

Cycling Protocol for Central Park

This protocol was jointly developed as a guide for cyclists training in Central Park.

#1 - Cyclists are subject to all laws, rules and regulations governing Central Park at all times and shall act accordingly when using the Park.

#2 - Training rides should be limited to times when the Park is least crowded (i.e., weekdays before 8am and after 8pm/6pm in winter).

#3 - Group training rides should be kept small and take into account proximate Park user traffic.

#4 - Cyclists shall employ caution and common sense when approaching crosswalks and signal lights.

#5 - Cyclists shall always yield to pedestrians, regardless of whether they are in a crosswalk. The safety of pedestrians is paramount at all times.

#6 - Cyclists shall ride predictably at a speed appropriate to the circumstances - safe for the density of Park user traffic.

#7 - Cyclists should be extra vigilant throughout the south section of the Park, from West 72nd Street around to the bottom of Cat's Paw Hill north of the Boathouse, in order to maintain safety through this narrow and congested area.

#8 - In general, slower cyclists should stay left and faster cyclists should pass on the right when safe to do so. No cyclist may ride in the runner's lane at any time. When passing any park users, allow several feet of clearance.

#9 - Cyclists shall employ front and rear lights before dawn and after dusk.

#10 - Cyclists shall carry valid identification.

#11 - Cyclists should be alert, courteous and aware that the park is full of tourists and locals who do not know the rules.

Understanding that all cyclists are subject to rules and regulations affecting Central Park at all times, the following groups agree to educate their constituents to abide this Protocol.



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