





***League of  
American  
Bicyclists***

# Bicycle Friendly Community

Venice | Silver



**Award:** Silver

**BFC Since:** 2012

**Total Population:** 22146

**Population density:** 1,525

**Total area:** 16.7

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**Percentage of arterial streets with dedicated bicycle facilities:**

1-25%

**Modal split of commuters:**

Bicycling: 3.20%

Walking: 1.64%

Transit: 0.30%

**Percentage of schools offering bicycling education:**

Elementary Schools: 26-50%

Middle Schools: 1-25%



**BIKE / WALK VENICE**

# The Five E's of a



- **ENGINEERING**
- **EDUCATION**
- **ENCOURAGEMENT**
- **ENFORCEMENT**
- **EVALUATION & PLANNING**

# ENGINEERING



## EDUCATION



## ENCOURAGEMENT





## ENFORCEMENT



## EVALUATION & PLANNING



# Bicycle Friendly Communities

Where are they?

How many of them are there?

# Platinum - 3



## Gold - 16

Breckenridge	CO		
Corvallis		OR	
Durango		CO	
Eugene		OR	
Fort Collins	CO		
Jackson and Teton County			WY
Madison		WI	
Minneapolis	MN		
Missoula		MT	
Palo Alto		CA	
San Francisco	CA		
Scottsdale	AZ		
Seattle	WA		
Stanford University		CA	
Steamboat Springs		CO	
Tucson & East Pima Region			AZ

# Silver - 44

Arcata	CA	Denver	CO	Redmond	WA
Arlington	VA	Evanston	IL	Sacramento	CA
Aspen	CO	Flagstaff	AZ	Salt Lake City	UT
Austin	TX	Folsom	CA	San Luis Obispo	CA
Bellingham	WA	Gainesville	FL	Santa Cruz	CA
Bend	OR	Gunnison	CO	Sisters	OR
Bloomington	IN	Hilton Head Island	SC	Tempe	AZ
Boston	MA	La Crosse	WI	Venice	FL
Bozeman	MT	Long Beach	CA	Washington	DC
Burlington	VT	Longmont	CO	Wood River Valley	ID
Charlottesville	VA	Mountain View	CA		
Carrboro	NC	New York	NY		
Chicago	IL	Olympia	WA		
Chico	CA	Park City and Snyderville Basin	UT		
Claremont	CA	Philadelphia	PA		
Colorado Springs	CO	Port Townsend	WA		
Columbia	MO	Presidio of San Francisco	CA		

# Bronze - 200



# BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY FEEDBACK REPORT

Fall 2012



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Venice, FL

<http://ht5000.jimdo.com/venice-bfc-feedback/>

# Riding on our Trails

Legacy Trail

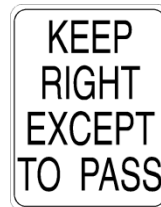
Venetian Waterway Trail





# Rules for Sharing the Trail

- **Courtesy**
- **Announce when passing**
- **Yield when entering and crossing**
- **Keep right**
- **Pass on left**
- **Be predictable**
- **Use lights at night**
- **Do not block the trail**



**Riding on the Roads  
Drive Your Bike  
Like a Car, Only Slower.**

***Cyclists fare best when they act and  
are treated as drivers of vehicles.***

# The Five Layers of Bicycling Safety



## Layer 1: Control Your Bicycle

(Don't fall or collide with others)

If you can skillfully control your bike by starting, stopping, and turning properly, you will not fall down all by yourself or run into others. **Do this and you reduce your risk of injury by 50%.** To ride in groups, a cyclist must have good bike handling skills.



## Layer 2: Follow the Rules

(Don't cause traffic accidents)

Follow traffic laws, obey signs and signals, use headlights and taillights at night, and use the correct lanes for turns and through movements and you won't cause a collision with a motorist. **About half of cyclist/motorist crashes are caused by cyclists who violate the basic rules of the road. Combine Layers 1 and 2 and you cut about 75% of your injury risk**



**3 FEET  
PLEASE**



**IT'S THE LAW**







R5-1b



R9-3c



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## **Layer 3: Lane Positioning**

(Discourage other driver's mistakes)

Knowing when to use the full lane or to share a lane is something few cyclists fully understand. Your position in a lane is the best way to make yourself conspicuous, to tell drivers what you are doing, and to discourage them from making unsafe movements.

**Combine Layers 1, 2 and 3 and you cut out about 99% of all potential crashes.**

# Layer 3: Lane Positioning



## Layer 4: Hazard Avoidance

(Avoid the other driver's mistakes)

There are evasive maneuvers you should know that can help you avoid major motorist mistakes or dodge obstacles. Knowing how to stop and turn quickly helps you avoid motorist mistakes that aren't discouraged by lane positioning. These skills are not instinctive and must be taught.



# Layer 5: Passive Safety

(Protection when all else fails)

This is actually the least effective layer. Helmets and gloves protect your most vulnerable body parts as a last resort in case of the very rare failure of Layers 1 through 4, but they do nothing to help you avoid crashes.



Wear the helmet flat on the head, not tilted back at an angle!



Make sure the helmet fits snugly and does not obstruct the field of vision. Make sure the chin strap fits securely and that the buckle stays fastened.

