

# Philadelphia Bicycle Map

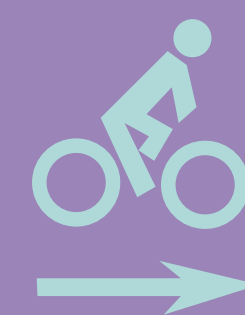


The modern two-wheeled bicycle was invented in 1839.

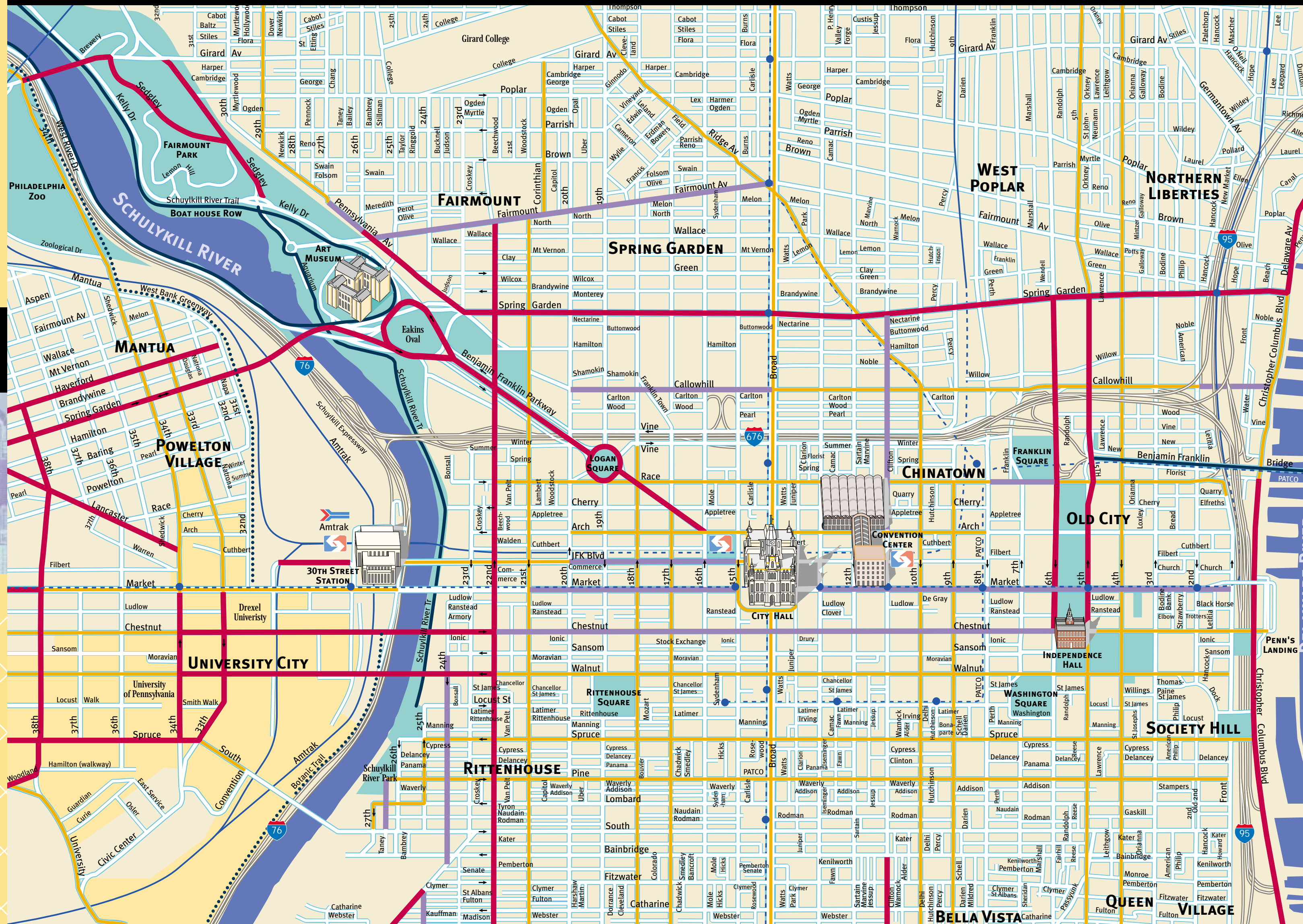
In the Netherlands, 30% of urban travel is by bicycle and 45% by auto. In the US, 1% of urban travel is by bicycle and 84% by auto.



