

Call 800-745-RIDE for more information.

employers to pay employees the cost of that space and avoid

Employees who bike, walk or take transit often have a parking A tax free benefit for bike commuters

spot they don't use. A 1998 change in the federal tax law allows

Parking cash out

- Reduced parking costs.
- Increased productivity.
- Decreased absenteeism and turnover.

Why should your employees bike to work? **Employers** 

with racks in view of attendant. Many parking garages offer bike parking. Look for a garage

Take all easily removed accessories with you.

different large bulky tools for each type of lock. quick errands. At work, use both locks because thieves need parking rack, and carrying a light cable lock with you for Consider leaving your heavy U-lock at work, locked to a bike

working in exposed areas.

removed. Pick a well-traveled, well lit place; thieves don't like sign or other object that can be easily unbolted, bent, cut or wheels to an immovable object. Don't lock your bike to a If your bike must be parked outside, lock your frame and both

your office or in a secured room at your workplace. when deciding how to secure it. If possible, keep your bike in Consider where and how long your bike must be parked

Check to see if your office has secure bicycle parking.

can take steps to ensure that your bike is a less-attractive target Nothing is theft proof and no locking system is perfect, but you

Bike Security

those carried in a case. bikes are no longer restricted to overhead racks. However, folding prohibited from being stored in the storage areas for bikes, and they are only. There are no designated transportation of folding bicycles bicycle policy allows for the Due to safety concerns, MARC's

Slisy DAAM no governing bicycles What is the policy

- MARC
- Use lights at night.
- Be equipped!
- Keep both hands ready to brake.
  - Avoid road hazards.
  - Scan the road behind you.
- Watch for cars pulling out.
- to react. Be Alert! Ride defensively, watch the traffic and be prepared
- or like a pedestrian, ride to far-side crosswalk and walk your
- Choose the best way to turn left: Like a car following traffic,
  - Take the lane in slow traffic. Ride in a straight line.
    - Use hand signals.
  - Never ride against traffic.
- Obey all regulatory signs and traffic lights. Ride so drivers can see you and predict your movements. Be Predictable!

suggestions below. Riding in traffic is not as hard as it looks if you follow the

Riding in Traffic

courses to choose from. on events and then on bike education. There are a myriad of region. Go to the WABA website, www.waba.org and click administered by one of the many classes offered around the while cycling in traffic is to take an Effective Cycling Course, One of the best ways to learn how to be safe and confident

## Effective Cycling

- Registering bicycle : Required by Montgomery County Code.

  - Lights: Front white light and rear red light required
    - Maryland State law.
  - Helmets: Required for cyclists aged 15 and under by
- Must use shoulder when speed limit is over 50mph. required when available. No required use of separated paths. Mandatory use of bike paths and lanes: Use of bike lane
  - sirens prohibited.
- Audible warning devices: Bell or other device required,
  - care when passing.
- same lane or changing lanes, or pass off road. Exercise due Cycling on sidewalks: Allowed to pass on left or right, in the
  - toll tunnels and other marked roads.
- Restricted roads: Prohibited from expressways, toll bridges,
- Turning right: Stay as close as practicable to right-hand curb.
- ride to far-side crosswalk and walk your bike across. Turning left: Like a car following traffic, or like a pedestrian,
  - endanger bicyclist.
  - Bicycling two abreast: Permitted when it does not
- lane or changing lanes, or pass off road. Exercise due care
- Passing cars: Allowed to pass on left or right, in the same on a one-way street or in a lane too narrow to share.

practicable and safe, except when turning left, passing, Bicycle position: Ride with the flow of traffic as far right as

in Maryland Biking Rules



See the Biking to Bethesda map on the inside for locations.

1-877-430-BIKE or CapitalBikeshare.com.

Washington, D.C. Contact Capital Bikeshare for membership bikes across Montgomery County and in parts of Virginia and A bikeshare membership will provide access to thousands of

grown for Bethesda commuters and visitors. Heights, Silver Spring and Rockville, transportation options have Bethesda alone and connectivity to stations in Friendship With over ten Capital Bikeshare stations in and near downtown from the Bethesda Metro to your office and for running errands. designed for short trips. The bikes are perfect for that "last mile" centers in the area through a low cost bicycle rental program

> to Bethesda! Bikesharing has come

Bikesharing allows users to connect to transit, jobs and activity

Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rideon for details.

wheel and frame sizes — even kids' bikes. with bike racks! Each rack holds two bikes and supports most

### Montgomery County Ride On and Metrobuses are all equipped Bikes Ride for Free

Visit www.metroopensdoors.com for details.

permitted to enter trains from the other doors. Bicycles are not to board on the center doors of a railcar, but are special events or holidays when large crowds use the system. Bicycles are not permitted on Metrorail on July 4th and other Sunday as well as most holidays (limited to four bicycles per car). evening rush hour.) Bicycles are permitted all day Saturday and bms or 7 p.m. (Both of these times overlap the morning and car) weekdays except rush hours, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 Bicycles are permitted on Metrorail (limited to two bicycles per

> Washington, DC 20001 600 Fifth Street, NW Office of Marketing / 6th floor Bike 'N Ride Program

http://www.wmata.com/riding/bike/index.cfm

There are many resources on the Metro website for biking

Metro

for the area transit providers. Folding bikes are permitted on all a bus stop or park-and-ride lots. Listed below are the bike policies Biking can be an easy and inexpensive way to get to Metro, MARC,

Bikes and Transit

# Welcome to **Biking to Bethesda**

Cycling is a healthy, quiet, clean, economical and fun way to get to work. Thousands of DC area employees bike to work every day. This guide is designed to ease the transition to bike commuting for Washington Metropolitan Area employees and to help employers encourage this 'smart way to work.'

# Why Bike to Work

- Riding to work costs less than driving or taking transit, especially if you already own a bike.
- Cycling allows you to stay in shape while you commute. A five-mile, one-way commute burns 300 calories round trip
- People who bike to work, arrive invigorated and work off the stress on the way home.
- Biking to work means less traffic congestion and pollution for



# **Riding Smart**

### Always stay alert!

The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are. Avoid areas of poor visibility and be aware of your surroundings.

### Obey traffic signs, signals, and the law!

Your bicycle is classified as a vehicle. Operate your bicycle like drivers of motor vehicles by obeying the law, you will be predictable to motorists who will take you seriously.

#### Watch for hazards!

Regularly scan the roadways for cars, pedestrians, and unexpected hazards such as potholes, glass, parallel-slat sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice. Ride to avoid debris and allow space to maneuver.

### **Cross tracks with care!**

Ride over railroad tracks at right angles only. This prevents wheels from slipping on or getting stuck in the tracks.

#### **Use hand signals!**

Hand signals tell motorists and other bicyclists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy, and protection.

#### Ride on the right with traffic!

Ride with traffic. Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the roadway. Bicycling on the wrong side is particularly dangerous at intersections, roadway curves, and on the crest of hills, and is the highest cause of accidents.

## Riding through intersections!

When you're going straight through an intersection, move to the through-lane, avoiding the right-turn only lane. Don't ride to the right of a right-turning motorist.

#### Scan the road behind!

Always look back before changing lanes or changing positions

#### Go slowly on sidewalks and bike paths!

Pedestrians have the right-of-way. Give pedestrians audible (horn/bell/whistle) warning when you pass to the left. Cross driveways or intersections slowly, looking carefully for traffic, especially traffic turning right.

### **Keep both hands on the brake!**

You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain.

#### Watch for chasing dogs!

Ignore them, or try a firm, loud "NO." If you can't get away, dismount positioning your bike between you and the dog. Don't try to kick the dog. Call for help if you can.

# Bethesda

# How to **Get Started**

Here are some suggestions to help you ease into bicycle commuting

and see how long it takes • Find a co-worker or friend who bikes and commute

• Try a practice run on a weekend to find a good route

- Start by trying just one day a week (try it on "casual Friday.")
- If you live far from work, try bicycling to the nearest Metro or commuter rail station, or put your bike on a Ride On bus, or drive part of the way and bike the rest.
- Contact WABA. The Washington Area Bicyclist Association's commuter mentor program will put you in touch with other people in your neighborhood who bike to work and help you find the most comfortable route. Call 202.518.0524 or visit www.waba.org.



