







### TRANSIT

**Need a ride? Check out the options.**

Kane County and Kendall County are home to several different public transportation options that help to serve its residents with affordable, reliable alternatives to driving. These transportation options include commuter rail lines, dial-a-ride bus services, fixed bus routes, university shuttles, and bike sharing systems.

**See the various options below.**

**KENDALL AREA TRANSIT**

Kendall County is served by the Kendall County Area Transit system (KAT), which operates a dial-a-ride bus service. Kendall Area Transit services all locations within the county and some designated locations outside of the county. **Visit KAT's website to learn more and reserve your ride.**

**RIDE IN KANE**

Ride in Kane is a public paratransit transportation service providing curb-to-curb service to individuals 65 and older, veterans, individuals with a disability, and those with low income. Ride in Kane operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. **Visit Ride in Kane's website to learn more and reserve your ride.**

**KANE COUNTY BIKE SHARE**

Fox Valley Bike Share is Kane County's public bike share program. The program is a mobile-app driven mobility system with convenient locations in downtown Aurora, Montgomery, and Oswego, where you can hop on and tour miles of scenic trails with stops in charming and historic downtowns. Service is provided by Koloni. **Download Koloni's mobile application to start riding today.**

**METRA**

Metra is the commuter rail system in the Chicagoland area. Metra currently serves Kane County with three lines and seven stations: the BNSF Railway (Aurora), the Milwaukee District West line (Elgin, Big Timber, and National Street), and the Union Pacific West line (Elburn, La Fox, and Geneva). **View the Metra locations and schedules at their website.**

**PACE**

Your bike rides free on Pace! All Pace buses are equipped with a front bike rack capable of holding two bikes. Non-motorized folding bikes are allowed on-board the bus. Remove large accessories from your bike before loading your bike. If you are concerned about the safety of your bicycle, lock your bicycles front wheel to your frame before the bus arrives. Locks may not be used to secure the bicycles to the racks.

**METRA**

Bicycles and scooters, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are permitted on all trains, either in the priority seating areas of ADA-accessible railcars or in the new racks on railcars with the bike logo. There is no charge. Bicycle and scooter spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and customers with disabilities have priority in the priority seating areas on ADA-accessible railcars. Cars with a green bike logo have bike racks for 2-4 racks. Cars with a blue paint scheme have multiple bike racks on-board.

Bicycles and scooters must not exceed 80 inches long and 30 inches wide. Gas-powered bicycles and scooters are prohibited. Folding bicycles and folding scooters may be brought onto any train car and may accompany a person to a seat provided they are small enough to fit between the legs of a seated customer or can be stored under a seat. Folding bicycles and folding scooters must be in the folded position prior to boarding and cannot block any other seats from use by other customers.

Crews have the right to refuse bikes and scooters if all spaces are filled or if ADA seating is needed for customers with disabilities. Take caution when planning a trip on a high ridership weekend.

### Sharing the Trail

**Keep to the right**

Yield to pedestrians and slower moving traffic except when passing. Slow down when there are lots of users on the trail. Follow lane striping where it exists.

**Avoid blocking the trail**

Stop off to the side if you stop for any reason. Allow room for others to pass, or single file if necessary. If you're driving or walking with a group, make sure that a younger child biking with you stays on the right.

**Be alert for hazards**

Be cautious and slow down when approaching unpredictable trail users, including younger children and those walking dogs.

**Advise others when passing**

Sound your bell, horn, or call out when approaching pedestrians or slower riders, then pass safely on the left.

**Obey the speed limit when applicable**

Forest Preserve District of Kane County and Fox Valley Park District trails have a speed limit of 15 mph.

**Share the Road**

**Ride in a straight line**

Avoid dodging between parked cars. Ride in a straight line at least 4 feet away from parked cars to avoid opening doors.

**The Door Zone**

Located 1 foot along the side of a parked car where an opening door can hit and seriously injure a cyclist.

**Look inside each parked car**

If you can't see someone inside or you spot someone inside, move outside the Door Zone or slow down and pass carefully.

**Watch behind you**

Keep track of traffic behind you, so you'll know where you have enough room if you must swerve suddenly out of the Door Zone. A mirror helps you see traffic behind you as you pedal forward.

**Safe Sidepath Cycling**

Sidepaths are trails parallel to roads, similar to sidewalks. Very surprisingly, sidepath cyclists get into more crashes with cars than on-road cyclists because more conflicts at road and driveway intersections. Knowing why may reduce your risk for accidents.

**Two left-turning methods**

Carefully change lanes, then use the center of the left-turn lane. If you can't merge left before the intersection, ride across the street to the other side, and stop your bike with traffic from the right.

