

SKAGIT COUNTY BIKE MAP
DISCOVER THE SKAGIT VALLEY

Discover the wonderful bicycling Skagit County has to offer.



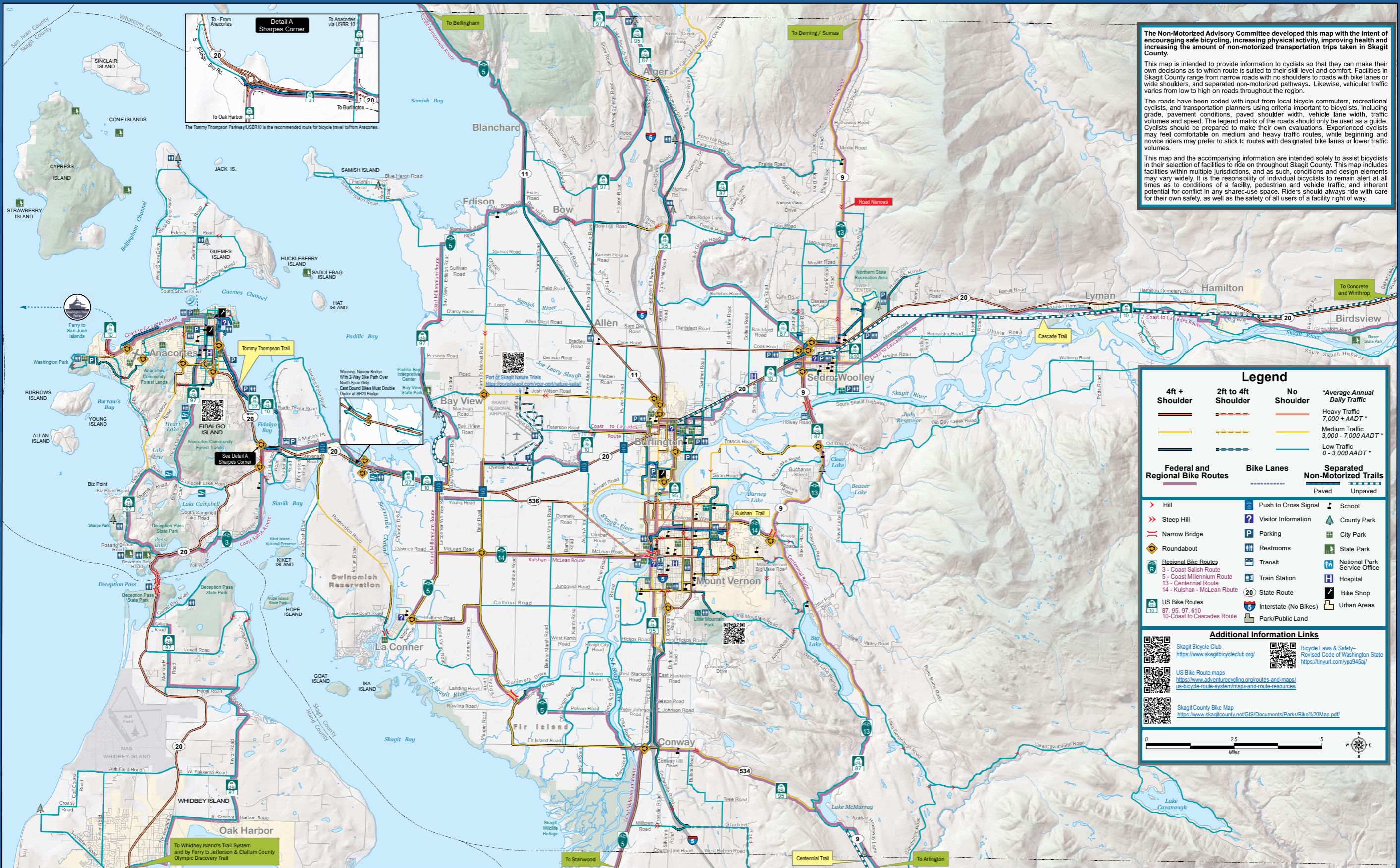
The Skagit County Bike Map is intended to familiarize cyclists with the trails and roads in Skagit County. The map provides information to cyclists so they can make their own decisions as to which route is best suited for their skill level and comfort. The 2024 edition of the map is made possible with support and funding from the Skagit Council of Governments.

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The Non-Motorized Advisory Committee developed this map with the intent of encouraging safe bicycling, increasing physical activity, improving health and increasing the amount of non-motorized transportation trips taken in Skagit County.

This map is intended to provide information to cyclists so that they can make their own decisions as to which route is suited to their skill level and comfort. Facilities in Skagit County range from narrow roads with no shoulders to roads with bike lanes or wide shoulders, and separated non-motorized pathways. Likewise, vehicular traffic varies from low to high on roads throughout the region.