# The Five Layers of Bicycling Safety



**Control Your Bicycle – 50%**

**Follow the Rules – 25%**

**Lane Positioning – 24%**

**Hazard Avoidance – 1%**

**Passive Safety**

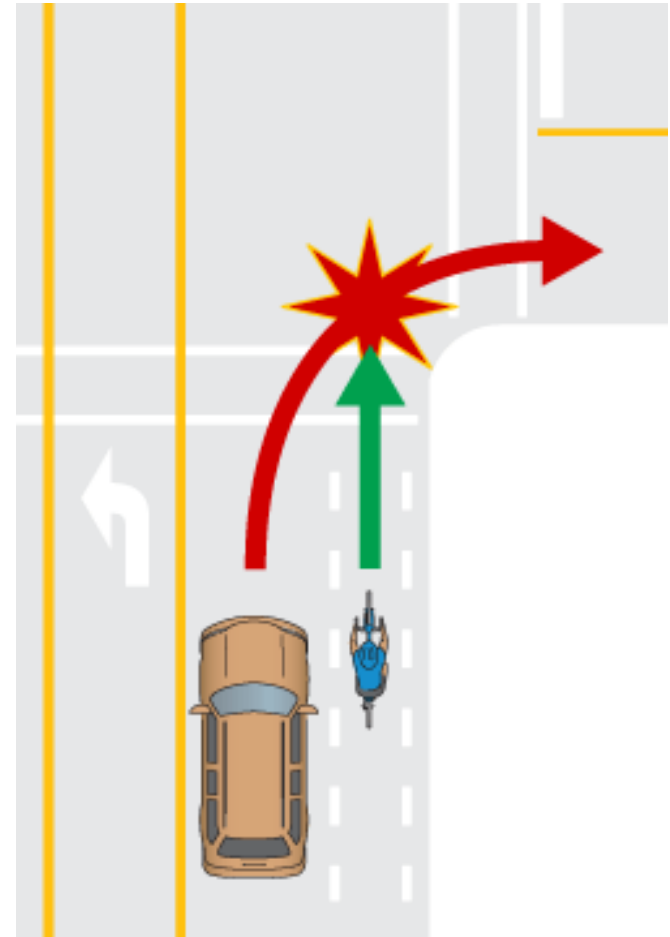
**How to  
handle traffic  
situations  
that you may  
encounter.**



## Overtaking Right-hook:

Motorist passes and turns right in front of cyclist.

*Savvy Cycling*: Keep 'em behind you. Ride farther left, they'll wait to turn. Move to the left side of the lane before an intersection with a high volume of right-turning traffic and before a lane splits into a straight-thru and right-turn lane.

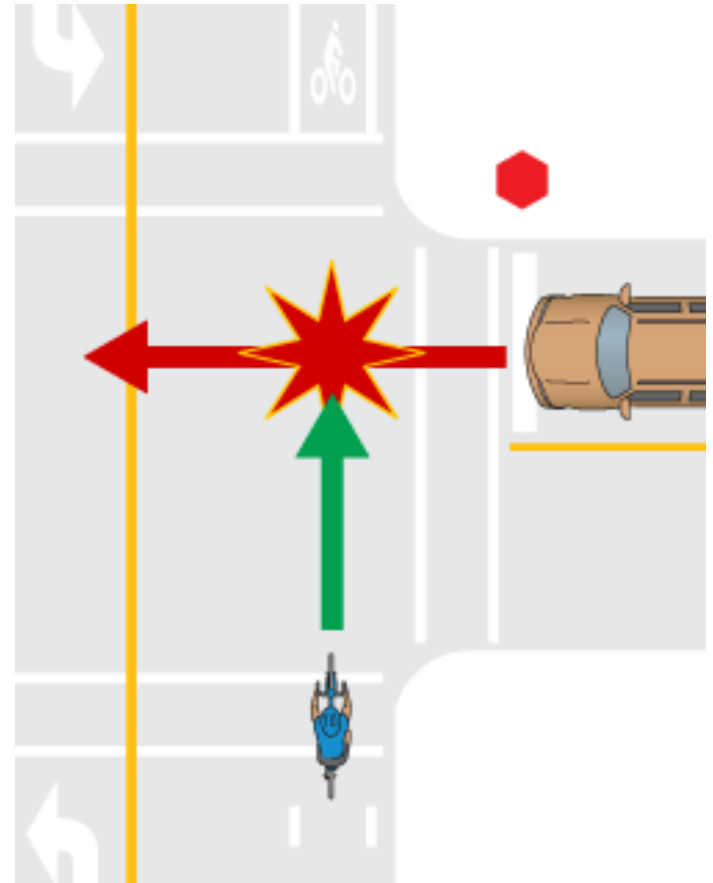




## Drive-out:

Motorist pulls out from side street into cyclist's path.

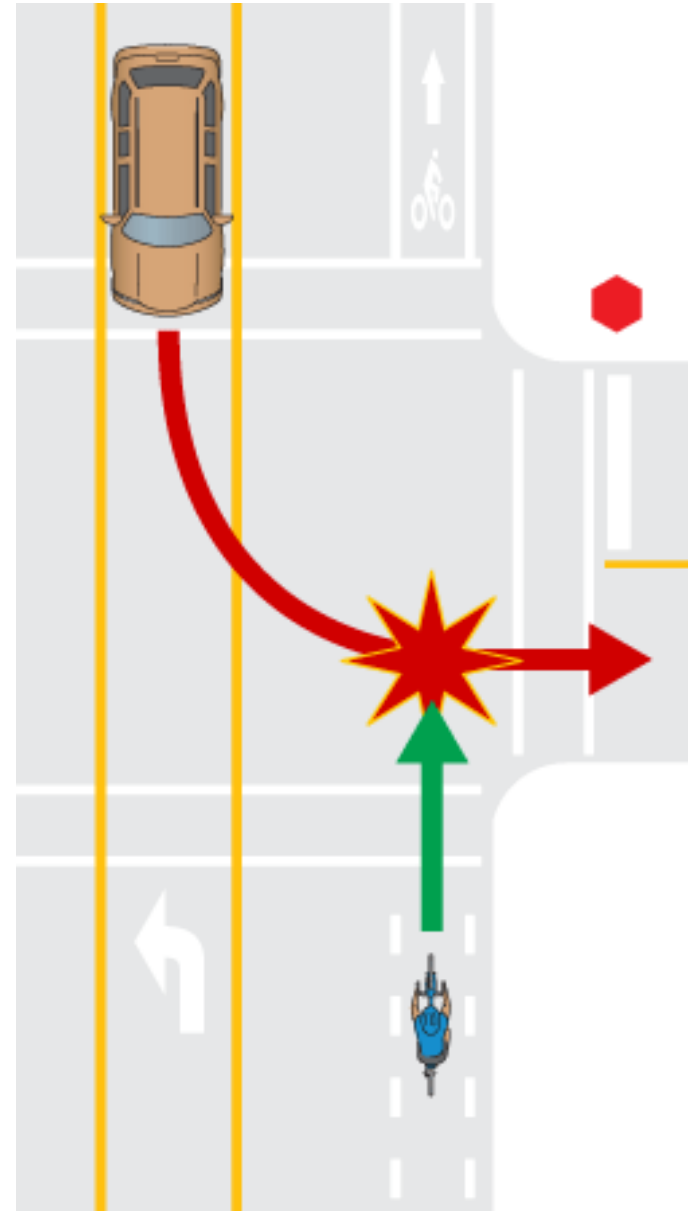
*Savvy Cycling: Ride farther left, they are more likely to see you if you are in the traffic lane where they are looking. Stay out of shoulders and undesignated areas to the right of the edge-line, especially where there are a lot of driveways and cross-streets. Even avoid marked bike lanes if they reduce your visibility to crossing traffic.*



