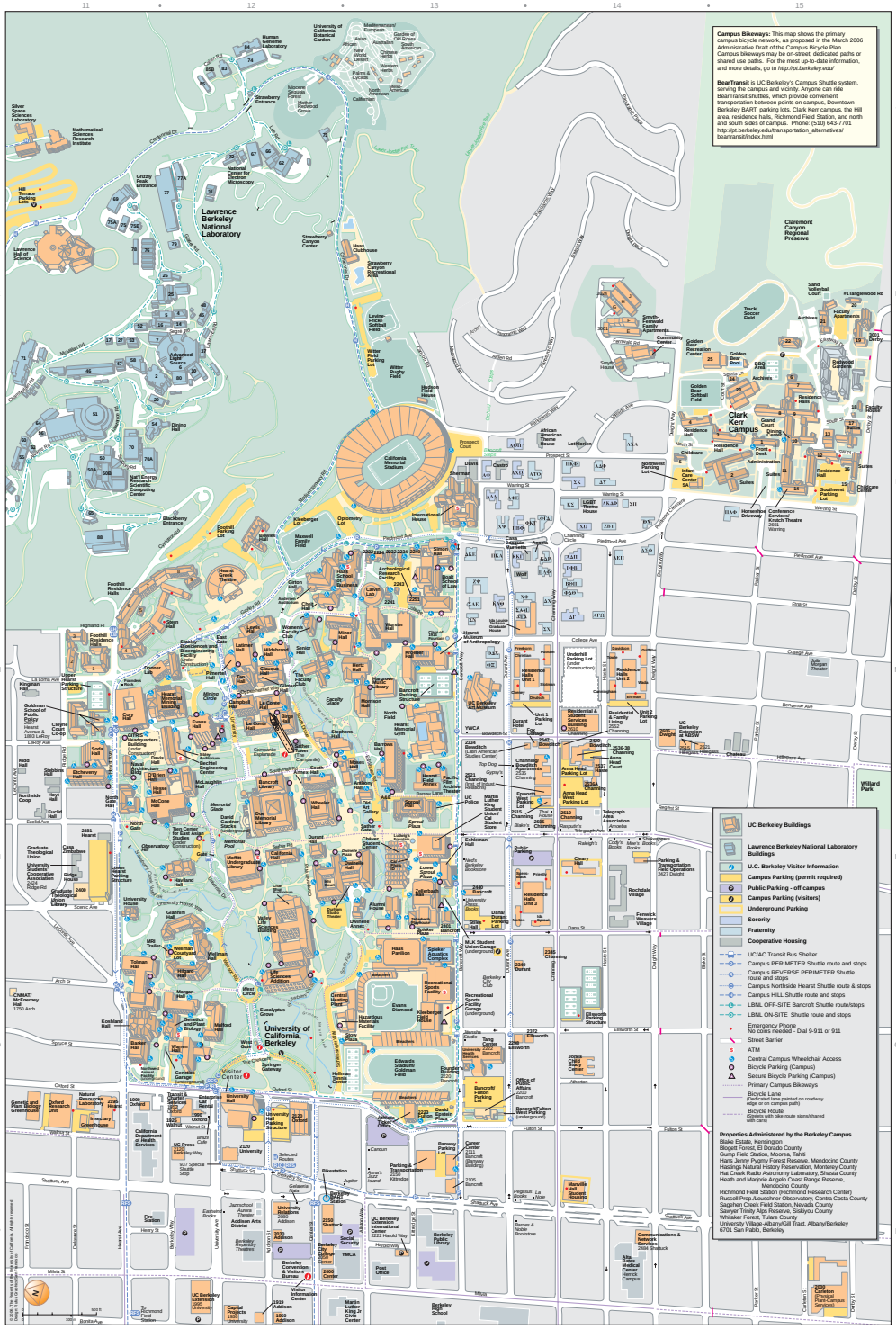

Berkeley!

