

COMMUTING TIPS

Bike commuting provides a healthy, eco-friendly means of getting around!

Don't forget to use a good lock - preferably a U-lock, which is almost impossible for thieves to cut off.

Commuting to events and recreation is easier with the help of backpacks, and by outfitting your bike with a rear storage rack or front handle basket.

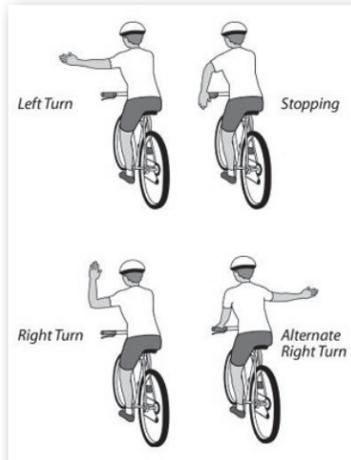
If you live too far away from work to commute, consider biking for other activities, such as weekend trips to parks and recreation destinations, or to run shopping errands nearby.

Consider that local transit (HART) provides for bicycles, so don't feel constrained by distance!

Encourage children to bike to baseball and soccer games instead of asking for a ride.



BICYCLE SAFETY



Wear bright colors even during the day, visibility is key!

Avoid busy streets where possible, and always use bike lanes when they are provided.

Look for signage indicating preferred bike routes to common destinations. They have been chosen for reasons that will help keep you safe!

Avoid riding on sidewalks. It endangers pedestrians and puts you at risk because motorists can't see you when turning.

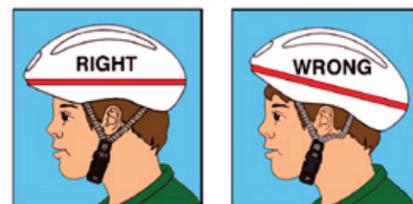
Stay out of motorists' blind spots, especially at - or approaching - intersections. It's best to stay behind vehicles in these situations.

Slow down as you cross busy intersections. This helps motorists respond to you.

Be aware of parked cars, as motorists may open doors in your path. Give yourself room to react.

Never pass vehicles on the right. Drivers may suddenly turn into driveways or side streets - and they can't see you.

Beware of slippery surfaces such as leaves, sand and wet crosswalks; avoid or go slowly over them with a straight wheel and no braking.



Wear the helmet flat on the head, not tilted back at an angle!

Bicycles use 2% as much energy as cars per passenger-kilometer, and cost less than 3% as much to purchase.

Source: Worldwatch Institute, Vital Signs, 1998.

