

Bicycle Safety Briefing – Get Your Sticker Today!



- **Pay attention** to your surroundings and use the Park Road like any other road (not a trail):
 - Obey traffic rules like riding single file on the right side
 - Don't use headphones or ear buds so can hear vehicles and wildlife
 - Control your speed and look out for bears, other wildlife, pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles especially on the many blind corners
 - Note that the gravel road can be soft, loose, or bumpy
 - Weather can change rapidly: wind, rain, snow, dust – all in the same day
- **Best practice:** slow your bike and put a foot down when being passed by a vehicle, especially when traveling in larger groups. This helps vehicles pass more safely and quickly, and decreases the likelihood of you getting dusted or hit by rocks
- **Bears:** it may be more dangerous to bike than hike in bear country because of the speed and quiet nature of a bike, which results in higher probability of surprising a bear at close range.
 - Stay 300 yards from bears, and 25 yards from other wildlife. If a bear is on or near the road, stop, wait for a bus to get a ride around (don't need a ticket, but dependent on space,) or wait for bear(s) to move away.
 - Carry bear spray, have it handy (i.e., on a waist belt or mounted on handlebars) and know how to use it.
 - Always keep food with you or secured, don't throw it (or anything else) as a distraction.
 - Don't try to out-pedal a bear. They can sprint 30-35 MPH!
 - If you do surprise a bear at close range, get off your bike, put your bike between you and the bear, and stand your ground. Talk calmly, and if you have multiple riders get in a group together. Report this and any other close encounter to a park ranger (BHIMS.)
 - If you encounter wildlife closure signs indicating the road is closed to pedestrians and bicycles, wait for a bus (no ticket needed) to take you around the closure. DO NOT bike through the closure – it is closed for YOUR SAFETY as well as the safety of wildlife! The closure is often due to a bear protecting a food source on the road edge.
- **Buses:** If planning to take a bus:
 - Have a bus ticket (one-way tickets are available)
 - 2 bikes per bus. Know that e-bikes, fat tire bikes likely won't fit in bike racks.
- **Staying overnight?** Do you have a backcountry permit or campground permit? Do you have a bear-resistant food canister and a place to put it (if backcountry camping)?