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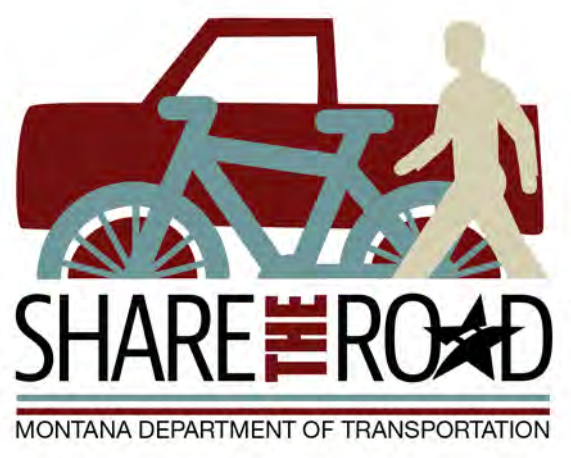
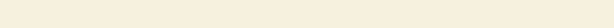
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emergency 911 road report 511

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 406-444-9273
 Coordinator
 Bicycle & Pedestrian



Obey the Law

A bicycle is a legal vehicle with the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle.

Ride on the Right, Single File

Bicyclists must ride on the right side unless the road is too narrow for cars to safely pass or when there are hazards; then ride in the center of the right-most lane. Ride single file, and NEVER ride against traffic!

Protect Your Head

Always wear helmets. Properly fitted helmets save lives and reduce injuries!

Tips for Bicyclists

Obey Traffic Signs

Bicyclists must follow all traffic rules, including stopping at signals and stop signs.

Stay Visible

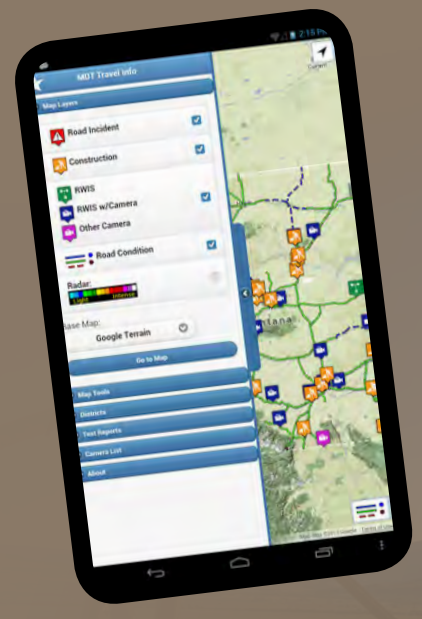
Use a front light and rear reflector or rear light when riding at night. Increase visibility by wearing bright colors.

Signal Turns



Out for a Ride?

Stay on top of road incidents, road conditions, construction, and project details right from your phone!



MDT Travel Info



Android
 iOS
 web browser

Interactive Travel Map
 mdt511.com

You can also call 511 for current conditions!

Planning a Bike Trip?

Check out MDT's Bike & Pedestrian website for events, touring information, safety tips, and other important information for your trip!

www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/bikeped

This map and the information provided in this brochure are to be used in conjunction with the Official Montana highway map. To request a Vacation Packet visit:
 visitmt.com/cms/guestbook.aspx
 To request a copy of this bike map visit:
 mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/bikeped

This map illustrates traffic volume for general reference only. These are not exact numbers but estimated average of what may be encountered along that segment of roadway. Construction detours and similar events may increase or decrease the number of vehicles along a segment.

There are two numbers for each road segment. The larger (red) number is the average July daily traffic volume for all classes of vehicles present on that segment of roadway. The smaller (black) number is the average July daily commercial truck volume on that segment of roadway.

The shoulder width indicated is the width of the pavement outside the fog line on the paved roadway. This width may contain a rumble strip. On divided highways, they are typically installed on the median side (left shoulder) of the roadway as well as on the outside (right shoulder).

Prevailing winds for Montana are generally west to east and can be 30-50 miles per hour in the plains region.

For current road conditions and construction zones, dial 511 in Montana, or 1-800-226-7623

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Montana State Laws & Regulations

61-8-601. Effect of regulations.
 (1) It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this part.

(2) These regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles subject to those exceptions stated herein.

61-8-602. Traffic laws applicable to persons operating bicycles.
 Every person operating a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle by chapter 7, this chapter, and chapter 9 except as to special regulations in this part and except as to those provisions of chapter 7, this chapter, and chapter 9 which by their very nature can have no application.

