

# Bike Safety

## at Truman State University

*At Truman State University bicycles are an important part of daily transportation and a great way to live more sustainable. This brochure highlights all things bike: bike safety, bike etiquette, bike parking, preferred routes for bike travel and other important tips. Enhancing the safety for the entire campus population is a primary goal. Get outside, get some fresh air, exercise, and have fun while commuting!*

### Registration

You are strongly encouraged to register your bike. The Department of Public Safety provides a bicycle registration free of charge. This is not required but provides a way to recover your bike in the event of theft or confiscation and helps the administration better understand the demand for bicycle amenities.

### Bike Parking

Bikes must be parked at bike racks on campus. They cannot be locked to undesigned objects such as trees, benches, light posts and railings and will be removed from those areas, especially if the bike impedes access to a building. Bike racks near academic buildings are intended for commuters and short term use. Bike racks at residences are for longer term use. A bike may be considered abandoned if it is not registered with the University and it shows signs of neglect such as a flat or bent tire. Bicycles that are illegally parked or considered abandoned are subject to parking tickets or confiscation by the Department of Public Safety. Locks damaged in the removal will be the responsibility of the owner.

### Maintenance

Truman's Bike Co-op, located by the Adair House, is available to provide tools, parts, space and assistance to maintain your bike. They encourage everyone to learn how to do your own basic repairs.

Typical tasks to consider:

- Clean your bike often with a damp cloth to get dirt and salt off of moving parts and cables.
- If your bike gets wet, wipe it off with a dry cloth to prevent rust.
- Check your tires for proper inflation.

### Etiquette and Rider Safety Tips

Remember, pedestrians always have the right-of-way. While the State of Missouri says it is okay to ride on sidewalks, other than in business districts, the person on the bicycle shall yield to the pedestrian and shall give an audible signal (voice, bell, horn) before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. Even better, walk your bikes on campus.

Please follow these tips for a safe, walkable campus:

- Ride on preferred routes.
- Park your bike and walk the sidewalks to your destination.
- Avoid fast speeds when cycling on campus and always slow down near pedestrians.
- Yield to pedestrians. Pass on the left and announce yourself by saying "on your left".
- Approach intersections slowly and with caution.
- Don't use your cell phone or wear headphones/earbuds when riding.

*It is preferred that riders follow the rules of the road and operate on city streets. Bicycles are vehicles so the rules are the same. To stay safe, know your rights and responsibilities as a cyclist. Ride as if you belong on the road. Trying to be out of the way of cars all the time is not safe. Here are tips for safely sharing the road.*

### Road Safety and Tips

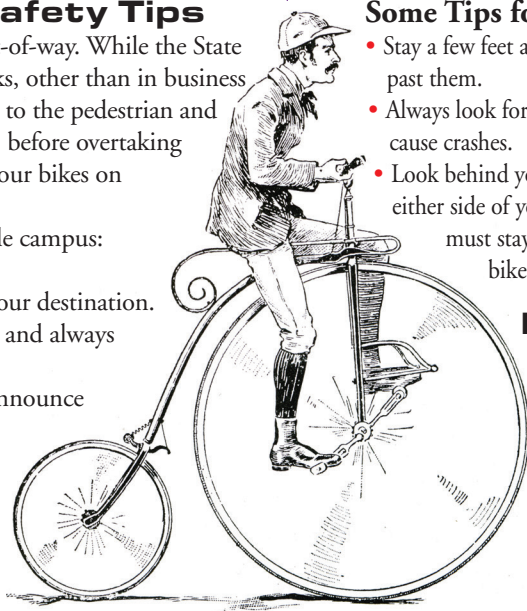
- **Ride defensively.** Be ready to brake if a motorist enters your path.
- **Follow the rules of the road.** Yield to pedestrians. Ride in the direction of traffic. Stop for all red lights and stop signs.
- **Travel in a straight, predictable line.** Minimize weaving except to pass other vehicles or to avoid road surface hazards. Ride to the right of faster traffic.
- **Beware of doors.** You are allowed full use of the road so ride at least three feet from parked cars, even in traffic.
- **Avoid blind spots of large vehicles.** Trucks, buses and over-sized vehicles have large blind spots, particularly on the right. Avoid overtaking large vehicles. Stay visible to the drivers.
- **Follow lane markings.** Don't turn left from the right lane. Instead merge into the appropriate lane in the direction you are going when lane markings change. Don't go straight in a lane marked "right turn only."
- **Watch for turning traffic.** Cars turning right or left from the opposite left-turning lane at intersections may not notice cyclists. Watch for any indications that a motorist may turn into your path.
- **Use helmets and lights.** Wear your helmet. Use lights, reflectors and bright clothing to see and be seen. Lights are required by law. Helmets are required by your parents.
- **Use hand signals.** Properly communicate any turns to motorists and other cyclists. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy and self-protection.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Always scan intersections, driveways and crosswalks when riding. Learn to look back when changing lanes without losing your balance or swerving. Watch out for potholes, sewer grates, manhole covers, oily or slick pavement and other hazards.
- **Use bike lanes when available.**

