

Campus Area Bicycle Resources

New Orleans can be one of the best places to ride a bike. Warm weather, beautiful tree lined streets, and historic neighborhoods mean that a bike can be the most enjoyable way to get around this town. You'll find coffee shops, grocery stores, and live music venues all within a 20-minute bike ride from Tulane campus. And, Audubon Park and the Mississippi River Trail (a.k.a., the levee) offer bike/pedestrian paths free from cars.

Unfortunately, New Orleans can also be one of the worst places for cycling. Drivers have a reputation for being careless, the surface conditions of the road are at times laughable, and there are great misunderstandings amongst cyclists about the rules of the road. That's why we've put together these tips on how to safely ride your bike in the Big Easy. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

Bicycling tips for New Orleans:

Start off easy. Ride near campus until you get familiar, then start to explore. Ride with an experienced friend or with a club ride to learn the best routes across town.

Know your bike resources. Use this map to find the bike resources near campus where you can buy a helmet or fill your tires.

Ride predictably. Obey traffic laws and don't weave in and out of parked cars.

Ride with traffic. Riding on the right gives drivers a longer time to see you and make room. If you aren't used to riding on the right, practice on quiet roads to build your confidence.

Ride with a light at night - white for the front, red blinky for the back. If you need convincing, notice how hard it is to spot the cyclists without lights at night on St. Charles.

Wear a helmet. Wearing a helmet reduces your risk of serious head injury by 85%! Doctors can fix a broken bone, but not a broken brain (and isn't your brain the main reason you came to Tulane?)

