LOCAL RESOURCES

Office of Sustainable Transportation
At Western Washington University, we encourage you to use alternatives to driving alone to campus. Contact the Sustainable Transportation Office for help with all your sustainable transportation needs.
wnu.edu/transportation
(360) 650-7960, transportation@wwu.edu

AS Outdoor Center
Rent a bike or maintain and repair your own; four work stations, two truing stands, a solvent tank, and knowledgeable bike techs are available to help you ($2 tool fee). Purchase lights, U-locks, cables, tools, tires and other parts and gear.
as.wwu.edu/programs/outdoor
(360) 650-3112

Whatcom Transit Authority (WTA)
WTA serves Western with multiple bus routes. Bus routes serving Western connect with other routes at the Downtown Bellingham Transit Station. Bike racks are available on every WTA bus.
ridewta.com
(360) 676-RIDE (7433)

City of Bellingham
Report road, sidewalk or trail hazards at askpw@cob.org.

Whatcom SmartTrips
Rewards and prizes for reducing driving trips in Whatcom County. Provides bike route and trail maps, bike clinics, and bike buddies.
whatcomsmarttrips.org and whatcomsmarttrips.org/bike

Campus Bike Map and Bicycling Guide

PARK & LOCK IT

Protect Your Bike
U-Locks are recommended. A cable and a U-lock, locked to a secure bike rack are the best defense against getting your bike stolen. Keep a spare key to your lock. Register your bike and insure it against theft.

Registration
Register your bicycle for free with Project 529. If your bike is registered, you have proof of ownership in case of theft. If you lose your key and have proof of ownership, Univestiy Police can cut your lock for you.

Register at project529.com or contact University Police at (360) 650-3555.

Bike Parking
There are over 900 bike parking spaces in the academic core. Many racks are covered. Locking your bike to hand rails, trees, trash cans or light poles can create a safety hazard, block disability access or impede groundskeepers, and is a violation of WWU bike rules and regulations.

Bike Lockers
Secure bike lockers are available for rent. Go to www.edu/transportation/cycling for more information.

Skateboard Racks
Lockable skateboard racks are located on the north side of the Wade King Student Recreation Center (facing the all-weather track).

STATE & LOCAL BIKE TRAFFIC LAWS

Bicyclists are governed by the same traffic regulations as motor vehicles
• After dusk, a front headlight and rear reflector are required by law.
• Ride to the right, pass on the left.
• Ride on the right side of the road, with (not against) traffic. Stay off the sidewalk or walk your bike in high pedestrian traffic areas.
• Obey traffic signs and signals. Stop signs, stop lights, yield signs and speed limits all apply to bicycles.
• Use hand signals. Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy and self protection.

Be Safe, Stay Alive
• Watch for cars pulling out. Make eye contact with drivers. Assume they don’t see you until you are sure that they do. Watch for drivers getting in and out of cars. Don’t get doored!
• Helmets are essential safety gear, proven to prevent brain injury or death in the event of a crash.
• Bright, light colored clothing makes a cyclist more visible, even in daylight. Gloves protect your hands while riding and in case of a fall.
• Headphones (and cell phones) should not be used while riding.
- Pedestrians have the right of way, always.
- Dismount in Walk Zones 9am-4pm (Red Square, VU Plaza, ET/Art/Carver corridor)
- Walk Zones for bicycles and skateboards are in effect from 9am to 4pm on regular class days - including finals week - throughout the academic year.
- Speed limit is 3 mph (walking speed) on all Shared Paths within 10 feet of pedestrians, or 7mph (jogging speed) when no pedestrians are present.
- Use a bell or voice to give pedestrians a warning before you pass.
- Speed Limits posted on campus streets apply to both cyclists and cars.
- Traffic laws prohibit skateboards on city streets.
- Fixit stations consist of a secured stand to hang and position a bicycle along with all the tools necessary to perform basic repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs.