Let’s Ride 2022
Bicycling on the University of Rochester Campuses
Enclosed Bike Parking Permits

Safety start your bike while at work in one of the University's fully enclosed, secure bike stations. They are located on the ground level of the hospital's ramp garage or in the Drive and First Drive.

Bike stations can purchase a permit in either bike station, which offers:
- 24/7 access
- Space under bike racks
- Security cameras
- Weather protection
- Self-service bike repair stations

Bike stations parking permits can be purchased through Transportation and Parking during regular business hours, or at the Parking Office inside the main hospital garage after business hours.

Safety First!

Follow the Rules of the Road
- Ride with traffic and obey the same laws as motorists.
- Use right turn lanes that lead to the direction that you are turning.
- Obey all traffic control devices, such as stop signs, lights, pedestrians on crosswalks, and lane markings.
- Always look back and see hand and arm signals to indicate your intention to stop, merge, or turn.

Watch for Pedestrians
- If people are on the sidewalks, trail, or bike path, you must stop and move to the side of the road.
- When passing a pedestrian, it is preferable to pass on the left. Show them and advise them “On your right” Never pass without notice.
- Recyclers and pedestrians share the sidewalks. The sidewalk can get congested at times, it may be best for you to walk your bike.

Be Visible
- Ride where drivers can see you.
- Wear brightly colored clothing at all times.
- At night, use a white front light and red rear light or reflective: Wear reflective tape or clothing.

Be Predictable
- Ride in a straight line and don’t weave between parked cars.
- Make eye contact with motorists to let them know you are there.
- Don’t take corners or with headphones.

Anticipate Conflicts
- Be aware of traffic around you and be prepared to take evasive action.
- Learn braking and turning techniques to avoid crashes.
- Be extra alert at intersections.

Weather
- Make sure that the helmet fits on top of your head, not a bag or book.
- Make eye contact with motorists to let them know you are there.
- After a crash or any impact that affects your helmet, replace it immediately—whether or not there is visible damage.
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Safety tips for using the enclosed bike parking permit:
- Be safe:
  - Be alert for other users.
  - Use a bell or horn to signal your presence.
- Be considerate:
  - Keep your bike secure while using the permit.
- Be respectful:
  - Do not leave belongings in the permit area.

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- Be respectful of pedestrians and other users.
- Follow all traffic rules and signals.

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• Use the rightmost lane that heads in the direction that you are traveling.
• Obey all traffic control devices, such as stop signs, lights, pedestrians in crosswalks, and lane markings.
• Always look back and use hand and arm signals to indicate your intention to stop, merge, or turn.

Watch for Pedestrians
• If people are on the sidewalk or trail, be patient and polite. Slow down and communicate your actions.
• When passing a pedestrian, it's preferable to pass on the left. Slow down and advise them: “On your left.” Never pass without notice.
• Bicyclists and pedestrians share the sidewalks. The sidewalks can get congested; at times it may be best for you to walk your bike.

Be Visible
• Ride where drivers can see you.
• Wear brightly colored clothing at all times.
• At night, use a white front light and red rear light or reflector. Wear reflective tape or clothing.

Be Predictable
• Ride in a straight line and don’t swerve between parked cars.
• Make eye contact with motorists to let them know you are there.
• Don’t ride distracted or with headphones.

Anticipate Conflicts
• Be aware of traffic around you and be prepared to take evasive action.
• Learn braking and turning techniques to avoid crashes.
• Be extra alert at intersections.

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• Make sure that the helmet fits on top of your head, not tipped back or forward.
• After a crash or any impact that affects your helmet, replace it immediately—whether or not there is visible damage.
Keeping your bike safe

• Never leave your bicycle unlocked. We recommend that you use a high-quality u-lock to secure your bike.
• Place the lock through the frame, front or rear wheel, and a bike rack.
• Be sure to remove a quick-release front wheel and secure it through the u-lock as well.
• Stay aware of your surroundings. A bike owner normally will walk directly to his or her own bike, whereas a thief will survey all the bikes, looking for an easy target. Call Public Safety (275-3333) right away to report any suspicious activity you observe.
• Engrave your driver’s license number or State ID Number on the bike frame starting with the two-letter initials for the issuing state. This is recognized nationally and can help recover your bike if it is stolen (example: NY 123 456 789).

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- Keep your bike insured. Most insurance companies will help you recover your bike if it is stolen (example: NY 123 456 789).

HOPR bike share

The Department of Transportation and Parking Management has partnered with the City of Rochester and RTS to help launch HOPR, a new bike share program. Owned, operated, and maintained by HOPR, a national provider, the new program offers bike stations around the entire area. See the included maps for the HOPR locations on and near the University of Rochester’s campuses. To participates, download the free app and find more information at https://hoprco.com/rochester/.

Take your wheels on the shuttle

For your convenience, bike racks can be found on the front of all full-sized campus shuttles. Here’s how to unlock and load your bike:

- Unloading your bike:
  1. At the bus approach, have your bike ready to load.
  2. Tell the bus driver you are boarding bike.
  3. Reserve bike space on bus;
  4. Place bike on designated side, and then just clip it up or down onto bike.
  5. Sit near the front of the bus to watch your bike.

- Loading your bike:
  1. As the bus approaches, have your bike ready to load.
  2. Tell the bus driver you are unloading bike.
  3. Reserve bike space on bus;
  4. Place bike on designated side, and then just clip it up or over onto bike.
  5. Sit near the front of the bus to watch your bike.

University legend has it that the student body, led by “big-time” student dormitory assistant Herman A. Phinney (Class of 1887), paid a New Cyclist brand bicycle to replace the old-style “sling-clothing” model that was used in the dormitory every day. After the presentation, Phinney’s old bike was run up the campus flagpole. Later it was stolen and preserved by one of the harmonizers, which brought it out only for special occasions.