## Left-cross:

Motorist turns left into, or front of, cyclist.

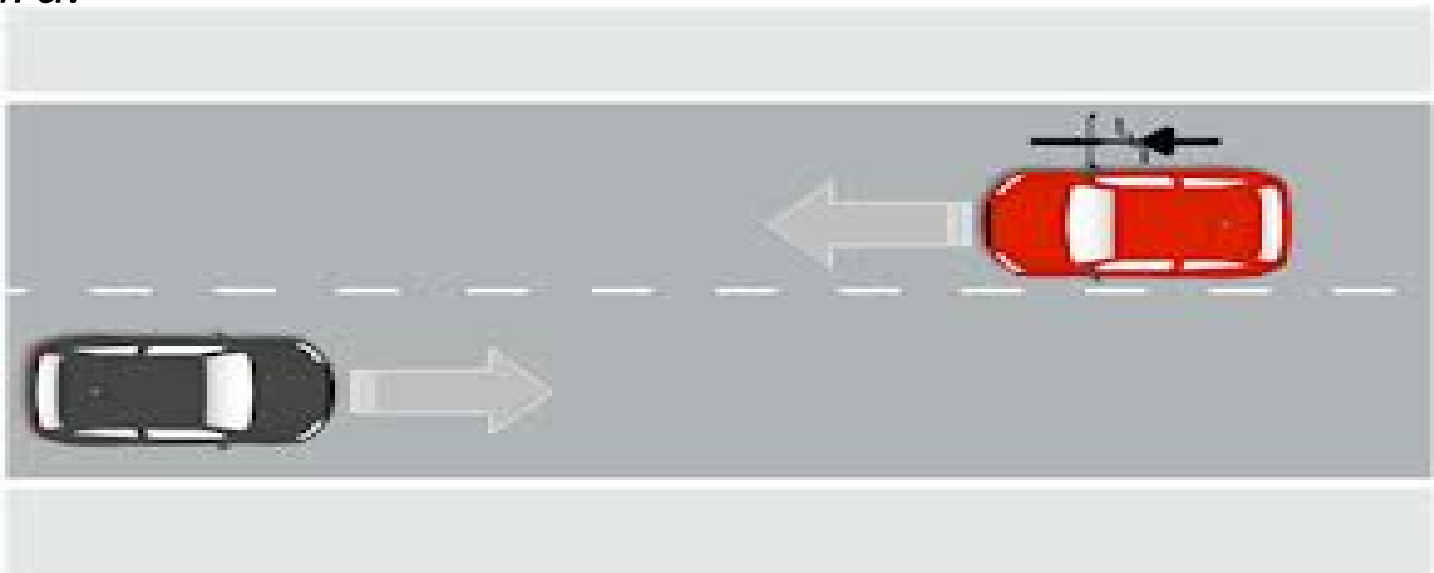
*Savvy Cycling: Ride farther left, they are focused on the oncoming traffic lane and a leftward position indicates higher speed. Keep pedaling, if you coast, they think you are yielding to them. Be prepared to execute an emergency maneuver.*



## Side-swipe:

Motorist tries to squeeze between cyclist and centerline, median or oncoming traffic.

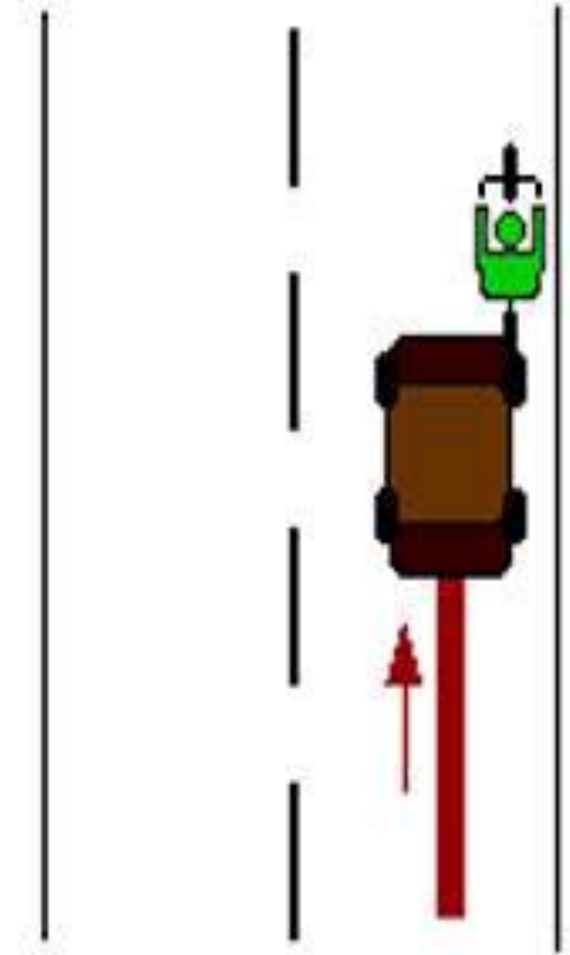
*Savvy Cycling: Ride farther left to discourage same-lane passing in narrow lanes.. Remember, you are not choosing a lane position to accommodate small cars. You must ride in a consistent, predictable position while maintaining your focus forward.*



## Rear-end:

Motorist runs smack into the back of a cyclist. This is a rare type of collision and usually involves darkness, lack of proper bike lights and alcohol.

