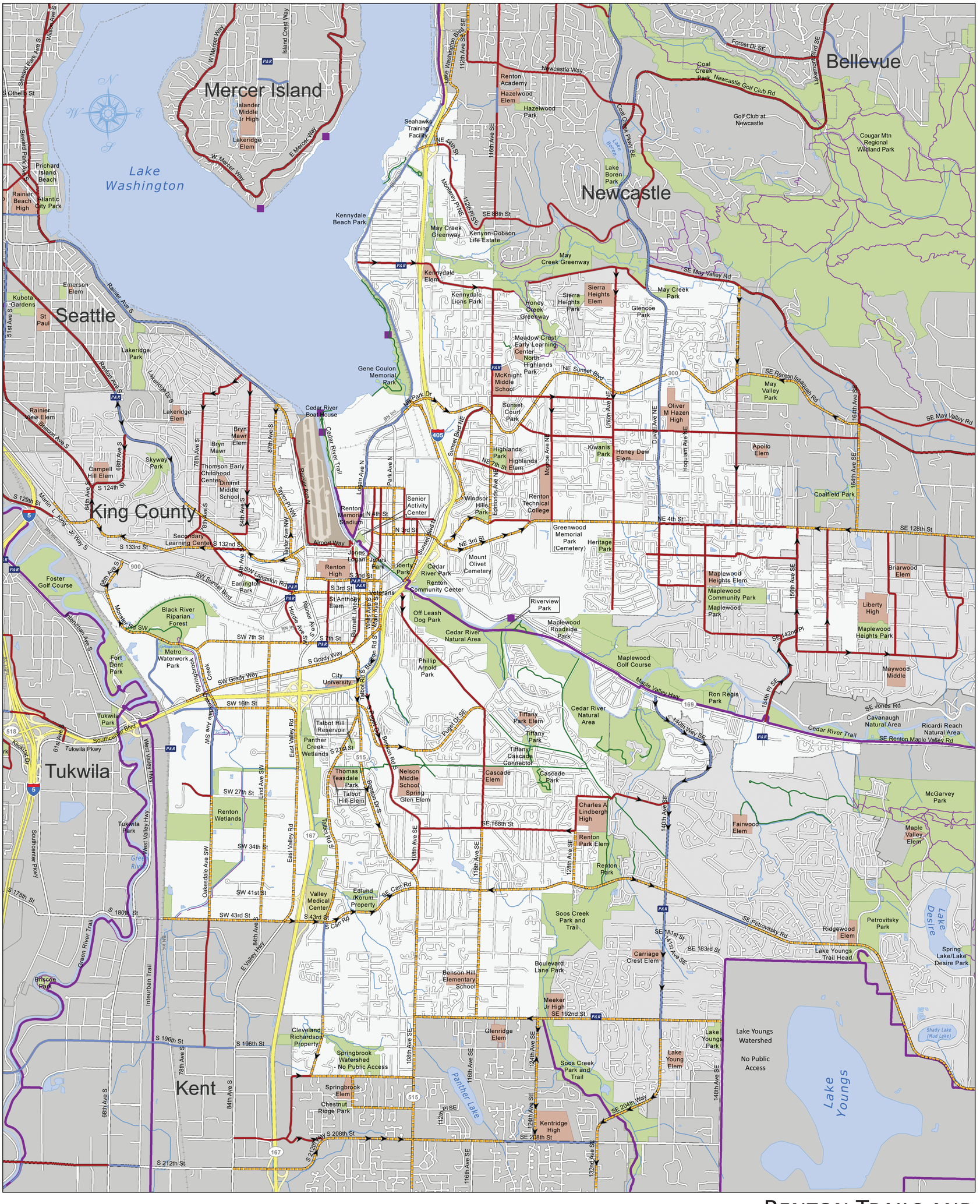

Renton Trails and Bikeways Map

A Guide to Getting Around Renton on Foot and by Bike

Bikeway Type

- Roadway with high vehicle volume/speed, no shoulder or curb lane
- Bicycle Lane
- Roadway with lower vehicle volume/speed and/or wide shoulder or curb lane

