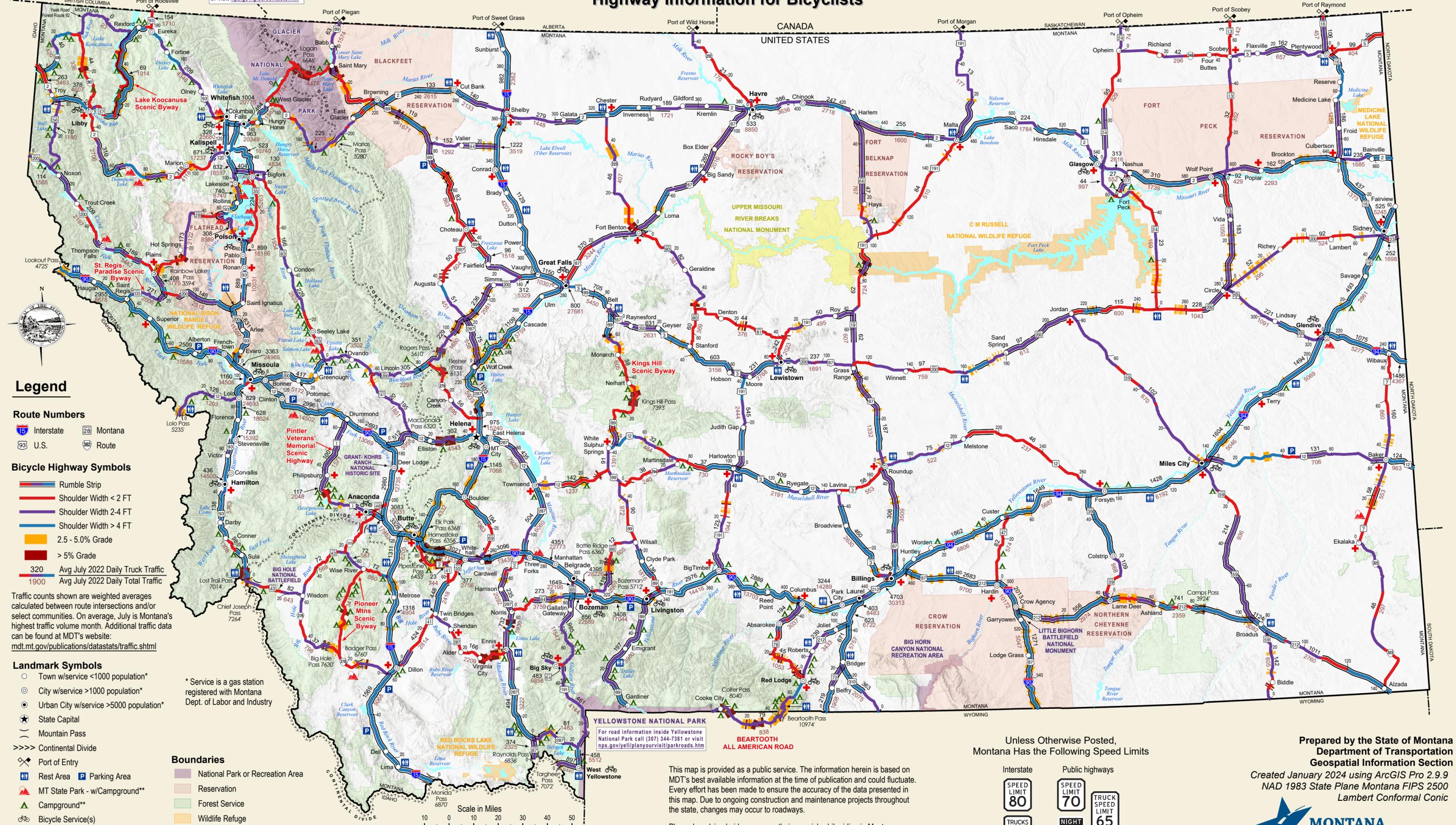


Bicycling the Big Sky

Highway Information for Bicyclists

For road information inside Glacier National Park call (406) 888-7800 or visit nps.gov/glac/contacts.htm



