

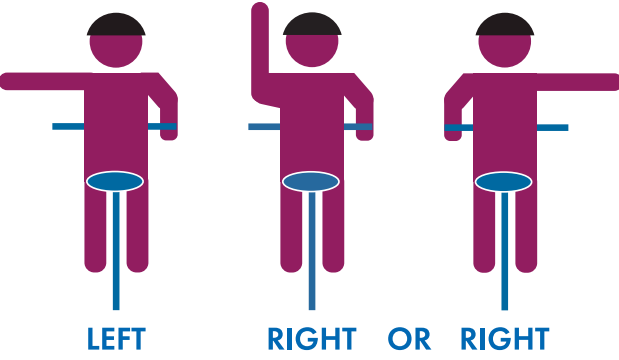
BICYCLING IN THE SWEETHEART CITY



LAWS & RULES OF THE ROAD

Colorado State Law: Bicyclists Rights & Duties

- Bicyclists have all the rights and duties that apply to drivers of any other vehicle, except those which by their nature cannot apply.
- Always ride in the right-hand lane, following the direction of traffic. When being overtaken by a vehicle, ride as far to the right as practicable.
- Ride with at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Signal your intent to turn or stop.



- When turning left, you may either turn as a car using the left-most lane, or turn as a pedestrian, moving to the far side of the intersection, then crossing in the new direction when the light is green or the pedestrian signal indicates "walk."
- Use lights and reflectors at night.
- When riding/walking a bicycle in crosswalks or on sidewalks, you have all the rights and duties as pedestrians. Give an audible signal when passing pedestrians and yield as needed.
- In Loveland, bicycling or skateboarding is NOT allowed on sidewalks in zoned districts "Be" or "B" (downtown business area) or when posted.
- Ride on shoulder when a paved shoulder exists. Exceptions:
  - ♦ When overtaking and passing another bicycle or other vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
  - ♦ Turning left at an intersection or driveway.
  - ♦ When reasonably necessary to avoid hazardous conditions, such as vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, etc.
- It is preferred that you ride single file. You may ride two abreast under these circumstances:
  - ♦ When riding will NOT impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.
  - ♦ When riding on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
  - ♦ Riding on a shoulder is permitted when all cyclists are on the shoulder.

BUFFERED BICYCLE LANES

A buffered bicycle lane is an enhanced bike lane with a painted buffer area separating the bicycle lane and the motor vehicle travel lane. Buffered bike lanes can increase safety and provide additional comfort for bicyclists.



SAFETY TIPS FOR ALL

Take responsibility for your own safety.

**CYCLISTS**

- Scan for hazards.
- Cross railroad tracks perpendicularly.
- Dress appropriately, wear reflective clothing.
- Be prepared for changing weather.
- Carry items in packs attached to your bike.
- Carry identification and emergency contact info.
- Always secure your bicycle with a good lock.

**PEDESTRIANS**

- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Cross the street at crosswalks.
- Be visible and stay alert.

**MOTORISTS**

- Obey the speed limit.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Keep your eye on cyclists and pedestrians.
- Keep a three foot distance when passing cyclists - IT'S THE LAW!

do!

**CYCLISTS – DON'T**

- Weave in between parked cars.
- Wear headphones while riding.
- Ride in a right turn lane unless turning right.

**PEDESTRIANS – DON'T**

- Walk until traffic stops or be distracted.

**MOTORISTS – DON'T**

- Park or travel in bike-only lanes.
- Turn without using turn signal.

Don't!

BIKE | PEDESTRIAN INFO: [lovgov.org/BikePed](https://lovgov.org/BikePed)

NAVIGATING ROUNDABOUTS

- Traffic already in the circle has the right-of-way.
- Traffic flows counterclockwise, even if turning left.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Cyclists merge to the center of the lane OR use sidewalks and cross like pedestrians.

KNOW THE LAW – DON'T GET FINED

Common violations that can result in a fine:

- Failing to ride in right-hand lane; failure to give an audible signal to others on trail; and riding more than two abreast in lane.