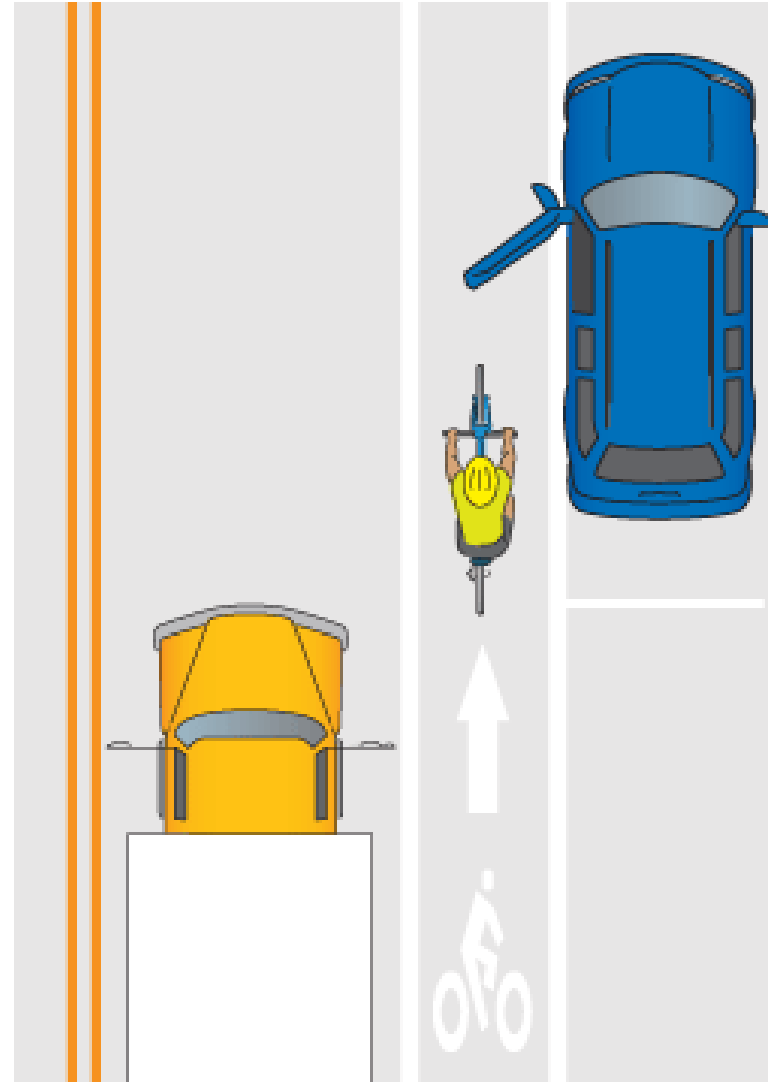
*Savvy Cycling: Make yourself relevant and visible. Always use lights at night. In low light, high visibility colors are helpful. Reflective is helpful at night.*



## The Door Prize:

Driver opens the door of a parked car into the cyclist. This can be a deadly collision.

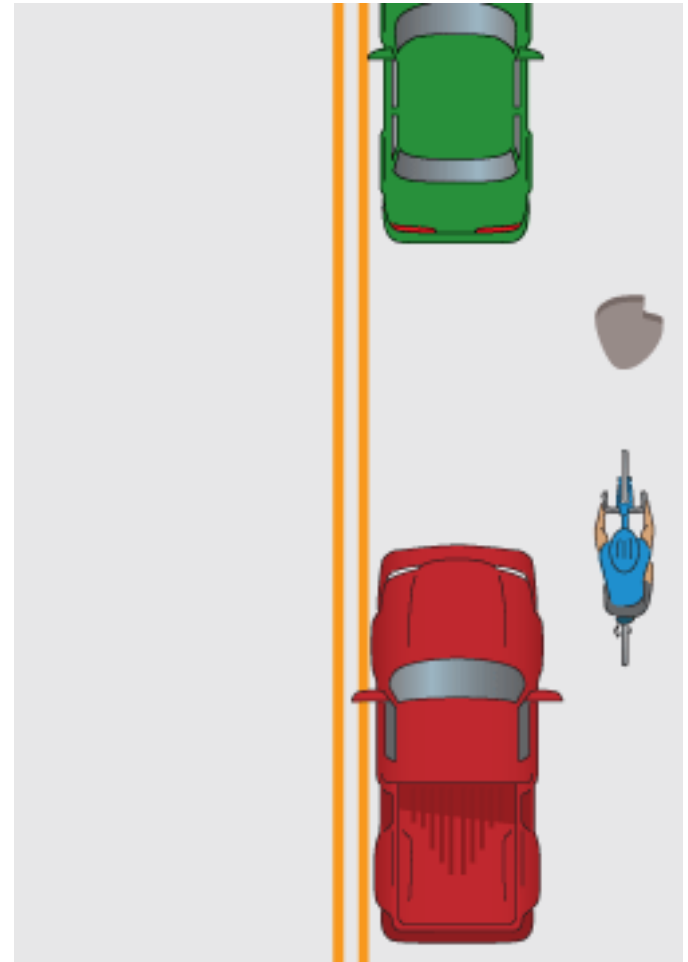
*Savvy Cycling*: Stay at least 5 feet from parked cars - no matter where the bike lane is.



## Pothole Plunge:

Cyclist crashes because she can't avoid a surface hazard due to overtaking motorists.