**Car B may not see or expect Bicyclist 1 and 2**

Even when seen, Car B may not see or expect the bicyclists have a "Walk" signal. As with all sidepath intersection situations, try to make eye contact, and be defensive.

**Never ride against traffic**

Riding against traffic is dangerous and illegal. Pedestrians and pedestrians are not looking for cyclists riding the wrong way down a street.

**When necessary, use more of the lane**

Move toward the center when the lane is too narrow for motorized traffic to pass safely or when you are moving at the same speed as traffic.

**Don't get cut off by right-turning traffic**

If you're going straight, don't hug the curb on the approach or veer to the right in the intersection. When a right-turn lane exists, merge over to the rightmost lane going straight.

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### INTRODUCTION TO E-BIKES & PERMITTED USES

**What is an e-bike?**

An electric bike, or e-bike, is a bicycle equipped with an electric bike motor to assist pedaling. The motor will get its power from a rechargeable battery mounted on the bike. To classify as an e-bike, the motor has to help you rather than propel you on its own. Therefore, you need to pedal to get that assistance. How much power the motor delivers is regulated based on how frequently you are pedaling and the level of support you have selected.

**What are e-bike classes?**

E-bikes are grouped into three different classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. Class I e-bikes are limited to a top speed of 20 miles per hour. The electric motor works only when the rider is pedaling. Class II e-bikes are also limited to a top speed of 20 miles per hour, but they have throttles that work when you're not pedaling. That doesn't mean the motor won't assist you if you decide to pedal. Most Class II e-bikes get electrically assisted pedal driving alongside throttles. Class III e-bikes can go up to 28 miles per hour and must have a speedometer, but may or may not have a throttle.

**Where are e-bikes allowed?**

Make sure your bicycle with an electric motor is classified as an e-bike. The definition of an e-bike and rules on where to ride will vary. Like most states, Illinois' wattage limits for e-bikes is 750 watts. In Kane County, you can ride Class I & II e-bikes at the following locations:

- Any bike lane on the street.
- Shared use paths that are reserved for bicycles and pedestrians.
- For state parks and forest preserves, you can ride on paved trails that allow bicycles, unless otherwise stated.

**Please review all applicable rules and ordinances before riding.**

**What about other vehicles?**

Along with e-bikes, there are a variety of other vehicles that are permitted on the trails. These other vehicles include standard pedal bikes, mobility devices (wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs, etc.), cross-country skis, and adaptive bikes.

### REPORTING ISSUES

**In an emergency, call 911.**

Kane County Non-emergency Number: 630-232-8400  
Kendall County Non-emergency Number: 630-553-5856  
Forest Preserve District of Kane County: 630-232-5880  
Forest Preserve District of Kendall County: 630-553-4025

For issues on Forest Preserve District of Kane County property including the Great Western Trail, Illinois Prairie Path Batavia Spur, and the Illinois Prairie Path Elgin Branch use the QR code below to access the "Kane Forest Notify" tool to report maintenance concerns or visit [www.kaneforest.com/kane-forest-notify](http://www.kaneforest.com/kane-forest-notify).

PlanningStaff@KaneCountyIL.gov  
630-584-1170

### ILLINOIS BICYCLE LAWS

**625 ILCS 5/Ch. II, Art. IV**

Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle, except those which cannot be applied to bicycles. Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable and safe to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except:

- When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- When preparing for a left turn at an intersection.
- When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including fixed or moving objects or vehicles, surface hazards, or substantial widening of lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. A "substantial widening" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane. Any person operating a bicycle upon a one-way highway may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable.
- When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than 2 abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for their exclusive use. A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the bicycle before turning.

Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from 100 to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lower.

**ILCS 5/Ch. II-703 Art. VII**

(6) The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle or individual proceeding in the same direction on a highway shall leave a safe distance, but not less than 3 feet, when passing the bicycle or individual and shall maintain that distance until safely past the overtaken bicycle or individual.

**STATE LAW**

3 FEET MINIMUM TO PASS BICYCLES

### GET INVOLVED

Local Community and Advocacy Groups:

- Illinois Prairie Path Non-Profit: [ippp.com](http://ippp.com)
- Friends of the Great Western Trail: [friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com](http://friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com)
- Ride Illinois: [rideillinois.org](http://rideillinois.org)
- Active Transportation Alliance: [activetrans.org](http://activetrans.org)
- Fox Valley Bike & Ski Club: [fvbcs.org](http://fvbcs.org)
- Elgin Community Bikes: [elgincommunitybikes.org](http://elgincommunitybikes.org)