WWU Bike & Skateboard Code

Pedestrians have the right of way, always.

Speed limit is 3 mph (walking speed) on all campus paths, within 10 feet of pedestrians.

**Dismount in Walk Zones 9am – 4pm**

(Red Square, VU Plaza, ET/Art/Carver corridor)

**Walk Zones** for bicycles and skateboards are shown on the map. Walk Zones are in effect from 9am to 4pm on regular class days during the academic year.

Use a bell or voice to give pedestrians a warning before you pass.

Traffic laws prohibit skateboards on city streets. Bike speed limits on campus streets are as posted, the same as for cars.

A bike **headlight and reflector** are required by law after dusk.

A **helmet protects your brain and your life.**

*East College Way 2009-2012
Bicycle and pedestrian access to campus via East College Way is not recommended during the Miller Hall renovation project, summer 2009 to January 2012.*

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**WWU BIKE MAP**

- **WALK ZONE (9am-4pm)**
- **SHARED BIKE/WALK PATH**
- **BIKE ROUTE**
- **BIKE PARKING**
Local Resources

WWU Transportation Services
www.wwu.edu/transportation  (360) 650-7960

Viking Commons 25 transportation@wwu.edu
Staff are available M-F 8-5 for questions regarding student, faculty, staff and visitor transportation, including Viking Xpress bus pass, Late Night Shuttle, employee Commute Trip Reduction program, and this map and bike guide. We maintain an active website with sustainable transportation news, events and information, and participate in campus and community transportation events throughout the year.

AS Outdoor Center
www.as.wwu.edu/programs/outdoor  (360) 650.3112 Viking Union 150
Lights, U-Locks, cables, tools, tires and replacement parts. Four work stations, two trueing stands, a solvent tank, $2 tool fee, free assistance. Bikes for rent.

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

Whatcom SmartTrips whatcomsmarttrips.org
Rewards and prizes for reducing driving trips in Whatcom county. Provides bike route and trail maps, bike clinics, and jobs for cycling instructors.

Bike to Work & School Day
The third Friday in May, in Bellingham, Whatcom County, and WWU. Bike rodeos and community events all month long in May. Go to www.everybodybike.com

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 the bike against theft, as you would other important possessions.

REGISTRATION
Register your bicycle for free with University Police. If your bike is registered, you have proof of ownership in case of loss, or if you lose your lock key and want to have the bike freed so you can ride again.
Contact University Police at (360) 650-3555.
www.pu.edu/police/bikes/registration.aspx

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
Eight secure bike lockers are available. Contact Sustainable Transportation for rental information. (360)650-7960

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
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike/default.htm

A front headlight and rear reflector are required by law, after dusk.

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.

STAY ALIVE, STAY IN SCHOOL
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 be 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.

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