

MAP METHODOLOGY

Over 200 cyclists provided input for this map.

Cyclists assigned suitability ratings to segments based on how appropriate they felt each road was for a given level rider.

Their subjective opinions take into account information such as vehicle speed, pavement quality, road width, hilliness, intersection safety, bike accommodations, parking turnover and more.

To objectify this data, we took a weighted average of their recommendations, collected and added feedback from local cycling groups, and visited all the roadways ourselves before assigning a final suitability rating for each segment.

The suitability levels of this map, therefore, represent a consensus opinion.

We understand that individuals may often disagree with the ratings.

MASSACHUSETTS LAW STATES THAT BICYCLES ARE VEHICLES

Bicycles have the same rights and the same responsibilities as any other vehicle on the road.

TOP 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BIKES AND THE LAW

1. Bicycles are considered vehicles, and belong on the road.
2. Bicycles must stop at all stop signs and red lights, and obey traffic laws.
3. Bicycles must ride in the direction of traffic.
4. Bicycles may use the entire lane of traffic if need be for safety.
5. Bicycles may only ride on sidewalks outside of business districts, unless otherwise prohibited. Roads are recommended.

BIKE SHOPS

- 1 Adis Bike World
231 Grove St., West Roxbury, 617.325.2453
- 2 Back Bay Bicycles
362 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 617.247.2336
- 3 Bicycle Bills
253 North Harvard St., Allston, 617.783.5636
- 4 Bikes Not Bombs
18 Bartlett Sq., Jamaica Plain, 617.522.0226
- 5 Boston Bicycle Shop
842 Beacon St., Boston, 617.236.0752

- 6 Codman Cycle Company
353 Adams St., Dorchester, 617.282.5585
- 7 Community Bicycle Supply
496 Tremont St., Boston, 617.542.8623
- 8 Eastern Mountain Sports
1045 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 617.254.4250
- 9 855 Boylston St., Boston, 617.236.1518
- 10 Federico's Bike Shop
126 Emerson St., Boston, 617.269.1309
- 11 Ferris Wheels
66 South St., Jamaica Plain, 617.524.2453
- 12 International Bicycle Centers
89 Brighton Ave., Brighton, 617.783.5804

- 13 Landry's Bicycles
890 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 617.232.0446
- 14 Mel's Hyde Park Bike
74 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park, 617.361.3441
- 15 REI
401 Park Dr., Boston, 617.236.0746
- 16 Ski Market
860 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 617.731.6100
- 17 Trimitis Bicycle Repair
42 Bradstreet Ave., Roslindale, 617.327.2500
- 18 Urban Adventurers
103 Atlantic Ave., Boston, 617.233.7595

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BIKE ROUTES OF BOSTON

SUITABILITY RATING LEVEL

- Beginner**
Suitable for all types of bicyclists including newer cyclists, cyclists with limited on-road experience and/or children. These segments tend to be off-street paths or very low volume/speed roadways.
- Intermediate**
Suitable for riders with some on-road experience. Traffic volume and speed tends to be moderate. Roadways may have shoulders, bike lanes, or marked shoulders.
- Advanced**
Suitable for experienced and traffic-confident cyclists. These are often the most direct routes. Traffic volumes and/or speeds can be high. Intersections might be complex.

BICYCLE ACCOMMODATIONS

- Path, trail or car-free roadway
- Roadway marked for bicycles with bike lane or bike boulevard
- Roadway marked for bicycles with shared road symbols and/or signage
- Recommended bicycle route with no bicycle markings on roadway

Other Symbols:

- Dangerous Intersection
- MBTA Stop
- Water Ferry Stop
- Train Station
- Historic Site
- Museum
- Bicycle Shop
- East Coast Greenway
- One-way Route
- Town Boundary
- Park, Playground, Open Space
- Cemetery

Scale: 0 to 2 Miles (0, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2 Miles)

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GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

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