

# **CARY**

#### Learn how you can safely enjoy all that Cary has to offer.

Every day all across Cary, drivers, cyclists, runners, and walkers traverse greenways, roads, and trails winding through beautiful neighborhoods under shady tree cover, up challenging hills and around curves, and across boardwalks over lakes. They're making their way to work, enjoying the beautiful scenery, and exploring new routes around town. With all that Cary has to offer, it's important that everyone is aware of the roles they play while enjoying the roads and greenways. Be a considerate and safe user of these routes by following the laws, rules, and guidelines outlined here.



## Did you know?

Every May is National Bike Month in Cary! Find a list of local and regional events and activities at carync.gov/bikecary

CELEBRATE **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY** THE FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE

### WALKING AND RIDING AROUND CARY

Cary's greenways and streets offer options for every mode of travel.



#### GREENWAYS -

These meandering, off-road, paved paths are usually 10 ft. wide and are great for all ages and abilities to walk or ride. Greenways also include a system of connectors that run parallel to roadways referred to as street-side trails.



#### **BIKE LANES**

Best for novice or casual bicyclists, these are for the exclusive use of bicyclists. Bike lanes are typically at least 4 ft. wide and designated by striping and pavement markings.



#### SHARROWS >>>>>

"Shared Use Arrows" are pavement markings that signal a shared lane environment for bicyclists and automobiles. These indicate where cyclists should ride within a travel lane, discourage wrong-way cycling, and tell drivers to expect cyclists.



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE ROUTES**

These routes can be found along local streets with lower speed limits and lower traffic volumes, and are identified with signs and sometimes pavement markings.



#### SIGNED ROUTES (ARY)

These routes include Cary Commuter Routes, NC Routes, and US Routes Signs provide wayfinding to help bicyclists remain on the designated route. Signed routes may overlap with other bicycle facility types like sharrows and wide outside lanes.



#### **WIDE OUTSIDE LANES** (not identified on map)

Travel lanes wider than the standard 12 ft. that allow motorists to safely pass a cyclist while remaining in the same lane. The lanes have no markings for bicycles but you may see signs on the roadside, indicating they are part of a bicycle route.

# GOhike

GREENWAY

**GUIDELINES** 

before you go.

Know the greenway etiquette and rules

Cary has more than 90 miles of greenway trails connecting to other

municipal trail systems to create a network of more than 320 miles in

the Triangle—one of the largest in the country. With more than one

million users annually in Cary, it's important that everyone knows the

"Life is a journey, not a destination."

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## **General Use**

- Greenways are for use during daylight hours.
- Keep right and pass on the left.
- Announce yourself before passing. Politely warn greenways users as you approach from behind, "Passing on your left."
- If you stop, move to the side of the greenway.
- Keep the greenways clean by using trash and recycling bins or taking waste out with you.
- If wearing headphones, be sure you can hear others on the trail. Take a friend. Greenway users are encouraged to bike, walk, or jog with a companion.
- Wood boardwalks may be slick—go slowly!
- The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on greenways is prohibited.
- Report any emergencies to 911.



**Traveling on Wheels** 

the right of way.

Remove your pet's waste.

**Traveling with Furry Friends** 

Walk pets on the right shoulder.

Always keep pets on a leash up to 6-feet long.

Keep yourself between pets and other greenway users.



Motorized vehicles including electric scooters are prohibited.

Bikes yield to pedestrians; walkers and runners always have

Travel at a safe speed. The maximum greenway speed is 15 mph.

Keep right. To pass someone, call out to them and pass on their left.



#### On the cover: Murals at the White Oak Creek Greenway tunnel by Davis Drive Park create a photo-worthy stop along the trails!

**GREENWAYS & BIKE ROUTES** 

CARY

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#### **About the Map**

This map assists those who bike, run, or walk to Cary destinations. Included are bike routes and greenways.

