



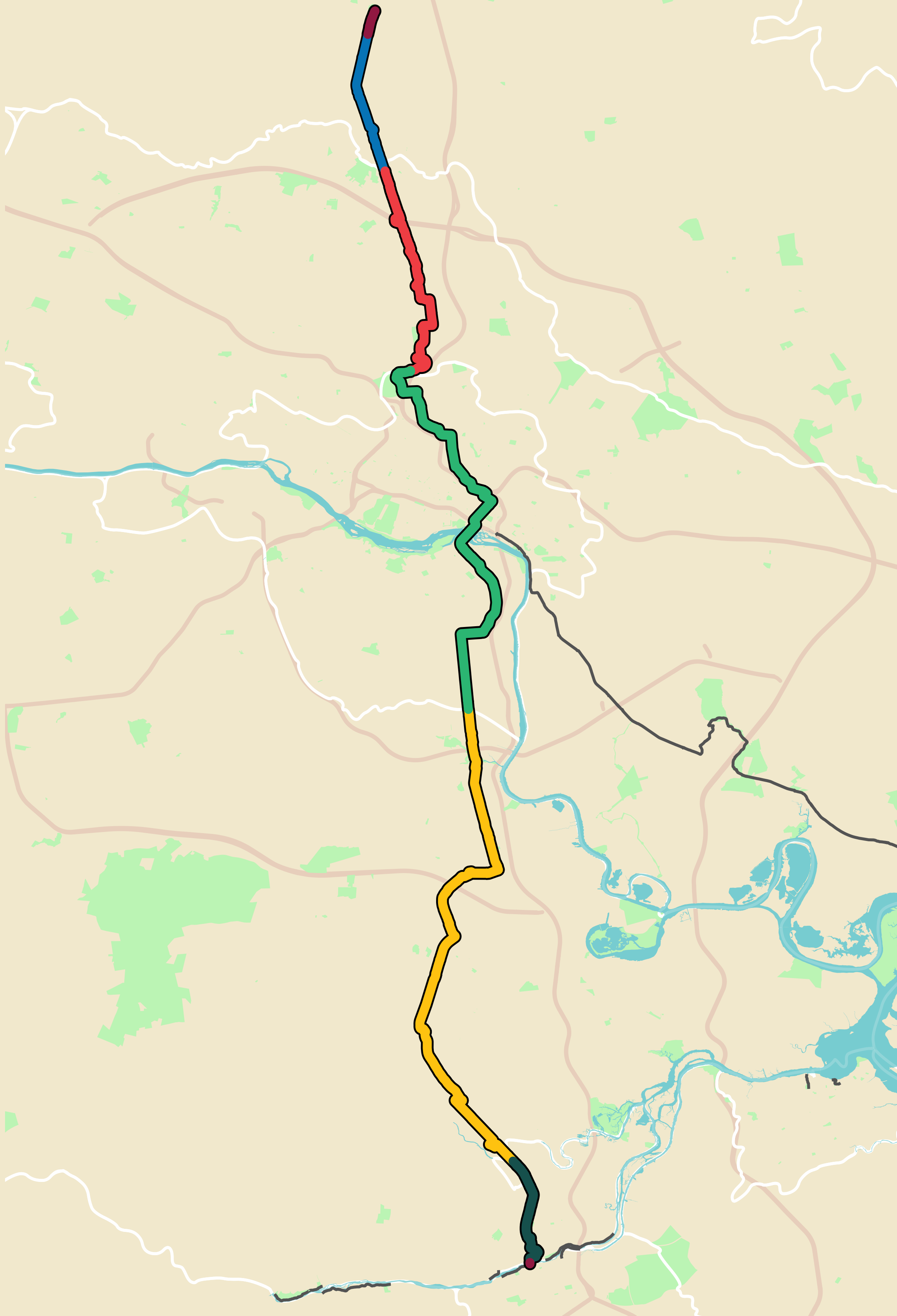
Inspiring Change

Building the Fall Line trail is an extraordinary opportunity for the Richmond region. The 43-mile long paved trail will move people to the places they need to go, promote health and well-being, improve sustainability and resilience, and increase access to communities and local destinations. It will connect 340,000 people to over 95 schools and universities in a 2-mile radius and is the single largest demonstration of regional collaboration in Central Virginia history.

