

CHICO BIKE MAP



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CHICO CYCLING RESOURCES

Local Cycling Related Phone #'s
 Butte County Air Quality: (530) 891-2882
 Butte County Animal Control: (530) 891-2907
 Bike Licenses - City of Chico: (530) 879-7320
 California Highway Patrol: (530) 879-1900
 Butte County Department: (530) 897-4900
 Butte County Sheriff: (530) 536-7326
 Bidwell Park Trail Closures: (530) 896-7800

Streets & Roads
 City of Chico: (530) 894-4200
 Town of Paradise: (530) 872-6288
 Butte County: (530) 538-7681
 Caltrans: (530) 741-4211

Cycling Web Links
 Chico Velo Cycling Club - www.chicovelo.org
 California Bicycle Coalition - www.ca.bike.org
 Chico Area Cycling Club - www.chicoarea.com
 Butte Bicycle Coalition - www.buttebicyclecoalition.org
 Safe Kids Coalition - www.buttecounty.net/publichealth/safekidscoalition
 Caltrans - www.dot.ca.gov/hq/programs/bike

RIDE SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY

Probably the single most important thing a bicyclist can do to earn greater respect on the roads is to copy safe signs and traffic signals.

LEGEND

SYMBOLS	TRAIL INFO	TRAIL DIFFICULTY
▲ Entrance/Exit	--- Pedestrians Only	All trails listed below are unpaved and require the use of a helmet when mountain biking.
Ⓟ General Parking	--- Minor Trails	--- Easy
Ⓜ Designated Parking	--- Bike Path (Class I)	--- Moderate
☎ Call Box	--- Bike Lanes (Class II)	--- Difficult
Ⓛ Bridge	--- Bike Routes (Class III)	--- Most Difficult
Ⓟ Picnic Site	--- Connector (Class IV)	
Ⓜ Restroom	--- Unpaved	

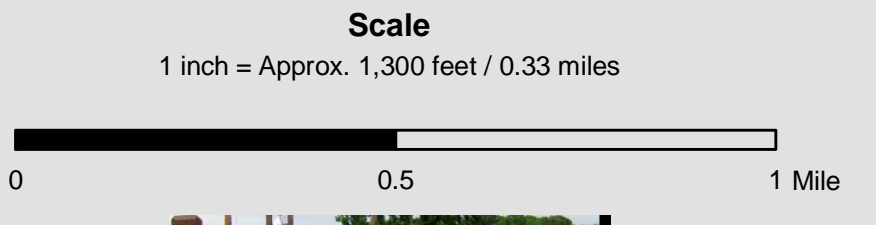
Multi-Use: Many of the trails in Bidwell Park are considered multi-use and may be utilized by pedestrians, bicycles, and equestrians, where designated.

Helmets: Within Upper Bidwell Park, cyclists are required to wear helmets on all non-paved trails and roads.

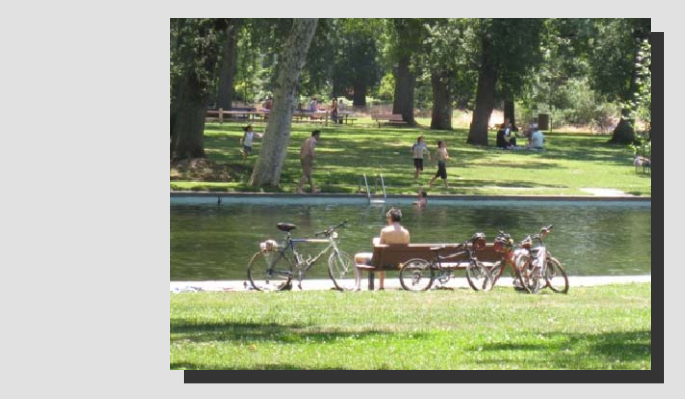
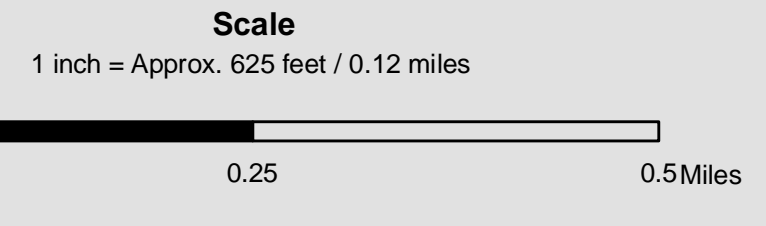
Road & Trail Closures: The non-paved portion of Upper Park Road is closed on Sundays and Mondays, with the exception of holidays. All non-paved trails and roads are closed to mountain bikes during and after periods of rain. Check the City of Chico website for current trail status <http://www.chico.ca.us>