#### Copies are available at facilities staffed by Cary employees, including community centers and Town Hall.

Users of the map must rely on individual levels of experience, skill, and tolerance for cycling in traffic, weather, different times of day, obstacles, road condition, and other factors when evaluating or selecting a route. This map is no guarantee of personal safety and Cary is not responsible for any acts committed by third parties which may pose a hazard to cyclists.

#### Visit Us Online

Additional safety, education resources, and recommended routes are available online at carync.gov/bikecary

### **Get in Touch**

**Cary Town Hall** 316 N. Academy Street, Cary, NC 27513 Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5 PM (excluding holidays)

Emergencies: 911 **Police Non-Emergency**: (919) 469-4012

Questions, concerns, and suggestions Dial 311 (919-469-4000 outside Cary limits)



# **Gobike**

"It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best." **—ERNEST HEMINGWAY** 

## **RULES** OF THE ROAD

Bikes on the road are legally considered vehicles.

In North Carolina, bicycles are legally considered vehicles, so bicyclists have full rights to use the road. Just remember—you're also subject to the regulations governing the operation of a vehicle and must obey all traffic laws.





#### Did you know? Cary is a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) for our efforts to plan, design, and

encourage a bike-friendly community.

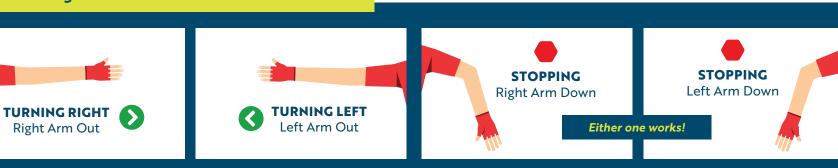
## **How to Ride**

- Be a defensive and predictable rider.
- Ride on the right—the same direction as other traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Ride no more than two abreast.
- Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

#### When to Yield

- Yield the right-of-way when you enter the road or change lanes.
- If you're riding your bike on any sidewalk within Cary, use caution and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

Use hand signals to communicate intended movements



### **How to Pass**

- When passing another bike, give them plenty of space -a minimum of 2 ft., or 4 ft. in a no-passing zone is the law.
- Allow some space when riding past parked cars -you never know when a door might open.

#### What to Wear—You and Your Bike

- At night, bicycles must be equipped with a front light and red rear light or reflector both visible from 300 ft.
- Wear a protective helmet with a secure chin strap
- —see diagram to the right for the correct fit. Wear bright clothing so people can see you.



### **GETTING THE RIGHT FIT**

Use the Eyes, Ears, Mouth Check to ensure your helmet fits:

**EYES**. When you look up you should see the front rim of the helmet, sitting one-two finger widths above your eyebrows.

**EARS**. The side straps should come to a "V" just below each ear.

MOUTH. When you open your mouth wide, you should feel the helmet push down on your head.

It's The Law! Every person 15 years of age or under riding a bicycle, skates, skateboard, scooter, or other similar vehicle on a street, sidewalk or greenway, must wear a protective helmet with the chin strap securely fastened under the chin.

If your helmet doesn't pass the test, adjust the buckles. The helmet should

meet or exceed the standards for bicycle helmet use and wear as set by American National Standards Institute (ansi.org) or the Snell Memorial

## WHERE GREENWAY MEETS ROAD

If you're traveling along a greenway that crosses a road, you may run into one of two different pedestrian crossing signals. More information about the use and locations of these traffic signals is available at townofcary.org.



#### **Rectangular Rapid** Flashing Beacons

These signals warn vehicles of the presence of pedestrians in the crosswalk

When you approach, press the button and wait for a sufficient gap in traffic before crossing. Drivers are required to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk while the LED lights are flashing.



#### **HAWK Pedestrian Signal**

High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk signals remain dark for vehicles until a pedestrian activates them. Drivers will be given caution lights and then a stop light. Pedestrians should wait for the icon to cross (a walking pedestrian) and finish crossing before the timer reaches

Always use caution when crossing the road.