BIKING & WALKING MAP

Bike Paths

Bike paths are separated from City roadways and are closed to motor vehicles, but are almost always shared with pedestrians, strollers, wheelchairs, etc. For this reason they are also known as multi-use or shared-use paths. Always watch out for other path users, operate at a safe speed, and yield to pedestrians.

Bike Lanes

Bike lanes are on-road facilities designated with striping, pavement marking and signage. Cars are permitted to use the bike lane for turning and entering and exiting parking. Bicyclists may leave the bike lane to avoid obstacles, turn left, pass other cyclists, or when going the speed of vehicle traffic.

Bike Routes

Bike routes are on-road facilities that are marked with green bike route signs only.

Bicycle Boulevards

A fourth, more innovative type of bikeway called a Bicycle Boulevard is also found in Berkeley.

A bicycle boulevard, sometimes described as a bicycle priority street, is a street where all types of vehicles are allowed, but the roadway is modified to enhance bicycle safety and convenience. Typically these modifications will also calm vehicle traffic and improve pedestrian safety. Berkeley's seven bicycle boulevards form the backbone of the City's network of over 50 bikeways. The bicycle boulevards were conceived as places where bicycles and cars can equally share the road. The boulevards are mostly residential streets, however some sections pass through commercial areas. Generally there are few cars on these streets, in large part because of the pre-existing traffic calming devices that slow and/or divert through vehicle traffic. In some cases the bicycle boulevards have bike lanes, but for the most part the pavement on the boulevards bears large, unmistakable white pavement legends (pictured above). The system is further marked using seven distinctive purple sign types, each sign type serving a specific purpose. The City's transportation website has pictures and information on all the signs. (www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/transportation/)

Bicycle Detector Loops

Bike detector loops are wires embedded in the pavement that sense the presence of small amounts metal and help bicyclists safely cross signalized intersections. This map shows intersections where bike detector loops have been installed. When you approach a red light at one of these intersections, look on the pavement for a white pavement marking of a cyclist between two short vertical lines (as shown on the sign at right). You must stop your bike on top of the marking to trip the signal. It should change within 90 seconds, but often much quicker. Problem with a loop detector? Call Berkeley's Office of Transportation at (510) 981-7058.

Avoiding Bike Theft

Bicycle theft is a serious problem in Berkeley, but if you follow this advice you'll stand a much better chance of holding on to your bike:

- Newer, high quality U-locks are still among the most theft resistant. These locks are most secure if you can fill the space within the U. Be sure not to use an older U-lock with a cylindrical key.
- A good lock is worthless if you don't use it properly. Always take a few extra seconds after locking-up to make sure you didn't make a silly error, like not looping through the frame or not closing the lock all-the-way. These are common mistakes!
- Always lock your frame to something that cannot be moved or disassembled.
- Many people have their quick-release wheels and seats stolen. Wheels are most secure when locked with a U-Lock, but a cable will also help deter theft. For a commuter bike, consider replacing your quick releases with "slow-release" nuts and bolts that require a wrench to remove.
- Secure your bike at home. Many bikes are stolen from houses, garages, & back yards.
- Old & ugly bikes are less likely to be stolen than flashy expensive bikes. Consider buying a cheap, used bike for shorter trips around town.
- Record your bike's serial number (printed on the bottom of your frame). In case of theft, the serial number helps police positively identify a bike.

Bicycle Parking

Bicycle parking is widely available in Berkeley's commercial areas. In addition to many sidewalk racks, you can use the following: Sheltered bike racks in the Center Street Garage (1/2 block west of Shattuck Avenue); Bicycle lockers and racks at all three Berkeley BART stations (shown on the map). For information on using lockers, call BART at (510) 464-7133. Free attended bicycle parking is available at the **Downtown Berkeley BART Bikestation**, located at the south end of the concourse level of the Downtown Berkeley BART station on weekdays, Saturdays, and holidays. Open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call (510) 548-RIDE (7433) or go to *www.bikestation.org*.

Transit

www.transit.511.org provides instant online access to transit information for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. It features the "Take Transit" automated trip planner that provides routes, times, schedules and area maps based on information provided by the user.

