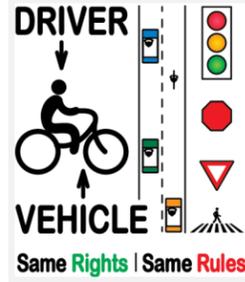


# Bicycle Etiquette and Florida Law



In Florida the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle and the bicyclist is a driver. Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways, and must obey the same traffic laws as the drivers of other vehicles. These laws include stopping for stop signs and red lights, riding with the flow of traffic, using lights at night, yielding the right-of-way when entering a roadway and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

## Bicycling on Roadways

- ◆ Bicyclists are allowed on all roadways in Florida except where specifically prohibited
- ◆ Bicyclists operating on roadways have all the **rights and responsibilities** as any other vehicle under Florida Law
- ◆ Bicyclists have the right to occupy the travel lane if the travel lane is not wide enough for the safe passage of both a vehicle and a bicycle
- ◆ A vehicle passing a bicycle must give a minimum of 3 feet of clearance to the bicyclist
- ◆ A vehicle may legally cross a double yellow line in order to pass a bicycle



# Bicycle Routes



- WL**  
Washington Loop
- BR**  
Bridges
- TG**  
Tropical Gulf
- PG**  
Punta Gorda

Washington Loop, 30 mile ride runs east from downtown past the Punta Gorda Airport on a scenic route in the countryside around Washington Loop Road and Riverside Drive

Bridges, 30 mile ride runs over 13 bridges in the Punta Gorda area including a round trip over beautiful Charlotte Harbor

31 mile ride runs south to the Webb-Babcock National Wildlife Refuge and back to historic Downtown Punta Gorda

17 mile ride runs west from Downtown Punta Gorda through the beautiful Punta Gorda Isles neighborhood, then east past Florida SouthWestern State College, and back Downtown

### Bicycling in general

- Bicycles are considered vehicles under Florida Law
- Bicycles are permitted on sidewalks under Florida Law
- Headlight and taillight is required for operation of a bicycle from dusk till dawn
- Helmets are required for any rider under 16 years old

## Fitness Zone



The **Fitness Zone(s) at Linear Park** are located between W. Retta Esplanade and W. Olympia Avenue. There are three (3) outdoor gym areas that contain multiple pieces of adult fitness equipment (17 total pieces) with activities designed to target the upper body, core, lower body and the cardiovascular system and is safe for use for persons 14 years of age and older, regardless of ability. The "Fitness Zone" (area 1) was purchased through a private donation to the City of Punta Gorda by the Punta Gorda Rotary Club. Materials and installation were supplied by Home Depot of Punta Gorda.

### Sharing the Shared-use Path

- **Respect other trail users:** joggers, walkers, wheelchairs all have trail rights Respect slower cyclists; yield to slower users Obey speed limits; they are posted for your safety
- **Announce when passing:** use a bell, horn or voice to indicate your intention to pass Warn others well in advance so you do not startle them Clearly announce "On your left" when passing
- **Yield when entering and crossing:** yield to traffic at places where the trail crosses the road Yield to other users at trail intersections Slow down before intersections and when entering the trail from the road
- **Keep right:** stay as close to the right as possible, except when passing Give yourself enough room to maneuver around any hazards Ride single file to avoid possible collisions with other trail users
- **Pass on left:** scan ahead and behind before announcing your intention to pass another user Pull out only when you are sure the lane is clear Allow plenty of room, about two bike lengths, before moving back to the right

See more at: <http://floridabicycle.org/for-path-trail/#sthash.Aq6Ggsox.dpuf>

## Public Space Amenity Gift Program



In response to requests from our Citizens and Visitors who use our Punta Gorda Pathways the City is pleased to provide the "Public Space Amenity Gift Program". This program provides you an opportunity to help "Restore, Maintain & Improve" our City's Public Spaces. Monetary contributions for public amenities make great gifts for any occasion, while investing in our City's parks, recreational trails & open spaces. These gifts provide meaningful tributes which leave a lasting legacy to a family or friend while supporting much needed City infrastructure. The program allows for the donation of a new amenity (bicycle rack, bench, fitness equipment, Bicycle Fixit, etc) to be located in a public space where none exists; the "adoption" of an existing or pre-planned amenity; or the donation of a monetary gift of any amount to be placed into the general fund which will be exclusively used for the replacement of an aging pre-existing City amenity. Sponsors will work with an Urban Planner to identify specific needs and locations.

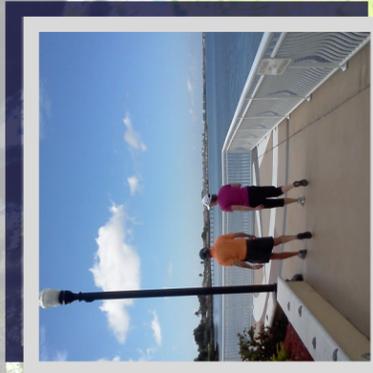
For more information regarding the donation of a "new" or "adoption" of an amenity contact the Urban Design Division at 641-575-3372 or email at [urbandesign@pgorda.us](mailto:urbandesign@pgorda.us)

To make a monetary gift of any amount, please complete the following:

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 326 W. Marion Avenue  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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## Harborwalk

Punta Gorda Harborwalk established in 2010, is situated along scenic Charlotte Harbor. The Harborwalk encompasses approximately three (3) miles of Punta Gorda Pathways. This signature feature connects East Punta Gorda at Bayfront Health to West Punta Gorda at Fishermen's Village with safe means of access under both US 41 bridges. Featured destination points along the Harborwalk include:

- ◆ Laishley Park
- ◆ Marina
- ◆ Interactive Fountain
- ◆ Veteran's Memorial Garden
- ◆ Restaurants, Shops, & Hotels
- ◆ Spirit of Punta Gorda
- ◆ Gilchrist Park
- ◆ Trabue Park
- ◆ Fishing Pier
- ◆ AC Freeman House
- ◆ Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center
- ◆ Connection to Linear Park



## Linear Park

The City's Linear Park transformed the historic railroad right-of-way, once the southern terminus of railroad service on the western coast of Florida, into a scenic trail. Connecting the Harborwalk, to the north, to US 41 at the southern end of downtown, the path traverses for approximately two (2) miles through the City's historic neighborhood district. Assessable from Linear Park Pathways are:



- ◆ Fishermen's Village
- ◆ Visual Arts Center
- ◆ Sculpture Park
- ◆ Parks That Teach
- ◆ Fitness Zone - Exercise Equipment
- ◆ Restaurants & Shops
- ◆ Connection to Harborwalk & MURT

## MURT

Approximately four (4) miles long the US 41 Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT) provides visitors and residents an opportunity to connect to neighborhoods and commercial areas south of the historic core of Punta Gorda accessing:

- ◆ Burnt Store Meadows
- ◆ Seminole Lakes
- ◆ History Park
- ◆ Punta Gorda Library
- ◆ Hounds on Henry (Dog Park)
- ◆ Muscle Car Museum
- ◆ Burnt Store Isles
- ◆ Golf Course
- ◆ YMCA
- ◆ Shopping & Dining
- ◆ Connection to Linear Park