Lou Harris polls conducted in 1992 indicate 53% of adult American cyclists living in central cities would bicycle to work more often if there were safe bike lanes on roads.



## CENTER CITY PHILADELPHIA

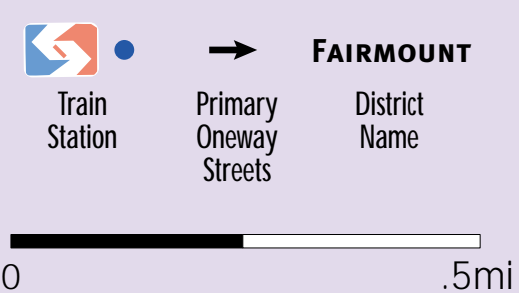


Three of Philadelphia's largest parks, Fairmount Park, Wissahickon Park and Pennypack Park have many miles of off-road bicycle trails. A bicycle commute to work that utilizes these trails in combination with the on-street bicycle lanes offers a scenic commute.

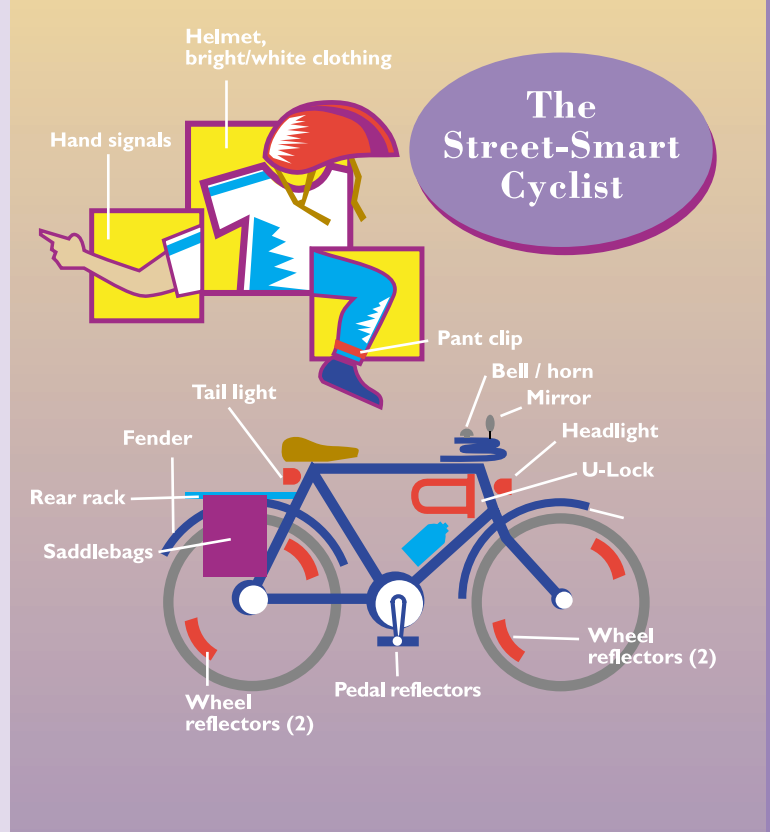


### LEGEND

- Bicycle Lanes**  
As of the printing of this map, bicycle lanes either exist or are scheduled to be installed in the upcoming construction season (Year 2000).
- Bicycle Friendly Network Streets**  
These segments of the bicycle network do not have bicycle lanes. They are part of the evaluated bicycle network that were rated above average for bicycling.
- Evaluated Bicycle Network**  
These streets have been evaluated as part of the bicycle network plan. No improvements have been made as of the printing of this map.
- Off-Road Bicycle Routes**  
These multi-use trails are paved or unpaved.
- Future Off-Road Routes**  
Several trails are being planned.
- SEPTA Regional Rail, NJT, PATCO**  
Combining transit with a bicycle commute can save time on longer commutes.



The 22-mile Schuylkill River Trail begins at the Art Museum and goes to Ridge Ave. After 5 mi on Ridge Ave. and Main Street in Manyunk, it continues along the Manyunk Towpath to the old Shawmont Train Station. At Shawmont, the trail follows River Road for a few hundred yards. It is then paved all the way to Valley Forge National Park.



Bicycling is a healthy, cost-effective mode of transportation.

Philadelphia's first bike lane was installed on Christopher Columbus Blvd in 1995.

Bicycling Magazine Rated Philadelphia one of the top 10 bike-friendly cities in the US and Canada in 1999.

