

The rating system shown on this map is not an assurance that conditions are safe for bicycling. Additionally, the road rating system does not indicate, or guarantee, that these roads have been specifically designed for bicycle use. Boulder County takes no responsibility for users' safety and in no way warrants the safety of the roadways. Highlighting does not signify a higher level of road or infrastructure maintenance and is not meant to recommend or condone a particular roadway.

You are responsible for your own safety. All users should educate themselves on the rules of the road, and cycling safety, before using any of the systems shown. Your skill, fitness level, and comfort in diverse traffic situations, will determine the streets most suitable for your cycling needs. Be aware that automobile speeds and traffic volumes may vary depending on the street and/or time of day.

Southeastern Boulder County: Multi-use paths not visible at this map scale can be located by contacting local jurisdictions on the back cover of this map.

U.S. 36 Corridor Bike Map: [www.36commutingolutions.org/bike.htm](http://www.36commutingolutions.org/bike.htm)

### Cycling Legend

- 1 - Lower traffic volumes and/or speeds (little or no shoulder)
- 2 - Medium traffic volumes and/or speeds (little or no shoulder)
- 3 - Higher traffic volumes and/or speeds (little or no shoulder)
- 1, 2, 3 with 3-4 foot shoulders
- 1, 2, 3 with shoulders greater than 4 feet
- City bike systems (on street, lanes, routes, shoulders)
- Regional trails (soft-surface, paved)
- B Bike shop
- C Cyclist waiting area
- B Mountain bike trail
- P Peak 8,000 feet or more
- A Named road's average grade
- S Steep grade

### Base Map Legend

- 36 US highway
- 72 State highway
- Paved road, other
- Gravel road (maintained: county/other)
- Gravel road (not maintained: jeep/other)
- County Boundary
- T Trailhead with toilet
- T Trailhead
- T Toilet
- A Campground
- P RTD park-n-ride
- E Emergency callbox
- H Hospital
- F Fee area
- Incorporated area
- Boulder/Longmont (insets)
- Lake/reservoir
- O Settlements
- Wilderness (mountain bikes prohibited)
- National Park (mountain bikes prohibited)