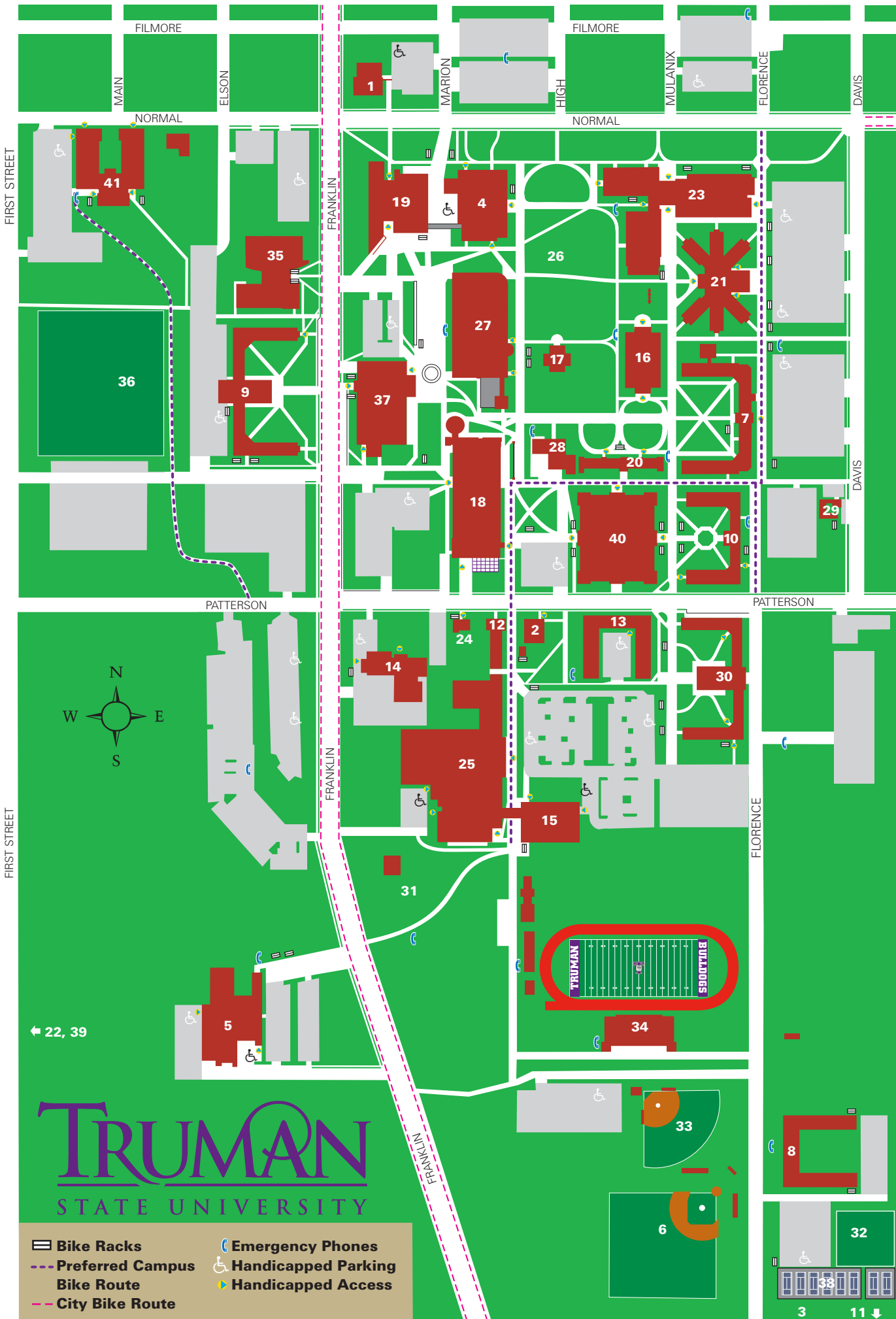
### Some Tips for Motorists: Drive Safer

- Stay a few feet away from bicyclists when passing; don't try to squeeze past them.
- Always look for bicyclists and use your turn signals; abrupt turns can cause crashes.
- Look behind you for approaching bikes before opening a door on either side of your vehicle (especially near bike lanes). While cars must stay out of bike lanes, bikes do not have to stay in the bike lane.

### Local Resources

bike.truman.edu/  
www.kvflats.org/  
www.kirksvillevillage.com/parks-rec





- 1 Admission/Ruth W. Towne Museum & Visitors Center
- 2 Adair Building Bike Co-op
- 3 Athletic Field
- 4 Baldwin Hall
- 5 Barnett Hall
- 6 Baseball Field
- 7 Blanton-Nason-Brewer Hall
- 8 Campbell Apartments
- 9 Centennial Hall
- 10 Dobson Hall
- 11 Dulaney-Baldwin Buildings
- 12 E.C. Grim Hall
- 13 Fair Apartments
- 14 General Services Building
- 15 Health Sciences
- 16 Kirk Building
- 17 Kirk Memorial
- 18 Magruder Hall
- 19 McClain Hall
- 20 McKinney Center
- 21 Missouri Hall
- 22 Observatory
- 23 Ophelia Parrish
- 24 Patterson House
- 25 Pershing Building Natatorium Pershing Arena
- 26 Quadrangle
- 27 Pickler Memorial Library
- 28 Power Plant
- 29 Randolph Apartments
- 30 Ryle Hall
- 31 Red Barn Park
- 32 Soccer Field
- 33 Softball Field
- 34 Stokes Stadium & Gardner Track
- 35 Student Recreation Center
- 36 Student Recreation Field
- 37 Student Union
- 38 Tennis Courts
- 39 University Farm
- 40 Violette Hall
- 41 West Campus Suites

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Bike Racks	Emergency Phones
Preferred Campus Bike Route	Handicapped Parking
City Bike Route	Handicapped Access