This map can be obtained from the Department of Streets.



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### PHILADELPHIA Bicycle Map

Bicycling is a fun, efficient way to get around Philadelphia.

This map has been developed to assist cyclists in planning both recreation and commute trips in and around Philadelphia using the future 300-mile network. Even though particular routes are highlighted on the map, bicyclists may use most roads in Philadelphia that are open to cars. Bicyclists have the same responsibility as motor vehicle operators to obey traffic laws.

Conditions on streets and trails may vary. Be prepared to make your own evaluation of traffic and road/path conditions. Plan routes appropriate to your riding skills.

The user of this map bears full responsibility for his or her own safety. Information is accurate as of December, 1999.

### Bikes on Transit

Bringing a bike on the train can be a great time-saver or welcome relief from the rain. Cyclists commuting downhill during daylight hours into Center City from the west and northwest can take advantage of SEPTA's climate-controlled, off-peak service on their return commute after dark.

Listed below are the policies for transit services in Philadelphia that carry bicycles.

**SEPTA**  
(215) 580-7800 www.septa.org  
**Regional Rail**  
Bicycles are permitted onboard weekdays during all non-peak hours, appearing in the non-shaded section of the timetables. Bicycles may also be brought onboard all day weekends and Memorial, Labor and Christmas Days.

**Broad Street, Market-Frankford and Norristown high speed lines.**  
Bicycles are permitted weekdays off-peak (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), evenings (after 6 p.m.), all day weekends, and Memorial, Labor and Christmas Days.

**SEPTA Bicycle Lockers**  
Three regional rail stations have bicycle lockers: Fox Chase, on the R-8 Fox Chase Line, and Bryn Mawr and Wayne, on the R-5 Paoli Line.

**Amtrak (800) USA-RAIL**  
Amtrak Trains that have baggage cars carry bicycles for a fee. Cyclists can purchase a box and pay the fee at Amtrak's 30th Street Station. Certain Northeast Corridor Trains, such as the Vermont, have bicycle racks that hold un-boxed bicycles. The Amtrak bus to Allentown carries unboxed bicycles at no extra fee.

**PATCO**  
(215) 922-4600  
PATCO requires bicyclists to obtain an annual permit. Permits cost \$5 and may be obtained at the Camden Transportation Center Service Window. Permits purchased by mail must be notarized. Bicycles may not be brought onboard weekdays during the following periods: 6:00 am to 10:00 am and 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. PATCO permits 2 bicycles per car.

**New Jersey Transit**  
(973) 491-9400  
Passengers with bicycles must have a permit. Bicycle permits are free of charge and may be obtained by calling (973) 491-9400, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Bicycle storage on trains: Up to two standard frame bicycles can be accommodated in accessible areas. Accessible cars are designated with an international symbol of accessibility.

**Greyhound & Peter Pan**  
(800) 231-2222  
Greyhound carries bicycles between Philadelphia, New York, Washington D.C., and Massachusetts on a space available basis. The front wheel should be removed. Bicycles may need to be boxed if there is limited space.

**Carl R. Bieber Tourways**  
(800) 243-2374  
Carl R. Bieber Tourways carries bicycles between Philadelphia and Lehigh County. Bicycles do not have to be boxed. There is a fee and the front wheel must be removed.