**Follow the 3-2-1 Courtesy Code**

**3 feet to pass**

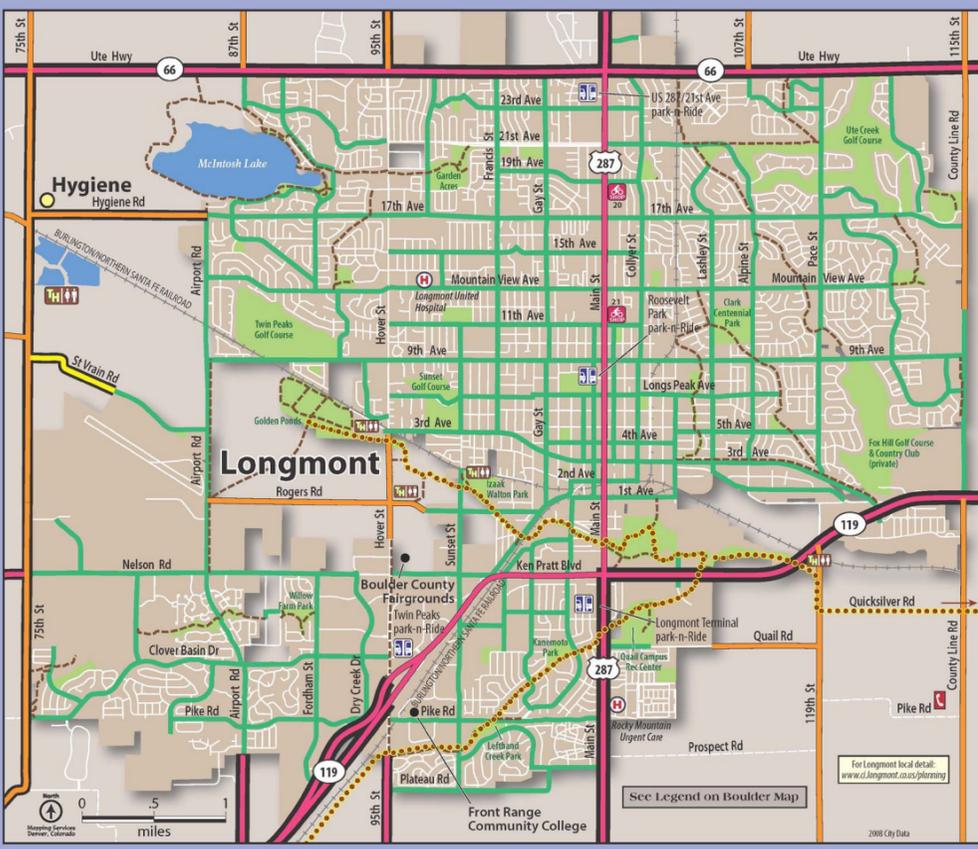
**2 abreast when clear**

**1 single file to allow passing**

**Share the Road**

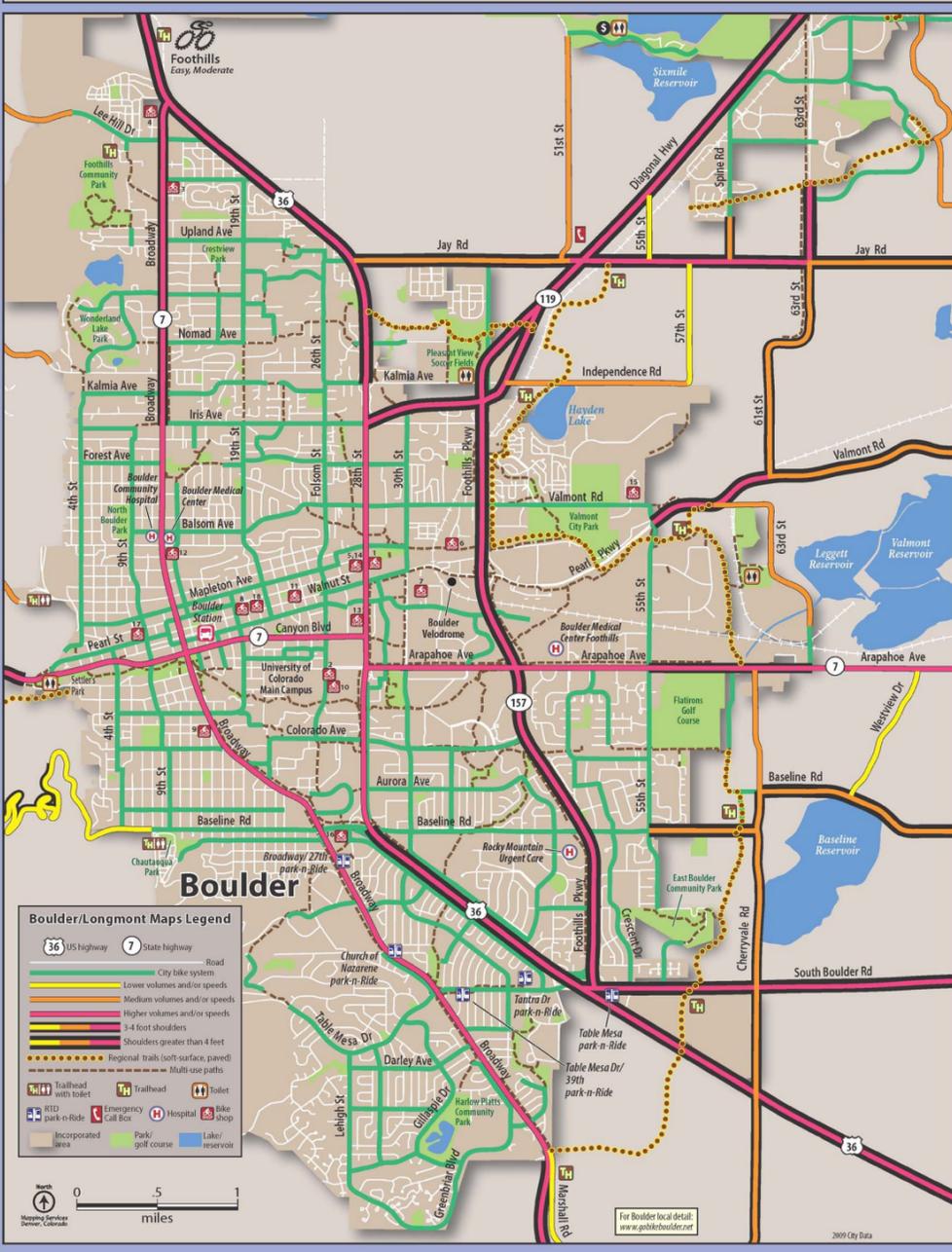
BICYCLE COLORADO





**Bike Shops with Service Department**

5 Colorado Multi-Sport	303-865-4604	12 Pro Pleton	303-415-1292	Lafayette Shops	303-666-1400	Louisville Shops	303-666-4550
6 Community Cycles	720-565-0199	13 REI	303-583-9970	19 Joe's Bike Shop	303-666-1400	22 Cutting Edge Sports	303-666-4550
7 Excel Sports Boulder	303-444-6737	14 Sports Garage	303-473-0033	20 Acme Bicycles Inc.	303-774-0506	23 Louisville Cyclery LLC	303-666-6343
8 Full Cycle (pearl st.)	303-440-1002	15 The Fix	303-939-8349	21 Bike N' Hike	303-772-5105	24 Bitterbrush Cycles	303-823-8100
9 Full Cycle (hill)	303-440-7771	16 Trek Bicycle Store	303-413-0228	25 Redstone Cyclery	303-823-5810		
10 Performance Bicycle	303-444-2044	17 University Bicycles Ltd.	303-444-4196				
11 Petco Electric Bikes	720-839-9088	18 Vecchio's Bicycletaria	303-440-3535				



**Boulder/Longmont Maps Legend**

US Highway	State Highway	Road
City bike system	Lower volumes and/or speeds	Medium volumes and/or speeds
Higher volumes and/or speeds	3-4 foot shoulders	Shoulders greater than 4 feet
Regional trails (soft-surface, paved)	Multi-use paths	Trailhead with toilet
Trailhead	Emergency Call Box	Hospital
RTD park-n-ride	Incorporated lands	Park/golf course
Lake/reservoir		

### Sharing the Road Safely

Please take a moment to read through these tips to learn more about cycling safety in Boulder County. Be polite and be smart. Show respect for all users of the road, and you'll get respect back as a result. Cyclists & Drivers: Same roads, same rules, same rights and responsibilities.

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#### Three legal ways to turn left

- You may make a left turn like a vehicle by looking over your shoulder, signaling, and moving into the left turn lane when it's safe. Colorado law allows for full use of left lanes and turn lanes when turning.
- You may make a left turn by going to the far side of the intersection, turning your bike, and using the roadway.
- You may make a left turn by going to the far side of the intersection, turning your bike, and then walking your bike in the crosswalk.

#### Be polite and be smart

Use hand signals to show your intentions and ride in a predictable fashion. Obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.

turning right OR turning left slowing down

#### Be cautious when riding two abreast

Riding two abreast is permitted by law (SR 09-148). This does not, however, allow you to be a road hog. Riders who are two abreast are still required to yield if their formation impedes the normal flow of traffic (and moving over is not a safety risk). Additionally, it's always nice to give a friendly wave when drivers pass and give you plenty of distance.

#### Never, ever ride against traffic

Ride on the right with the flow of traffic—NEVER ride against traffic on the road, in a bike lane, or on a sidewalk unless it is a specially designated contra-flow bike lane. Drivers turning from the side cannot see you and approaching drivers will not expect you to be riding the wrong way.

