

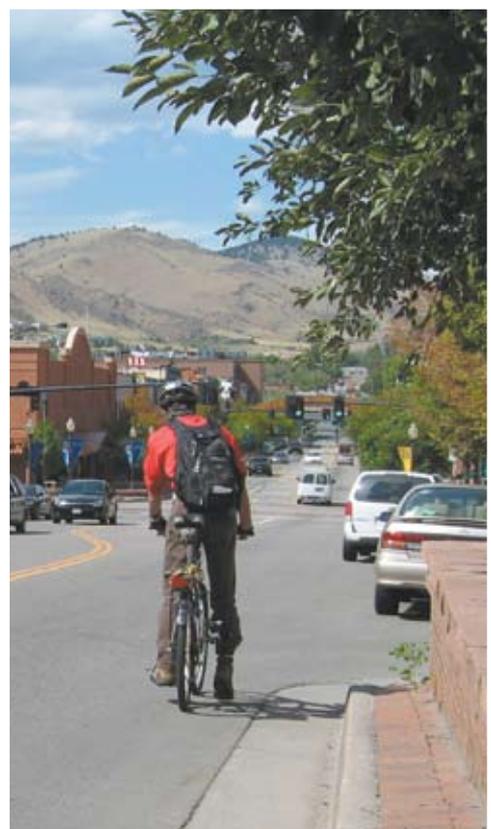
Bike Golden!

Biking Tours: A guide to discovering cycling in and around Golden.





Cycling in Golden has long been a popular activity for residents and visitors alike, whether for recreation or transportation. Numerous off street paths serve the City and connect it to the region, and mountain biking trails that begin in Golden abound. Please see www.cityofgolden.net and search “trails” for more information. The purpose of this map and brochure is to help get you started in your discovery of cycling in Golden by providing a few suggested routes. For more information on bike related topics in Golden, please go to www.cityofgolden.net/bike or email bike@cityofgolden.net.





Historic Golden Bike Tour: an easy to moderate ride through the heart of Golden that takes you through three historic residential districts and the commercial center of town (approx. 3 miles, 40 feet elevation gain).

- Start at the Golden Community Center upper lot on 8th Street, across from Elm Circle
- Take 8th Street east into the 8th and 9th Street Historic District and make a left on Cheyenne Street, then a right on 7th Street and another right on Arapahoe Street.
- Stay on Arapahoe Street and make a right on 9th Street.
- Follow 9th Street for three blocks west and make a left on Maple Street.
- Turn left on 10th Street and head east along 10th Street to Washington Avenue.
- Take a right on Washington Avenue, Cross the bridge into the commercial heart of Golden.
- Follow Washington Avenue to 13th Street, where you will make a left.
- Make a right on East Street and head South through the East Street Historic District.
- Turn right on 24th Street, and make a quick right onto Ford Street heading north.
- Take Ford Street north to 13th Street and make a left onto 13th Street.
- From 13th Street, make a right turn on Cheyenne and a quick left on 12th Street.
- Follow 12th Street west for two blocks past some of Golden’s most historically significant homes and make a right on Maple Street.
- From Maple Street make a right on 11th Street and make a left across the Billy Drew Pedestrian/Bike Bridge over Clear Creek.
- Continue straight across the parking lot and back on to Illinois Street north to 8th Street.
- Make a left on 8th Street back to the upper lot of the Golden Community Center.



North Golden Loop: a moderate to difficult ride with some climbing (approx. 3.5 miles, 240 feet elevation gain).

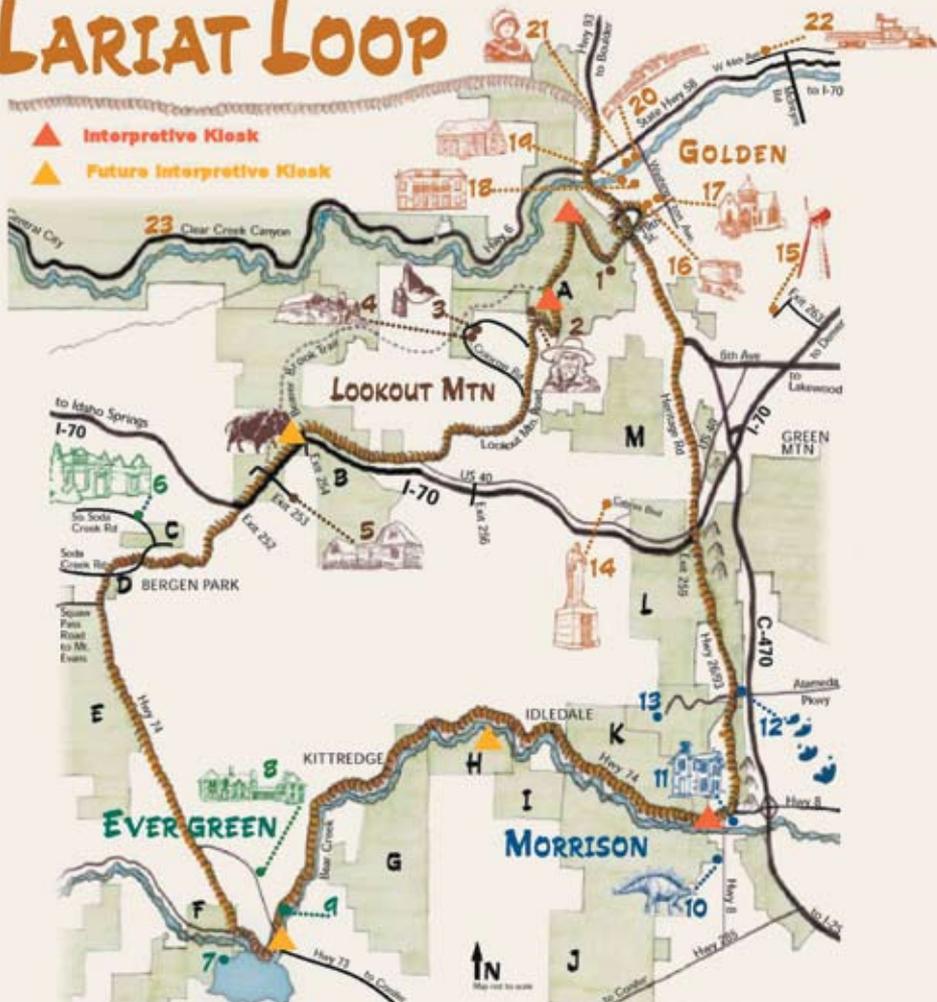
- Begin at the Golden Library parking lot, and cross over the Billy Drew Pedestrian/Bike Bridge and turn left (east).
- Continue east along the Clear Creek Trail (approx half a mile) until it turns north and merges with the Tucker Gulch Trail.
- Stay on the Tucker Gulch Trail, which is a steady but moderate climb for a little over a mile, cross Ford Street and continue along the trail past the park until it connects to the Highway 93 Trail.
- Stay on the shared path along Rubey Drive as you descend toward 5th Street, where you will remain on the trail as it crosses the road and heads toward a small circular park, which you will ride around (either direction) to continue along the trail.
- Remain on the shared path as it continues south through switchbacks, across the pedestrian/bike bridge over Highway 58, around the City's water treatment ponds and back to the Clear Creek Trail and the Golden Library parking lot.



