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Photo © Bike Walk Savannah, taken at the newly completed Truman Linear Park Trail section between Derenne Ave. and Lake Mayer.

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#### surroundings.

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This guide highlights recommended bicycling routes and identifies streets where high motor vehicle speeds and other conditions make riding a bike difficult. It is also meant to educate people on state laws related to bicycling along with local ordinances that restrict bicycling in certain areas. This guide can be used as reference for sreas. This guide can be used as reference for areas. This guide can be used as reference for somfortable walking routes in Savannah.





### Savannah is a great place to ride a bike for transportation or recreation. Or both!

Because of the city's warm climate and flat terrain, people of all ages and abilities can ride bikes year round. In the National Landmark District and other historic neighborhoods, parks and squares calm traffic and moss draped oaks and stately architecture provide a picturesque backdrop for bicycling. People from all over the world come to Savannah to ride bikes, either with friends and family or with organized tours.



Bicycling is popular with residents, as well. Savannah has the second highest rate of bicycle commuting in Georgia and is No. 9 in the South for the percentage of its population that gets to work by bike.

Savannah has been a Bicycle Friendly Community since 2013, earning bronze-level status from the League of American Bicyclists. This was renewed in 2017.

For more information and to help make Savannah better for bicycling, visit bikewalksavannah.org.

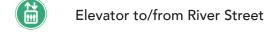
# **SYMBOLS**







**Public Restrooms** 



Connect on the **dot** — this free express shuttle provides loops around downtown and Forsyth Park. Visit **connectonthedot.com** for more information.

#### **BIKING AMENITIES**





**Sharrows Painted on Street** 



Bicycle Repair Station



Bike Rack Visit bikewalksavannah.org/routes for locations

East Coast Greenway (greenway.org)

Bike Shop Electric Bikes of Savannah

326 Bull St. Perry Rubber Bike Shop Savannah on Wheels

106 W Gwinnett St. MORE BIKE SHOPS LISTED ON REVERSE

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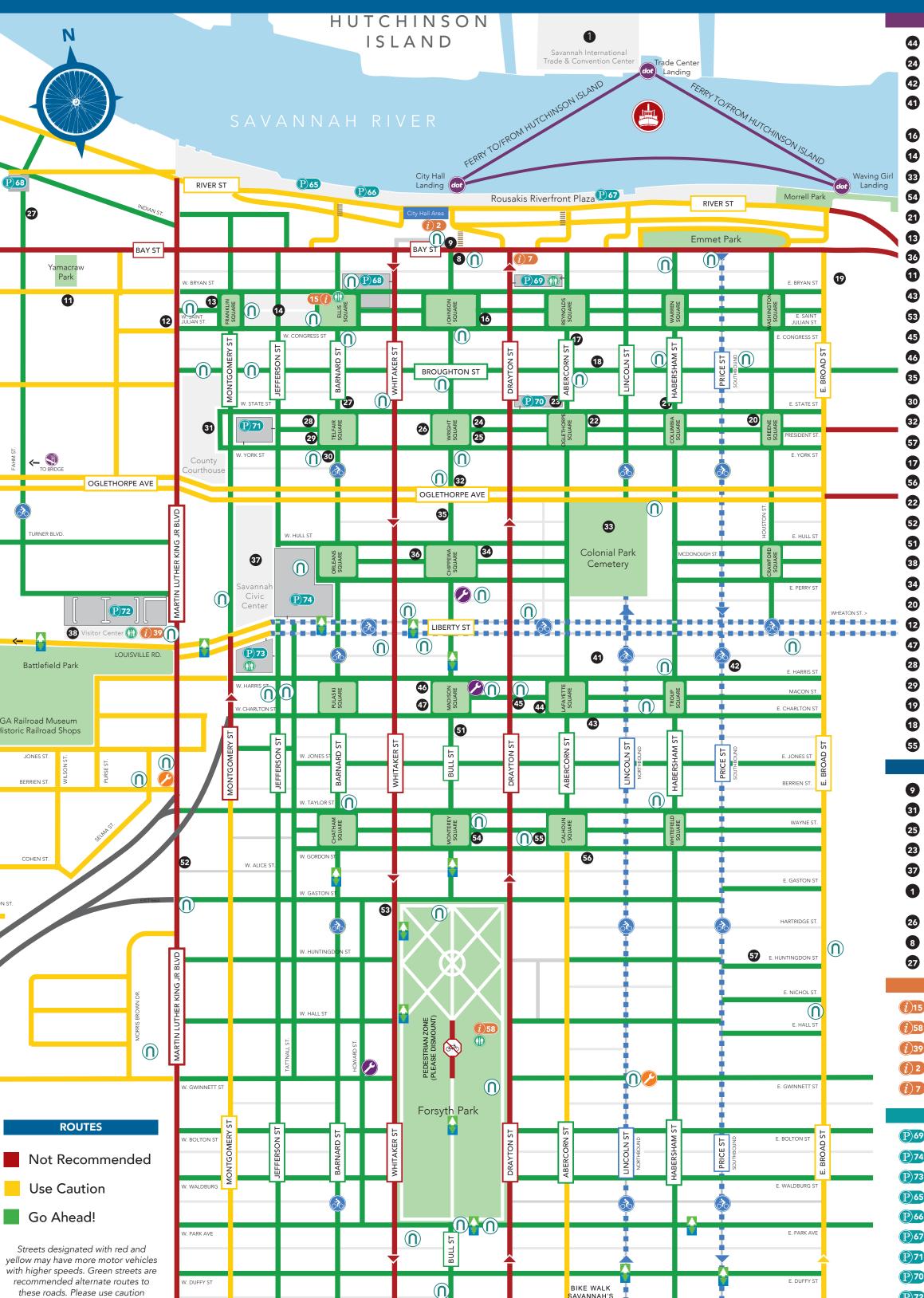
### **CENTRAL SAVANNAH**