#### Take the lane when appropriate

Watch out for glass, gravel, oily pavement, loose gravel, cattle guards and railroad tracks. Manhole covers and road striping may also become slick when wet.

Check behind to make sure it's safe, signal your intentions, then move to the left to avoid the hazard.

Remember that you may "take the lane" if the lane is not wide enough for both a car and a bike. Check behind to make sure it's safe, signal your intentions, then move to the left to avoid the hazard. When possible, move to the right to allow a following vehicle to pass. On one-way roads with more than one lane, cyclists are also allowed to ride as far left as is safe.

#### Be careful when riding by parked cars

Look for people in parked cars ahead of you and ride in a straight line at least 5 feet away from the car. Someone may open the car door in front of you unexpectedly. Be predictable: don't weave in and out between parked cars.

#### Be visible

Riding at night without a headlight is illegal (SR 42-221-221) and could land you a fine or citation.

Wear white or brightly colored shirts and consider reflective clothing for nighttime use. Again, not only is having a white front headlight and red rear reflector, it is also required in many areas. Even if you don't commute at night, stowing a small flashing light in your seatbag or jersey pocket is always a smart move for those emergency situations.

#### Protect your head!

According to national studies, 85% of brain injuries can be prevented by wearing a helmet!

#### Be a defensive bike driver

Be aware of your surroundings and take special care to anticipate turning and side traffic.

Make eye contact with drivers and be sure to get their attention.

Don't use headphones or a cell phone when riding your bike. They reduce your ability to hear traffic, which could cost you your life.

#### TYPES OF BIKEWAYS

- Shoulders: Established on rural or county roads. Pavement typically extends 4' or more beyond roadway striping. Shoulder width generally increases with posted roadway speed.
- Bike Lanes: City streets with high traffic volumes. Identified by special pavement markings and signs. 4'-6" wide section of the street reserved for bikes. For the exclusive use of bike travel.
- Bike Routes: Established on quieter residential street. Routes are identified by the use of special signs. Bikes share the roadway with cars.

#### BIKE ETIQUETTE

Responsible Mountain Biking. The sign says it all. Please yield as is appropriate and RESPECT other users by:

- Slowing down when others are present
- Communicating when passing
- Being responsible, leave NO trace

Mountain bikers: Yield to uphill riders. Cresting that rocky climb at 8,000ft is hard enough without having to dodge other cyclists!

Hitching a Ride: If you would like to draft another rider, ask them for permission. Riding in someone's draft unannounced is not only rude, it can be dangerous as well.

#### BICYCLE SAFETY ACT (Aug 5, 2009)

Senate Bill 09-148 is aimed at improving safety for cyclists and motorists alike.

**LANE POSITION:** You don't have to ride in the gutter. Ride as far right as is safe, taking into consideration road debris and visibility. In addition, on one-way roads with more than one lane, cyclists are allowed to ride as far left as is safe. The law allows full use of the left lane and turn lanes when turning.

**MORE THAN ONE RIDER:** Cyclists are allowed to ride two abreast. The law, however, does not give riders license to clog the roads. Cyclists who are two abreast should yield if this formation impedes the normal flow of traffic. Simply put, move to single-file to allow other vehicles to pass, and for safety do not ride two abreast in blind curves.

**PASSING:** Motor vehicles are required to give cyclists 3 feet when passing. Motorists are given added flexibility in that they may legally cross the centerline to do so. Check that there are no cyclists in the oncoming lane when passing another vehicle.

**ANTI-HARASSMENT:** Bicycles are legal on public roads. The new law makes throwing objects at cyclists a crime. It is illegal to buzz, swerve towards, or throw objects at cyclists.

**NEED TO REPORT AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER?**

Colorado State Patrol's (CSP) aggressive driver program has been in existence since 1998 and allows you to report hostile drivers from your cell phone, free of charge. Be prepared to provide: vehicle description, license plate number, location, driver description, and the type of aggressive behavior. If enough complaints are received, a uniformed CSP officer may contact the owner of the vehicle and take enforcement action.