Colorado Safety Stop:

- Allows people on bikes, age 15 and older, to treat stop signs as yield signs and red lights as stop signs.

BIKE | BUS CONNECTION

Bike racks are available on all Loveland COLT and Fort Collins Transfort buses. They attach to the front of the bus and hold two bicycles; first-come/first-served. Bikes are NOT permitted inside the bus.

City of Loveland Transit (COLT)

Bus Service Info Line.....970.962.2429  
COLT Office.....970.962.2700  
City of Fort Collins Transfort/FLEX.....970.221.6620



LOVELAND PAVED RECREATION TRAIL SYSTEM

There are more than 37 miles of paved trail associated with Loveland's Recreation Trail System providing much diversity as it runs along the Big Thompson River and past farm fields, lakes and natural areas. The trail is multi-use and accommodates a wide variety of non-motorized user groups. It is divided by segments to help users better identify the trail location throughout town.

Trail Distances

Quarter-mile markers are located along the trail to measure distances and provide reference locations in an emergency.



LOVELAND LOOP TRAIL			LOOP TRAIL
<b>Big Thompson River Trail</b> <i>Rossum Dr. to South Hwy 287</i>		4.8 miles	
<b>Civic Center Trail</b> <i>South Hwy 287 to Denver Ave.</i>		2.8 miles	
<b>Boyd Lake Trail</b> <i>Denver Ave. to CR 11C</i>		4.6 miles	
<b>North Trail</b> <i>CR 11C to N. Taft Ave.</i>		3.3 miles	
<b>Westside Trail</b> <i>N. Taft Ave. to West Hwy 34</i>		5.0 miles	
CONNECTOR TRAILS			
<b>Centerra Trail</b> <i>Denver Ave. to Boyd Lake Ave.</i>		1.3 miles	
<b>East Big Thompson Trail</b> <i>St. Louis Ave. to E. First St.</i>		1.8 miles	
<b>Colorado Front Range Trail</b> <i>Along CR 11C and CR 30 to Trilby Rd. in Fort Collins</i>		2.2 miles	
<b>Long View Trail</b> <i>57th St. and Taft Ave. at Sunset Vista Natural Area to Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area in Fort Collins</i>		4.0 miles	



Support the Colorado Lottery and GOCO which give money to projects to help positively impact communities. Funds build trails, open recreation facilities, preserve view corridors, improve/expand river quality and access, and conserve wildlife habitat.

TRAIL RULES & REGULATIONS

**Hours** Loveland's paved trails and most soft-surface trails can be used from 6:00A-10:30P. Overnight parking and camping are prohibited. See chart below for trails open sunrise to sunset.

**Biking** Bicycling permitted on designated trails only. Bicycles are not permitted at Morey Wildlife Reserve or Mariana Butte Trails. Type I and II e-bikes are allowed where biking is allowed, except Prairie Ridge.

**Pets** Pets must be leashed and under human control at all times. Owners must pick up and remove pet waste. See chart below for sites where dogs are not allowed.

**Fishing** Fishing is regulated by Colorado State Regulations. Site-specific regulations apply. All anglers age 16+ are required to have a Colorado Fishing License.

**Horses** Horses (except police) are not permitted on City of Loveland Open Lands & Trails with the exception of Prairie Ridge.

TRAIL GUIDELINES

**Ride Right & Yield** Flow of traffic on the trail is similar to road traffic. Always ride or walk on the right side and warn others of your approach; bicyclists yield to other trail users.

**Single File** Ride or walk single file when traffic approaches from the opposite direction or when someone verbally signals they would like to pass.

**Respect** Please stay on the designated trail and respect the rights of adjacent property owners.

**Equipment** Bicyclists are encouraged to wear helmets, keep equipment maintained and use reflectors and lights for safety.

SOFT-SURFACE TRAILS

Loveland offers 30 miles of soft-surface trail opportunities at natural areas and parks throughout town.