BART trains serve Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties. Bikes are allowed on all trains except those shown in the highlighted areas of the BART schedules published in the All About BART brochure. Bikes are not allowed in the lead car. Bikes are never allowed on escalators and should never be ridden in the stations. Bicyclists must be at least 14 years old or else accompanied by an adult. For more details, pick up a BART Schedule and a *"Bikes on BART Guide"* at any BART station or call (510) 464-7133.

AC Transit provides bus service between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties with service to the San Francisco Transbay Terminal. All AC Transit buses are equipped with bike racks. Racks hold only two bikes and you must wait for the next bus if they are full. Call AC Transit for their *"Bike & Ride"* pamphlet at (510) 817-1717 or look online: *www.actransit.org/pdf/UserGuides_bikebrochure.pdf*

Bay Bridge Bicycle Commuter Shuttle operates during commute hours on weekdays only between the MacArthur BART station and the Transbay Terminal. Bicyclists are taken over the bridge in a 14-passenger van towing a trailer equipped with 14 bike racks. Call (510) 286-0876.

Amtrak California/Capital Corridor provides service from the Berkeley (University Ave. & 4th Street) and Emeryville (Horton St. & 59th St.) Rail Stops to Sacramento and Gilroy. No reservation or box is necessary for bicycles.

City CarShare offers members shared access to cars for short-term use at over 15 locations in the East Bay. Membership info: *www.citycarshare.org* (510) 352-0323

Note: Folding bicycles are allowed on ALL transit systems during ALL operating hours.

Other Maps & Guides

A Wheelchair Rider's Guide: San Francisco Bay and the Nearby Coast describes wheelchair-accessible parks, trails, and beaches along the bayshore and coast. Free from the CA Coastal Conservancy. (510) 286-1015 *calcoast@scc.ca.gov*

Walk Oakland! Map & Guide
The companion to the *Berkeley! Biking and Walking Map*, the Walk Oakland map also shows bikeways, walkways, street grades, neighborhoods & landmarks. Published by Rufus Graphics, San Francisco (415) 566-3614

UC Berkeley: "Rolling through Berkeley," a free guide to campus policies and routes regarding bikes, skateboards, scooters, and rollerblades. Copies are available at the Parking & Transportation office and UC Police Department. *http://pt.berkeley.edu/PDFs/RollingThroughBerkeley.pdf*

East Bay Regional Parks Trails Map
Price: $5 for a packet of bicycle trail maps.
Contact (510) 635-0135 ext. 2200

East Bay Bicycle Coalition Maps:
East Bay: West of the Hills
East Bay: East of the Hills
Price: $6 each. These show the best bike routes throughout Alameda and Contra Costa County, as well as steep streets and heavy traffic streets.
www.ebbc.org/maps.html

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association Map:
To buy the map, send a check for $5.38 payable to BPWA along with a business-sized (4-1/8 x 9-1/2 inches) self-addressed envelope stamped with a $0.60 stamp to: Berkeley Path Wanderers Association, 1442A Walnut Street, Box 269, Berkeley, CA 94709 *www.berkeleypaths.org/mapsamdmore/map.htm*

AC Transit Bus System and Transit Map of Richmond/Berkeley (includes Albany/El Cerrito/San Pablo/El Sobrante/North Richmond/Kensington): request a copy, call 511 and say "AC Transit." *www.actransit.org/rideinfo/mapsandschedules.wu*

Selected City of Berkeley Resources

City of Berkeley Website transportation pages: ..... *www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/transportation/*
Disabilities Services (510) 981-6342; (510) 981-6346
Animal Control Information ..... (510) 981-6600
Bicycle Subcommittee of the Transportation Commission ..... (510) 981-7062
Bicycle Safety and Education ..... (510) 981-5347
Parking Enforcement ..... (bus. hours) (510) 981-5890
..... (after hours) (510) 981-5900
Parks & Recreation General Assis. ..... (510) 981-6700
Road Hazards ..... (510) 644-6620
Sewer Maintenance and Repair: ..... (510) 644-6620
Sidewalk Repair ..... (510) 981-6444
Stolen Bikes ..... (510) 644-6744
Street Lighting Repair ..... (510) 644-6620
Traffic Engineering ..... (510) 981-7010
Tree Services ..... (510) 644-6566
email ..... *trees@ci.berkeley.ca.us*
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf ..... (510) 644-6915