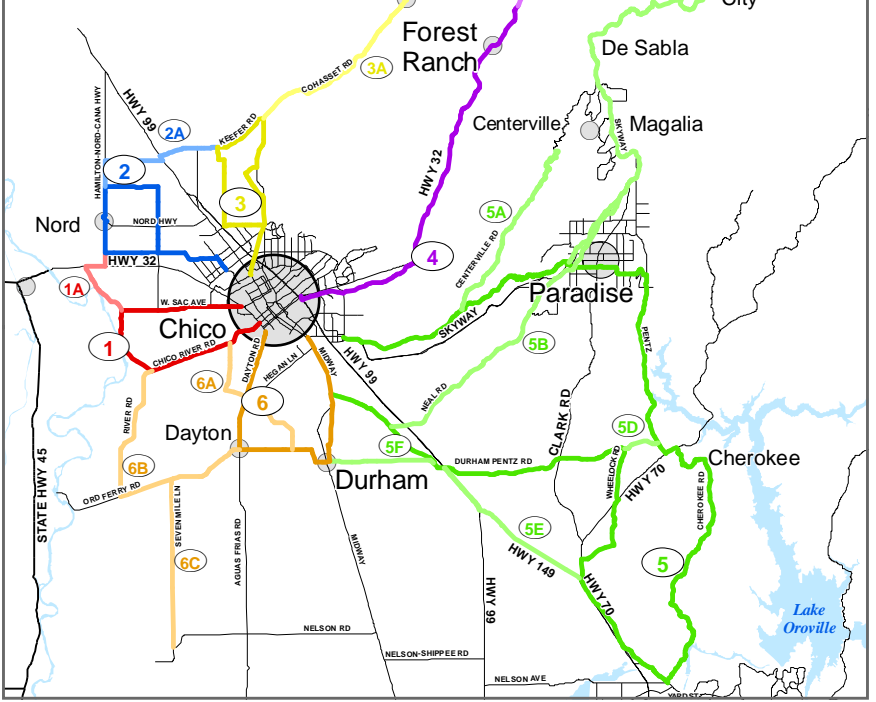
UPPER BIDWELL PARK



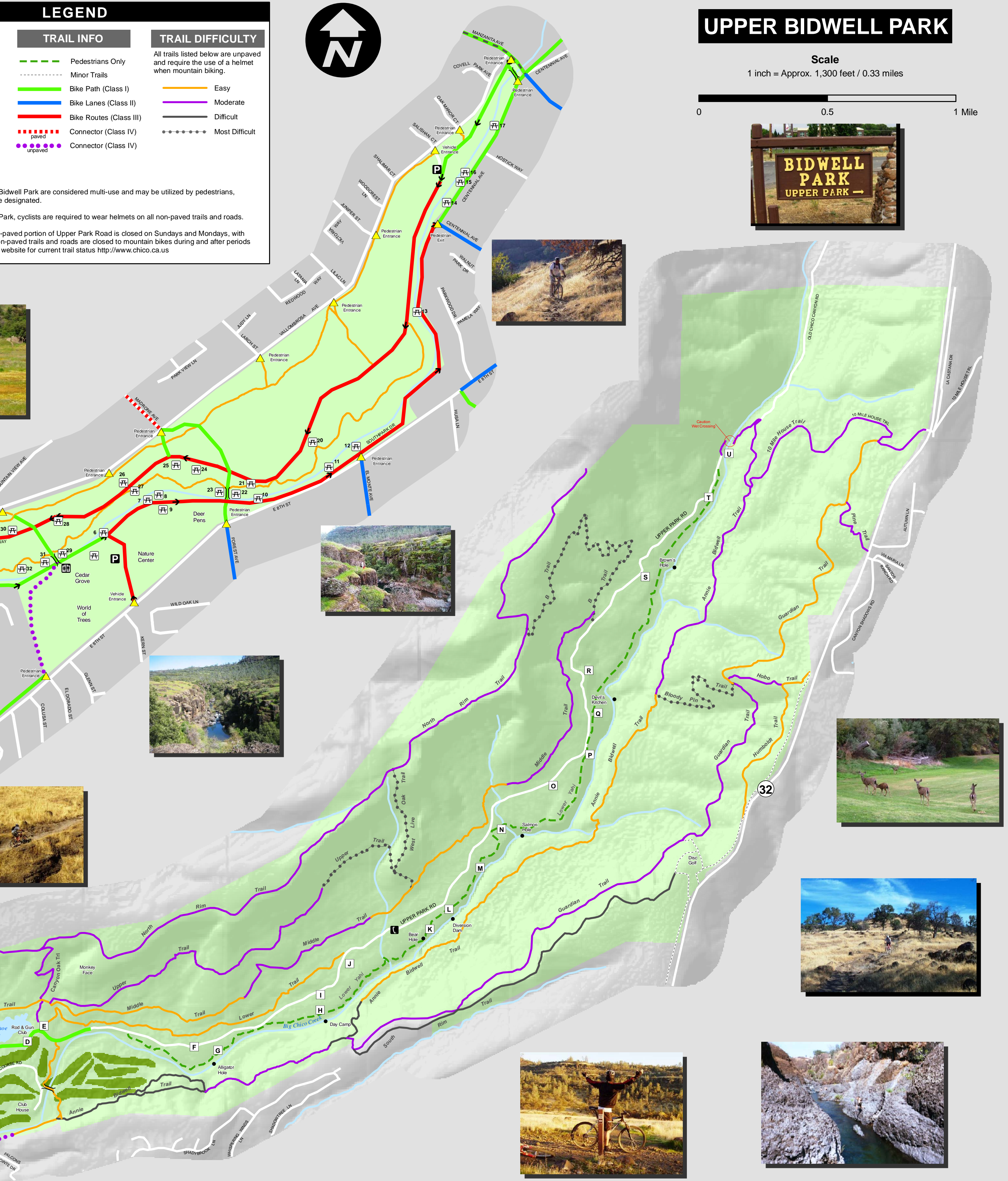
LOWER BIDWELL PARK



CHICO AREA REGIONAL RIDES



- 1 Sacramento River Loop.** 16 mile flat ride. Great first ride for those new to Chico area.
 1A River Rd. to Nord. A connecting road that takes you to the town of Nord (store). You can take Bell Rd. back to Chico, or go to Anita Rd. (rte 2A) and come back via Hicks Ln.
 - 2 Nord Loop.** 18 mile flat ride through the fields. On clear days there are great views of Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta.
 2A Anita Rd. Nice, quiet, flat country roads connecting Nord and Keefer Rd.
 - 3 Keefer Rd. Loop.** A good ride if you have limited time. Add miles by combining this ride with the Nord Loop (rides 2 and 2A).
 - 4 Cohasset.** 32 mile round trip with a hefty 2500' climb. There is a store at Cohasset. The pavement ends about 4 miles past the store.
 - 5 Forest Ranch.** 31 miles round trip with a 2000' climb up into the pine trees. Often sunny when Chico is foggy. Good shoulder the entire length, but traffic sometimes gets heavy. There is a store in Forest Ranch.
 - 6 Butte Meadows.** Continue past Forest Ranch on Hwy 32. Twelve miles of riding brings you to the road leading to Butte Meadows (store). Continuing on Hwy 32 takes you to Chester and Lassen Park on a shoulderless road.
 - 7 Table Mountain Loop.** The backbone of the Willflower Century ride in April. Climb up twisting Honey Run Rd. to Paradise. Go right to Pearson Rd. and ride over to Pentz Rd. Descend Pentz Rd. to Hwy 70 and go left to Cherokee Rd. Ride over Table Mountain to Lake Oroville. Come back to Chico on Hwy 149 (noisy), or take Coal Canyon (quiet) to Durham-Pentz Rd.
 - 8A Centerville.** When you get to the historic Honey Run Covered Bridge, veer left to Centerville. About seven miles through rolling hills brings you to Centerville.