TRAIL NAME & LOCATION	AMENITIES & RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES									
	Parking	Restrooms	Picnic Area	Information Kiosk	Interpretive Signs	Hiking   Biking	Fishing	Leashed Dogs Only		
<b>Boedecker Bluff</b> <i>4750 W. First St.</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓ fee	✓		
<b>Boise Bend</b> <i>1225 S. Boise Ave.</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		
<b>Boyd Lake</b> (State Parks Partnership) <i>6500 N. CR 11C</i>	✓ fee	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
<b>Cottonwood Run</b> <i>Taft–Wilson along Big Thompson River</i>	✓ at Wilson			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Devil's Backbone*</b> (County fee area) <i>1725 Hidden Valley Dr.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
<b>King's Crossing</b> <i>990 S. Lincoln Ave.</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		
<b>Mariana Butte*</b> <i>701 Clubhouse Dr.</i>	✓	✓		✓		No bikes		✓		
<b>Meadowbrook</b> <i>2000 Cascade Ave.</i>				✓		✓		✓		
<b>Mehaffey Park</b> <i>3285 W. 22nd St.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
<b>Morey Wildlife Reserve*</b> <i>5439 Cedar Valley Dr.</i>		✓		✓		No bikes	✓	✓	NO DOGS	
<b>Old St. Louis</b> <i>1010 S. St. Louis Ave.</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Oxbow</b> <i>1135 &amp; 1140 Rossum Dr.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Prairie Ridge*</b> <i>6400 N. Wilson Ave.</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	No e-bikes			NO DOGS	
<b>River's Edge</b> <i>960 W. First St.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Round Mountain at Viestenz-Smith</b> <i>1211 W. Hwy 34</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
<b>Sunset Vista</b> <i>1323 W. 57th St.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
<b>Wild*</b> <i>5608 W. Hwy 34</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
<b>Willow Bend*</b> <i>2538 E. First St.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		

\*open sunrise to sunset

Electronic Personal Assistance Mobility Devices

The Parks & Recreation Department authorizes a person with a mobility disability to use an electronic personal assistance mobility device (EPAMD) in City parks and on hard & soft surface trails, sidewalks, outdoor recreation facilities and open lands maintained by the Department, subject to the following conditions:

Individuals with a mobility disability are allowed:

- Wheelchairs;
- Manually-powered mobility aids (e.g. walkers, crutches, canes, braces or similar devices);
- Other power-driven mobility devices that are EPAMDs and meet all conditions of this policy.



The following may NOT be used:

- Gas or fuel powered devices or internal combustion engine vehicles;
- Devices heavier than 500 pounds;
- Other power-driven mobility devices that exceed 32" in width (measured from outside of each tire).



Detailed rules: [lovgov.org/prRulesRegs](https://lovgov.org/prRulesRegs)

Wear your helmet EVERY time!



2025-2026

City of Loveland



LOVELAND BIKEWAYS & TRAILS



RESOURCES

REPORT A CRASH OR OTHER INCIDENT

EMERGENCY..... 911

Loveland Police

Non-emergency assistance..... 970.667.2151  
Animal Control..... 970.226.3647 x7

Larimer County Sheriff

Non-emergency assistance..... 970.416.1985  
General Information..... 970.498.5100

REPORT ON-STREET HAZARDS

City of Loveland Public Works..... 970.962.2524

Report-A-Concern Website.....

[lovgov.org/Services/Public-Works/Report-a-Concern](https://lovgov.org/Services/Public-Works/Report-a-Concern)

Larimer Cty Roads/Bridges..... 970.498.5650

REPORT RECREATION TRAIL HAZARDS

City of Loveland Parks & Recreation

Administration Office..... 970.962.2727  
Recreation Trail Planning..... 970.962.2451  
[lovgov.org/ParksRecreation](https://lovgov.org/ParksRecreation)  
[lovgov.org/Trails](https://lovgov.org/Trails)

WILDLIFE

Colorado Parks & Wildlife..... 970.472.4300  
[cpw.State.co.us](https://cpw.State.co.us)



Check for trail closures on COTREX at [Trails.Colorado.gov](https://Trails.Colorado.gov) or download the free app

Stay safe!



# LOVELAND BIKEWAYS & TRAILS