Trail Type

- Pedestrian Only
- Separated - Local
- Separated - Regional
- Water Trails - Launch/Landing
- Steep Grade Markers

Arrows indicate direction of climb

- School
- Parks or Open Spaces
- Hospital
- Renton Potential Annexation Area
- Other Jurisdictions

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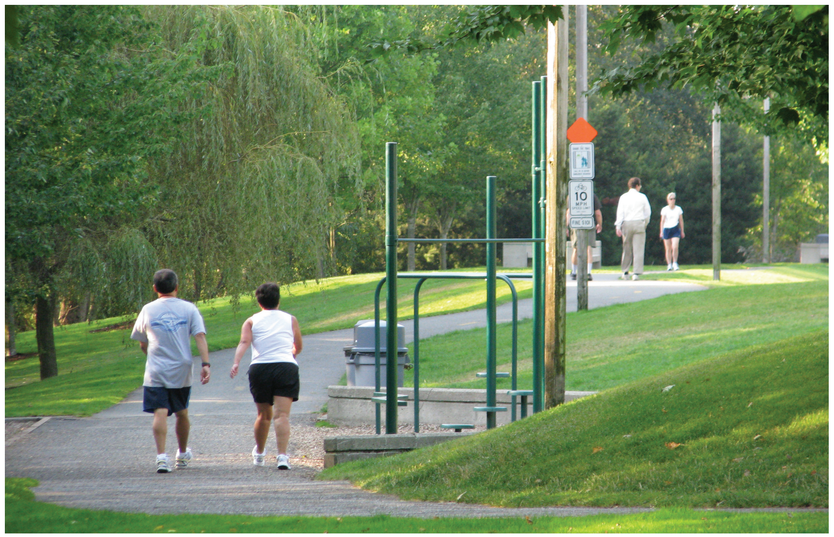


RENTON - AHEAD OF THE CURVE!

According to physical activity experts, in order to maintain good health every person should do 30 minutes or more of moderate to intense physical activity on five or more days of the week. Living in the Pacific Northwest, Renton residents have an incredible array of ways to be physically active. Hiking, biking, rollerblading, canoeing, kayaking, walking, and team sports are just a few of the ways to get off the couch and get moving.

Located along the south shore of Lake Washington, Renton offers its diverse community spectacular views of the Olympics, Cascades, and Mount Rainier. The Cedar River and the Cedar River Trail, which run through the heart of downtown, offer an abundance of natural beauty. Renton offers excellent recreational opportunities for everyone, a great quality of life, and a strong sense of community.

Renton boasts an extensive park, open space, and urban trails system that consists of 33 developed parks, the Maplewood Golf Course (an 18-hole, 190-acre, public golf course), 13 miles of trails that include a paved 4.5-mile trail along the Cedar River, and 676 acres of public open space for passive and active recreation.

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park is a beautiful 51-acre park with nearly 1.5 miles of Lake Washington waterfront. It is the most popular city park with 1.5 million visitors each year. The park was rated by The Seattle Times as one of the top five parks in the Seattle area for children.

Veterans Memorial Park is showcased next to the Renton History Museum and provides an excellent opportunity to honor and reflect on those who have served our nation.

Skateboarders find Liberty Park Skate Park both fun and challenging, offering 8,400 square feet of obstacles for varying degrees of ability. Another popular recreational opportunity is the city-operated Henry Moses Aquatic Center. It features waterslides, swimming pools, a wave pool, lazy river, and more.

Each summer Piazza Park hosts a weekly Farmers Market. In July, Renton citizens gather to celebrate two major festivals — the Fabulous Fourth of July at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Renton River Days held at Liberty Park.

In December, Renton lights up the town with a tree lighting celebration at Piazza Park and Clam Lights at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.

The city has a community center, two neighborhood centers, a senior activity center and two King County Library System branches. Renton's unique combination of parks, recreation, and cultural opportunities make it a community where people choose to live, work, learn and play.