South Golden Loop: a moderate to difficult ride with some climbing (approx. 3.5 miles, 200 feet elevation gain).

- Begin at the Golden Library parking lot, and cross south over the Billy Drew Pedestrian/Bike Bridge.
- After crossing the bridge, continue straight (south) onto Illinois Street.
- Illinois Street will take you through the 12th Street Historic District, then through the Colorado School of Mines campus and across 19th Street.
- Continue along Illinois Street south of 19th Street and get on the shared use path, which continues south, uphill, until it merges with the Highway 6 Trail.
- Turn right on the Highway 6 Trail and head back north for the return trip (to be completed Summer 2009).
- Cross the pedestrian/bike bridge over Clear Creek and turn right (east) on the Clear Creek Trail and back to the Golden Library parking lot.

LARIAT LOOP

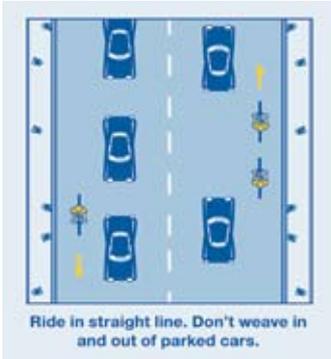


Lariat Loop (Lookout Mountain): a very scenic ride with a lot of climbing (approx. 40 miles, 3,000 feet elevation gain).

- Begin at 19th Street and Highway 6 and follow the signs up Lookout Mountain Road for several miles and down the other side.
- Continue southwest down to US 40 and onto I-70 at Genesee
- The Loop continues on SH 74 from El Rancho through Evergreen and east to Morrison
- From Morrison, take Hogback Road north to Highway 40 and up Heritage Road, and continue north to Highway 6.
- Turn left at Highway 6 and ride north along the shared use path (on the east side of the road) to 19th Street where the loop began.

Rules of the Road

Cyclists must obey all the rules of the road, just like motor vehicles, and should always wear a helmet.

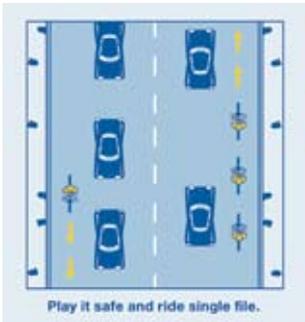
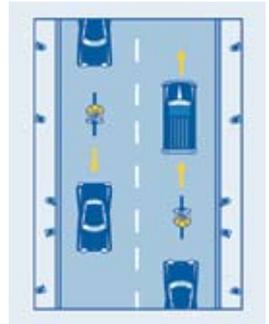


Ride on the right

Riding on the right doesn't mean hugging the curb or edge of the road. It means riding as far right as practicable and still being safe from debris, obstacles and traffic.

When to take a lane

A bicyclist may take the travel lane where traffic is slow and the lane is narrow, there is no shoulder or bike lane, when approaching an intersection, or if you are moving at the same speed as the flow of traffic. Moving to the center of the lane establishes your position and prevents motorists from passing until there's enough room.



Ride Single File

Play it safe and ride single file. This provides more room to maneuver and allows other bicyclists and motorists to pass. However, you may ride two abreast if you're not impeding the normal flow of traffic; or when you're riding on a facility exclusive to bicycles.

Courtesy of CDOT - www.dot.state.co.us/BikePed/BikePedManual.htm



Share the Path

Bicyclists are welcome on shared use paths, but should always be courteous toward pedestrians. Warn pedestrians of your approach from behind, adjust your speed to match the situation, and keep a safe distance when passing to avoid alarming those walking on the path.



Golden Bike Shops

Peak Cycles

1224 Washington Avenue,
Suite #145
303-216-1616

Big Ring Cycles

600 12th Street
303-216-2000

Golden Bike Shop

722 Washington Avenue,
Suite #2
303-278-6545

Pedal Pushers Cyclery

2401 Ford Street

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