The Fall Line will run from Ashland to Petersburg, passing through downtown Richmond and across the James River. Seven localities along the trail will be represented by 45 local elected officials in two planning districts as well as the Central Virginia Transportation Authority and Virginia Department of Transportation. It will connect to the Virginia Capital Trail and the Appomattox River Trail along with countless other bike and pedestrian connections, making it the spine of our trail network. For more information, visit the Fall Line website at: www.falllineva.org

Legend

- Ashland
- Hanover
- Henrico
- Richmond
- Chesterfield
- Colonial Heights
- Petersburg
- Capital Trail



RESOURCES

Explore Richmond more by bike with classes, resources, and programs developed by Bike Walk RVA and our apartments and curated with your level of biking in mind.

Cycling Resources

- Bike Walk RVA** – regional bike/ped advocacy
- Sports Backers** – active living nonprofit and major events
- Fall Line** – 43-mile trail planned between Ashland and Petersburg
- Virginia Capital Trail Foundation** – manages the Capital Trail
- Virginia Department of Transportation** – state transportation agency
- Virginia Bicycling Federation** – state bike/ped advocacy
- Richmond Area Bicycling Association** – established road riding club
- RVA MORE** – trails advocacy and volunteer nonprofit
- Urban Cycling Group** – urban riding club
- Black Girls Do Bike** – riding club for women of color
- VCU RamBikes** – campus bike classes and resources
- Rag N' Bones Bicycle Coop** – learn to repair and earn-a-bike
- National Bike Registry** – register your bike for theft recovery

Locality Bike Programs

- Richmond Department of Public Works** - <https://www.rva.gov/public-works>
 - James River Park System** - <https://www.rva.gov/parks-recreation/james-river-park-system>
 - Henrico Department of Public Works** - <https://henrico.us/works/>
 - Chesterfield County Trail Systems** - <https://www.chesterfield.gov/920/Trail-Systems>
- Learn More At
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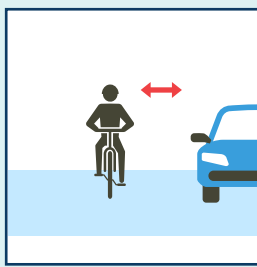
2025 Bike Map

RIDING SAFELY

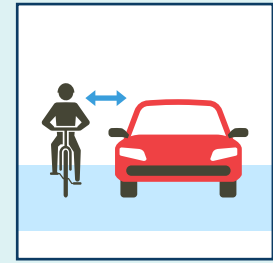
GENERAL RIDING TIPS



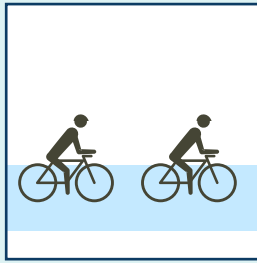
Wear a helmet to drastically reduce the risk of head injury in the event of an accident.



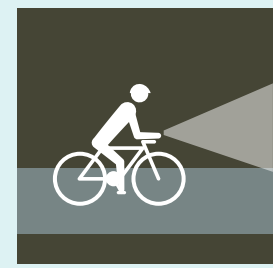
Beware of car doors. Try to ride at least 3 feet away from parked vehicles.



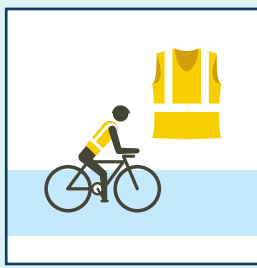
Ride on the right side. With the flow of traffic.



