

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

1. Stay alert and focus on your surroundings: riders, cars, traffic signs and signals, animals, UFO's.
2. Look ahead to avoid surprises and observe notables: potholes, dead things, 20 dollar bills.
3. Ride as far to the right side of the road as is safely possible to give vehicles room to pass.
4. Follow the rules of the road. Then remember that's not enough. Expect the unexpected even at safe spots like green lights and x-walks. Grandpa always said, "The cemetery is full of people who had the right of way."
5. If you need to stop, move completely off the road onto the shoulder. Don't be like that person in the grocery blocking the whole aisle while selecting a flavor of Jello.
6. Cross railroad tracks by slowing and taking time to position your bike perpendicular to the rails if possible without leaning, checking traffic behind you first. New to riding? You can always hop off the bike and walk across if you prefer.

GROUP RIDING TIPS

1. Look out for each other. Communicate. "Car back!" "Glass!" "Runner up!" Signal and call out slowing, stopping, turning or anything you can see that another rider might not: debris, cars, RR tracks, potholes, deer, people dancing naked, etc.
2. Give the rider in front enough space in case they swallow a bug, get a flat, or suddenly dodge the people dancing naked in the road. Don't overlap wheels.
3. Ride predictably, avoiding sudden turns and stops. Others are expecting you to maintain a steady pace and ride in a straight line. Save your creative moves for other clubs' rides, not ours.
4. Pass other riders only on the left and scream, "On your left!" Kidding. Just announce it nicely.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

1. "Share" is the key word.
2. Slow when approaching others. Don't startle babies and owners of fluffy dogs.
3. "On your left!" "Good Morning!" "Walker up!" "Pretty dog!" Alerts both other trail users and riders behind you that you're approaching others on the trail.
4. Make new friends vs new Strava segment PR's. Say hi. Wave.

OVERALL

Be cautious and courteous and use common sense. Respect all other road and path users.