SAFETY BIKE TRAIL TYPES & ETIQUETTE

When enjoying outdoor activities like bicycling, community members are encouraged to reacquaint themselves with bicycle safety rules that will help make their rides safer and more enjoyable.

Always Wear an Approved Bicycle Helmet
A bicycle helmet should sit low on the forehead just above the eyebrows. It should fit snugly and the two side plastic pieces on the straps should fit just under the ears. The buckle should be just under the chin, with one finger's width of space between the strap and chin. The helmet must always be buckled while riding. The helmet should not move more than 1/2 inch in any direction.

Know and Follow the Rules of the Road
Know and follow the rules of the road contained within the California Vehicle Code (CVC). Vehicle Code handbooks can be obtained through your local Department of Motor Vehicles Office or Automobile Club. Remember, bicyclists must obey the same laws as drivers of motor vehicles.

Be Alert While Riding
Watch for cars, pedestrians, and hazards in the roadway like potholes, drain grates, etc. Don’t assume other people will yield to you. Be courteous and give the right-of-way to other bicycles and pedestrians.

When Using a Crosswalk
Walk Your Bike
Always look left, right, then left again—or close access to nearly a dozen parks, schools, and popular shopping destinations, including Kohl’s, Raley’s, Nugget Market, Trader Joe’s, Starbucks, and many local businesses and restaurants.

Foulks Ranch/Laguna Greenbelt
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Laguna Creek Trail
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FRANKLIN CREEK TRAIL
The East Franklin, Poppy Ridge, and Laguna Creek neighborhoods along Franklin Creek are home to the five and a half mile-long, paved Franklin Creek Trail — one of the City’s newer trails that boasts some of the highest use and rich connections to other community amenities. The trail promotes healthy lifestyles, offering the opportunity for everything from a bike ride or jog to a casual stroll or walking the dog. Outlets along the trail direct access to close by nearly a dozen parks, schools, and popular shopping destinations, including Kohl’s, Raley’s, Nugget Market, Trader Joe’s, Starbucks, and many local businesses and restaurants.

ELK GROVE’S FEATURED TRAILS

ELK GROVE BIKE TRAIL ETIQUETTE

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If it becomes necessary to do so, wear light-colored or reflective clothing. Make sure your bicycle is properly equipped with reflectors and a front light. If possible.

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