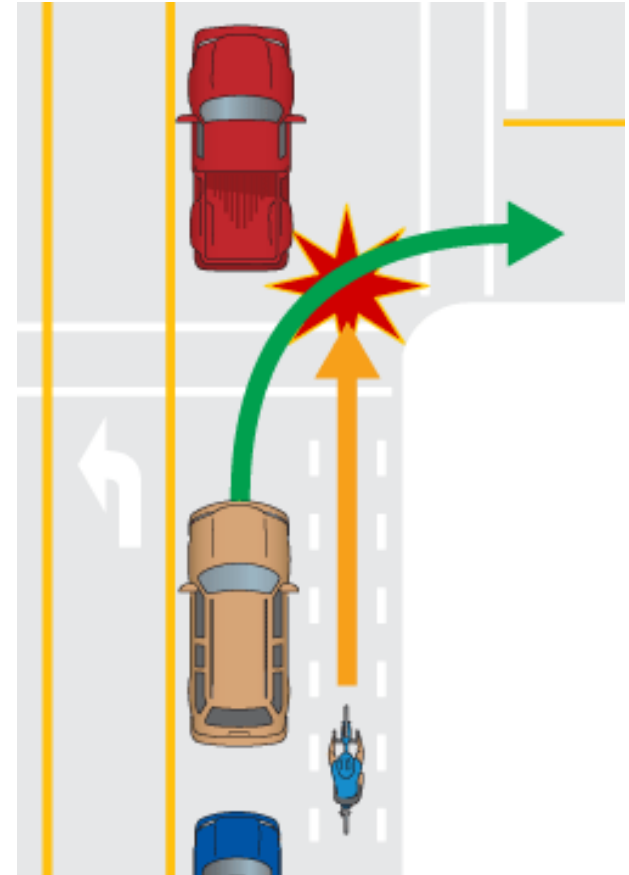
*Savvy Cycling: Ride farther left (are you seeing a theme here?), most hazards are on the right edge of the road. Claiming the lane gives you the whole lane to avoid hazards without having to merge or worry about overtaking motorists.*



## Passing-on-the-Right-hook:

Cyclist passes slow-moving cars on the right and car turns right into cyclist. This is a common bike lane crash.

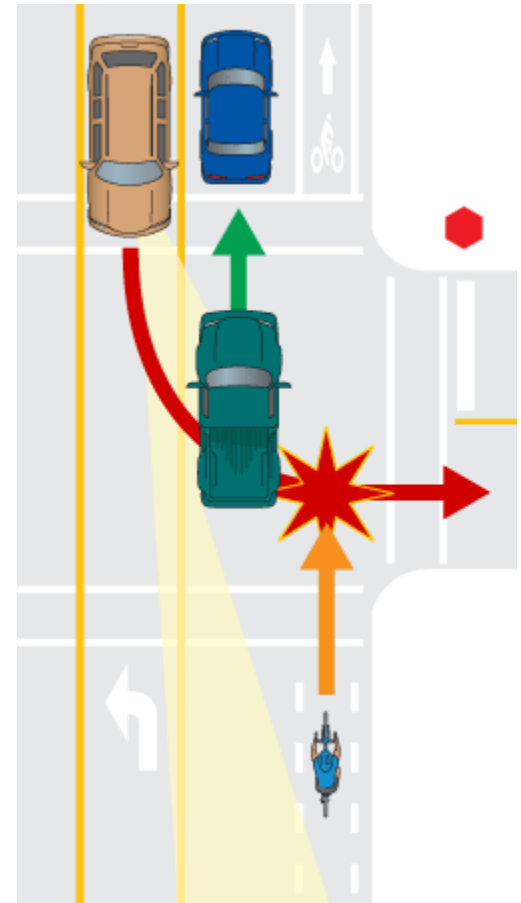
*Savvy Cycling: Don't pass slower/stopped traffic on the right. Use extreme caution if you need to pass a queue of traffic. You can't rely on motorists to use their turn signals or to look before turning or merging into a bike lane. Merge left into the traffic lane if you are moving the same speed as traffic.*



## Left-cross in the Blind Spot:

Bike lanes can contribute to this kind of crash.

*Savvy Cycling: Be aware that moving or stopped cars to the left of you obscure your visibility to traffic in the oncoming lane. If you choose to pass a queue of stopped traffic on the right (with or without a bike lane), drive slowly and carefully, stop at gaps in the traffic to your left and expect crossing conflicts.*





## Crosswalk/Sidewalk Slam:

Car turns into cyclist riding in crosswalk or across a driveway on the sidewalk.

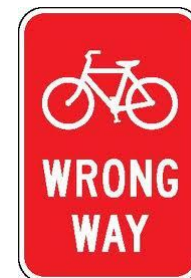
*Savvy Cycling: Don't ride on the sidewalk and avoid sidepaths. Motorists are focused on the travel lanes and typically "tune out" activity on the margins.*



## Wrong-way Wallop:

Cyclist riding the wrong way gets hit by crossing or turning motorist.

*Savvy Cycling: Ride with the flow of traffic. Motorists don't look for vehicles driving the wrong way*



## Scofflaw Smack-down:

Cyclist runs a stop sign or red light and gets hit.