# **Resources for Bicyclists**

**Bicyclist Association** 1803 Conn. Ave. NW, 3rd floor Washington, DC 20009

> General Inquiries: waba@waba.org www.waba.org

**American Bicyclists** 1612 K St. NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20006

bikeleague@bikeleague.org

www.bikeleague.org **Bike to Work Day** 

BiketoWorkMetroDC.org **Capital Crescent Trail** 

www.cctrail.org

1209 North Calvert Street Baltimore, MD 21202 www.bikemd.org

Montgomery Co. Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT) **Division of Transportation** Engineering (DTE)

Planning & Design Section Facility Planning 100 Edison Park Drive 4th Floor S.E. Wing Gaithersburg, MD 20878

#### **Montgomery County Commuter Services** 101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor

240.777.7240

Rockville, MD 20853 240.777.8380 www.montgomerycountymd. gov/commute

This map has been prepared to aid cyclists, pedestrians and transit users in planning both recreational and commuter trips. Retail sites and services are shown for information only.

No endorsement is implied. Bicyclists have the same responsibility as motor vehicle operators to obey traffic laws. Conditions on streets and trails may vary greatly. Be prepared to make your own evaluation of the conditions of the roadway or trail and plan your route appropriate to your ability. The user of this map bears full responsibilty for his or her own safety. Information contained within this map was accurate as of the printing date (2014).

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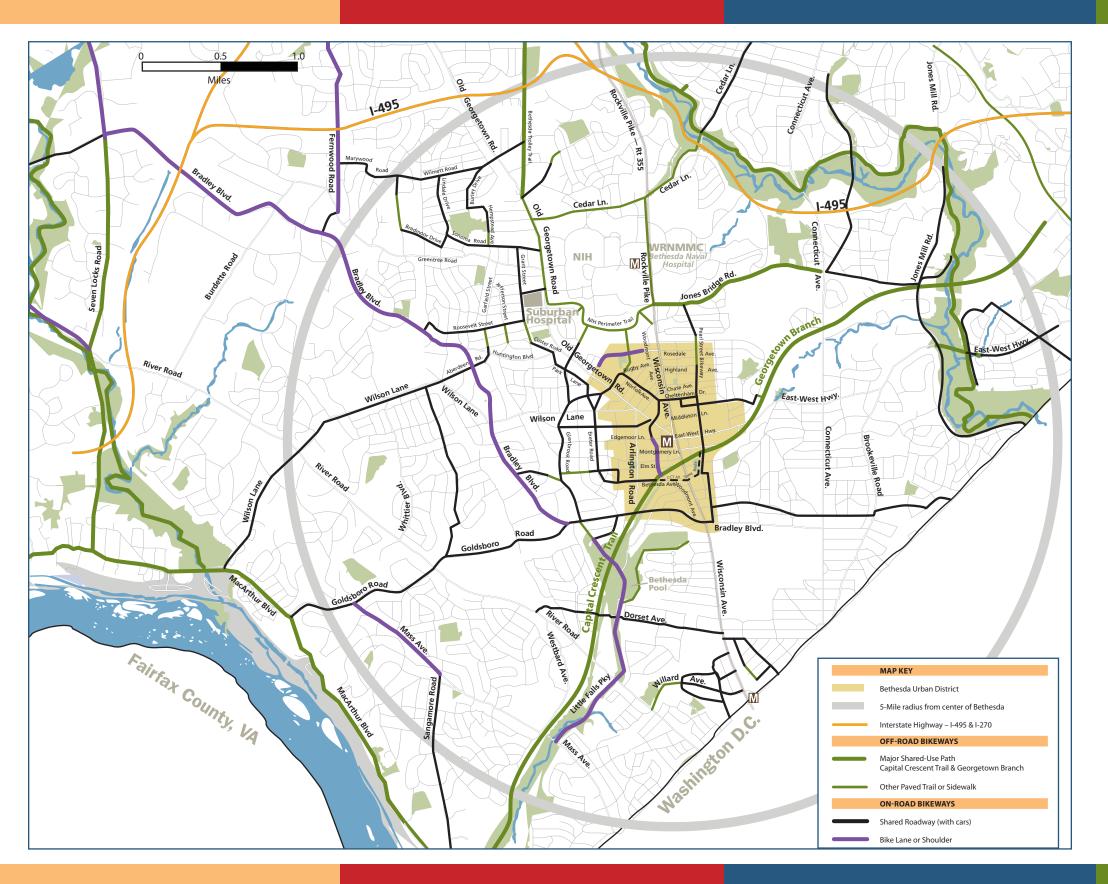


