

YOUR SAFETY WHILE RIDING A BICYCLE IS IMPORTANT TO US

Thousands of visitors enjoy riding a bicycle inside Stone Mountain Park each year. The SMP Department of Public Safety is attempting to reduce bicycle accidents and injuries by educating riders on state laws, SMP ordinances, safety equipment, and safe practices.

For your safety you should always:

- **Wear a bicycle helmet** that fits properly, is secured with a chin strap, and meets the ANSI Safety Standard for Bicycle Helmets for the appropriate age of the rider.
- **Increase your visibility** to drivers by wearing fluorescent or brightly colored clothing. At night use a front light, red reflector, or rear flashing red light. Use reflective markings or tape on clothing or equipment.
- **Bicyclist are considered vehicle operators** and are required to obey the same rules as vehicle operators, including, obeying traffic signs, riding the same direction as traffic, and operating at a safe speed that will allow you to safely stop, if necessary.
- **Ride defensively.** Reduce speed and be prepared to stop when approaching intersections, crosswalks, and other hazards.

CODE OF THE STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION 2006, SECTION 3-113 Bicycles

A. No person shall operate or ride a bicycle except on paved or vehicular streets or in parking lots. Persons riding bicycles on paved vehicular streets shall keep as near to the right-hand side of the street as practicable. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 40-6-371 (a) (13), the Association finds that riding of bicycles on paved vehicular streets other than in single file on Saturdays and Sundays and between sunset and sunrise every day is incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic as well as rider safety. Therefore, on Saturdays and Sundays, and between sunset and sunrise every day, persons riding bicycles on paved vehicular streets shall ride in single file, except when passing another rider on a bicycle. At all other times, riding bicycles on paved vehicular streets shall not ride more than two abreast. Bicyclist shall signal all turns and shall pass to the left of any vehicle being overtaken.

B. Every bicycle, when in use between sunset and sunrise, shall be equipped with a light on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of 300 feet to the front and with red reflector or clearly visible red light, or a type approved by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, on the rear which shall be visible for a distance of 300 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper

beams of headlights on a motor vehicle. A light emitting a red light visible from a distance of 300 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. The rider must have reflective tape on the back of the helmet or must wear either a DOT style reflective vest or clothing with reflective tape attached to the back of the garment.

C. Every bicycle, when in use between sunset and sunrise, shall be equipped with reflectors of a type approved by the Georgia Department of Public Safety. The reflector on each pedal shall be so designed and situated as to be visible from the front and rear of the bicycle from a distance of 200 feet during darkness.

D. Nothing contained in this Section 3-113 shall relieve any operator of a bicycle within the boundaries of the Park from complying with all State Laws governing the riding and operating of bicycles.



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40-6-292.

(a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto and shall not allow a person to ride upon the handlebars.

(b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(c) No persons shall transport a child under the age of one year as a passenger on a bicycle on a highway, roadway, bicycle path or sidewalk; provided, however, that a child under one year of age may be transported on a bicycle trailer or in an infant sling so long as such child is seated in the bicycle trailer or carried in an infant sling according to the bicycle trailer's or infant sling's manufacturer's instructions, and the bicycle trailer is properly affixed to the bicycle according to the manufacturer's instructions or the infant sling is properly worn by the rider of the bicycle according to the infant sling's manufacturer's instructions and such child transported in a bicycle trailer or infant sling is wearing a bicycle helmet as required under Code Section 40-6-296 (l) (e)

(d) No persons shall transport a child between the ages of one year and four years as a passenger on a bicycle or bicycle trailer or to be transported in an infant sling unless the child is securely seated in a child passenger bicycle seat, bicycle trailer, or in an infant sling according to the child passenger bicycle seat's bicycle trailer's or infant sling's manufacturer's instructions, and the child passenger seat or bicycle trailer is properly affixed to the bicycle according to the child passenger bicycle seat's or manufacturer's instructions or the infant sling is properly worn according to the infant sling's manufacturer's instructions.

40-6-296.

(e) 1. No person under the age of 16 years shall operate or be a passenger on a bicycle on a highway, bicycle path, or sidewalk under the jurisdiction of this state or any political subdivision thereof without wearing a bicycle helmet.

2. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "bicycle helmet" means a protective headgear which meets or exceeds the impact standards for bicycle helmets set by ANSI or Snell Memorial Foundation.

3. For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to wear a helmet only if a helmet of good fit is fastened securely upon the head with the straps of the helmet.

BICYCLE SAFETY INFORMATION



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