

BICYCLE FACILITIES

Streets

All streets can be used by bicyclists. Bicyclists must be aware of the character of traffic and roadway on each street and evaluate the degree of risk they are willing to accept in sharing the roadway with other traffic. The most suitable streets have wide outside lanes, low traffic speed, low traffic volume, few high-volume cross streets and driveways, and no obstacles in the path of the bicycle such as storm water grates and uneven pavement. Nearly all local residential streets are suitable for bicycling.

Bike Lanes

Approximately 4 miles of street have lanes designed for bicyclists.

Bike Routes

Streets that the City Traffic Engineer has deemed suitable for bicyclists and that provide access to major destinations and continuity to travel across several neighborhoods have been designated as bike routes. Approximately 57 miles of streets are designated and signed as bike routes.

Bicycle Paths

Bicycle paths are provided on the MSU campus.

Shared Roadways

Streets that have high speeds and/or traffic volumes and are suitable for experienced bicyclists are signed with SHARE THE ROAD signs.

Multipurpose Paths

Off-Street paths for joint use of such non-motorized travel modes as bicycling, roller-blading, running, and walking are maintained by the Springfield/Greene County Parks Department. Signs indicate where multipurpose paths intersect with the street system.

RULES OF THE ROAD

1. The rights and duties of people operating bicycles on a roadway are the same as the rights and duties of the driver of any vehicle on the roadway.
2. Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signs, signals, and markings controlling vehicles on the roadway. When dismounted, the bicycle operator shall obey all rules pertaining to pedestrians.
3. A bicycle is to be used to carry only the number of people for which the bicycle is equipped with seats.
4. Bicycles must be operated near the right-hand side of the roadway no more than two abreast.
5. The operator of a bicycle entering a roadway from an alley, driveway, or building shall yield to all pedestrians within the roadway, including the sidewalk, and to all vehicles within the roadway.
6. No person shall drive a bicycle on a sidewalk within a business district. Whenever a person is driving a bicycle on a sidewalk, such person shall yield right of way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal (such as stating "on your left") before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.
7. Each bicycle operated during darkness must be equipped with a light and reflectors.

BICYCLE SAFETY ON STREETS

1. **Protect yourself.** Be noticed. Wear bright clothing. Have lights and reflectors on your bicycle. Wear a protective helmet. Keep ears open to hear traffic, trains, or warnings from others.
2. **Obey all traffic rules** and signs. Stop at all stop signs and signals, and yield to traffic, including pedestrians, when appropriate.
3. **Drive on the right** side of the street (in the same direction as automobiles). Normal positioning is 2-4 feet from the curb or edge of roadway or a car door's width from parked cars.
4. **Position in intersection approach** for intended movement. Use rule of thirds. If turning right, use right side of lane. If crossing intersection, use center of right through lane. If turning left, use center of left turn lane or left side of shared lane. When changing lanes or positioning in lanes, always check behind for vehicles. Bike lanes, where provided, end near the beginning of left turn lanes. Bicyclists should position themselves in the through lane or the appropriate turn lane as they approach the intersection.
5. **Position in lane for speed.** If slower than other traffic, stay to the right. If same speed as other traffic, use center of lane. If faster than other traffic, overtake on left.

