Experienced Riders

Above Average Riders

Suitable for All

Future Bicycle Path Planned

Gravel Roads

Prairie Spirit Rail Trail

Flint Hills Nature Trail

Historical Sites

Schools
**Be Visible**

*Ride a Well-Equipped Bike* - Be sure your bike is adjusted to fit you properly. For safety and efficiency, outfit it with a bell, rear-view mirror, rack or basket, lights and reflector. Carry a water bottle, bike pump and patch kit.

*Light your Bike* - Make yourself as visible as possible. Use a strong solid beam front headlight and rear flashing light and/or red reflector at night and when visibility is poor. Wear light-colored clothes with reflective tape for extra protection. Required equipment includes, a white light visible from at least 500 feet and a red rear reflector visible from all distances 100-600 feet. Additional red rear lights are recommended.

*Hand Signals* - Use signals to tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy and self-protection.

Stop at ALL stop signs - Left - Stop - Right and Alternate Right.

**Street Markings**

*Bike Lanes* give bicyclists and motorists their own, assigned and separate spaces on the road. Bicyclists should always ride in the direction indicated by the arrow painted on the street.

*Sharrow* markings indicate that the street is planned for bike traffic, but are too narrow for separate bike lanes. Sharrows indicate to motorists and bicyclists that they must share the road and use the same space on the street as they travel.

*Bike Route* signs indicate roads with light to moderate traffic and lower speeds that are expected to have bicycle traffic and where motorists and bicyclists share the roadway.

**Be Safe**

*Wear a Helmet* - Helmets should sit flat on your head just above the eyebrows and fit snugly. Modern helmets are lightweight and affordable. Riders under 15 are required by law to wear a helmet.

*Scan the Road Around You* - Look ahead and anticipate what other traffic is likely to do. Ride with both hands ready to brake, and do not ride with headphones.

*Be Pedestrian Friendly* - Sidewalks are designed for pedestrians. It is highly recommended that you avoid riding on sidewalks, but when you do, ride with the direction of traffic and dismount and walk your bike across all intersections and driveways. On shared use paths, trails and sidewalks, give an audible warning before passing pedestrians on the left. It is your responsibility to ALWAYS yield to pedestrians!

*Position on the Road* - Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, in the same direction as traffic, except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn, or avoiding hazards. Take a position centered in the lane if the road width is too narrow for cyclists and cars to share the lane or if motor and bicycle traffic is traveling at the same speed. At intersections, proceed in line and in turn as you would in a car. Before intersections and turns, take a position in the lane that maximizes visibility and makes your intention clear.

*Use Caution when Crossing a Railroad* - Obey signs and look each way twice before crossing. Cross tracks at a right angle or as close to a right angle as possible.

**Tourist Information**

For information on tourist attractions in Franklin County, visit the:

- Franklin County Historical Society: olddepotmuseum.org
- Kansas Historical Society: khs.org
- Ottawa Main Street Association: ottawamainstreet.org
- Flint Hills Nature Trail - Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy: kanzatrails.org
- Flint Hills Nature Trail: bikeflinthills.com
- Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce: ottawakansas.org

Note: This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact Planning & Codes Department, 101 S Hickory, 2nd Floor, Ottawa, KS 66067 - (785) 229-3620

**Community Resources for Bicyclists**

- Bike Lanes
- Bike Routes
- Multi-Use Path

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