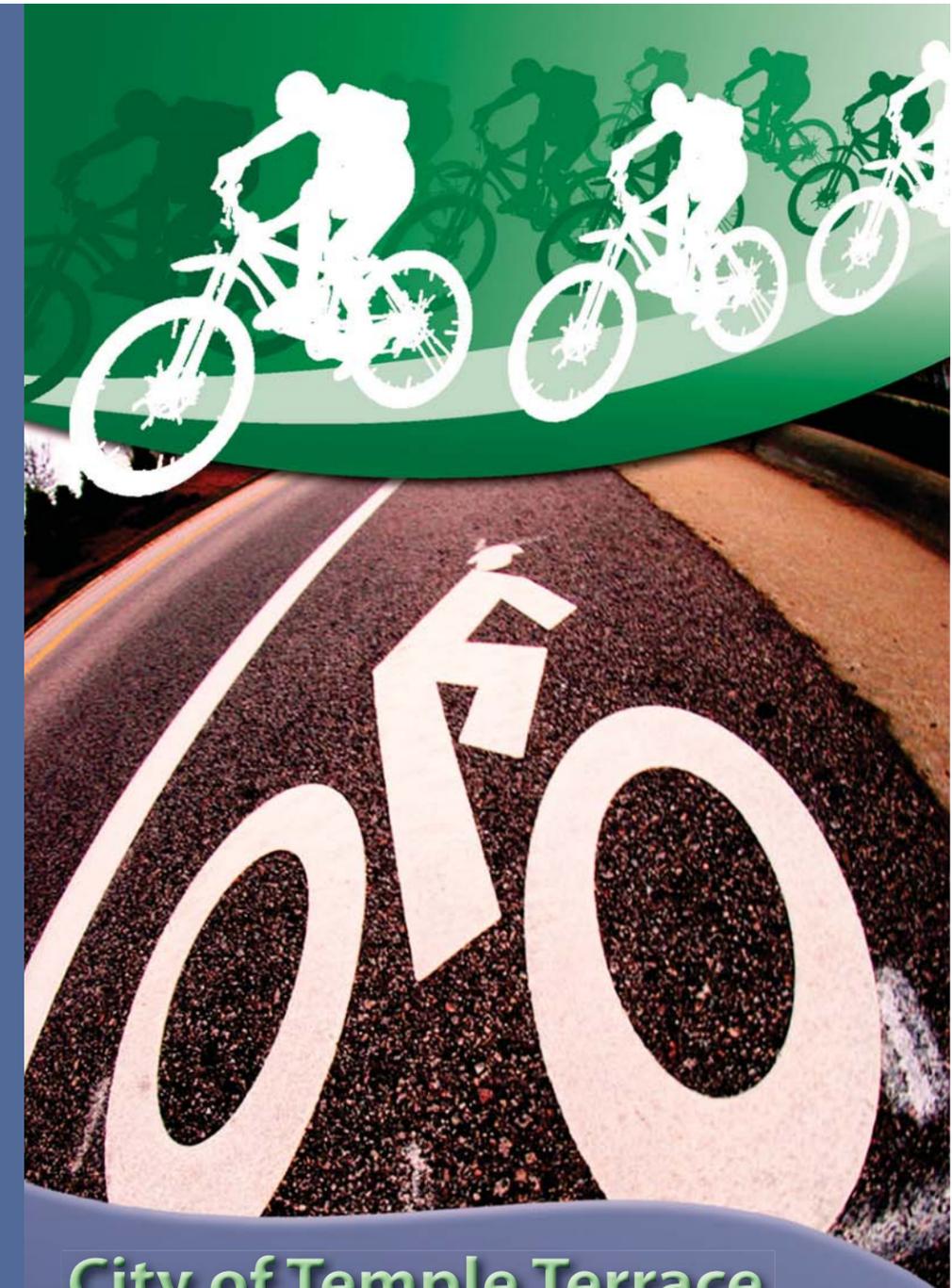
The establishment of well-connected walking and bicycling networks is an important component for livable communities; walking and biking foster safer, more livable, family-friendly communities; promote physical activity and health; and reduce vehicle emissions and fuel use.

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City of Temple Terrace Bicycle Map

Amazing City. Since 1925.

Temple Terrace provides a unique opportunity to experience both urban and natural environments within a relatively small bike footprint. With protected conservation lands along the Hillsborough River and popular pocket parks among some of the oldest neighborhoods, the City offers exceptional outdoor venues for all ages.

Similarly, a redeveloped mixed-use downtown and favorites such as Busch Gardens, Adventure Island, MOSI and USF are all readily accessible within a short bike commute.

Temple Terrace recognizes that an efficient biking and pedestrian environment greatly enhances the quality of life for its residents, and has committed resources to improve the facilities for both modes of transit. The City has published this guide with information about unique points of interest, along with routes recommended for their reduced traffic volume and speeds. The City has also organized a signage and striping program that will enhance, facilitate and encourage bike ridership among residents and visitors alike.

9 Florida Laws to Know

1. A bicycle is defined as a vehicle, and as a driver the cyclist must follow all of the traffic laws that commonly apply to vehicles (except that the cyclist is not required to have a driver's license).
2. Infractions of bicycle regulations are subject to civil penalties as provided in FS §318.18.
3. A bicycle operated between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with a white lamp on the front and a red reflector and red lamp on the rear.
4. On two-way roads, a bicycle must be ridden with traffic on the right half of the roadway, except when passing.