Springfield Bicycle Route Map



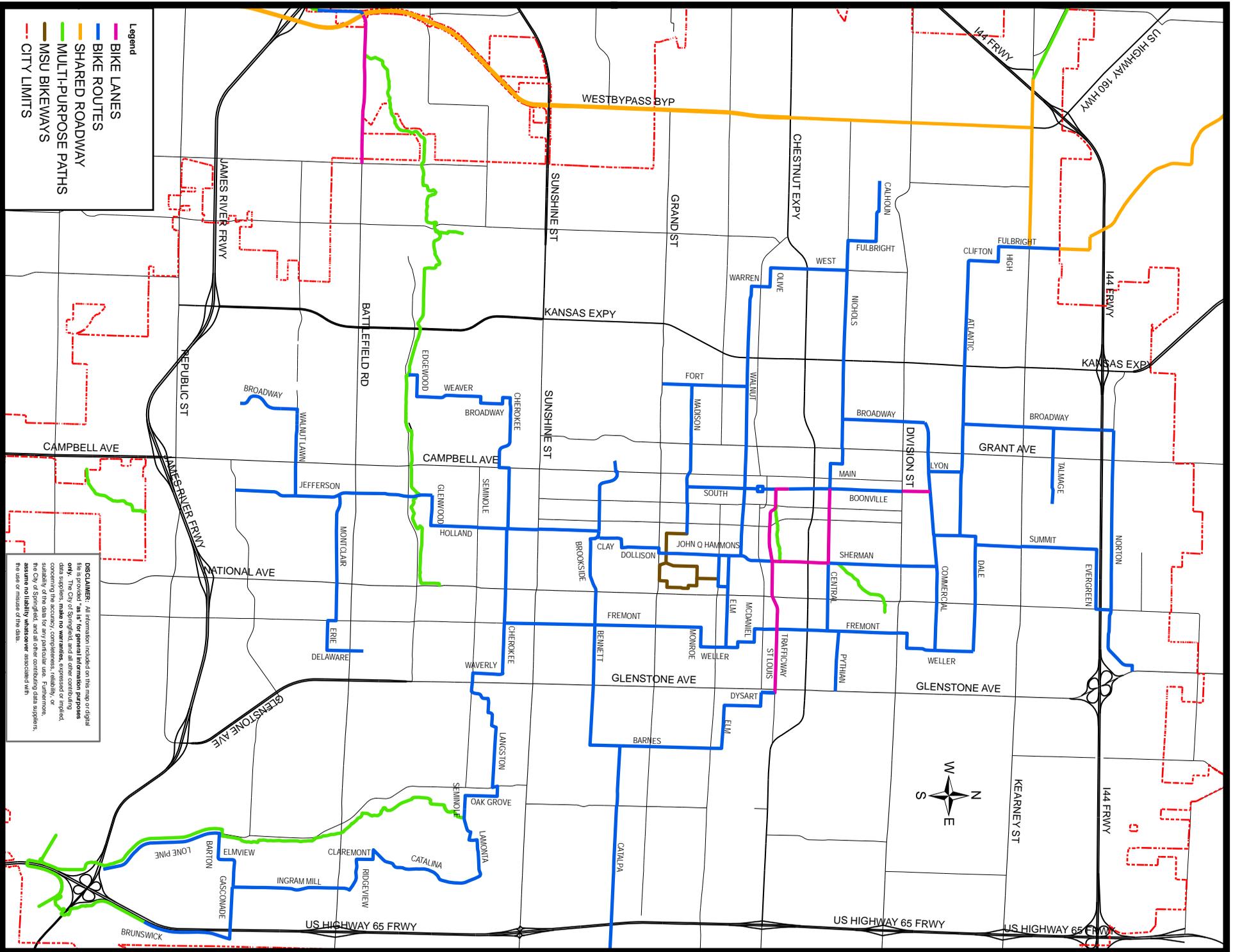
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**Bicycling Safely on
Springfield's Streets**



BIKE ROUTES IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Additional information:

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Ozak Greenways, Inc.

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 Springfield, MO 65805
 (417) 864-2014

<http://www.ozakgreenways.org>

Springbike Bicycle Club

PO Box 9823
 Springfield, MO 65801

<http://www.springbike.org>

League of American Bicyclists

1612 K Street NW
 Washington, D.C. 20006-2092

(202) 822-1333

<http://www.bikeleague.org>

Missouri Department of Transportation

http://www.modot.org/othertransportation/bike_ped/Bikepedintro.htm

Springfield Police Department

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 Springfield, MO 65802-3899

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In case of an emergency, dial: 911