Bull St. Library 2002 Bull St.

Carnegie Library 537 E. Henry St.

W.W. Law Library 909 E. Bolton St.

West Broad Library 1110 May St.



#### **CULTURAL DESTINATIONS**

Andrew Low House

Ascension Lutheran Church Beach Institute

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Christ Church 14

City Market Colonial Park Cemetery

Cong. Mickve Israel

Davenport House First African Baptist Church

First Baptist Church First Bryan Baptist Church Flannery O'Connor Home

**GA Historical Society** Girl Scout First HQ

Green-Meldrim House

Independent Presby. Church

Jepson Center Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

King-Tisdell Cottage Lucas Theatre

Massie Heritage Center

Owens-Thomas House RMG Civil Rights Museum

SCAD Welcome Center Savannah Hist. Museum

Savannah Theatre

Second African Baptist Ships of the Sea Museum

St. John's Episcopal Telfair Museum of Art

Trinity U. M. Church Trustees Garden

Trustees Theatre

Wesley Monumental UMC

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES** City Hall

County Courthouse

County Government Complex Metro. Planning Commission

Savannah Civic Center Savannah International

Trade & Convention Center U.S. Courthouse

U.S. Custom House

U.S. Post Office

### **VISITOR SERVICES**

Visitor Center at Ellis Square Visitor Center at Forsyth Park Visitor Center at MLK Boulevard

Visitor Center at River Street

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#### **PUBLIC PARKING AREAS**

Bryan St. Garage

P74 Civic Center Parking Lot

Liberty St. Garage River Street West Lot 1

River Street West Lot 2

River Street East Lot

Robinson Garage State St. Garage

Visitor Center Lot at MLK

Whitaker St. Garage

### KNOW BEFORE YOU RIDE

Bicycles are vehicles and have the same rights and responsibilities on public streets as motor vehicles.

Sidewalk bicycling is illegal for anyone over the age of 12 in Georgia. In fact, bicyclists are safest and most visible when they travel on the roadway, not the sidewalk.

It is against local ordinance to ride through city squares. A dismount zone is also enforced in the center of Forsyth Park. Bicyclists are required to walk their bikes through this portion of the park. Bicyclists are permitted to ride on the path on the perimeter of the park.

Bicyclists may lawfully ride two abreast. However, it shows common courtesy to ride single file when traffic is attempting to pass.

