

CENTRAL OREGON BIKE-PEDESTRIAN RESOURCE LISTING

FEDERAL:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - While BLM is in the process of reconstructing its web presence for more security and improved functionality, the District pages are temporarily unavailable. As each area is certified for accuracy and security, it will be added. Inquiries for specific areas of the state are available by contacting the nearest District Office by e-mail or phone. Please contact:

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Deschutes National Forest – The Forest Service has a network of designated off-road trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use. The best location for information is at their website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/recreation/trails/trail-bikes.shtml>

STATE:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

The Oregon Pedestrian and Bicycle Program provides direction to ODOT in establishing pedestrian and bicycle facilities on state highways. We also provide support to local governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations and private citizens, in planning, designing and constructing pedestrian and bicycle facilities. <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/planproc.shtml>

Oregon State Parks

Oregon has taken an innovative approach to statewide trails planning by conducting simultaneous motorized, non-motorized and water trails plans. Each is a comprehensive study and depiction of the state of recreational trail and non-motorized boating use in Oregon. The final trails plan Oregon Trails 2005-2014: A Statewide Action Plan is now available.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PLANS/trailsplanning.shtml>

COUNTY:

Deschutes County - The Deschutes County TSP can be located at (Chapter 23.64.160. Bikeways and pedestrians): <http://www.co.deschutes.or.us/index.cfm?objectId=F31E50CA-BDBD-57C1-9F4D16BE8647C8BD> The website for the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee includes regional bike maps and selected road bike rides around the tri-county area. <http://www.deschutes.org/cdd/bikeandped>

CITY:

The City of Bend - Bike Plan is a part of the Bend Urban Area - Transportation System Plan (TSP). Most of the text related to Bike/Ped Planning can be found in Chapter 6, Section 6.3. and Existing Inventory (as of year 2000, date of the report) information is in Chapter 3, Sections 3.2 & 3.3. Policies concerning Bike/Ped development are in Section 6.9.4. The Bicycle System Map is Exhibit A and the Sidewalk System is Map Exhibit D.

http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/community_development/planning_division/transportation_system_plan.html

Bend is largely flat (although a few volcanic buttes interrupt the landscape), is a relatively small community (current population about 70,000+) and a dry climate (averages about 12-inches per year precipitation) all of which make bicycling fairly easy and an attractive option; whether it be commuting or recreational bicycling. It is bounded on the western edge by Forest Service Lands that extend all the way to the Cascades which makes access to the abundant single-track trail system easy and convenient. Bend is also transected by many miles of irrigations canals and laterals. Most of these larger facilities have parallel maintenance roads that double as recreational trails - many (but not all) have joint use easements that permit recreational use. Bend Visitor Information: <http://www.visitbend.com/>

In 2005, Bend was awarded a Bronze Designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists

<http://www.bikeleague.org/news/042406com.php>

This year, a Bicycle Safety Education Program run by Commute Options (a local non profit organization promoting alternative forms of transportation

<http://www.commuteoptions.org/>) provided safety education for 400 Central Oregon elementary students.

The City (as of August 2000) had about 2/3rds of the collector and arterial street system striped with bike lanes. The downtown core has about 50 inverted U bike parking racks located on sidewalks throughout the area. The standard design for NEW traffic signal installations calls for bike lanes and proper bicycle detection.

The City of Bend anticipates start-up of a pilot transit project for fixed-route transit service this Fall. All buses would be equipped with bike racks.

http://www.ci.bend.or.us/Portal/home/docs/Bend_Draft_Service_Plan_051706.pdf

The City does not have a designated bike-ped coordinator as currently those functions are handled by other Planning and/or Engineering staff. The City does however have an active role in local bicycle and pedestrian committee activities through the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, which meets monthly at Bend City Hall.

Truly the gem of the community is the Deschutes River. Residents are very proud of both the scenic views of the river and the mountains. It is hard to find a Central

Oregon travel brochure that does not showcase views of the river. Parks and trails are abundant along the river. The local river trail dream is a trail network someday that will eventually interconnect with Sunriver (to the south) and Tumalo (to the north) through Bend. The Deschutes River Trail Action Plan and river trail map are located at: http://www.bendparksandrec.org/Parks_Trails/Deschutes_River_Trail/

There is one active freight rail line (corridor) that serves the Central Oregon Area - the Burlington-Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF). The City is currently in the process of updating the Transportation system Plan (TSP) with a proposal to add this local rail corridor as a feasibility study for Rails-WITH-Trails. We currently do not have any Rails-To-Trails.

The City of Sisters – A group of Sisters area residents is working to develop a community-wide, non-motorized trail system. It is a vision of a community with a safe, accessible network of trails serving every neighborhood within the greater Sisters School District, connecting them to downtown Sisters, to schools and to regional trails within the Deschutes National Forest. The final Sisters Community Trails Plan is located at: <http://www.nps.gov/ccso/rtca/products.html>

OTHER:

The Bend Metropolitan Park and Recreation District (not a part of the City but a separate District) http://www.bendparksandrec.org/Parks_Trails/
In an agreement with the City of Bend, the District is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Primary (regional) Bicycle Trail System [off-street trails only, see Bend Map A above] development. The Parks trail maps are located at: http://www.bendparksandrec.org/Parks_Trails/Maps/maps.html

The **Central Oregon Trail Alliance** (COTA) is a volunteer group that works in conjunction with the USFS, BLM and other land managers to build and maintain trails in Bend, OR and proximity. COTA is an International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) affiliate club, interested in creating, enhancing and preserving trail opportunities for mountain bikers.
<http://www.cotamtb.org/trails.php>