

Winston-Salem Urban Area Bicycle Map

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The road rating system reflected on this map is not a guarantee of safe bicycling conditions on rated or unrated roads. The rating system also does not indicate that these roads have been specifically designed for bicycle use or have special features for bicycles. The rating system also does not indicate that road maintenance is done specifically for bicycles, that traffic is ideal for bicycle use, or that there are not conditions that might present hazards to bicycles.

This map was developed as part of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. The plan recommends new bicycle facilities, such as bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, and greenways, as well as bicycle education, enforcement, and encouragement programs to improve the quality of bicycling in the region.

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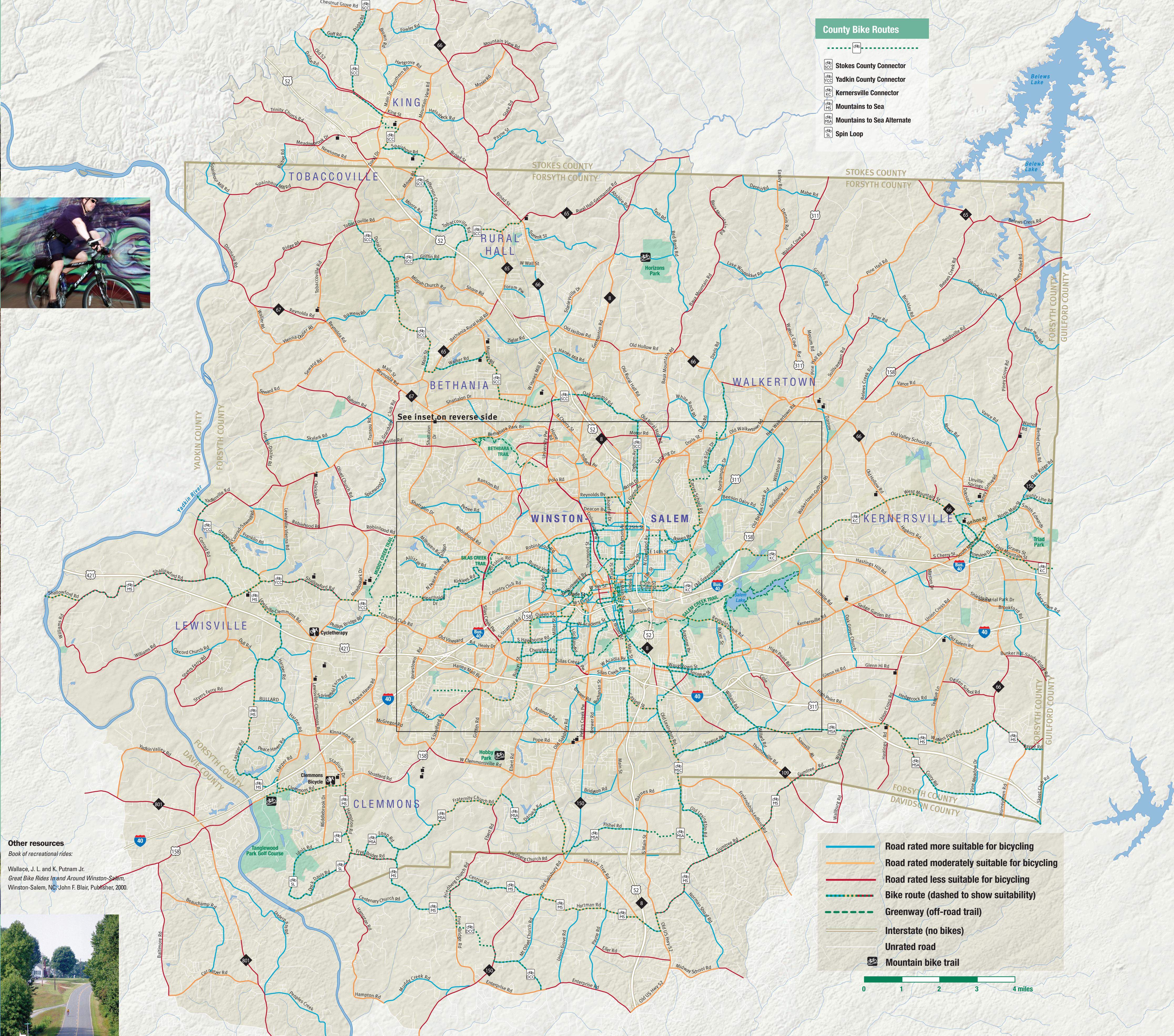
This map is one of the many efforts in the Winston-Salem Urban Area aimed at making the region a place where it is convenient and comfortable for people to use a bicycle for transportation and recreation. It has been made to provide residents in the region with a sense of the road conditions for bicycling. The map also shows some of the destinations where people may want to ride, such as schools, parks, bike shops, tourist destinations, and shopping areas. Several routes are shown on the map to suggest good ways to travel between different parts of the region.