Never ride against traffic, even when in a designated bike lane. Ride in the right hand traffic lane with the flow of traffic when practicable.

Bicyclists can – and should – take the whole travel lane where there are poor road conditions, such as debris or potholes, or if the street is too narrow to share safely.

Motor vehicles must provide at least three feet of safe distance when passing or following a bicyclist.

Make sure to use extra caution around large vehicles like trucks, buses and trolleys.

Be predictable, visible and cautious, and you will enjoy safe, relaxing rides in Savannah!

### SAFE CYCLING STRATEGIES

- Always obey traffic signs and signals.
- Be predictable.
- Signal your intentions.
- Ride on the right-hand side of the street when practicable, which means if you can do it safely.
- Yield when changing lanes.
- Position yourself in the lane based on your destination; for example, ride on the left side of the lane if you are making a left turn.
- Wear a helmet. Helmets are required by law for children under 16.

#### **Defensive Bicycling**

Bicycles are small, and motorists can be distracted by any number of factors. Never assume a motorist sees you!

- Make eye contact.
- Proceed cautiously through intersections.
- Pay attention! If you ride with earphones, make sure the volume is low enough that you can still hear your surroundings.

### Lights and Visibility

**Multi-Use Paths** 

Being seen is the single best thing a bicyclist can do to avoid a crash with another vehicle. The law requires front white lights and a red rear light/ reflector at night, but this equipment is also valuable on shady streets, on cloudy days, and in any lowlight situation. High visibility clothing is very important - even in sunny conditions! For nighttime riding, reflective tape or fabric is also strongly recommended.

Paved or unpaved, multi-use paths are used by

people walking, jogging or bicycling. On multi-

use paths, bicyclists can endanger other users

due to their relative size and speed. Whenever

#### **Predictability**

Put a Lock on it!

Traffic laws are designed to create predictable behavior, but because bicycles are much smaller than motor vehicles, there is more roadway space in which to operate. Weaving in and out of the travel lane is not predictable and confuses other road users. Riding in a predictable, straight line will significantly reduce the odds of a crash.

Traveling by bike is fun and safe when you know the rules of the road and follow safety precautions. Inspect your bike by checking your tires, brakes and chain before you hit the roads. If you are unsure of your bike's condition, take it to a bike shop!

The best way to prevent bicycle theft is by locking

downtown area. Tips to keeping your bike safe:

• Buy the best lock you can afford.

the best protection.

bike rack locations

your bicycle to one of the many racks located in the

A U-lock in combination with a chain lock offers

If you cannot find a bike rack, lock your bike

not impeed the travel of pedestrians or

Visit bikewalksavannah.org/routes for a list of

persons with disabilities. Do not lock to trees!

to a sturdy strcture in a well-lit area that does

### riding on a multi-use path, always:

- Ride on the right and pass on the left. Announce your intentions with a bike bell or a friendly "Passing on your left!"
- Slow down or dismount if the path is congested and always yield to pedestrians.

### HELP, THERE WAS A CRASH!

If you are involved in or witness a crash involving a bicyclist, motor vehicle driver, or pedestrian, please call the Savannah Police Department at 911 or 912-652-6500 to provide information

you see roadway conditions that are hazardous people who bike, walk, or drive, and you think the City of Savannah will want to address, please call 311. Make sure to get a report number!

## **ABOUT BIKE WALK SAVANNAH**

### Bike Walk Savannah is a non-profit membership organization working to redefine our city as a place

for people — no matter their mode of transportation. Bike Walk Savannah promotes people-powered mobility and works toward an equitable environment for biking and walking in Savannah. We seek a connected community that is inclusive and vibrant with welcoming places to bike and walk.

### Join us throughout the year for:

- Family-friendly bicycle rides;
- Neighborhood walking groups;
- Bicycle education classes;
- Free bicycle valet at community events;
- Volunteering to repair donated bicycles to redistribute throughout the community.

AND SO MUCH MORE!

SUPPORT PEOPLE-POWERED MOBILITY IN SAVANNAH — BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Stop in and see us at 1301 A. Lincoln St., at the corner of Lincoln and Henry Streets.

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