61-8-603. Riding on bicycles.
 A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

61-8-604. Clinging to vehicles.
 A person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle may not attach the conveyance or be attached to any vehicle upon a roadway, but a bicycle trailer or bicycle semitrailer may be attached to a bicycle if that trailer or semitrailer has been designed for attachment.

61-8-605. Riding on roadways.
 (1) As used in this section:

- (a) "laned roadway" means a roadway that is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic; and
- (b) "roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, including the paved shoulder.
- (2) A person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable except when:
 - (a) overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
 - (b) preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway; or
 - (c) necessary to avoid a condition that makes it unsafe to continue along the right side of the roadway, including but not limited to a fixed or moving object, parked or moving vehicle, pedestrian, animal, surface hazard, or a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.
- (3) A person operating a bicycle upon a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as close to the left side of the roadway as practicable.
- (4) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall ride in single file except when:
 - (a) riding on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles;
 - (b) overtaking and passing another bicycle;
 - (c) riding on a paved shoulder or in a parking lane, in which case the persons may ride two abreast; or
 - (d) riding within a single lane on a laned roadway with at least two lanes in each direction, in which case the persons may ride two abreast if they do not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic more than they would otherwise impede traffic by riding single file and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (5) A bicycle, as defined in 61-8-102(2)(b)(ii), is excluded from the provisions of subsections (2) and (3).

61-8-606. Carrying articles.
 No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.

61-8-607. Lamps and other equipment on bicycles.
 (1) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to rear-facing reflectors required by this section.
 (2) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with an essentially colorless front-facing reflector, essentially colorless or amber pedal reflectors, and a red rear-facing reflector. Pedal reflectors shall be mounted on the front and back of each pedal.
 (3) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with either tires with retroreflective sidewalls or reflectors mounted on the spokes of each wheel. Spoke mounted reflectors shall be within 76 millimeters (3 inches) of the inside of the rim and shall be visible on each side of the wheel. The reflectors on the front wheel shall be essentially colorless or amber and the reflectors on the rear wheel shall be amber or red.
 (4) Reflectors required by this section shall be of a type approved by the department.
 (5) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
 (6) Every bicycle is encouraged to be equipped with a flag clearly visible from the rear and suspended not less than 6 feet above the roadway when the bicycle is standing upright. The flag shall be fluorescent orange in color.

61-8-608. Bicycles on sidewalks.
 (1) A person operating a bicycle upon and along a sidewalk or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.
 (2) A person may not ride a bicycle upon and along a sidewalk or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk where the use of a bicycle is prohibited by official traffic control devices.
 (3) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2), a person operating a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

61-8-609. Bicycle racing -- when lawful.
 (1) Bicycle racing on a highway is prohibited except as authorized in this section.
 (2) Bicycle racing on a highway is lawful when a racing event is approved by state or local authorities on any highway under their respective jurisdictions. Approval of bicycle highway racing events will be granted only under conditions that assure reasonable safety for all race participants, spectators, and other highway users and that prevent unreasonable interference with traffic flow.
 (3) By agreement with the approving authority, participants in an approved bicycle highway racing event may be exempted from compliance with any traffic laws otherwise applicable if traffic control is adequate to assure the safety of all highway users.



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Additional Resources

MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM
 800-847-4868
 visitmt.com
 getlostmt.com

ADVENTURE CYCLING ASSOCIATION
 406-721-1776
 800-755-2453
 adventurecycling.org

MT HIGHWAY PATROL
 406-444-3780

MONTANA STATE PARKS
 406-444-3750
 Reserve a campsite:
 855-922-6768
 stateparks.mt.gov

