

Bicycle Etiquette

- **Bicycling in general**
 - Bicycles are considered vehicles under Florida Law
 - Bicycles are permitted on sidewalks under Florida Law
 - Headlight and taillight is required for operation of a bicycle from dusk till dawn
 - Helmets are required for any rider under 16 years old
- **Bicycling on roadways**
 - Bicyclists are allowed on all roadways in Florida except where specifically prohibited (like Interstates)
 - Bicyclists operating on roadways have all the rights and responsibilities as any other vehicle under Florida Law
 - Bicyclists have the right to occupy the travel lane if the travel lane is not wide enough for the safe passage of both a vehicle and a bicycle
 - A vehicle passing a bicycle must give a minimum of 3 feet of clearance to the bicyclist
 - A vehicle may legally cross a double yellow line in order to pass a bicycle
- **Bicycling on sidewalks and Multi-Use Recreational Trails (Ring Around the City)**
 - Bicyclists operating on a walkway has the rights and responsibilities of a pedestrian.
 - Bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians
 - Bicyclists overtaking a pedestrian must provide an audible warning by either:
 - Ringing a bicycle bell
 - Or announcing in a reasonably loud voice "Passing on your left"
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For additional information on the rights and duties of bicyclists under Florida Law please visit the Florida Bicycle Association at <http://www.floridabicycle.org/rules/bikelaw.html>.

The Florida Bicycle Association also publishes a 56 page guide to Florida's Bicycle Laws available in PDF format at:

http://www.floridabicycle.org/resources/pdfs/PEGLEG_2010.pdf