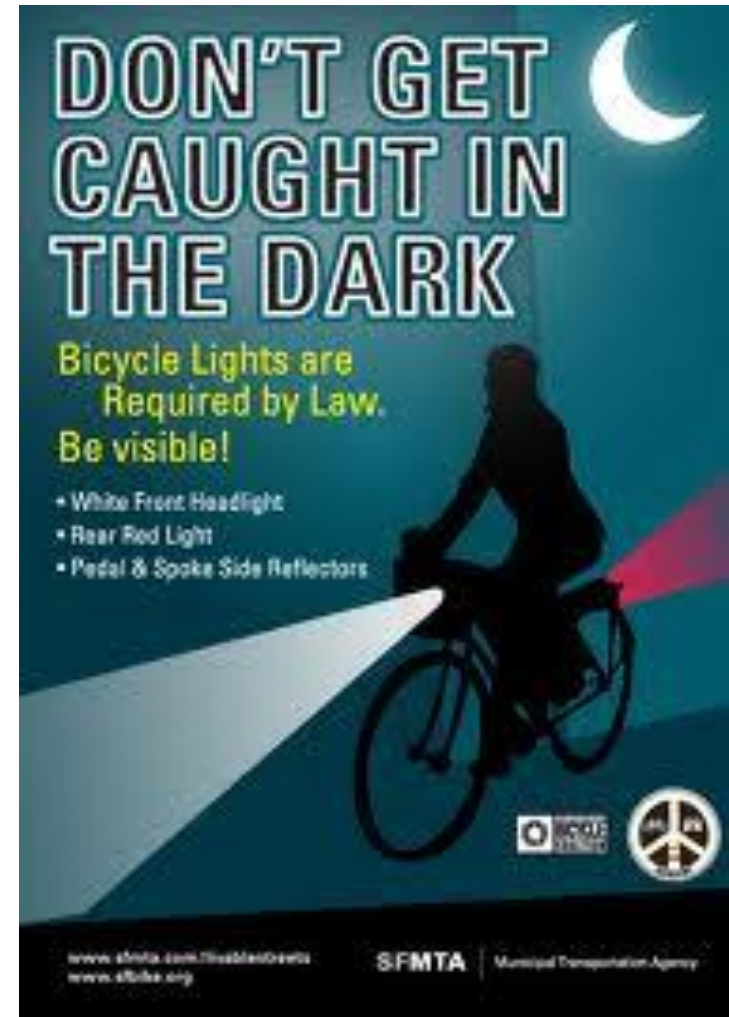
*Savvy Cycling: Follow the rules. Traffic control devices are for ALL vehicles, including bicycles.*



## Ninja Knock-out:

Any of the common crashes involving a cyclist without lights at night.

*Savvy Cycling: You are required by law to have a white headlight and red tail light and rear reflector on your bike when operating in the dark. Make sure you are visible. Don't skimp on lights and retro-reflective materials*



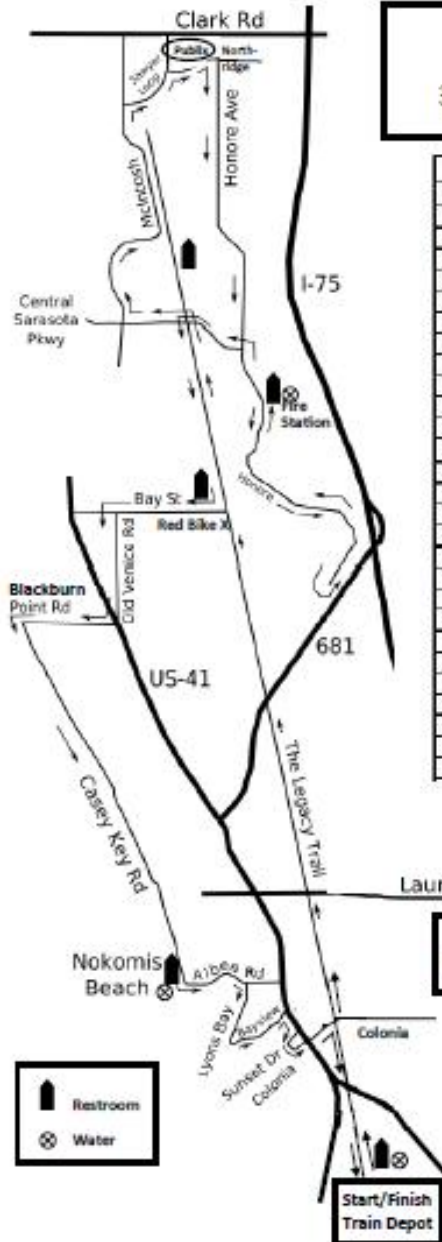
# Good Places to Ride

- Legacy Trail/ Venetian Waterway Trail
- Venice Island Loop
- Honore Loop in Palmer Ranch
- Casey Key
- Manasota Key
- Edmonson/Border Road to Forbes Trail
- Carlton Reserve/Deer Prairie Creek

# Venice Island Loop



## Triple Loop Century Part 1 38 Mile "Tour de Parks" Loop



38 MILES Tour de Parks Loop			
Mile	Dir	ROADS	FOR
		Start @ Train depot, Head NORTH on trail	
1.3	S	Across COLONIA Lane and stay on Legacy Trail	1.3
2.0	S	across LAUREL Rd on LEGACY Trail	6.1
8.7	L	On CENTRAL SARASOTA Parkway	0.7
9.4	R	On MCINTOSH Rd ( 1st light )	2.9
12.3	R	On SAWYER LOOP Rd ( 4th light )	0.0
12.9	R	On NORTHDRIDGE Rd ( 1st Right )	0.6
13.5	R	On HONORE ( 1st light )	6.4
19.9	U	U-Turn at SR 681	3.3
23.2	L	On CENTRAL SARASOTA Parkway	0.7
23.9	L	On LEGACY Trail	2.4
26.2	R	at BAY Street ( red bicycle )	1.1
27.5	L	On OLD VENICE Road	1.1
28.4	S	CROSS TAMiami Tr to BLACKBURN Rd ( 1st light )	1.0
29.4	L	On CASEY Key Rd ( toilets @ Nokomis beach )	4.1
33.5	L	On ALBEE Rd ( over bridge )	0.8
34.5	R	On LYONS Bay Rd	0.1
34.5	O	Continue on LYONS Bay rd ( straight )	0.5
35	L	On BAYVIEW Parkway	0.8
35.8	R	On TAMiami Trail @ US 41 ( Canada + US flag )	0.2
36	R	On SUNSET Drive ( 1st Right after bridge )	0.2
36.2	L	On CHEROKEE Place	0.1
36.3	L	On COLONIA Lane	0.1
36.4	S	Across US 41 ( 1st light )	0.0
36.4	S	Continue on COLONIA Lane	0.4
36.8	R	on LEGACY TRAIL	1.3
38.1		Arrive at the Train Depot	

