



Sharing the Trail

Keep to the right
Avoid blocking the trail. When riding on a trail, keep to the right. If you are riding in a group, the lead rider should keep to the right. If you are riding alone, keep to the right. If you are riding on a trail that is narrow, you should ride in the center of the trail. If you are riding on a trail that is wide, you should ride on the right side of the trail.

Be alert for hazards
Be alert for hazards and avoid them. When riding on a trail, be alert for hazards such as potholes, rocks, and uneven terrain. Avoid these hazards by riding carefully and staying on the trail.

Look inside each parked car before you pass it
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Watch behind you
Watch behind you. When riding on a trail, watch behind you. This is to ensure that you are not riding into the back of a car or other vehicle.

Sharing the Road

Obey all traffic regulations
Obey all traffic regulations. When riding on a road, obey all traffic regulations. This includes stopping at red lights, yielding to pedestrians, and following the rules of the road.

Ride in a straight line
Ride in a straight line. When riding on a road, ride in a straight line. This is to ensure that you are not weaving across the road and causing confusion for other drivers.

The Door Zone
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A Message From Your Kansas County Leaders

Welcome to Kane County!
Kane County continues to make significant improvements towards enhancing the safety and increasing the efficiency of the county highway system for both the motorist and non-motorist public. While the state controls the county highway department's budget, the overall transportation system has evolved to include so much more. A transportation system that stands out as different from any other transportation system of safe and efficient roadways, intersections, bike paths, and pedestrian and trail networks.

Our communities are working together to promote bicycling not only as an excellent recreational activity, but also as an economical form of transportation that improves health, is good for the environment, and promotes a sense of place. We encourage you to grab a bike, bring along a map, and discover what Kane County's Bikeway System can take you. Visit our cities and villages along the five major regional trails within Kane County: The Fox River, and the Great Western Trail, The Vigil Citizen Trail, the four spur of The Strong Prairie Path, and the developing Mid-Country Trail.

These regional trails are connected to an extensive local bikeway system that take you across Kane County, through our historic quarters, along the scenic Fox River, and by our farmlands, prairies, and open spaces. Venture off the trails and explore the shopping, restaurants, and attractions in many of our towns. Roll through our peaceful rural areas and discover the hiking, camping, and fishing opportunities in our town settings.

Christopher J. Lauson
Chairman, Kane County Board

Michael Kanyon
Mayor, Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Mayor Jeffrey Scholke
Kane Kendall County of Mayors

Safe Sidewalk Cycling

Sidewalks are trails parallel to roads, similar to roads. They are typically asphalt surfaces and are used by pedestrians. They are not designed for bicycles. Riding on a sidewalk is illegal in many areas and can be dangerous for both the cyclist and the pedestrian.

To turn right, Car #1 blocks on the road to the left for 1 and 2. Even when seen, you should always understand.
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Illinois Bicycle Laws

625 ILCS SCh. 11 Art. XV
Every person who is the operator of a bicycle and who is riding on a public highway shall be deemed to be operating a motor vehicle and shall be subject to all the laws applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle, except that the operator of a bicycle shall not be subject to the laws applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle which require the operator to have a license or to be licensed.

Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall keep it to the left of the roadway.
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When preparing a bicycle to be ridden, or in a roadway or on a highway, the operator shall use the following safety equipment:
When preparing a bicycle to be ridden, or in a roadway or on a highway, the operator shall use the following safety equipment: a headlight, a bell, a rearview mirror, and a rear fender.

KANE COUNTY KENDALL COUNTY BICYCLE MAP

FREE **2017-18**

KANE COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Kane Kendall County of Mayors
Local Park Districts & Municipalities

STATE LAW
FEEL FREE TO PASS BICYCLES

TRAILS & PATHS

ROAD

Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) Explanation and Disclaimer

This map uses the Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) system to rate key roads. BLOS is a nationally recognized measure of the perceived "quality" of the road for bicyclists sharing a roadway with traffic. Factors include traffic volume, daily traffic volume, surface condition, lane width, and the presence of on-street bike lanes or paved shoulders. Scores range from "A" (best conditions) to "E" (worst conditions) and are based on 2016 data.