 - 8B Neal Rd.** A great shortcut that makes a perfect medium length ride. Cross Skyway to Birch to Black Olive. Turn right, cross Pearson to Foster to pick up Bike Path to Neal Rd. (on your left). Cross over Hwy 99 and head back into town via the Chico-Oroville Hwy.
 - 8C Inskip & Butte Meadows.** Continue on word from Paradise to Magalia. De Sabla and Inskip. After Inskip, a good dirt road takes you to Butte Meadows.
 - 8D Table Mt. Cut-off.** If you want to avoid climbing up to Table Mountain, take the Durham-Pentz Rd. shortcut.
 - 8E Hwy 149.** While this route is a little noisy, there is a wide shoulder all the way back to Chico. It's legal to ride on Hwy 99 to Chico, but we suggest you exit at Pentz Rd. and take the more peaceful Chico-Oroville Hwy. back.
 - 8F Durham Hwy.** A flat, scenic road that connects Durham (store) and Hwy 99.
 - 9 Durham-Dayton Loop.** A flat ride through the orchards and pastorelands. A fantastic ride in late March when all the almond trees are in bloom.
 9A Lane Pine/EK Ave./Fimple Rd. An alternate route through the orchards. (Tour de Ed. route)
 9B Chico River Rd. A great loop. Ride out Chico River Rd. to Ord Ferry Rd. Turn left toward Dayton. From Dayton you can go back to Chico via Dayton Rd. or go on to Durham. For a great picnic ride, head west on Ord Ferry and cross over the Sacramento River (Ord Bend Park).
 9C Seven Mile Ln. Take a side trip down Seven Mile Lane for three miles to visit a wildlife refuge.
- Mountain Bike Rides**
 The Chico area offers many possibilities for mountain biking. Most local bike shops are happy to suggest trails for you to explore.
- Please do not ride on local hiking trails, there are plenty of great dirt roads for mountain bikers to use. Stay out of wilderness areas, these are absolutely out-of-bounds to mountain bikers. Be sure you carry an emergency tool kit, pump, and patch kit whenever you ride.
- Additional Information**
 See the Chico Velo website at www.chicovelo.org for additional information regarding regional rides.



