

## BE SAFE, RIDE RIGHT

Every person operating a bicycle at less than the posted speed or slower than the flow of traffic upon a street or highway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as safe, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction, except when making a left turn, when avoiding hazardous conditions, when the lane is too narrow to share with another vehicle or when on a one-way street. Bicyclists may ride abreast when not impeding other vehicles.

## BE SAFE, BE SEEN

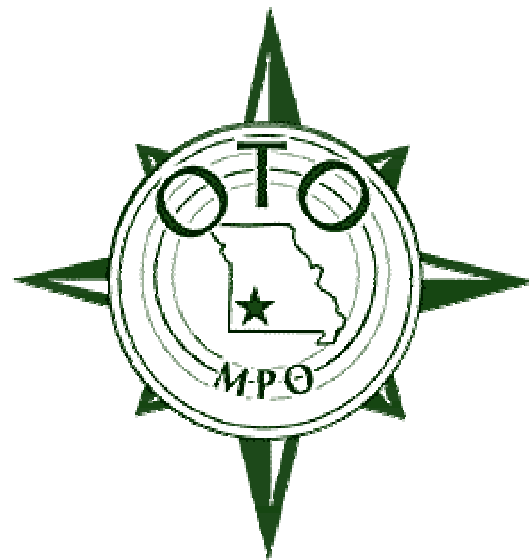
Bicyclists are difficult to be seen by drivers, especially when riding in the rain, overcast days, or in the dark. Be noticed. Use bright colors, reflective clothes and equip your bike with reflectors and lights.

Are you looking for a way to protect the environment, be healthy, be fit, meet nice people, and save money?

RIDE A BIKE,  
IT PAYS BACK



# SPRINGFIELD AREA FAVORITE BICYCLE RIDES



## ABOUT THIS MAP

The routes shown on this map have been recommended by experienced cyclists of the Springfield Area.

These routes are ideal for recreational, touring or training rides. However, these routes can be very helpful for long distance bicycle commuting.

The Ozarks is one of the most beautiful places in Missouri. Bicycling is a unique way to explore and experience the beauty of our countryside, the nature, history and culture.

**Please Notice:** Most of the routes in this map are located on paved county roads, which are generally two lane roads, with narrow lanes and bridges, ditches, hilly conditions and no shoulders. Therefore, be sure you choose the route according to your health conditions and your cycling skills.

You are ultimately responsible for your own and that of others, when riding on the roads. The following safety tips will help you:

- Use a helmet properly [www.helmets.org](http://www.helmets.org)
- Use hands signals
- Carry a bottle of water
- If possible, carry a cell phone
- Dress appropriately, comfortable and visible
- ABC quick check before starting your ride (**A**=air, **B**=breaks, **C**=Cranks, **Quick**=quick releases)
- Carry a bike pump, a spare tube, a patch kit and other bicycle tools.
- Be friendly and courteous with motorists, pedestrians and animals.

## RULES OF THE ROAD

**1. Bicycle = Car.** The rights and duties of persons operating bicycles upon a roadway are the same and the rights and duties of the driver of any vehicle on the roadway.

**2. Obey traffic rules.** Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signs, signals, and markings controlling vehicles on the roadway. When dismounted the bicycle operator shall obey all rules pertaining to pedestrians.

**3. One person per seat.** A bicycle is to be used to carry only the number of persons for which the bicycle is designed and equipped with seats.

**4. Ride on the right.** Bicycles must be operated near the right-hand side of the roadway no more than two abreast.

**5. Yield.** The operator of a bicycle entering a roadway from an alley, driveway, or building shall yield to all pedestrians within the roadway including the sidewalk and to all vehicles within the roadway.

**6. Avoid riding on sidewalks.** No person shall drive a bicycle on a sidewalk within a business district. Whenever a person is driving bicycle on a sidewalk, such person shall yield right of way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal (such as stating 'on your left') before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

**7. Be seen.** Each bicycle operated during darkness must be equipped with a light and reflectors.