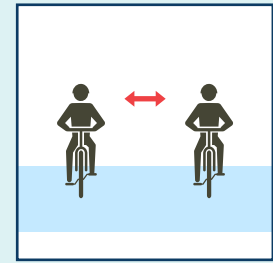
Ride in a straight line. Do not dodge between cars.



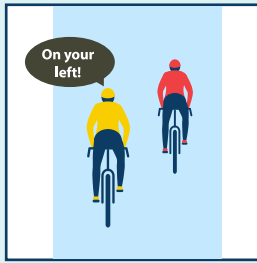
Use bike lights. Front and rear bike lights are required when riding at night.



Be Reflective. Wear bright clothing with reflective material or straps.



Ride two abreast. Single up to let cars by.



Warn others before passing. Give them at least 2-3 seconds of notice.

TRAIL

A.K.A: shared-use path, multi-use trail, or greenway

What is it?

A separated shared-use path for people riding bikes, walking, roller-skating, and many other non-motorized ways of traveling. Most people will feel comfortable walking or biking on these paths.

How should people riding bikes use them?

Stay to the right and yield to people walking. Pass cautiously. Be alert for vehicles that may cross the path at driveways and intersections.

What can people driving vehicles expect?

Motor vehicle traffic is prohibited from these paths. Cross them cautiously and be alert for riders and walkers at crossings, intersections, and areas where people are gathering.

Sometimes “trails” also can mean dirt or gravel trails used for mountain biking, hiking, and running. We love those, too, but we mean paved when talking transportation.

BUFFERED BIKE LANE

Sometimes bike lanes have a little extra love like physical barriers (e.g. plastic posts, concrete curbs, planters, and/or parked cars) or additional painted space between bikes and traffic.

Also, sometimes they allow bike riders to ride contraflow, or the opposite direction of traffic safely and legally.

What is it?

A bike lane with additional space between people riding bikes and motor vehicle traffic identified by a wide, painted area.

How should people riding bikes use them?

Ride like any standard bike lane, but enjoy more space and comfort by being separated from moving vehicles.

What can people driving vehicles expect?

You'll be farther away from people riding in the bike lane, but nothing else changes. Don't drive on the painted buffer or in the bike lane, as it is dangerous and illegal.

Where installed, buffered and protected bike lanes improve road safety for all users up to 75%!

BIKE LANE

Sometimes green paint is used to highlight a bike lane or the lane marking symbol. Check it out!

What is it?

A dedicated lane for people riding bikes separated from motor vehicle traffic.

How should people riding bikes use them?

Ride in comfort several feet from moving vehicles. Watch out for motor vehicles turning right and opening doors. You can ride outside of the bike lane when turning or if the bike lane is blocked.

What can people driving vehicles expect?

Never drive or park in the bike lane, even briefly. The exception is to safely merge over a bike lane to complete a standard turn and while properly yielding to bike riders. When in doubt, slow down and wait.

DRIVING LAWS

Expect bike riders: VA is #7 in the nation and Richmond is #13 in the nation for commuting

Change lanes to pass: and with at least three feet. You are allowed to cross the double yellow line to accomplish this pass safely, but wait for it to be clear.

Stop for pedestrians: if another driver is yielding to a pedestrian, other drivers must also yield.

Always wait for a safe and clear moment to pass, and slow down.

Bicyclists may ride side by side (two abreast) if not impeding traffic and may legally proceed through a red light that doesn't sense them after 120 seconds or two cycles of the light.

Never park, drive, nor stand in bike lanes.



ADVOCATING FOR
COMFORTABLE AND CONNECTED
PLACES TO BIKE AND WALK

Infrastructure such as paved trails, protected bike lanes, sidewalks, and calm neighborhood streets provide people with safe and comfortable opportunities to use a bicycle or walk for transportation.

Bike Walk RVA—a program of Sports Backers—advocates for biking and walking infrastructure improvements and policies that allow people to safely bike or walk where they need to go, regardless of age, ability, or income.

GET INVOLVED

sportsbackers.org/program/bike-walk-rva

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