The roads have been coded with input from local bicycle commuters, recreational cyclists, and transportation planners using criteria important to bicyclists, including grade, pavement conditions, paved shoulder width, vehicle lane width, traffic volumes and speed. The legend matrix of the roads should only be used as a guide. Cyclists should be prepared to make their own evaluations. Experienced cyclists may feel comfortable on medium and heavy traffic routes, while beginning and novice riders may prefer to stick to routes with designated bike lanes or lower traffic volumes.

This map and the accompanying information are intended solely to assist bicyclists in their selection of facilities to ride on throughout Skagit County. This map includes facilities within multiple jurisdictions, and as such, conditions and design elements may vary widely. It is the responsibility of individual bicyclists to remain alert at all times as to conditions of a facility, pedestrian and vehicle traffic, and inherent potential for conflict in any shared-use space. Riders should always ride with care for their own safety, as well as the safety of all users of a facility right of way.

Legend

4ft + Shoulder	2ft to Shoulder	No Shoulder	Average Annual Daily Traffic
			Heavy Traffic 7,000+ AADT*
			Medium Traffic 3,000 - 7,000 AADT*
			Low Traffic 0 - 3,000 AADT*

Federal and Regional Bike Routes	Bike Lanes	Separated Non-Motorized Trails

Additional Information Links
Skagit Bicycle Club https://www.skagitbicycleclub.org/
Bicycle Laws & Safety - Revised Code of Washington State https://nrvd.com/ypa945a/
US Bike Route maps https://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/ https://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-route-system/maps-and-route-resources/
Skagit County Bike Map https://www.skagitcounty.net/GIS/Documents/Parks/Bike%20Map.pdf

SAME ROADS • SAME RIGHTS • SAME RULES

Be Visible • Wear a Helmet • Be Alert • Have Fun

- BE PREDICTABLE**
Ride so drivers can see you and predict your movements. Follow state and local laws and traffic signage.
- BE ALERT**
Ride defensively and expect the unexpected. Remember, bicyclists are more vulnerable.
- BE EQUIPPED**
Always wear a helmet. Wear visible clothing and use lights. Use a mirror so you know what's behind you. Never ride with headphones.

- USE HAND SIGNALS**
Hand signals tell others what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy and of self-protection.
- RIDING ON SIDEWALKS MAY BE PROHIBITED**
Pedestrians have the right-of-way. Give them an audible warning before you pass. Watch for vehicles at driveways and intersections.

- BE VISIBLE AT NIGHT**
The law requires a strong white headlight and a red rear reflector at night and when visibility is poor. Add a tail light and wear light-colored clothes with reflective tape for extra protection.
- RIDE IN A STRAIGHT LINE**
Ride in a straight line and far enough from parked cars so you can avoid suddenly opened doors. Riding in a straight line allows others to anticipate what you are likely to do.

- OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND LAWS**
Generally, bicyclists must follow the same laws as motorists. Stop at all red lights. Stop at stop signs on school buses and at railroad crossings. State law does allow bicyclists to treat other stop signs as yield signs.
- CHOOSE THE BEST WAY TO TURN LEFT**
1.) Like an auto, move into the left lane, and turn left. Do not turn left from the right lane.
2.) Like a pedestrian, use the crosswalk and walk your bike across the intersection.

- HANDLING A "DEAD RED"**
Always stop at red lights. If an entire signal cycle passes without giving you a green light, your bicycle wasn't detected. By law you may safely move through the intersection.
- NEVER RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC**
Bicyclists must ride with traffic. Approach vehicles are unsafe! Motorists are looking left for oncoming traffic when they are turning right.

- RIDE WITH BOTH HANDS READY TO BRAKE**
You may need to stop suddenly at unexpected times. In rain, allow three times the normal braking distance.
- SCAN THE ROAD AROUND YOU**
Look ahead and anticipate what other traffic is likely to do. Watch for cars, people, pebbles, grates and other hazards. Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving.

- RIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF NARROW LANES**
When the lane is too narrow for a car to pass you safely, ride in the middle of the lane.
- DO NOT PASS ON THE RIGHT**
When approaching an intersection or driveway, be especially cautious and do not overtake a vehicle on its right; it might turn right in front of you.

- YOU MAY LEAVE A BIKE LANE**
When overtaking a bicycle, making a left turn, avoiding a road hazard or other obstruction or you are afraid a motorist might turn across your path, you may temporarily merge WITH CAUTION into the adjacent automobile lane for safety or better visibility.
- SINGLE FILE IS SAFEST**
State law allows two bicyclists to ride side by side. Safety is enhanced by riding single file, so traffic can safely pass. Cyclists in front should warn those following of potential safety hazards.