



Share the Road

The Natchez Trace Parkway is a popular bicycling route, attracting thousands of cyclists each year. However, the Parkway is also a favorite with millions of visitors in vehicles. Here are some tips to make sharing the road safer and more enjoyable.



Safety Guidelines for Cyclists

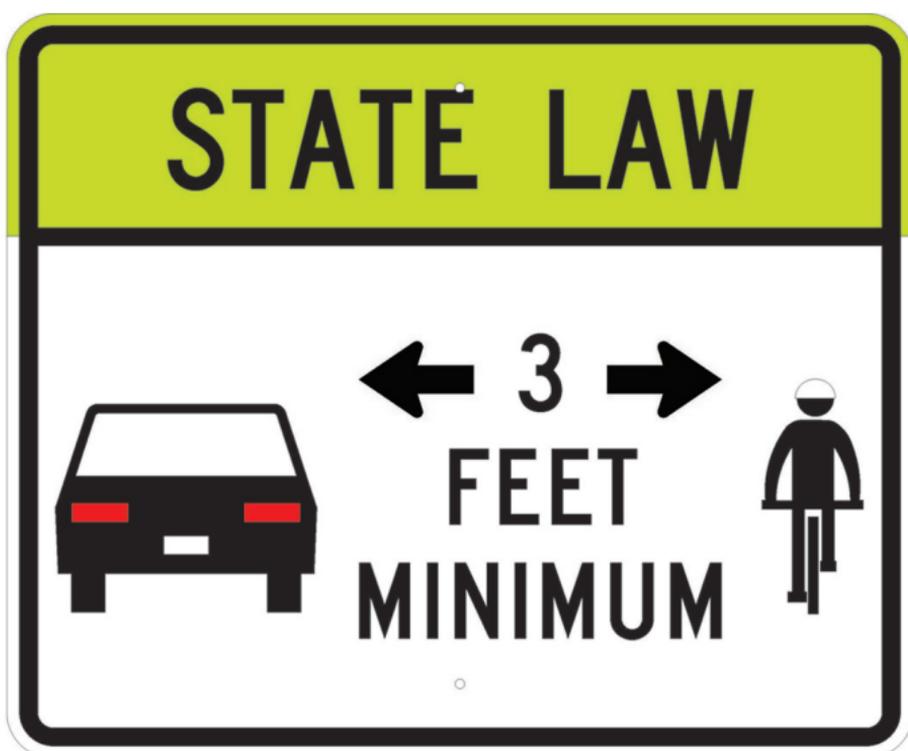
- Follow the same rules of the road as motorists. Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers.
- Ride single-file and on the right (with traffic) at all times. Use hand signals to let motorists know what you will be doing next.
- Avoid the Tupelo, MS, and Jackson, MS, areas during weekday rush hours due to the high volume of vehicle traffic.
- Plan to be off of the Parkway between sundown and sunup. Use lights and reflectors in low-light conditions.
- Wear brightly-colored, high-visibility clothing and a properly fitting helmet. Carry identification and emergency medical information.
- Treat pedestrians with the same courtesy you would expect from motorists.
- Report all incidents involving cyclists or pedestrians to the Natchez Trace Parkway at 800-305-7417. In emergency situations, call 911.



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Safety Guidelines for Motorists

- Bicycles are considered vehicles, and bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. Please treat cyclists with the same courtesy as you would another vehicle.
- Give a cyclist at least 3 feet of space when you pass, and ensure that the oncoming traffic lane is clear of other vehicles before you pull out of your lane. It is legal to cross the center line after ensuring that the oncoming traffic lane is clear.



- Avoid blowing your horn at a cyclist. This could startle the cyclist, causing a loss of balance and possibly an accident.
- Harassing a cyclist in any way is illegal and could cause a major accident. The Parkway is designed for leisurely travel, so slow down and enjoy the view until you can safely pass.
- Distracted or impaired driving can kill. Pull over in a safe spot to use a cell phone or send a text message.

More Information.

The Natchez Trace Parkway has information specifically for cyclists. To receive a bicycling information packet, please contact us.

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