Legend

- Route Numbers**
- Interstate
 - Montana
 - U.S.
 - Route

Bicycle Highway Symbols

- Rumble Strip
- Shoulder Width < 2 FT
- Shoulder Width 2-4 FT
- Shoulder Width > 4 FT
- 2.5 - 5.0% Grade
- > 5% Grade
- Avg July 2022 Daily Truck Traffic
- Avg July 2022 Daily Total Traffic

Traffic counts shown are weighted averages calculated between route intersections and/or select communities. On average, July is Montana's highest traffic volume month. Additional traffic data can be found at MDT's website: mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/traffic.shtml

Landmark Symbols

- Town w/service <1000 population*
- City w/service >1000 population*
- Urban City w/service >5000 population*
- State Capital
- Mountain Pass
- Port of Entry
- Rest Area
- Parking Area
- MT State Park - w/Campground**
- Campground**
- Bicycle Service(s)
- Hospital
- National Park or Recreation Area
- Reservation
- Forest Service
- Wildlife Refuge
- National Monument

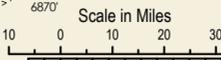
* Service is a gas station registered with Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry

Boundaries

- National Park or Recreation Area
- Reservation
- Forest Service
- Wildlife Refuge
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** Selected campgrounds within a 3 mile radius of highway

Highway Reference Markers noted every 20 miles

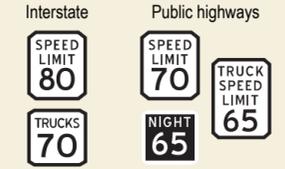


YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
For road information inside Yellowstone National Park call (307) 344-7381 or visit nps.gov/yell/plan/yourvisit/parkroads.htm

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Unless Otherwise Posted, Montana Has the Following Speed Limits



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To request a copy of this bike map visit: mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/bikeped

This map illustrates traffic volume for general reference only. These are an estimated average along the noted roadway segment. Construction detours and other events may affect traffic volumes.

There are two numbers for each road segment. The larger (red) number is the average July daily traffic volume for all classes of vehicles on that roadway segment. The smaller (black) number is the average July daily commercial truck volume on that roadway segment.

The shoulder width indicated is the width of the pavement outside the fog line. This width may contain a rumble strip. Divided highway rumble strips are typically installed on the median side (left shoulder) of the roadway and on the outside (right shoulder).

Many bridges in Montana have minimal shoulder width.

Prevailing winds for Montana are generally west to east and can be 30 to 50 mph in the plains region.

For current road conditions and construction, dial 511 in Montana, or 1-800-226-7623 out of state.

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Montana State Laws & Regulations

61-8-601. Effect of regulations.

(1) It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this part.
 (2) Subject to the exceptions stated in this part, the regulations applicable to bicycles apply whenever: (a) a bicycle or moped is operated on any highway; or (b) a bicycle is operated on any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

61-8-602. Traffic laws applicable to persons operating bicycles or mopeds.

A person operating a bicycle or moped is granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle by chapter 7, chapter 9, and this chapter except for special regulations in this part or the provisions of chapter 7, chapter 9, and this chapter that by their nature cannot apply.

61-8-603. Riding on bicycles or mopeds.

A person propelling a bicycle or moped may ride only on or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle or moped.

61-8-604. Clinging to vehicles.

A person riding on any bicycle, coaster, moped, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle may not attach the conveyance or be attached to any vehicle on a roadway, but a bicycle trailer may be attached to a bicycle.

61-8-605. Riding on roadways.

(1) A person operating a bicycle on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride in the right-hand lane of the roadway, subject to the following provisions: (a) If the right-hand lane is wide enough to be safely shared with overtaking vehicles, a bicyclist shall ride far enough to the right as judged safe by the bicyclist to facilitate the movement of overtaking vehicles unless other conditions make it unsafe to do so. (b) A bicyclist may use a lane other than the right-hand lane when: (i) overtaking and passing a slower vehicle; (ii) preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway; (iii) the right-hand lane is a dedicated right-turn lane and the bicyclist does not intend to turn right; or (iv) it is necessary to avoid a condition that makes it unsafe to ride in the right-hand lane of

the roadway.
 (2) A person operating a bicycle on a one-way roadway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as close to the left side of the roadway as judged safe by the bicyclist.
 (3) Persons riding bicycles on a roadway shall ride in single file except when: (a) riding on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles; (b) overtaking and passing another bicycle; (c) riding on a paved shoulder or in a parking lane, in which case the persons may ride two abreast; or (d) riding within a single lane on a laned roadway with at least two lanes in each direction, in which case the persons may ride two abreast only if they do not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic more than they would otherwise impede traffic by riding single file and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (4) A bicyclist is not expected or required to ride: (a) over or through hazards at the edge of a roadway, including but not limited to fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or narrow lanes; or (b) without a reasonable margin of safety on the right side of the roadway.