5. A cyclist must obey all applicable traffic control devices (signs, markings, traffic signals).
6. A bicycle rider under 16 must wear a helmet, but all others are strongly urged to as well.
7. A headset may not be worn while riding.
8. It is unlawful to operate a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
9. A signal of intention to turn must be given 100 feet in advance before turning.

Family Recreation Complex
Amenities include a new tennis center with six clay courts, classrooms, a gymnastics center, a fitness facility and five pools, including a kiddie pool and water playground. The facility also offers six racquetball courts, two outdoor basketball courts, and two sand volleyball courts, all lighted for evening play.

Lightfoot Recreation Center
This facility is home to the City's senior programs and offers yoga, karate, ceramics, dance and art classes.

Hard Court Tennis Center
The facility includes six lighted hard courts and restrooms, which are open to the public and free of charge.

Ridgedale Sports Complex
The complex consists of five Bermuda grass fields (three with lights).

Youth Sports Complex
This facility consists of five lighted Bermuda grass baseball fields and four lighted Bermuda soccer fields with concession stands.

Ben Lomond Park - (1.65 acres) Nestled beneath the oaks, this neighborhood park offers a playground, water fountain and picnic tables.

Billy Graham Garden - Preservation Park - (.2 acres) A wonderful vista shaded by oaks and cypress along the banks of the Hillsborough River.

Biltmore Park - (2.09 acres) Equipped with a basketball court, playground, water fountain, picnic tables and trash receptacles, with new signage, landscaping and irrigation.

Bonnie Brae Park - (2.42 acres) Equipped with a dinosaur theme playground, sand volleyball, basketball court, picnic tables, and shade trees. This park has become popular for group play and picnics.

Hilltop Dog Park - (2 acres) Offers separated fenced areas for small and larger dogs with water facilities, benches, a walking path and plenty of running room.

Lettuce Lake Park - (240 acres) Offers wooded picnic areas, a bike path and jogging trail with fitness stations. Lettuce Lake is also a haven for nature study, featuring an interpretive center with exhibits, two boardwalks and an observation tower where visitors can view the cypress swamp with its abundance of birds and other wildlife.*

Linwood Park - (1 acre) The park offers a running and jogging course circling 18 fitness stations.

Overlook Park - (.16 acres) This park consists of a playground with a unit for children ages 2-5 and a circuit play unit for children 6-12.

Riverfront Preserve - (108 acres) This wildlife and nature preserve on the east bank of the Hillsborough River has more than a mile of pristine waterfront and a unique wooden pavilion designed by USF Architecture students. Future plans call for the development of a trails system with wildlife lookout points.

Riverhills Park - (34.45 acres) Offers access to the Hillsborough River by providing a boat ramp and dock. A picnic area set under the cypress and oaks provides picnic tables, grills, gazebo, shelter, and boardwalk that winds along the riverfront. Additional amenities include a large playground area, two newly renovated tennis courts, and restrooms.

Riverside Park - (1.9 acres) Includes specially designed playground equipment, restrooms and a shelter with picnic tables.

Rotary Park - (3.1 acres) Equipped with a boat ramp, restrooms, picnic tables and barbecue grills.

Scout Park - (15.6 acres) As a nature preserve, this park offers two miles of mulched trails available for public enjoyment.

Serena Park - (.81 acres) Nestled beneath the oaks, this park is currently undeveloped, but plans for future development are under way.

Takomah Trail Park - Offers covered picnic areas, a bicycle path and jogging trail. It also has a nature study and boardwalks that provide walkways through the park's woods.*

University Square Playground - (.42 acres) Amenities include an all-purpose court, tennis court, and a children's playground.

USF Riverfront Park - Riverfront Park offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities, from picnic facilities and an advanced ropes course to canoeing and kayaking. The park is only open to current USF students, staff and faculty.*

West River Preserve - (5.6 acres) Offers a vista unlike any other in the City's park system. Planning for future development has begun; however, efforts will focus on preserving the park's natural setting.

Wilderness Park (Trout Creek Site) - Located near the mouth of Trout Creek, this property is popular for fishing, canoeing and group picnics. The park offers off-road biking trails and 3 pavilions (with grills and electricity provided).*

* Property not managed by the City of Temple Terrace.

