



DOWNTOWN BIKING TOUR – SELF GUIDED

This 7.5-mile self-guided bicycling tour of downtown Wilmington explores various bicycle facility designs, ranging from on-street accommodations, to shared lanes, to multi-use paths. It also showcases different crossing options for bicyclists.



- The tour starts at Cape Fear Community College and heads south along the Front Street corridor. The recently converted corridor features various traffic calming features and on-street bike “sharrows”.
- The tour then turns east on Ann Street to take the River-to-Sea Bike Route (NCDOT Bike Route 1) east. The road includes some hills and cobble stones sections, but is mostly paved with on-street (sharrows) cycling.

- The tour crosses over 3rd Street, where a Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) alerts vehicles of cyclists wanting to cross.
- After 3rd Street, the tour follows the Ann Street bike boulevard to 13th Street, and turns south to Castle Street.
- The next section of the ride passes through a multi-use path connection, allowing cyclists to connect from downtown to the River-to-Sea bikeway along Park Avenue.
- The tour eventually turns north along Country Club Road and Forest Hills Drive, passing through one of Wilmington’s oldest neighborhoods. Signalized crossings at Wrightsville Avenue and Market Street highlight the importance of removing barrier to cycling.
- Once north of Market Street, the tour turns back west on Chestnut Street towards downtown. The corridor shows a combination of signalized and stop-controlled intersections, and is partly a one-way street towards downtown.
- On Chestnut, the tour passes by the Switchin’ Gears Ministry. This project is a ministry to promote bicycling in Wilmington as a feasible means of transportation and to address wealth and health disparities in the Wilmington Community.
- The tour then turns north on 4th Street, towards the re-developing Brooklyn Arts District. The tour passes by one of the new Bike Corrals on North 4th Street, before crossing over 3rd Street, and heading back south on Front Street towards the starting point.

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