Explore Oregon’s Scenic Bikeways!

In 2009, Oregon became the first state to develop a statewide Scenic Bikeway program. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this innovative program, which now includes 17 designated scenic bikeways that showcase Oregon’s breathtaking landscapes, cultural treasures and western hospitality.

Scenic Bikeways are Oregon’s best of the best bicycle rides for exploring this beautiful state. Everyone can find a ride that fits their style, from a half-day family-friendly outing to a multi-day, remote and challenging route. Ride one or connect a series of bikeways for an all-day adventure. Trailside route signs are posted along each bikeway.

Scenic Bikeways are nominated by locals and then reviewed and selected by a statewide advisory committee of cyclists, regional recreation.protoes and regional planners.

You want to plan your trip to RideOregonRide.com/Bikeways.

- Direct downloads of maps and GPS files
- Short video describing each bikeway
- Information on State Park facilities, like friendly lodging, camping, dining and more
- Guides and short-cut connectors
- Cycling events

Please be aware of your surroundings — routes may involve the road with cars, trucks, farm equipment and wildlife. Be inside and predictable, and practice riding etiquette when sharing the road with others.

In Oregon, a bicycle is legally considered a vehicle and falls under the same laws. Riders under 16 must wear a helmet and we strongly encourage all to enjoy the bikeways to wear a bicycle helmet.

For local support, bikeway designations are just the beginning. Local help makes routes practical. They identify licensed services and seek grants, volunteers, and partners for development and maintenance. Local people in the bikeway are high and often through expressed views and unused ideas. They recognize these bikeways as rewarding with residents and fellow cyclists by checking the yearly calendar.

Enjoy Oregon. Bring your bike, your gear and your sense of adventure.

Safety Tips

Please see that the bikeway information here is only advisory. You assume all risks in the quality and accuracy of the information, so read carefully, you agreeing to use it at your own risk. Scenic Bikeways include many cars with and without traffic, and riders for cyclists that are comfortable riding in some amount of traffic. Cyclists must allow the use of the road. The car-free riding, check out the bike-friendly signs on the edge of the road. The bike-friendly area designates the side of the road.

To demonstrate the best riding etiquette and promote good relations with motorists, please ride single-file or side-by-side.

Ride side-by-side in a legal, but only if doing so does not require traffic. Be aware that many rural riders may not have the expectation that you’ll encounter major traffic carrying on around you.

Never forget about other’s blind spots: especially when the vehicle is turning left. If you’re going straight on a road, watch the intersection with stopped vehicles, pull off the road behind the first stopped vehicle in the lane and turn your head to go, if you were a motorist.

All bicycle rides in Oregon under the most must wear a helmet. Oregon has also required that bicycle routes have a white light in front and a red light or reflector during night or limited visibility.

For more information on riding safely and legally in Oregon, get Oregon’s guidebook to bicycling.

Please check RideOregonRide.com/Bikeways for new routes.

The Painted Hills Scenic Bikeway is located on the south side of the famous 170,000-acre national monument. The route climbs from the tiny community of Cleveland to the rim of the Painted Hills. From the Painted Hills Overlook, you can see the hills that inspired the name. On the way back to town, you can see the coastal range of mountains, the natural beauty of the Painted Hills, the lifeline and the Evergreen of the country.

In addition to the Painted Hills Scenic Bikeway, the route includes expansive open prairie above the river. It showcases a variety of wildflowers and wildlife. Be visible and predictable, and practice riding etiquette when sharing the road with others.

The Paved Hills Scenic Bikeway is located on either side of the river. The route passes through the center of town through the ponderosa pines of the Cascades, rise through the canyon to the top. Spin down the west slope through Douglas fir forest to Ukiah, where the hills get their name from the delicately colored changes of different light on the rock walls. The town, you’ll savor the solitude — it’s just you, your bicycle and the surrounding beauty.

The Tumalo Falls Scenic Bikeway is located on the north side of the river. On a trestle in the river is a constant level of water available between Bates State Park and Long Creek. The route passes through the center of town through the ponderosa pines of the Cascades, rise through the canyon to the top. Spin down the west slope through Douglas fir forest to Ukiah, where the hills get their name from the delicately colored changes of different light on the rock walls. The town, you’ll savor the solitude — it’s just you, your bicycle and the surrounding beauty.

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