The BLOS ratings do not endorse or recommend a particular road or indicate that a road is intended for use by bicyclists. The BLOS ratings are offered as information for recreational and avid cyclists who are comfortable sharing the road with vehicular traffic. The BLOS ratings are not intended as a guide for children. Contact level will vary by a person-to-person basis. Intentioned bicyclists should exercise caution and ride with more experienced cyclists. Although the ratings are partially based on average and peak traffic, roads that are comfortable as off-peak riders may be uncomfortable during rush hour. While not all information can be included, we hope the BLOS ratings are a useful guide as you plan a safe and enjoyable bicycling experience.

Users of this map should be aware that potential hazards and obstructions may exist on any road and Kane County and other relevant maintaining agencies are in no way warranting the safety or fitness of the roads. This map does not expand the liability of Kane County and the other maintaining agencies beyond existing law. The user of this map bears full responsibility for his or her safety.

Be a Smart Cyclist Be Seen and Avoid Injury

Always wear a bicycle helmet to reduce the risk of permanent injury or death from a crash. The best helmets have stickers on the inside that say "SEEN" or "ACTIVE" or "Consumer Product Safety Commission." The sticker indicates that the helmet was manufactured to an acceptable standard.

Wear bright clothing, eye lights, reflectors, attach a bell, and a mirror to see, for use on the road.

Consider using the other equipment illustrated below to make your ride safer and more comfortable.

Make Eye Contact
Confirm eye contact with motorists helps them know that you are on the road.

See, Be Seen, and Be Heard
Use lights of night or low-visibility gear. A white headlight and rear light are required. Flashing lights are especially effective. Use reflective reflective clothing, and a bell.

Pray Attention
For the safety of yourself and others, never use earbuds. Bicyclists who are not able to hear what is going on around them, using earbuds is not only dangerous, it is illegal.

Explore On Two Wheels

Bikes On Transit
For more information call the RTA Transit Information Center at 312.836.7000 or visit www.paceit.com.

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Same Rules, Same Rules, Same Rights

Bicycle Resource Information
Emergency - Call 911
Government Contacts
Kane County Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner
Kane County Division of Transportation - 620.564.1170
www.kaneinfo.com

The Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner works closely with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County local municipalities, park districts, and county staff to provide trails and pedestrian opportunities for recreation and regional contacts related to bicycle and pedestrian trails and infrastructure.

Information found on the Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Website:
- Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Kane and Kendall County Bicycle Planning Map
- Bikes on Transit Information
- Bicycle Parking and Bicycle Planning Map
- Bicycle/Pedestrian related links
- Kane Kendall County of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Information
Forest Preserve District of Kane County - 630.232.9890
Kane County Forest Preserve District - 630.545.4245
www.co.kendall.il.us/home/govaffairs/
www.kaneinfo.com

Bicycle Clubs and Advocacy Organizations
The Illinois Bicycle Path - www.ilbipath.org
Fox Valley Bicycle Club - www.foxvalleybicycles.com
Active Transportation Alliance - www.activetrans.org
Ride to Work - www.rideto-work.com
Trail Riders for Illinois - www.trailridersforillinois.com
For more information visit - www.bicyclingillinois.com

Healthy Living Vision

The Healthy Living Vision for the Citizens of Kane County is to live a healthy lifestyle. We are committed to encouraging and supporting physical activity for all in our community. All cycling, bicycling and walking are integral parts of our transportation infrastructure, economic, environmental, transportation, independence and mobility for children, and contact with the physical environment. We continue to work on improving the roads and infrastructure necessary to make bicycling and walking a safe and accessible transportation option.

625 ILCS SCh. 11-703 Art. VII
The operator of a motor vehicle operating a bicycle or individual operating a bicycle on a highway shall be deemed to be operating a motor vehicle and shall be subject to all the laws applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle, except that the operator of a bicycle shall not be subject to the laws applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle which require the operator to have a license or to be licensed.

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