### About the OKI Bike Routes Guides

The OKI Bike Route Guides are a series of maps published by OKI Region Council of Governments in Cincinnati, Ohio. These guides provide maps of bicycle routes in the region, including routes in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and West Virginia. The guides are intended to help cyclists find safe and enjoyable routes for their rides. The guides cover a wide range of topics, including traffic laws and regulations, safety tips, and route descriptions.

### Basic Principles of Bicycle Safety

#### Traffic Safety

- **Traffic Principles**: Cyclists must obey the same traffic laws as motorists. For example, cyclists should always ride on the right side of the road and obey traffic signals, signs, and markings.
- **Wear a Helmet**: It is recommended to wear a helmet while cycling, as it can significantly reduce the risk of injury in case of an accident.
- **Yield to Traffic in Destination Lane**: When you enter a lane, you must yield to traffic in the lane that you are joining.
- **Use Bicycle on the Right Side of the Road**: Share the road with motor vehicles and always use the designated bike lanes when available.

#### Bicycle Safety

- **Be Visible**: Cyclists should take responsibility for standing out in traffic, making eye contact with drivers, and using hand signals to indicate their intentions.
- **Ride in the Right Third of the Lane**: Generally, ride in the right third of the lane to be more visible to other road users.
- **Ride Your Bike on the Right Side of the Road**: Always stay in your designated bike lane or on the right side of the road when possible.

#### Motorcycle Safety

- **Use Hand Signals**: Hand signals are essential for communication with other road users and should be used to indicate turns, stops, and changes in direction.
- **Yield to Traffic in the New Lane or Line of Travel**: When you make a turn or change lanes, you must yield to traffic in the new lane or line of travel.
- **Keep Control of Your Bicycle**: Be in control of your bicycle at all times, as it can be a danger to yourself and others.

### Ohio River Crossing

- **Rules for Motorists Concerning Bicyclists**

  - **Yield to Traffic**: Yield to traffic in the new lane or line of travel.
  - **Keep Control of Your Bicycle**: Be in control of your bicycle at all times.
  - **Obey the Instructions of Official Traffic-Control Signals Pertaining to All Highway Users**: Follow the instructions of official traffic-control signals.
  - **Give an Audible Signal**: Give an audible signal (bell, horn, or voice) before passing a cyclist.
  - **Cross the Road at Crosswalks**: Cross the road at crosswalks.
  - **Use Designated Bicycle Lanes**: Use designated bicycle lanes when available.

### Ohio River Crossing Routes

- **Cincinnati Ferry**
  - **Operates**: Monday-Friday
  - **Fees**: Bicycle $1.00
  - **Restrictions**: Any vehicle over 20' 8" in length, or any vehicle over 12' 6" in width, prohibited.

- **Twin City Orta Ferry**
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- **Walk Your Bike**
  - **Walk your bike to Vine and 3rd Streets using the sidewalks provided.**
  - **Use the ramps and follow signs to Theodore M. Berry Way.**

### Other Information

- **Be Considerate of Other Road Users**: Share the road with other road users and be considerate of their needs.
- **Give the Cyclist a Little Room**: Maintain a safe distance from cyclists, as they may require extra room.

### Further Information

- **Ohio River Crossing Information**
  - **Contact**: 513-621-6300
  - **Website**: [OKI website](http://www.oki.org)

### Conclusion

Cycling is a fun and healthy way to explore the beauty of the Ohio River region. With proper planning and safety measures, cyclists can enjoy a safe and enjoyable ride along the Ohio River.

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**Traffic tips**

- **Ride the Right Side of the Road**: Always ride on the right side of the road. This is the legal and safest place to ride.
- **Use Hand Signals**: Use hand signals to communicate your intentions to other road users.
- **Yield to Traffic**: Yield to traffic in the new lane or line of travel.
- **Use a Helmet**: Always wear a helmet for your safety.

**Bicycle Laws**

- **Never use Intoxication and Parkways for cycling**
- **Use hand signals to communicate your actions to other vehicles**
- **Lawn and garden equipment is not a bicycle**
- **Keep Control of Your Bicycle**
- **Yield to traffic in the new lane or line of travel**
- **Use designated bicycle lanes when available**
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**Rearview Mirrors**

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