About This Map

This map was produced collaboratively by the Champaign County Bikes and League of Illinois Bicyclists with input from the Cities of Urbana and Champaign and the University of Illinois. It is intended to encourage bicycling as a healthy and enjoyable form of recreation and an energy-efficient, economical, and non-polluting form of transportation. The map identifies off-road trails and suggests on-road routes for bicycle travel throughout the Champaign-Urbana area. The roads shown in the network are rated using three relative levels of cyclist comfort. These ratings are to be used by adult cyclists, who have at least a moderate level of traffic tolerance. (Other cyclists may choose other routes appropriate for their abilities.) As much as possible, roads with lower traffic volume and speed, ample width, and fewer stop signs are identified as preferred routes. Intersections with stoplights were preferred for crossing the busiest streets (cross intersections indicate difficult, unmarked crossings). Though many of the streets are less than ideal, local cyclists judged them as the best available in an area.

Map users are encouraged to read the safety tips included, to help become a more skilled, confident, and safer bicyclist.

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The map is designed to show the existing on-road and off-road bike routes as well as the traffic patterns in the Champaign-Urbana area. This map is not intended to serve as a guide for cyclists who are unfamiliar with the area. The map is intended to be used by experienced cyclists who are familiar with the area.

A note on safety: All cyclists should always follow the rules of the road, including wearing helmets and using lights and reflectors when riding at night or in low visibility conditions. Always be aware of your surroundings and give other road users room to maneuver, and follow all traffic laws.
**BikeLIl.B.org**

**Bikes on Buses: MTD**
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District
[Link](http://www.champaign-urbana.org/mtd)

- **No special permit is required and the bike racks are very easy to use.**
- **For your safety, never step to the side of the bus while it is loading or unloading your bike.**
- **You must be at least 13 years old to use the racks, unless accompanied by an adult.**

**Getting on**
- **Before the bus arrives, remove anything from your bike that may fall off during the trip.**

**Sidepath Bicycling**
When riding on sidepaths (paths along roads) or sidewalks, be aware of conflicts at side streets, business entrances, and driveways. Look each way before crossing and assume you have not been seen. Try to make eye contact, and ride defensively.

**Intersection Positioning**
At intersections without turn signals:
1. To turn left, merge into the left part of the lane.
2. To go straight, move slightly toward the center of the lane.
3. Stay right for a right turn.

You may also make a "pedestrian-style" left turn. Go straight through the intersection, stop, turn your bike left 90 degrees, then proceed as if you were coming from the right.

**Lane Positioning**
Always ride in the right traffic. You'll be more visible to cars and safer, especially at intersections. And it's the law!

- **Always keep a safe following distance when passing pedestrians**
- **Never overtake a vehicle going at a comfortable walking pace on the side of the road.**

**Other Information**
- **Traffic Signs:** Look for traffic signs along your route. These signs are your primary means of navigation. Make sure you can read them easily and understand their meaning.

**Trail Etiquette**
Keep right, pass on the left. Announce intentions to pass. Move off track when stopped. Use hand signals on blind curves. Let other users know you are turning.

**Preventing Potential Accident Situations**
1. **Motorist’s Failure to Yield:** As you approach an intersection, don’t hog the curb. If you are going straight, ride where a car’s right wheel would be if it were going straight. Put yourself in the right turn lane and watch carefully. Be prepared to maneuver.
2. **Cyclist’s Failure to Yield:** Wait for traffic to clear. Stop for traffic signals. Don’t turn left unless you have checked for traffic and it is clear.
3. **Wrong Way Riding:** If you see a wrong way sign, take the next exit.
4. **Being Hit from Behind:** Be prepared for vehicles to hit you from the rear. Be extra cautious if you are riding a long bike or a bike with a long rear wheel.

**What is CCB?**
Champaign County Bicycles is a local advocacy and education group formed to encourage and facilitate bicycling as transportation and recreation, and to promote public awareness of the benefits that bicycling brings to our community. CCB supports legislation and works closely with local bicycling groups such as the Prairie Cycle Club and the Bike Project, and advocates for bicyclists at city and county government levels.

**Trails and Scenic Roadways**
- **Champaign-Urbana Trail:** A 30-mile trail system connecting Champaign and Urbana. It is perfect for all levels of riders.
- **Illinois State Police Trails:** A series of bike trails maintained by the Illinois State Police.
- **American Bicycle Association Trails:** A list of bike trails throughout the United States maintained by the American Bicycle Association.

**Illinois Bicycle Laws**
(Paraphrased from Illinois Vehicle Code 625 ILCS)

- **Bicyclist’s Status:** Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists must obey traffic laws. Bicyclists are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, with certain exceptions. [5/11/1502]

**Lane Positioning**
- **When riding on roadways and bicycle paths at a uniform speed:** Be at least 15 feet from the traveled edge of the roadway. Do not ride unless you can maintain this speed safely. [5/11/1405]

**Safety Measures**
- **Wear a helmet:** A helmet reduces the risk of head injuries by about 50%.
- **Use hand signals:** Use left and right hand signals to indicate your intention to turn or stop.
- **Slow down and dismount:** Slow down before entering a driveway or other areas where there may be hazards.

**Resources & Websites**
- **BikeLIl.B.org**
- **League of Illinois Bicyclists**
- **Champaign-Urbana Bicycle Organization**
- **Chicago Bicycle Federation**
- **American Bicycle Association**

**Emergency Numbers**
- **911**
  - Emergency assistance:
    - Police
    - Fire
    - Ambulance

**Contacts**
- **BikeLIl.B.org**
  - [BikeLIl.B.org](http://www.bikellib.org)
  - [Chicago Bicycle Federation](http://www.chicagobike.org)
  - [American Bicycle Association](http://www.aba-bicycle.org)

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