Biking to









# Bike to Bethesda in 30 minutes or less

Getting to Bethesda by bike in less than 30 minutes is now easier than ever. This comprehensive map will assist you in finding a route, choose the best streets to travel, and locate a convenient bike rack. So, try leaving your car at home—you could get here faster by biking anyway!

The large scale map to the left provides an aerial view with a diameter of 10 miles. The Capital Crescent and Georgetown Branch Trails are the most popular cycling routes into downtown Bethesda. On the northern section of the map, you'll find the bike path that leads to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

The square map to the right is a 1.5 mile section of downtown Bethesda and its surrounding areas. Highlighted in easy-to-see colors are the various trails and bikeways. If you are a newbie to the world of biking, you no longer have to wonder where to travel or how to locate trail access points.

With the green maps below, you'll discover all of the bike racks that Bethesda has to offer. Each section of Bethesda has been enlarged and each bike rack location numbered, so there's no more guessing where you can park your bike. With more than 80 locations around the downtown, you're bound to find one where you work.

To Bethesda from	Distance (miles)	Time (minutes)
Cabin John	4.2	20
Chevy Chase	2.0	9
D.C. (Dupont Circle)	7.1	34
Friendship Heights	2.0	9
Glen Echo	3.7	18
Kensington	4.0	20
North Bethesda	4.5	22
Potomac	7.4	36
Rockville	7.8	37
Silver Spring	4.5	22
Takoma Park	6.0	29

Distances are approximate. Your exact starting point could shorten or lengthen your trip. Time is based on an average

