

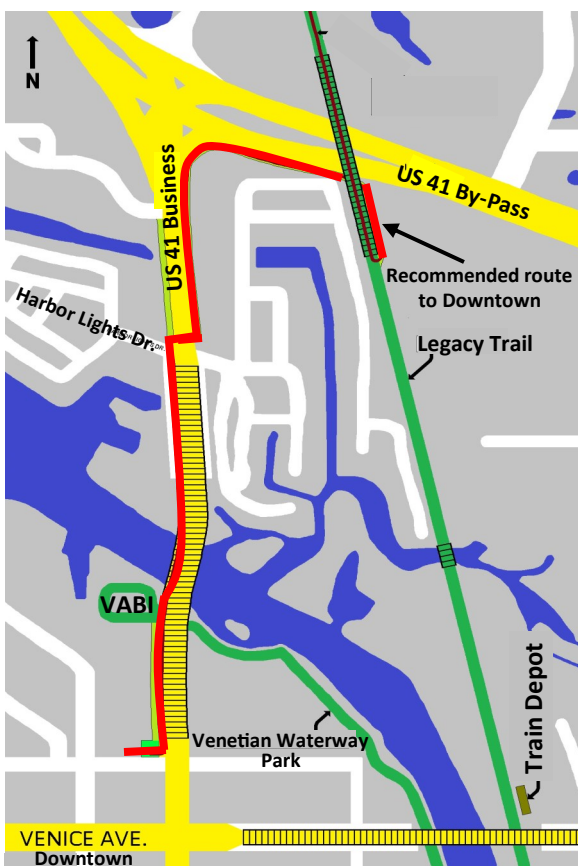
Venice, FL City on the Gulf

City of Venice Bike Map

A Bike/Walk Venice Project

Recommended route from the Train Depot and the Legacy Trail to downtown Venice

From the southern end of bike/pedestrian overpass across US 41 By-Pass, go north to US 41. Follow the sidewalk left (west) and then south to the traffic light. First, cross US 41 Business and then cross Harbor Lights Drive. Continue south across the west side of the Hatchett Creek Bridge.



ABC Quick Check

A - Air

Tires should feel hard; find recommended pressure on sidewall of tire.

B - Brake

Working properly.

C - Chain/crank

Clean/lubed chain, no extra "play" in crank.

Quick - Quick release

Check those quick releases to ensure they're locked!

Check - Everything

Check to make sure everything feels solid and nothing is loose that get could caught in the chain or spokes.



Bicycling on Florida Roads

- Ride in the right lane except when passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn or avoiding hazards.
- Ride on paved shoulders and bike lanes when present and free of hazards.
- Ride no more than two abreast, returning to single file if riding two abreast would impede the flow of traffic.
- Make eye contact with drivers at stops.
- Assume motorists do not see you and that you don't have the right of way.
- Wear passive safety equipment to protect yourself - helmet, glasses, gloves, visible clothing, etc.
- Expect the unexpected; your first responsibility is to be safe.

Active Living



Engaging in a healthy and active lifestyle in Venice is easy! This bicycle map is just one tool to encourage everyone living or working in Venice to partake in a healthy lifestyle. Small changes can make big differences, with increased benefits for all. Try one of these recommendations each week, and add more as you're ready. Living an active and healthy lifestyle is both healthy and FUN!

- Ride your bike.
- Park the car farther away and enjoy the walk.
- Walk the dog - every day!
- Try a fitness or yoga class.
- Visit the farmers' market.
- Plant a garden or just a couple of veggies.
- Take a walking or biking tour of local art/architecture.
- Walk or bike to school or work.
- Participate in Bike to Work Day.
- Sign up for a local fun walk/run event.
- Set a fitness goal with a friend.
- Have FUN!

Active Living for Life is a movement designed to ensure that healthy lifestyles are always available and convenient for all who work, play and visit our community. Active Living for Life's vision is to make Venice the healthiest community in the state.

Multi-use Trails

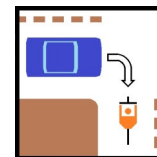
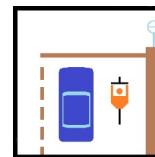
While Florida has no statewide statutes regulating multi-use trails, here is a list of suggested practices.

- Obey all local regulations when using a multi-use trail.
- Use common sense and courtesy on the trail.
- Ride, walk and skate on the right side of the trail.
- Obey traffic control signs and markings on trail.
- Pass on the left when the trail is clear of traffic.
- Give audible warning before overtaking other trail users.
 - Ring your bike bell.
 - Loudly and clearly call out "Bicycle on your left."
- Listen up! Headphones prevent you from hearing warnings.
- Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops.
- Do not stop on the trail, blocking other users.
- Ride single file so that other users can pass safely.

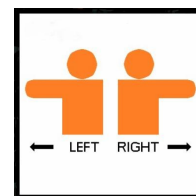


Bike Laws and Bike Safety

Cyclists should obey all traffic laws, signs and signals. Your bike is considered to be a vehicle under Florida state law.



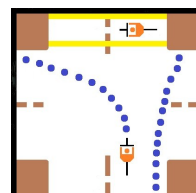
Go With the Flow. Never ride against traffic. Ride single file with the flow of traffic.



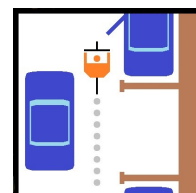
Use Hand Signals. Signal all turns and stops ahead of time. Check over your shoulder, then make your intended move when it is safe to do so.



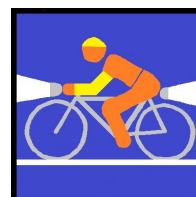
Yield to Pedestrians. Give an audible signal when you pass a pedestrian or someone traveling slower than you.



Choose the Best Way to Turn Left. Turn left wisely; look back, signal, move into the left lane and turn. OR, ride straight to the far side crosswalk, turn and wait for the light to change and use the crosswalk.



Watch Out for Opening Car Doors. Be careful for opening doors from parked cars. Motorists can unexpectedly open doors. Ride a car door width away from parked vehicles.



Be Visible at Night. Always use a strong white headlight, rear light and reflector at night. Wear reflective clothing.

Before You Ride

- Helmet
- Water
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Pump
- Patch kit
- Money
- Cell phone
- Gloves

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Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club www.smbc.us SMBC is dedicated to bicycling for recreation, fitness, exercise, sport, and transportation. Takes an active role in furthering the interests and safety of bicyclists. See website and bimonthly newsletter for details.

Coastal Cruisers www.coastalcruisers.net Coastal Cruisers sponsors organized rides on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Monthly meetings, socials and discounts. See website for membership info, ride schedules and more.

bikewalkvenice.com Their mission is to promote bicycle and walking safety in the Venice area. This Venice Bike Map is one of their projects. They are working with Venice and the League of American Bicyclists to earn Bicycle Friendly Community status.