This map can also be used to plan your own bicycle trips. Consider marking several destinations that you would like to go to on the map and evaluate alternative ways to get there. How long would it take to bicycle, walk, take the bus, or drive to each destination? What streets would you use to bicycle to each destination? Consider things like the amount of time needed to make each trip, the cost of gas and maintaining a car, and the amount of exercise that you would get during the trip. Bicycling might be the most practical way to get where you need to go—it could also be the most fun.

If your organization or school would like to distribute this map, copies can be obtained by calling (336) 727-2707.

If you would like to become more involved in improving conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians, please contact the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation (WSDOT) at (336) 727-2707 or visit their webpage at cityofws.org/DOT.

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Bicycle rights and responsibilities

Bicyclists in North Carolina have the same legal status as motor vehicles. Therefore, bicyclists have full rights to use the roadways and also have the responsibility to follow the laws and operate safely. When bicycling, follow the rules of the road, use lights while riding at night, and always signal your intentions.

Other tips

- Wear a bicycle helmet (North Carolina law requires all children under age 16 to wear a helmet)
- Stop at stop signs and red lights
- Be especially careful when crossing intersections
- Ride in the direction of traffic, not against it.
- Scan the road for motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic
- Scan for threats (such as turning vehicles) from cross streets
- Keep out of the right-turn lane when going straight
- On a multi-lane road, turn left from the left lane or walk your bike across the intersection using the crosswalks.

Bicycle suitability ratings

Bicycle suitability is rated from A to F based on objective measurements at typical locations on each roadway segment. Ratings do not include intersections. Roads with grades of A, B, or C are shown as "above average". Roads rated D are shown as "average". Roads rated E and F are shown as "below average". Though suitability ratings are provided for the main roadways, you may prefer riding on some of the minor roads shown in white.

Factors that affect how roads were rated include:

- Lane width
- Shoulder width
- Speed limit
- Traffic volume
- Truck volume
- Pavement condition
- On-street parking

Bringing your bike on the bus

Buses operated by Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA), have bike racks. This can be a good alternative to riding in the dark or cold weather. The graphics below show how to load your bike. For more information, call WSTA at (336) 727-2000.

Other resources

Book of recreational rides:
 Wallace, J. L. and K. Putnam Jr.
 Great Bike Rides In and Around Winston-Salem,
 Winston-Salem, NC: John F. Blair, Publisher, 2000.

Bike shops

These days, despite mail order and websites on the internet, there is nothing like having a local bike shop nearby. Bike shop employees can help you find a bike that meets your needs, can fix your bike, and can probably suggest a few fun rides to try. Bicycle Shops are noted on the map.

Why go by bike?

It's fun, quiet, clean, inexpensive, quick for short trips, and provides physical activity.

On a bicycle you can travel 4 times faster than you can walk using the same amount of energy.

According to AAA, operating a car in 2004 cost an average of \$8,430. This number doesn't include car payments.

— MIT Study

Human powered vehicles come in all shapes and sizes. Learn about unique bicycles at <http://www.encyclopedia.com/>.

Do you feel like you have to drive your kids to practice? Bicycles can provide independent mobility for children.

Local bike shops are a great resource for finding a bike that is right for you. Shops are shown on the reverse side.