16 4829 Bethesda Ave

17 4860 Bethesda Ave

18 6917 Arlington Rd

19 7140 Wisconsin Ave

21 Corner of Arlington Rd

22 Bradley Shopping Center

4851 Bethesda Ave

26 4838 Bethesda Ave

27 Bethesda Library

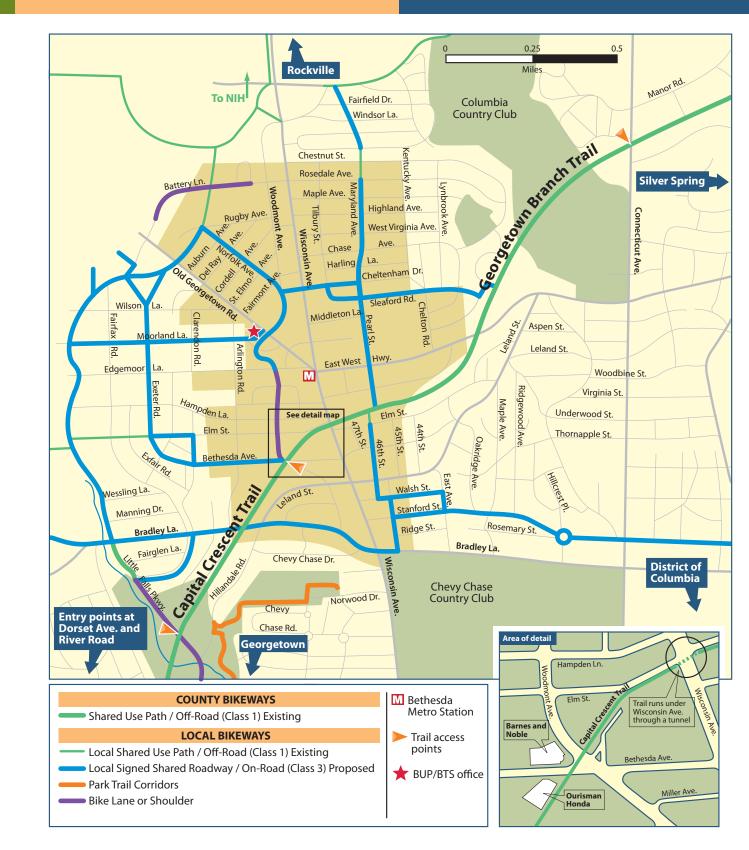
4735 Bethesda Ave

7215 Arlington Rd

7255 Woodmont Ave

25 7235 Woodmont Ave

Distance is estimated by using the end destination: 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814





Chestnut St.

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Chevy Chase Dr.

just got a whole lot easier! Did you know that the Bethesda Central Business

> District has over 80 easy to use bike racks? So, cycle in on routes such as the Capital Crescent Trail, and park your bicycle at any of the RED bike racks. Rack addresses at right correspond to their designated

area of downtown Bethesda. Each section of the downtown has been conveniently enlarged, showing you the exact locations of the many bike racks in that specific area.



# **Woodmont Triangle**

14 Tastee Diner 1 8212 Woodmont Woodmont/Rugby Garage Tastee Diner 2 8007 Norfolk Ave 3 8007 Norfolk Ave 7833 Woodmont Ave 4922 Del Ray Ave 4923 Cordell Ave 4932 Cordell Ave Corner of St. Elmo 4907 Del Ray Ave & Norfolk Aves 22 4929 Del Ray Ave 8 7755 Old Georgetown Rd

9 7735 Fairmont Ave 10 7820 Norfolk Ave 4825 Cordell Ave 12 7906 Woodmont Ave Woodmont Aves

# 16 7809 Woodmont Ave

18 7825 Woodmont Ave 19 7904 Wisconsin Ave

23 7700 Woodmont Ave

24 7752 Woodmont Ave 25 7661 Woodmont Ave (Old Georgetown Public Garage)

(on Norfolk Ave)

# Rosedale Ave Battery Ln. Maple Ave. Highland Ave. West Virginia Ave. 0 Chase Ave. Cheltenham D Wilson Ln. P Avondale

# Bethesda West

1 Arlington Rd & Moorland Rd 2 Hampden Ln & Arlington Rd 3 4963 Elm St

4903 Elm St 5 4924 Elm St 6 7254 Woodmont Ave 7 4722 Elm St

8 7272 Wisconsin Ave @ Elm St 9 Bethesda Ave 4700 Bethesda Ave

Corner of Woodmont & 13 4800 Bethesda Ave (Capital Crescent Trail)

4810 Bethesda Ave 15 Corner of Bethesda & Woodmont Aves

Avondale St. Edgemoor Ln. P Montgomery L Hampden Ln. Elm St. Elm St. **@P** Miller Ave

# Bethesda Center

1 7629 Old Georgetown Rd 2 7625 Old Georgetown Rd

3 North & East Lanes 4 Bethesda Metro Center Plaza

Montgomery Ln & Wisconsin Ave (at elevator) 7316 Wisconsin Ave

7 7400 & 7401 Waverly St (Waverly St Garages) 8 Waverly St & East West Hwy

10 7349 Wisconsin Ave 10 7315 Wisconsin Ave

P

12 7201 Wisconsin Ave

13 7201 Wisconsin Ave (near 7201 Wisconsin Ave) 15 7701 Woodmont Ave

16 7730 Wisconsin Ave 4817 Edgemoor Ln (at corner of stairwell)

18 7400 Wisconsin Ave 19 7550 Wisconsin Ave 20 7600 Old Georgetown Rd (on Edgemoor Ln)

9 4400 Montgomery Ave 21 Metro Center Plaza 22 Cheltenham Garage

# Wisconsin North

1 4720 Rosedale Ave 2 8201 Wisconsin Ave 3 Corner of Wisconsin & Maple Aves 4 8125 Wisconsin Ave

5 7809 Wisconsin Ave



# **Wisconsin South**





