS Transit System – (256) 231-0010.

This information is provided to you by the Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee (JBAC), a volunteer committee working to make Jacksonville bicycle friendly.

For more info on the JBAC, or if you would like to participate, visit the Bicycling Information page at: www.jacksonville-al.org/CommunityLife.

The JBAC meets at 6pm the 3rd Tuesday every other month at the Jacksonville Recreation Center and all meetings are open to the public.



A Guide for Campus and Community Bicycling

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Did you know?

Bicycles are legal vehicles to be ridden in the right side of the lane in the same direction of traffic.

Bicycling for short trips can save money, save fuel, reduce traffic congestion, improve health and decrease pollution.

The Gamecock Express (GE) vehicles have bicycle carriers for two (2) which can get you and your bicycle to/from all areas of Jacksonville. Student fares are included in tuition and currently there is no fare for non-student citizens. The GE website has route maps and real time bus locations at: www.jsu.edu/transit

You can ride the Chief Ladiga Trail to Weaver's Main St. crossing (± 6.5 mi) and catch the North bus of the ACTS Transit system (also has bicycle carriers) 25 minutes after the hour and get to/from the Amtrak Station or other parts of Anniston and the Quintard Mall. The fare for the ACTS system is \$1 each way. 7am-6pm M-F, 10am-5pm Sat., No Sunday Service. Call (256) 231-0010 or visit:

www.earpdc.org/Programs/TransportationServices



Campus & Community Bicycling

Be Smart!

Always wear an approved bicycle helmet. (It's a law for 16 and younger.) Road rash and broken bones may heal but brain damage is often permanent. Consider what you and/or your parents are investing in your education and then consider your future with a brain injury. We admit, helmets may not be 'cool', but it's a college town have some fun with it. Glue on a faux Mohawk or blinking light but most of all, wear it. If you carry books or other stuff, ALWAYS use a back pack, panniers or a basket so that both hands can be used for driving.

Be Seen!

Fluorescent, brightly-colored or white clothing and helmets help make you visible even in the daylight. If you ride at night, AL law requires a headlight, taillight and the standard reflectors.

Be Safe!

The most important part of safe bicycling is predictability. As a bicyclist on the road you are part of vehicular traffic and must obey the same laws. Always ride WITH traffic not against it. Always scan ahead for danger from parked cars, intersections and driveways. Always signal your turns and obey stop signs and traffic signals.

Be Aware!

Be visible by communicating with hand signals and establishing eye contact. If you are in doubt about a motorists' intentions, YIELD. Watch for vehicles turning into your path and scan ahead for pot holes, drainage grates, sand and gravel so that you have time to avoid them without swerving into traffic.

Be Sober!

Riding a bicycle requires skill and coordination. Alcohol and other drugs greatly decrease your abilities. Don't increase the risk of injury to yourself or others by bicycling while impaired. (Hint: Some Gamecock Express routes operate until 2 am!)

Share the Campus and Community!

On shared pathways like the Chief Ladiga Trail and some sidewalks, keep your speed down. Warn pedestrians or slower bicyclists with the traditional bicycle bell or a cheery 'on your left' or 'passing on your left' when you are preparing to pass. Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk, and never hit a parked vehicle, another bicyclist or a tree!

Protect your Property!

A bicycle worth riding is worth keeping. After all it's your ride home. Be sure to secure your bicycle with a lock or cable that goes through the frame and wheels. Lock it to a designated bicycle parking rack or other immovable object. Make sure not to obstruct pedestrian or handicapped access. Make *sure* to save the serial number so that law enforcement can identify and recover your bicycle.

Left Turns!

Left turns are always serious because they cut across the path of oncoming traffic. When making a left turn; signal your intention, glance over your shoulder, then *move into the center of the lane* as you approach the intersection. Stop in the center of the appropriate lane, then when it's your turn or the light turns green, signal for one more second to make sure the other drivers see you, then move forward slowly and turn when clear.

