

Carrollton Green Belt Rules

- 🚲 The trail is open to all non-motorized users (Motorized wheelchairs are allowed).
- 🚲 The trail is open from dawn to dusk. The trail is closed at night.
- 🚲 Trail users should refrain from venturing onto posted private property.
- 🚲 Alcoholic beverages and Drugs prohibited.
- 🚲 Vandalism and theft of trail amenities will result in prosecution.
- 🚲 Reckless use of bicycle which endangers other trail users is prohibited.
- 🚲 As a courtesy to others, please refrain from smoking while on the trail.

City of Carrollton Ordinances

- 🚲 Local Ordinance 90-4 says that there is **NO** bicycle, skateboards, rollerblade, etc on any sidewalk within 2 blocks of the Square. Only the police are allowed to ride their bicycles in the Square.
- 🚲 It is permissible to ride your bicycle on the sidewalks in your neighborhood as long as you:
 - 🚲 Watch for vehicles coming out of or turning into driveways.
 - 🚲 Stop at corners of sidewalks and streets to look for cars and to make sure the drivers see you before crossing.
 - 🚲 Enter a street at a corner and not between parked cars. Alert pedestrians that you are near by saying, "Excuse

me," or, "Passing on your left," or use a bell or horn. Always yield the right of way to pedestrians.

- 🚲 Sec. 70-71 - Motorized Vehicles prohibited.
- 🚲 Sec. 70-72 - Horseback riding prohibited, except in designated areas.
- 🚲 Sec. 70-73 - Operation of bicycles - Operated in a safe manner.
- 🚲 Sec. 70-74 - Animals must be on a leash.
- 🚲 Sec. 70-75 - Climbing bridges, restless, etc. prohibited.
- 🚲 Sec. 70-76 - Park Closed - Dusk till Dawn
- 🚲 Sec. 70-77 - Alcoholic Beverages and drugs prohibited.
- 🚲 Sec. 70-78 - Vandalism or theft of trail amenities.

For more information on bicycle safety, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Web site at: www.nhtsa.dot.gov or contact:

Carrollton Police Department
ATTN: Bike Safety
115 West Center Street
Carrollton, GA 30117
(770) 834-4451, ext. 242
www.carrolltonpd.com



A *Bicycle Safety* Program
presented by the

Carrollton Police Department's
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Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle!

Be cool - follow some basic safety tips when you ride.

Safe Riding Tips

Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly.

Remember to:

Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet.

Protect your brain, save your life. For more information see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration publication "Easy Steps to Properly Fit a Bicycle Helmet."

Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit. Stand over your bicycle. There should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the top tube (bar) if using a road bike and 3 to 4 inches if a mountain bicycle. The seat should be level front to back. The seat height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level with the seat.

Check Your Equipment. Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that your brakes work.

See and Be Seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors

when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.

Control Your Bicycle. Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.

Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards. Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash. If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.

Avoid Riding at Night. It is far more dangerous to ride at night than during the day because you are harder for others to see. If you have to ride at night, wear something that makes you more easily seen by others. Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle (white lights on the front and red rear reflectors are required by law in many States), in addition to reflectors on your tires, so others can see you.

Rules of the Road

In Georgia, Bicycles are considered vehicles, and cyclists have the same rights and the same responsibilities to follow the rules of the road as motorists. When riding, always:

Go With the Traffic Flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow - not against it.

Obey All Traffic Laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.

Yield to Traffic When Appropriate. Almost always, drivers on a smaller road must yield (wait) for traffic on a major or larger road. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming from a smaller roadway (out of a driveway, from a sidewalk, a bike path, etc.), you must slow down and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding. This also means yielding to pedestrians who have already entered a crosswalk.

Be Predictable. Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others.

Stay Alert at All Times. Use your eyes AND ears. Watch out for potholes, cracks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could make you lose control of your bike. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset when you ride.

Look Before Turning. When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left- or right-turning traffic.

Watch for Parked Cars. Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).