There are many wonderful things to do in Renton. Whether you enjoy dining in great restaurants, visiting in world-class parks, or shopping — Renton has it all!
Renton also offers a diverse array of arts and entertainment, festivals, and events. Take in a performance at Carco Theatre, Renton Civic Theater, or Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center; enjoy one of many outdoor concerts at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park in the summer; or catch one of the Moonlight Movies at Liberty Park.

Trail Etiquette

All Users:

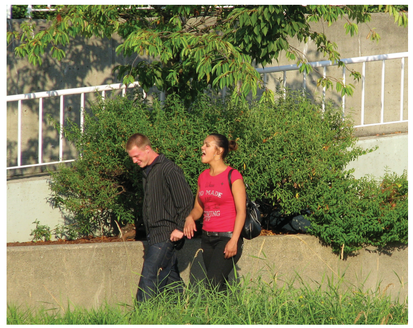
- Obey all trail signs and regulations.
- Show courtesy for other trail users at all times.
- Keep dogs on a leash, no more than six feet long (dogs are not allowed in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and Kennydale Beach Park and Meadow Crest Playground).
- When entering or crossing a trail at an uncontrolled point, yield to traffic already on the trail.
- No group of trail users should occupy more than half the trail nor impede the normal movement of other trail users.
- Motor vehicles are not allowed on City of Renton Trails except when in use by City of Renton personnel.

Pedestrians:

- Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail users to pass safely on the left.

Bicyclists:

- Cyclists are required to wear safety helmets on all trails in King County.
- Yield to pedestrians. Always give an audible (voice, bell, horn) warning before passing another trail user.



Types of Bikeways

A "bikeway " is a generic term to describe any road, path, or way which in some manner is used for bicycle travel. The bikeway descriptions in this guide map are based upon the 1999 edition of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (commonly referred to as the "AASHTO Bike Guide") and include the following four types of bikeways:

Shared Roadway:

Refers to portions of a roadway that are open to both bicyclists, motor vehicles, and other users. Examples of this type of bikeway are wide lanes (also referred to as wide curb lanes or wide outside lanes) on both sides of the roadway.

Paved Shoulder:

Other examples of a "shared roadway " are paved shoulders with striping (typically denoted with white edge lines or "fog lines" on the right side or outer edge of the traffic lane) on both sides of the roadway.

Bike Lanes:

Bike lanes refer to the portions of a roadway that have been designated by striping (with wider edge lines), pavement markings, and/or signing for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.

Shared-Use Paths Or Separated Trails:

Shared-use paths refer to bikeways that are typically physically separated from vehicular traffic. Also referred to as regional trails or multi-use trails, shared-use paths are typically bi-directional, paved, and are used by pedestrians and other non-motorized users.

Tips for Safe Cycling

Cycling Best Preparation:

Check Your Bike

Make sure your bike is in good working order, especially the tires and brakes.

Wear a Helmet

Make sure your helmet fits well and sits on your head properly.

Keep Your Eyes and Ears Open and Hands Ready To Brake

Don't use headphones or cell phones while cycling.

Make Yourself Visible, Especially at Night

Light-colored and/or reflectorizing clothing, reflectors on your bike and lights help motorists see you both at night and during other low-light conditions. Washington State law requires the use of lights on bicycles at night.

Cycling Best Practices:

Obey Traffic Signals and Signs

Bicyclists must drive like other drivers if they want to be taken seriously. This means obeying traffic signals, signs, and laws at all times.

Communicate

Use hand signals snd make eye contact to communicate with motorists and others using the roadways to indicate turning and stopping. Make eye contact when possible. The use of hand signals is more than a courtesy for others, it is your legal duty as a user of the road, and ensures your safety.

Be Predictable

Ride in a straight line, follow lane markings like a motorist would, don't weave in and out of traffic or parked cars, signal your intentions and obey traffic laws.

Look Before Acting

Look behind you before you move left, move right, or stop. Use a mirror or learn to look over your shoulder without swerving.