61-8-606. Carrying articles.

A person operating a bicycle or moped may not carry any package, bundle, or article that prevents the person from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

61-8-607. Lamps and other equipment on bicycles and mopeds.

(1) A bicycle or moped when in use at dawn, dusk, or nighttime must be equipped with: (a) a lamp on the front emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front. In lieu of a lamp affixed to the bicycle or moped, a bicyclist may use a lamp with equal intensity and visibility affixed to the cyclist's helmet and facing forward. (b) facing the rear, either a lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear or a red reflector visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear when illuminated by low-beam motor vehicle headlamps; and (c) reflective material large and reflective enough to be visible from the left and right sides from a distance of at least 500 feet when illuminated by low-beam motor vehicle headlamps.
 (2) A bicycle or moped must be equipped with a brake enabling

the operator to stop the bicycle or moped within no more than 25 feet from a speed of 10 miles an hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

61-8-608. Bicycles or mopeds on sidewalks and bike lanes.

(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3)(b), a person operating a bicycle or moped on and along a sidewalk or across a roadway on and along a crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.
 (2) A person may not ride a bicycle or moped on and along a sidewalk or across a roadway on and along a crosswalk where the use of a bicycle or moped is prohibited by official traffic control devices.
 (3)(a) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2), a person operating a vehicle by human power on and along a sidewalk or across a roadway on and along a crosswalk has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances. (b) A moped may be operated on and along a sidewalk or a bicycle path only under human propulsion and may not be operated on or along a sidewalk or bicycle path if the moped is under power from an independent power source. (c) A moped may be operated under human propulsion or an independent power source on a highway, in a designated bicycle lane on a highway, or on the shoulder of a highway.

61-8-609. Bicycle or moped racing -- when lawful.

(1) Bicycle or moped racing on a highway is prohibited except as authorized in this section.
 (2) Bicycle or moped racing on a highway is lawful when a racing event is approved by state or local authorities on any highway under their respective jurisdictions. Approval of bicycle or moped highway racing events may be granted only under conditions that ensure reasonable safety for all race participants, spectators, and other highway users and that prevent unreasonable interference with traffic flow.
 (3) By agreement with the approving authority, participants in an approved bicycle or moped highway racing event may be exempted from compliance with any traffic laws otherwise applicable if traffic control is adequate to ensure the safety of all highway users.




Tips for Bicyclists




Obey the Law

A bicycle is a legal vehicle with the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle.



Obey Traffic Signs

Bicyclists must follow all traffic rules, including stopping at signals and stop signs.



Stay Visible

Use a front light and rear light when riding at night. Increase visibility by wearing bright colors.



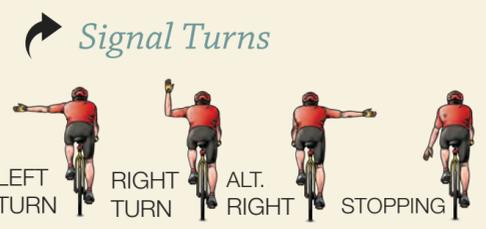
Protect Your Head

Always wear helmets. Properly fitted helmets save lives and reduce injuries!



Ride on the Right, Single File

Bicyclists operating at less than the normal speed of traffic should ride as far to the right side of the roadway as possible unless passing another vehicle preparing for a left turn or avoiding an unsafe roadway condition or hazard. Ride single file and NEVER ride against traffic.



Additional Resources

MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM
 800-847-4868
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MT HIGHWAY PATROL
 406-444-3780

MONTANA STATE PARKS
 406-444-3750
 Reserve a campsite:
 855-922-6768
stateparks.mt.gov

USFS NORTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE
 406-329-3511
recreation.gov

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
 406-888-7800
nps.gov/glac/

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
 307-344-7381
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