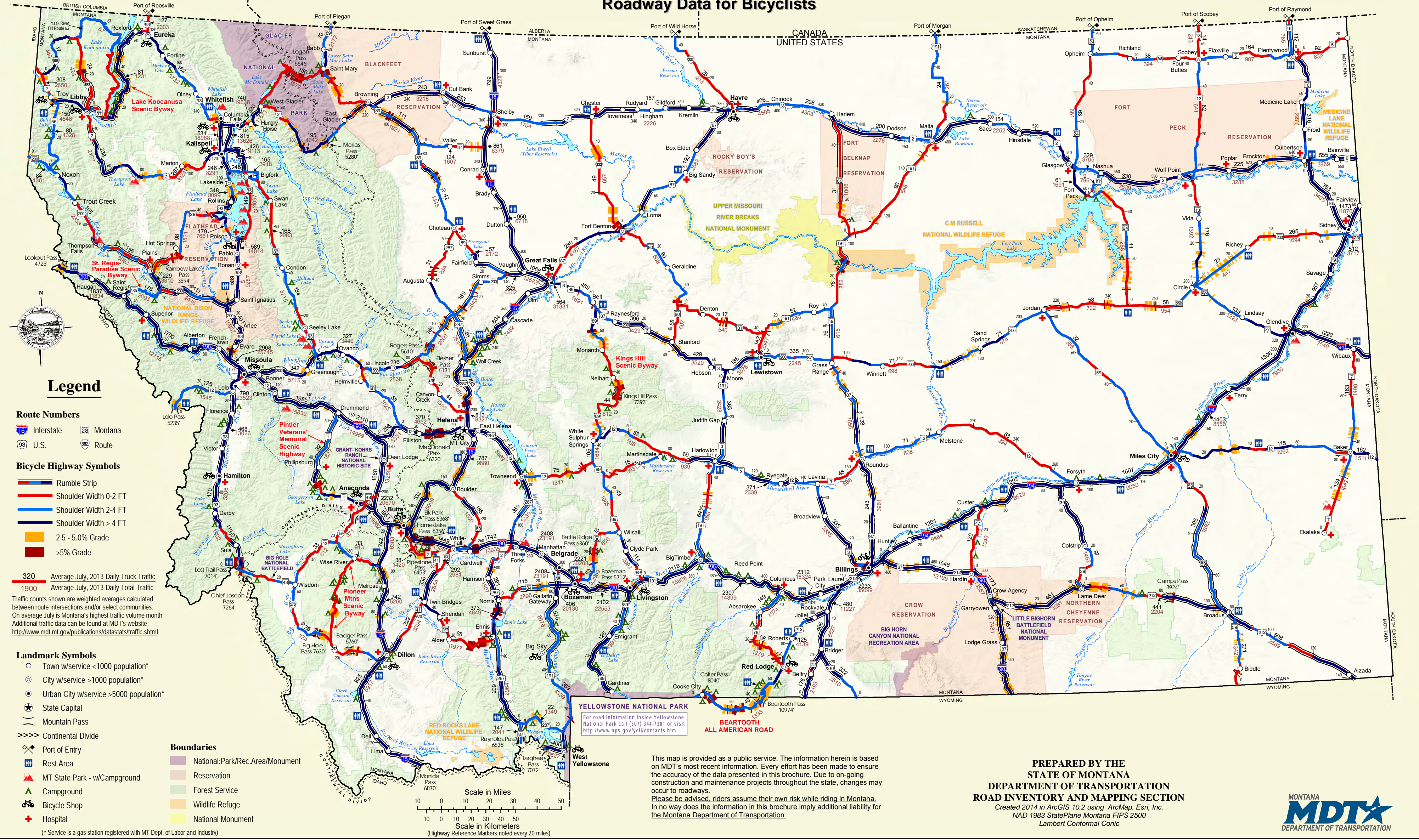
BIKE WALK MONTANA
 406-449-2787
 bikewalkmontana.org

USFS NORTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE
 406-329-3511
 reservation.gov

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Roadway Data for Bicyclists

For road information inside Glacier National Park call (406) 888-7800 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/glac/contacts.htm>



Legend

- Route Numbers**
- Interstate
 - Montana
 - U.S.
 - Route
- Bicycle Highway Symbols**
- Rumble Strip
 - Shoulder Width 0-2 FT
 - Shoulder Width 2-4 FT
 - Shoulder Width > 4 FT
 - 2.5 - 5.0% Grade
 - >5% Grade
- Traffic Data**
- Average July, 2013 Daily Truck Traffic
 - Average July, 2013 Daily Total Traffic
- Traffic counts shown are weighted averages calculated between route intersections and/or select communities. On average July is Montana's highest traffic volume month. Additional traffic data can be found at MDT's website: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/traffic.shtml>
- Landmark Symbols**
- Town w/service <1000 population*
 - City w/service >1000 population*
 - Urban City w/service >5000 population*
 - State Capital
 - Mountain Pass
 - Continental Divide
 - Port of Entry
 - Rest Area
 - MT State Park - w/Campground
 - Campground
 - Bicycle Shop
 - Hospital
- Boundaries**
- National Park/Rec.Area/Monument
 - Reservation
 - Forest Service
 - Wildlife Refuge
 - National Monument
- (* Service is a gas station registered with MT Dept. of Labor and Industry)

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
For road information inside Yellowstone National Park call (307) 344-7381 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/contacts.htm>

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