### Bicycle Shops

- Astrobike Labs • 3620 Lancaster Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19104 (215) 222-3480
- Bicycle Therapy • 2208 South Street • Philadelphia PA 19146 (215) 735-7849
- Bike Addicts • 5548 Ridge Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19128 (215) 487-3006
- Bike Line • 1028 Arch St. • Philadelphia PA 19107 (215) 923-1310
- Bike Line • 226 S. 40th St. • Philadelphia PA 19104 (215) 243-2453
- Bilenky Cycle Works, Ltd. • 5319 N. 2nd St. • Philadelphia PA 19120 (215) 329-5064
- Bustleton Bikes • 9261 Roosevelt Blvd. • Philadelphia PA 19114 (215) 617-1910
- Corsa Velo • 1600 Pine Street • Philadelphia PA 19146 (215) 985-3165
- Cycle Sonic • 220 Huntingdon Pike • Philadelphia PA 19046 (215) 379-1102
- Cycle Sport • 1901 13th St. • Philadelphia PA 19148 (215) 334-9100
- Erdenheim Bicycle Center • 821 Bethlehem Pike • Glenside PA 19038 (215) 233-3883
- Frankstein BikeWorx • 1529 Spruce St. • Philadelphia PA 19102 (215) 893-0415
- Guy's Bicycles • 326 E Street Rd. Langhorne PA 19053 (215) 355-1166
- Jay's Padel Power Bikes • 512 E. Girard Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19125 (215) 425-5111
- Keswick Cycle Co. • 408 N. Easton Rd. • Glenside PA 19038 (215) 884-6996
- Lambert Cycle Shop • 6616 Germantown Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19119 (215) 848-8893
- Liberty Bell Cycle • 7820 Frankford Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19136 (215) 624-7343
- Metropolis Bicycles • 4159 Main St. • Philadelphia PA 19127 (215) 508-3000
- Neighborhood Bike Works • 3916 Locust Walk • Philadelphia PA 19104 (215) 386-3916 Extension 4
- Philadelphia Bicycle Shop • 826 N. Broad St. • Philadelphia PA 19130 (215) 765-9118
- Rogalski Bicycle Sales • 4571 Tacony St. • Philadelphia PA 19124 (215) 289-0637
- Son's Bicycle Shop • 6153 Ridge Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19128 (215) 487-1850
- Son's Bicycle Shop • 5727 Germantown Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19144 (215) 849-7264
- TBR II • 4101 Baltimore Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19104 (215) 222-6000
- Tiffany's Bike Shop • 2901 N. Borsall St. • Philadelphia PA 19132 (215) 226-3030
- Trophy Bikes • 311 Market St. • Philadelphia PA 19106 (215) 625-7999
- Via Bicycle Shop • 606 S. 9th St. • Philadelphia PA 19147-2028 (215) 627-3370
- Village Bikes Inc. • 792 S. 2nd St. • Philadelphia PA 19147 (215) 629-4141
- Wissahickon Cyclery • 7837 Germantown Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19118 (215) 248-2829
- Wolf Cycle • 4311 Lancaster Ave. • Philadelphia PA 19104 (215) 222-2171

## S A F E T Y T I P S

- Built for Two**  
Roads are built for vehicles, including bicycles. Bicycles are not restricted to bikeways; they share the road with motorists and also share responsibility for obeying the rules of the road. Sidewalks are for pedestrians, not bicyclists.
- The Ride-of-Way**  
Never ride against traffic. Usually you should ride in a straight line to the right of traffic or in a designated bike lane. But you have the right (and responsibility) to use any part of the road you need to ensure your safety.
- A Route Awakening**  
Although bikes are allowed on any street, designated bike routes and bike lanes increase your safety and make your ride easier and more refreshing. Familiarize yourself with Philadelphia's Bike Network by reviewing this map.
- Be Real**  
Bicycles are, in fact, vehicles. They are not toys. Drivers and police expect all vehicles to:
  - stop at stop signs and signals
  - ride in the proper direction on one-way streets
  - signal before turning
  - yield to pedestrians
- Reflect Action**  
Equip your bike with lights and reflectors and wear reflective clothing for riding at night or in the rain. Be aware that bicyclists are least visible as it begins to get dark.
- Cut off at the Pass**  
Motorists may not see their right side at an intersection. Don't pass on the right; instead, take your place in the line of traffic.
- When making a left turn, move to the left of the center lane, indicate your intention by signaling and using eye contact. Make the turn when there is an opening.
- Sustained Yield**  
In conflicts between cars and bicycles, the bicyclist always loses. Ride defensively and always be prepared to yield.
- A Crash Course in Cycling**  
Common causes of bicycling accidents in Philadelphia are:
  - Bicyclists riding against traffic, even on bike lanes
  - Bicyclists riding on sidewalks
  - Inadequate lights and reflectors on bikes
  - Conflicts at intersections, usually between a cyclist going straight and an adjacent or oncoming car turning.
- Contact Sports**  
Drivers do not always see bicyclists. For your safety, make eye contact before assuming the driver sees you.
- Open Door Policy**  
Ride far enough away from parked cars to avoid an opening door and stay alert.
- Passing Fancy**  
Philadelphia's popular off-road trails can be very crowded. When pedestrians or slow-moving bicyclists are present, slow down and give a bell or voice warning before passing.
- Be SCAN-dalous**  
To avoid problems, continually scan the road ahead of you for glass, driveways, parked cars, dogs, road construction, wet leaves, debris, etc. Listen and watch for cars approaching from behind.