View greenway maps, the master plan, project details, and more at

carync.gov/greenways

Did you know? Cary has been recognized as a Silver level Walk Friendly Community because of our efforts at creating a safe, connected, walkable community.

#### **CARYNC.GOV**

Walking, biking, riding, running, and everything in between

is simply fun. That's why millions of Americans participate in

active mobility every day. It's also important to highlight that

these activities are great for our mental and physical health,

reduce our carbon footprint, connect our community, and

improve our resiliency and sustainability. To everyone who

#### BIKE PREP CHECKLIST For your safety and the safety of others, always check your bike before departing.



**TIRES** are sufficiently inflated; no tears or cuts

repairs and maintenance.







CHAIN is clean and runs





**LEVERS** are closed



cracks, crimps, rust, or dirt



you'll need are packed





#### Following these tips will keep your bike safe and sound.

or fraying on the straps, it's time for a new helmet.

lockers at the Train Depot—see details to the left). Make sure your bike doesn't block sidewalks, paths,

Lock your bike in a well-lit and visible location (try out the

- Lock your wheel and bike frame to a sturdy bike rack or post.
- U-locks are best, followed by heavy duty cable locks.
- Write down your bike's serial number here and take a picture so you can share it with the police if it's stolen.

BICYCLE SERIAL NUMBER:

# A NETWORK OF ACTIVITY





# YEAR

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visitors annually. Between the USA Baseball National Training Complex, the 10,000-seat stadium at WakeMed Soccer Park, and the 33-court Cary Tennis Park, Cary has hosted

A NOTE OF THANKS

participates, we say thank you!

#### Join the Greenway Committee

**Ways to Make a Difference** 

The citizen-based Greenway Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Cary Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board. They are charged with assisting staff, providing input, educating the public about Cary's greenway program, and generally serving as Cary Greenway ambassadors.

Getting involved in the community can be enriching and fulfilling. Visit carync.gov/volunteer to get started.

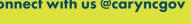
### Cary It Green

**✓** Volunteer

Learn how you can make small changes that have a big impact on the environment and get tips on green living in Cary. facebook.com/caryitgreen



















Cary has three bike repair sites to get your ride ready. These

stations include all the tools you'll need to perform basic bike





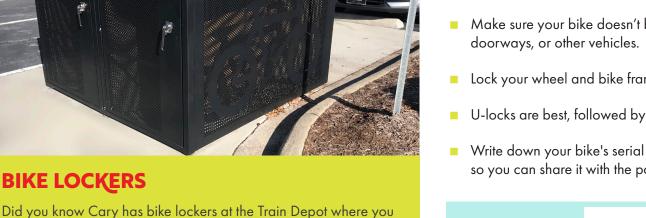
for bicyclists. Bike racks accommodate two-wheeled, single-seat

bicycles. Visit gocary.org/rack-n-roll for details.



can safely park your bike for the day? There are spaces for 4 bikes

available on a first come, first served basis.



# Foundation (smf.org). If you see any cracks in the shell, dents in the foam, State Trail in 2022. The American Tobacco Trail, White Oak Creek Greenway, and Black Creek Greenway make up nearly 20 miles of the ECG in the Triangle Region. greenway.org **2023 IS THE YEAR OF THE TRAIL!** The State Legislature declared 2023 as the

"North Carolina Year of the Trail" to celebrate our

extensive trail systems and their proven benefits for

development, transportation, and the environment.

the health of our citizens, tourism and economic

Join in the celebration! For events and activities, visit carync.gov/greenways and greattrailsnc.com

## Cary's greenways serve the entire community by linking schools,

of over 2,600 acres of parks and open space. As a Gold Medal Award winner for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, Cary provides numerous opportunities for recreation, exercise, art, and entertainment. Learn more about greenway programming and offerings at carync.gov/recreation



Arts and culture come to life with a multitude of events at the vibrant Cary Arts Center, The Cary Theater, Booth Amphitheatre.

13 staffed facilities include nature

parks, dog parks, a ropes course,

and an action sport park.



over 50 collegiate championship games and matches.