BICYCLING SAFETY TIPS

<p>BE PREDICTABLE</p> <p>Obey all regulatory signs and traffic lights. On your bicycle, you must drive like those in other vehicles if you are to be taken seriously by motorists.</p> <p>Use bicycle traffic detection devices. "Loop detectors" are installed in the pavement at some intersections. You can change traffic signals for your direction of travel by placing your wheels on the detector decal.</p> <p>Never ride against traffic. Motorists aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Ride with traffic to avoid potential accidents.</p> <p>Use hand signals. Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of fact, of courtesy and of self protection. Turns at stops require a hand signal 100 feet beforehand unless you need both hands to safely control the bicycle.</p> <p>Ride in a straight line. Whenever possible, ride in a straight line, to the right of traffic but about a car door's width away from parked cars.</p>	<p>Don't weave between parked cars. Ride as close as possible to the right and use caution when passing. Ride consistently.</p> <p>Don't pass on the right. You may not pass motor vehicles on the right except to go around a vehicle turning left or when you are in a bike lane.</p> <p>Ride in the middle of the lane. At busy intersections and whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic, you can ride in the middle of the lane. If you are traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic, you must ride as far to the right as possible (or the left on a one-way street). You need not ride on the right when overtaking or passing, when preparing to turn left, when necessary to avoid hazards and when the road is too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel side by side.</p> <p>Choose the best way to turn left. There are two ways to make a left turn: (1) like an auto: signal, move into the left lane and turn left; (2) like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk; walk your bike across.</p>	<p>BE ALERT</p> <p>Watch for cars pulling out. Make eye contact with drivers. Assume they don't see you until you are sure they do.</p> <p>Scan the road behind. Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving left. Some riders use rearview mirrors.</p> <p>Avoid road hazards. Watch for parallel-slat sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice.</p> <p>Cross railroad tracks carefully at right angles. For better control as you move across bumps and other hazards, stand up on your pedals.</p>	<p>BE EQUIPPED</p> <p>Ride a well equipped bike. Be sure your bike fits you properly. For safety and efficiency, outfit it with bells, rearview mirrors, fenders (for rainy rides), and racks, baskets or bike bags. Always use a headlight visible for at least 500 feet ahead and a rear reflector visible for at least 600 feet behind you at night and when visibility is poor.</p> <p>Wear a helmet. Always wear a hard-shell helmet whenever you ride (required by law for bicyclists under 18). Helmets dramatically reduce the risk of head injury in a bicycle accident.</p>	<p>SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>Bicycle route locations depicted are advisory and illustrative only. BCAG has not undertaken an independent safety review of the bicycle routes and facilities. Users of this map expressly agree that their use is at their sole risk. Map users also assume the entire risk as to the quality and accuracy of the map.</p> <p>BCAG disclaims any responsibility for errors, omissions or inaccuracies in this map. In no event shall BCAG be liable for any damages or loss of any kind related to the data and information contained on this map.</p> <p>"Bicycling Safety Tips" has been adapted from the Oregon Metro Bicycle Map and is used with their permission.</p>
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