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Serious emergency or accident? Always dial 911 first

#### Multi-Use Paths Off-street Courtesy

Use your path. Don't take on designated walking or running paths.

Keep to the right. Yield to pedestrians and slower moving traffic, except when passing. Slow down when there are lots of users on the trail.

Be careful at crossings. Look both ways. Cyclists yield to through traffic at intersections. Remember, pedestrians have the right of way. Pedestrians exercise caution. Be aware that cyclists and skaters require lots of room to stop.

Advise others when passing. Sound your bell or horn or call out when approaching pedestrians or slower cyclists, then pass safely on the left.

#### bike-n-Ride

EASY TO USE RTD BIKE RACKS

- Signal bus driver to let them know you are loading your bike.
- You must be able to lift the bike and place it on the rack yourself.
- To release the rack, squeeze the center handle and slowly lower it down.
- Place front wheel on side labeled "Front Wheel."
- When boarding, let the driver know where you will be exiting the bus.
- Stay toward the front of the bus and watch your bike to ensure its safety.
- Exit at the front door and tell the driver you are removing your bike.
- If you are the last person to unload your bike, return rack to its upright position.

RTD is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes or damage to bikes due to improper loading.

#### DRIVING 1 DAY LESS A WEEK FOR A YEAR EQUALS:

SAVING 1300LBS OF CO2

SWITCHING TO 39 CFL'S

\$500+ IN SAVINGS

297 DOUGHNUTS BURNED

Stress Relief, Free Parking, & Less Traffic Congestion of Dependence on Foreign Oil

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#### THE WELL EQUIPPED CYCLIST

MAP 101:

- Be aware that State and Federal roads typically have higher traffic volumes and/or speeds than county roads.
- Be careful when riding in the mountains. Although these roads have lower traffic volumes and speeds, mountainous areas may carry other obstacles to safe cycling. Potentially hazardous features not easily represented include limited view-sheds, sharp turns, additional sediment and debris, extreme temperature fluctuations, and limited amenities.
- Please be aware that cycling linkages on county roads are prioritized in this map and that not all roadways are shown. Similarly, this map is not intended as an inventory of all trailheads, toilets, or campgrounds etc. Only features of general interest/accessibility to most cyclists are shown.
- Roadway shoulder width is variable. While the ranking system used on this map is accurate, generalizations have been made to improve the map's appearance and legibility.
- Gradient on this map is based on the average slope of a particular climb. Sections of a climb may be much steeper than anticipated (see Steep grade in the Cycling Legend).

#### BIKE MAP BOULDER COUNTY 2010

BOULDER COUNTY

**BOULDER COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS:**

Boulder County Transportation (Bikeways, Road Closures, Transit) 303-441-3900

Boulder County Road Maintenance (Report Road Damage or Problems) 303-441-3962

Boulder County Parks and Open Space (Mountain Bikes on Open Space) 303-678-6200

**LOCAL ADVOCACY GROUPS:**

Bicycle Colorado: 303-447-1344  
 Bike of Colorado: 303-449-4833  
 Community Cycles: 720-565-6019  
 International Mountain Biking Association: 303-545-9011

**CITY CONTACTS:**

City of Boulder: 303-441-3266  
 Town of Erie: 303-924-2700  
 City of Lovelock: 303-658-5506 (x3610)  
 City of Longmont: 303-651-8757  
 City of Louisville: 303-666-6565  
 Town of Lyons: 303-823-6622  
 Town of Nederland: 303-258-3266  
 Town of Superior: 303-554-9005

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

RTD Bike-n-Ride: 303-289-BIKE  
 Colorado Department of Transportation: 303-757-9982  
 American Cycling Association: 303-458-5538  
 Denver Regional Council of Governments: 303-480-5626  
 36Counting Solutions: 303-604-4383

Local bike/trail maps are available for many of the jurisdictions above. Contact your area office to obtain a copy.