

CENTRAL PRINCETON

On-Street Safety

If you are cycling in the street, you are a vehicle and are granted all the rights and subject to all of the duties of the motor vehicle driver. You must obey all traffic regulations, including stop signs and traffic signals.

- Look all around: cars may not be looking for you, and cars crossing your path are your biggest hazard. Avoid blind spots on buses and trucks.
- State law says: travel in the same direction as motor traffic. This also means obeying one-ways.
- Stay four feet out from parked cars, to avoid the "door zone."
- Signal turns using standard hand signals.



- Princeton ordinances say: **Bike single file** in the street. Don't take the whole lane unless you need to for safety.
- Just bike.** Listening to headphones, texting, or talking on your phone reduce your connection to the world around you.
- If you use a crosswalk to cross a street safely, **dismount and walk** your bike across.

Bikes and Pedestrians

- Specific sidewalks downtown are off-limits to bikes (see walk-only dashed lines --- on the map at right).
- Bikes on the street yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, the same as motor vehicles.
- Respect pedestrians on shared paths: signal before you pass from behind, and yield at all times—it's the law. If necessary, dismount and walk your bike.
- No motorized bicycles on sidewalks or sidepaths.
- Feet on pedals, hands on handlebars. No trick riding or more people on a bike than it is built to carry.

Sharrows

- Sharrows are pavement markings on roads where bikes and motor vehicles need to share the road. The peaks of the chevrons at the top of a sharrow indicate an ideal path for bicycles to use on these roads.



Safe gear

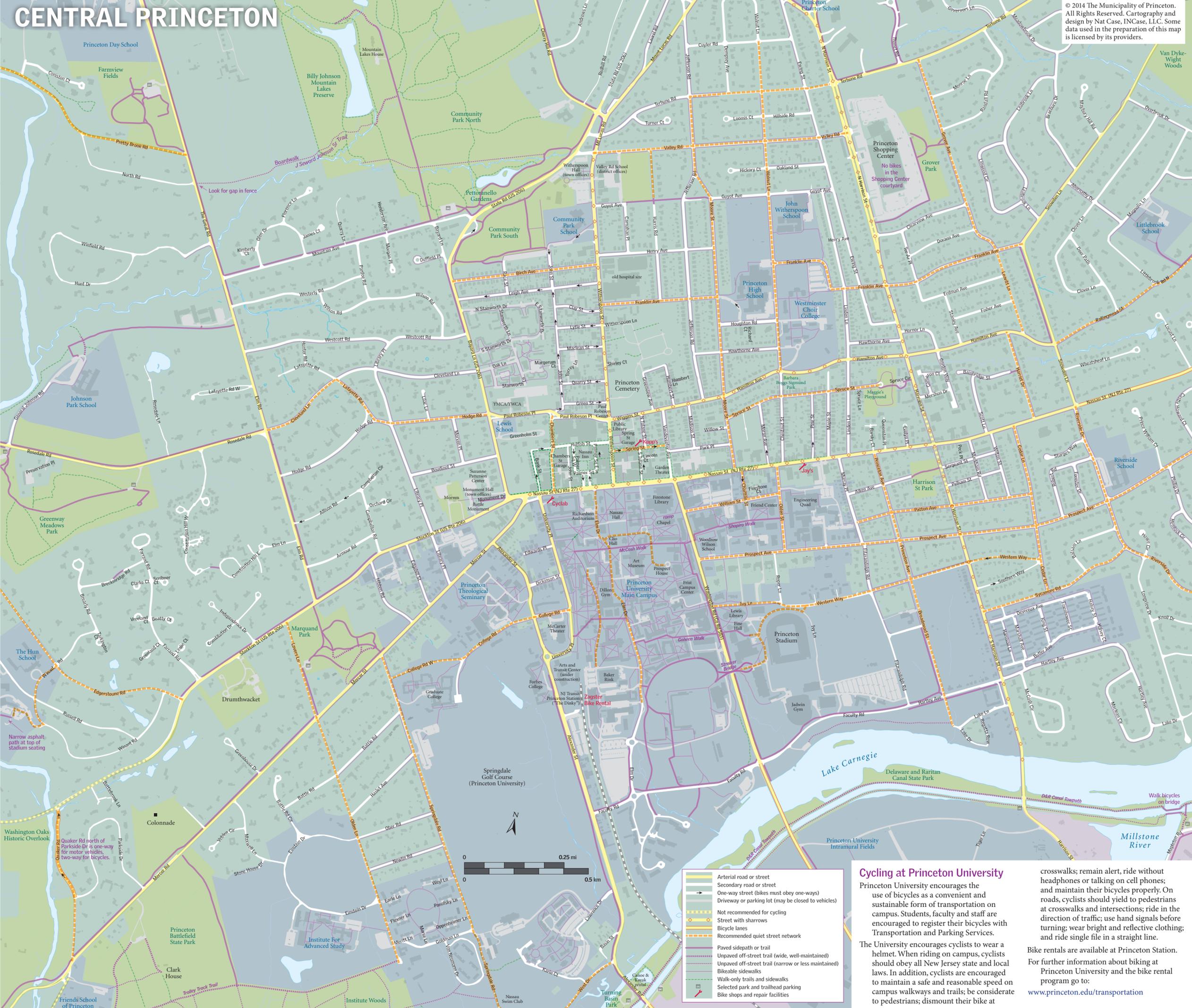
- A bike with working brakes and properly inflated tires will be easier to handle and respond to changing conditions.
- Wearing a helmet reduces chance of injury or death if you are in an accident, and is required by law for cyclists under 17.
- Lights front and back are required by state law after dark, and can grab drivers' attention at other times too.
- You must have a bell or other audible warning device.
- Dressing in bright or reflective colors so drivers see you, and wearing shoes and clothing that don't get caught in equipment, can also keep you safer.

Safe Parking

- Don't leave your bike unlocked. Bike theft in Princeton is rare, but it literally takes seconds to steal an unlocked bike.
- Record your bike's serial number and a keep a photo of your bike in a safe place.
- To report a stolen bicycle, call Princeton Access at 609-924-4141.

Bike to School

Regular bike rides to and from school are a great way to build confidence and healthy exercise habits. There are bike racks at all district schools. For ideas on safe walks and bike rides to school, visit the Greater Mercer TMA at www.gmtma.org/pg-schools-safe-routes-to-school.php.



	Arterial road or street
	Secondary road or street
	One-way street (bikes must obey one-ways)
	Driveway or parking lot (may be closed to vehicles)
	Not recommended for cycling
	Street with sharrows
	Bicycle lanes
	Recommended quiet street network
	Paved sidepath or trail
	Unpaved off-street trail (wide, well-maintained)
	Unpaved off-street trail (narrow or less maintained)
	Bikeable sidewalks
	Walk-only trails and sidewalks
	Selected park and trailhead parking
	Bike shops and repair facilities

Cycling at Princeton University

Princeton University encourages the use of bicycles as a convenient and sustainable form of transportation on campus. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to register their bicycles with Transportation and Parking Services. The University encourages cyclists to wear a helmet. When riding on campus, cyclists should obey all New Jersey state and local laws. In addition, cyclists are encouraged to maintain a safe and reasonable speed on campus walkways and trails; be considerate to pedestrians; dismount their bike at

crosswalks; remain alert, ride without headphones or talking on cell phones; and maintain their bicycles properly. On roads, cyclists should yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections; ride in the direction of traffic; use hand signals before turning; wear bright and reflective clothing; and ride single file in a straight line. Bike rentals are available at Princeton Station. For further information about biking at Princeton University and the bike rental program go to: www.princeton.edu/transportation