Select Safe Routes for Biking

Pick streets where you can ride safely – streets with lower traffic volumes and speeds. Riding on lower volume, lower speed streets allows cyclists more physical space and time to react to events.

Ride WITH, Not Against, Traffic

Riding against traffic is one of the most common causes for accidents. Motorists are not anticipating cyclists traveling in the opposite direction.

Use Caution On Sidewalks

Neither pedestrians nor motorists are anticipating cyclists on sidewalks, especially if cyclists are riding against the traffic flow. If you must use your bike on a sidewalk, use caution and always yield to pedestrians.

Pass on the LEFT, Not the Right

Motorists, other cyclists and pedestrians may not anticipate a cyclist passing on the right. For the same reasons that cyclists shouldn't ride against traffic or ride on sidewalks, they shouldn't pass on the right. Always pass on the left, and use a bell or your voice. "Passing on the left" lets pedestrians or other cyclists know you are overtaking them.

Assume You're Invisible to Others

It is safest to assume that motorists cannot see you, even if you make yourself visible with light-colored clothing and reflectors. Use lights and communicate your intentions with hand signals, voice and eye contact. Ride defensively – assume you are difficult to see, and be ready to react.

Adjust Your Lane Position According to Traffic

Riding very close to the road edge makes cyclists less visible and puts them at risk of being run off the road, into the curb, or cut off by a right-turning vehicle. There may be times when "taking a lane" and riding further left will make you more visible to motorists.

Be Prepared for Cycling Hazards:

Intersections

Don't stop in motorists' blind spots at intersections. Wait for red lights, stay either ahead of or behind cars, and clear of the blind spot in the right rear of a vehicle. Use your best judgment to select one of the two left-turn methods, based on conditions:

1. Turn as a motorist would, from the left turn lane, using hand signals and eye contact with motorists.

2. Cross as a pedestrian would: make two full crossings. From the right side of the road, ride straight to corner at the far side of the intersection, then dismount and walk your bike across.

Road Hazards

Watch for potholes, gravel, ice or debris, drainage grates with slats parallel to the direction of travel, and railroad tracks. Give yourself enough time and room to react to hazards. When riding alongside the driver's side of a parking lane, be aware of motorists opening car doors and give yourself enough time and room to react to doors opening in your travel way.

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Renton General Information: 425-430-6400
Community Services: 425-430-6600
Carco Theatre: 425-430-6706
Renton Community Center: 425-430-6700
Maplewood Golf Course: 425-430-6800
Renton History Museum: 425-255-2330
Renton Senior Activity Center: 425-430-6633
Neighborhood Program: 425-430-6595
Transportation Systems: 425-430-7380

King County Regional Trails Information and Maps
Regional Trails Map and Bicycling Guide Map of Cedar River, Interurban, Green River and Soos Creek Regional Trails
206-296-8687.
Visit kingcounty.gov for information.

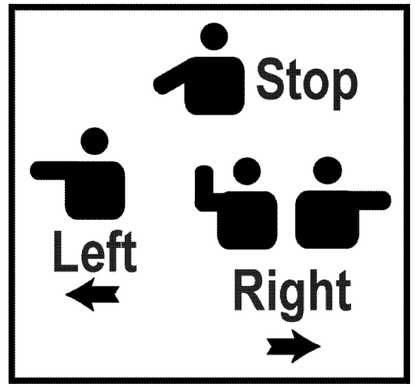
Burien, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila Parks and Trails Map
Visit kingcounty.gov for information.

King County Metro Transit Information
Route and Schedule Info: 206-553-3000
Automated Schedule info: 206-287-8463
Customer Service: 206-553-3060
TT/TTY Services, Route and Schedule Info: 206-684-1739
Visit metro.kingcounty.gov for information.

Other Resources/Bicycling Organizations
Cascade Bicycle Club
206-522-BIKE (3222)
Visit cascade.org/home for information.

Bicycle Alliance of Washington
206-224-9252
Visit bicyclealliance.org for information.

Hand Signals



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