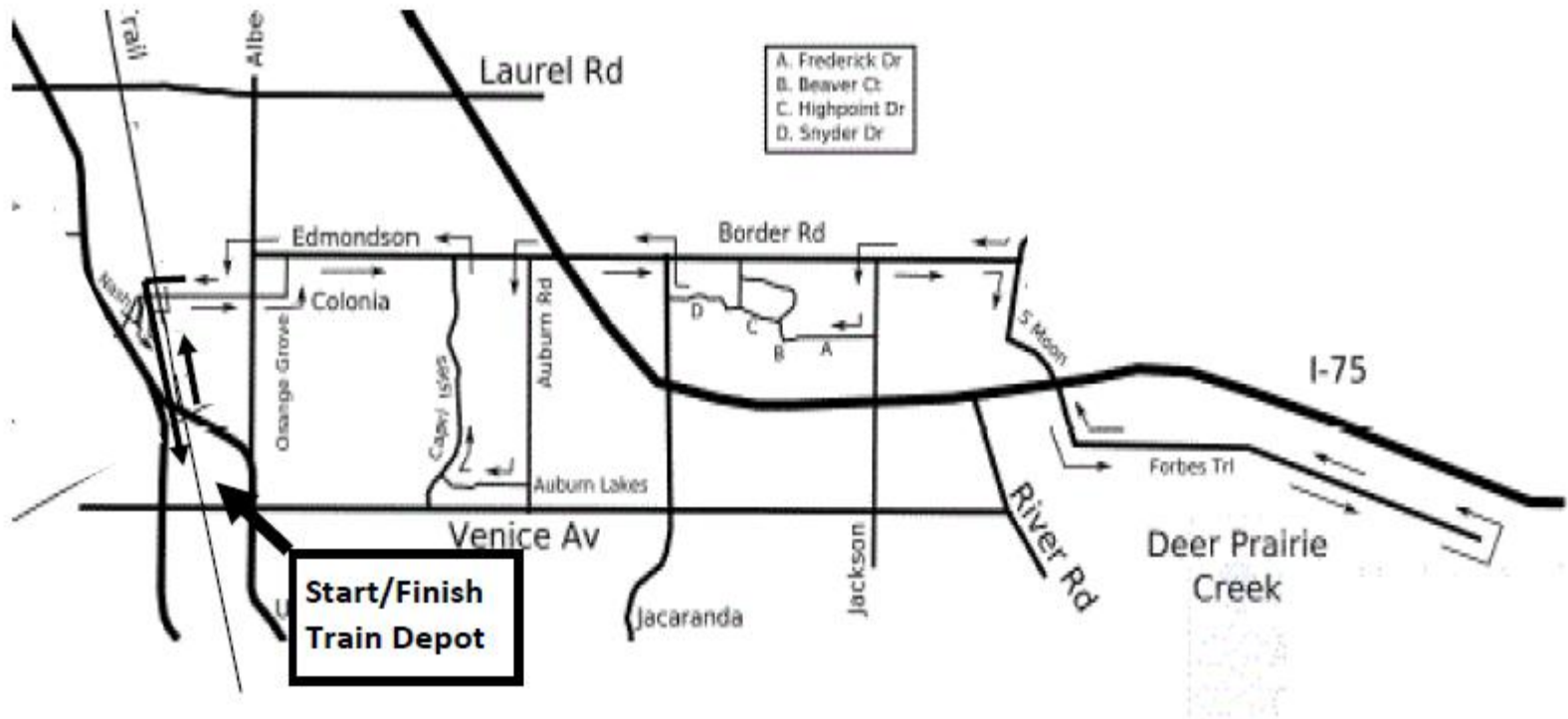
L:Left; R:right; S:Straight; O:Roundabout  
 Case Sheet Courtesy of [www.acebiketours.com](http://www.acebiketours.com)  
 Ride in Provence and the Alps

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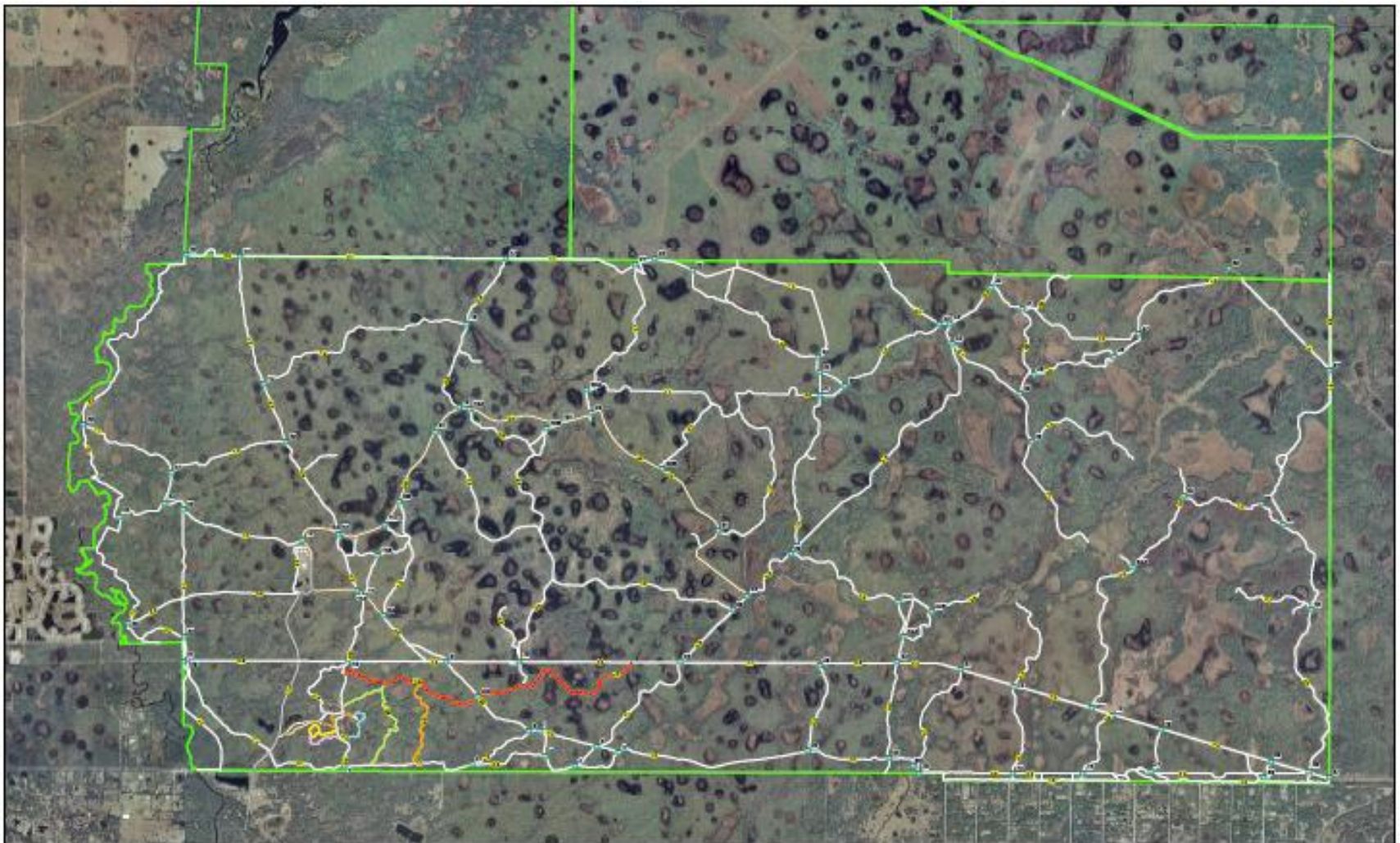


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# Edmonson/Border Road to Forbes Trail Loop







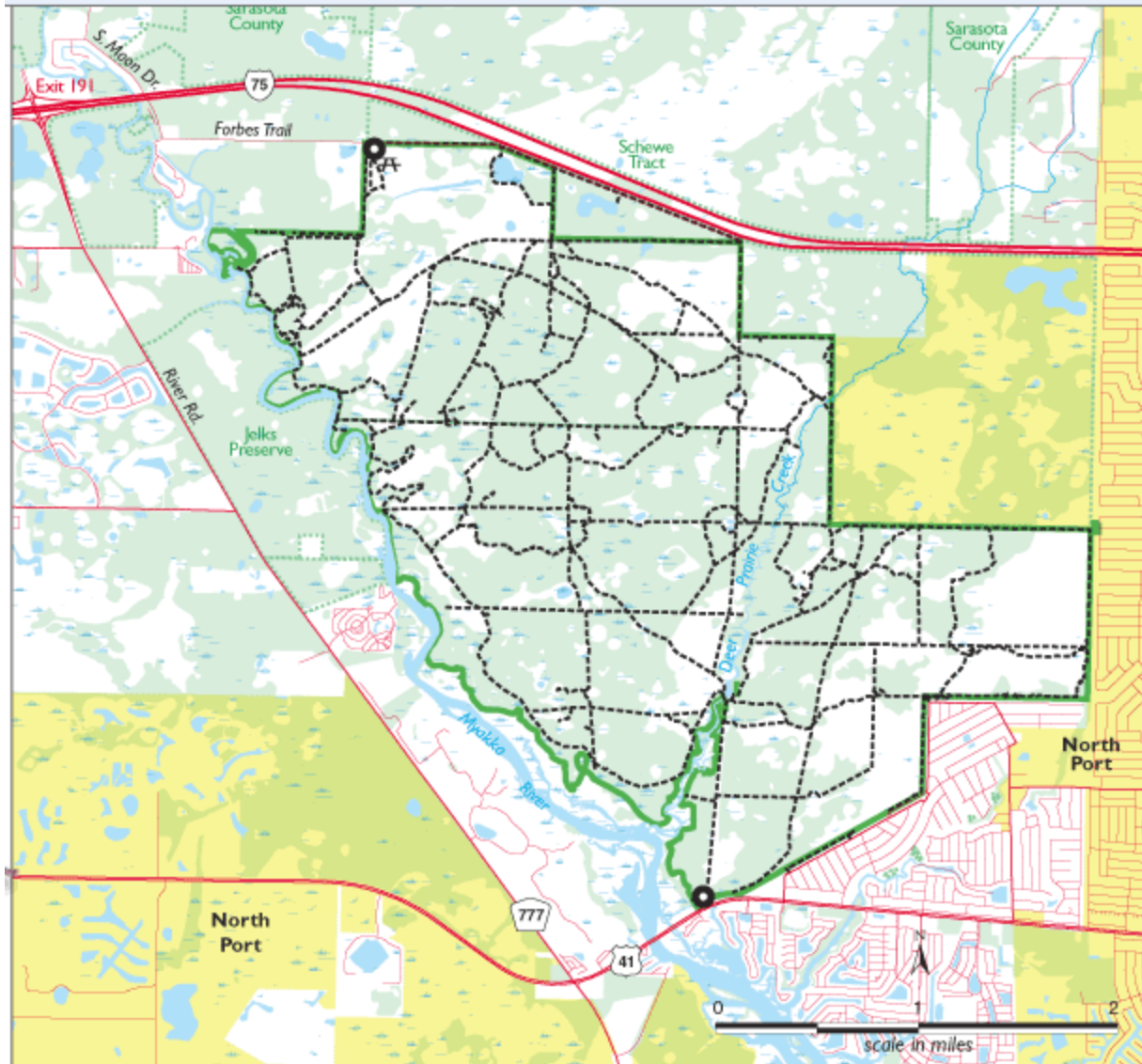
**T. MABRY CARLTON, JR.  
MEMORIAL RESERVE (CMR)  
TRAIL MILEAGES**

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



Trail Data (Total Mileage)  
 Paved road - 1.8 miles  
 Shell Road - 6.9 miles  
 Dirt Trails - 108.5 miles  
 Hiking Trails - 8.6 miles  
**Total Trail/Road Mileage - 123.8 miles**

# Deer Prairie Creek Preserve



# Group Rides

- Coastal Cruisers Bike Club
- Sarasota Manatee Bike Club
- Real Bikes Group Rides
- Organized Events
- Sharky's Ride the Beaches
- Tour de Parks