Selected UC Berkeley Resources

UC Berkeley Parking & Transportation
2150 Kittredge, 1st floor
..... *http://www.berkeley.edu/transportation*
Report Road Hazards ..... (510) 642-3073
Bicycle Registration ..... (510) 642-2987
Report Stolen Bikes ..... (510) 642-6760

Organizations

Bicycle Friendly Berkeley Coalition (BFBC)
www.bfbc.org
(510) 549-7433

East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC)
www.ebbc.org/
(510) 433-7433

Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay
www.btceastbay.org
(510) 466-5123

Bay Area Bicycle Coalition of the SF Bay Area
www.bayareabikes.org/
415-246-8078

California Bicycle Coalition
www.calbike.org/
(916) 446-7558

Berkeley Bicycle Club
www.berkeleybike.org/
(510) 527-3222

Grizzly Peak Cyclists
www.grizzlypeakcyclists.org

The Oakland Yellowjackets Bicycle Club
www.oaklandyellowjackets.org/
(510) 986-9011

Berkeley Path Wanderers
http://www.berkeleypaths.org/index.htm

Cal Cycling (UC Berkeley racing team)
http://www.calcycling.org/

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Use crosswalks. Don't jaywalk.
- Pay attention to pedestrian signals.
- Don't follow people who disregard pedestrian signals.
- Look four ways: left, right, ahead and behind before crossing intersections.
- Watch out for turning vehicles.
- Establish eye contact with drivers when crossing.
- California state law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in both marked and unmarked crosswalks.
- Pedestrians should never assume that drivers will obey the law.
- Wear brightly colored clothing, especially at night.
- On roads without sidewalks, walk facing oncoming traffic.

Walk
Start crossing.
Look in four directions.
Watch for turning cars that do not stop.

Caution
Do not start crossing.
If you're already in the crosswalk, finish crossing to the curb.

Stop
Remain on the sidewalk.
Do not cross the street.

BICYCLE SAFETY

Bicyclists on public roadways have all the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers, and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety, observe these bicycling rules and safety tips. For additional safety information, CALL 981-7062.

Always ride with traffic. This is the law.
Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Also you can endanger an oncoming bicyclist.

Don't weave in and out of traffic between parked cars.
Don't ride out to the curb between parked cars, unless they are far apart. Motorists may not see you when you try to move back into traffic.

Observe stop signs, signals and basic right-of-way-rules. Yield to pedestrians.
Never ride on the sidewalk, unless it is specifically marked as a bike route.

Follow lane markings.
Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't ride straight in a lane marked right-turn only.

Keep clear of the door zone.
Try to ride a door's width away from parked cars. If you have to ride in the door zone, ride very slowly. You have the right to ride in a traffic lane if it is too narrow to share with a car.

Passing on the right can be hazardous.
Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.

Ride a well equipped bike.
Be sure your bike is adjusted to fit you properly. For safety and efficiency, outfit it with a bell, rear-view mirror, rack or basket, lights and reflector. Carry a water bottle, bike pump and patch kit. **Wear a helmet.** Keep your bike in good working order.

Use hand signals.
Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signalling is a matter of law, of courtesy, and of self-protection.

Bicycling at night.
At night, a white front light, red rear reflector, wheel and pedal reflectors, are required by law. Wear bright or reflective clothing for visibility.

Walk Bikes in Crosswalk.
Cyclists may find it safer and quicker to cross as a pedestrian at unsignalized intersections. Dismount, make eye contact with drivers, and cross in the crosswalk **on foot**. The California vehicle code requires motorists to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk