



Cycling Etiquette

The City of Timmins Cycling Committee is working hard toward filling in gaps in our current trail infrastructure. Our trail network consists of multi-use trails, paved trails, and a vision to create on-road bicycle lanes.

To stay safe and make your trip more enjoyable please review and follow these guidelines:

Ride with Traffic - Cyclists are required to ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic laws and lights.

Warn other users when passing – Use your horn when approaching or passing. Make sure you have clear sight lines before passing.

Gauge your speed – ride at a safe speed for the trail/road conditions.

Never ride more than two abreast – Riding two abreast is safer when a group of riders are travelling on a road with one lane in each direction which are not wide enough for a motor vehicle to pass even a single rider while staying in the lane.

On roads with one lane in each direction with shoulders and oncoming traffic that is quite heavy, cyclists should consider riding single file. However, if the road is narrow or the shoulder disappears, cyclists should be prepared to take the lane to avoid situations where drivers are staying in the lane to overtake cyclists at an unsafe distance.

Be smart about when you can ride two abreast or when you should ride in a single file. Share the road and allow drivers to pass safely.

Resource: <https://cyclingmagazine.ca/sections/training-guide/is-riding-single-file-safer-than-riding-two-abreast/>



Slow down and be prepared to stop. Be aware of other trail users and respect their right to use the trail system. Multi-use trails allow people to walk, jog, run and cycle. Be alert and watch for people that may be unpredictable. Wheels Yield to Heels!

Be Predictable – Signal to others what you intend to do. Follow the rules of the road and be predictable to drivers. Ride in a straight line. Avoid sudden swerves. Move off the trail or road if you are stopping.

Ride Right, Pass Left - Cyclists must yield to pedestrians. Ride on the right, and pass on the left. Use extreme caution on hills, sharp curves and at all intersections.



Say Hello – You are representing cyclists. Be friendly, nod, wave, say hello and enjoy the ride!

Don't forget to post a picture of your ride and tag us at [#bikeittimmins](https://www.instagram.com/bikeittimmins)