

The top photo is what cyclists are looking for on Salt Spring--and we have this, in places and at times. The quieter roads, however, are often narrow, without paved shoulders (or shoulders at all), and they have numerous blind corners and hills.



Ferry terminals can be very busy places. Traffic can be hectic on the major routes to and from the ferries, in the town of Ganges, and during the busy summer season.

Please, drive and cycle on Salt Spring with extra care, so we may safely

SHARE THE ROAD!

DRIVERS & CYCLISTS: Please obey the rules of the road, which are spelled out in the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act. **DRIVERS**, please respect that cyclists are:

- * entitled to ride on the paved roadway, as near as practicable to the right side;
- * not required to ride on paved shoulders where it is unsafe to do so;
- * not required to ride on gravel shoulders.

CYCLISTS must:

- * ride single file, never two or more abreast on the road or road + shoulder;
- * wear a helmet;
- * use proper hand signals;
- * use proper front and rear lights from dusk to dawn.



DRIVERS encountering cyclists, please:

- * follow at a 3-second-count distance;
- * pass only when safe to do so;
- * pass at least 1 metre from cyclists;
- don't honk, except in emergency.

CONTACTS and FURTHER INFORMATION

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), *Learn to Drive Smart: Your Guide to Driving Safely*, Chapter 6, Sharing the Road, (pages 81-98) <http://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/Getting-licensed/drivers6.pdf>, or pick up a copy at any ICBC driver licensing office.

General Inquiries: 8am-7pm, M-F; 9am-5pm, Sat. B.C., Canada, and U.S.A: 1-800-663-3051
Lower Mainland: 604-661-2800

ICBC Dial-a-Claim, 24/7 service:
Lower Mainland: 604-520-8222
Rest of B.C.: 1-800-910-4222
Online: http://www.icbc.com/claims/how_claim/online_report

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Bike Sense: The British Columbia Bicycle Operator's Manual
<http://www.bikesense.bc.ca>
e-mail: bikesense@gvcc.bc.ca
voicemail: 250-480-5155
Includes relevant B.C. Motor Vehicle Act info'.

British Columbia Cycling Coalition
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CYCLISTS & DRIVERS SHARE THE ROAD



DRIVERS:
Watch out for cyclists

CYCLISTS:
You have the same rights and duties as drivers of vehicles

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



ENTERING & EXITING FERRY TERMINALS

The roadways connecting to Salt Spring Island's ferry terminals can be congested and confusing.



TAKE YOUR TIME

to get oriented. If unsure, stop at the most convenient, safe spot possible and

LOOK FOR SIGNS

posted to help cyclists and pedestrians negotiate traffic.

WALK

your bicycle on pedestrian routes and onto the vessel.

WAIT

for directions from ferry crew. After debarking, wait near the terminal building until off-loading traffic has cleared before proceeding. On the roadway, be prepared to wait again until local traffic has cleared.

ASK A BC FERRIES EMPLOYEE

any questions or concerns you have about travelling through the terminal area and approaches.

TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Passing cyclists on Salt Spring's (mostly) country roads is the biggest 'problem' on the island. It needn't be.



Remember, it's not a race out there, even if you're running late for a ferry, meeting, etc.

EXPECT AND PLAN FOR MINOR DELAYS

such as deer on the road, visitors enjoying the greenery, other slow vehicles, and yes, cyclists. Better to be a little late or miss a ferry entirely than to alarm others and fray your nerves with frustration and road rage at these other road users.

BE PREPARED AT ALL TIMES TO SLOW DOWN FOR CYCLISTS ON BLIND HILLS & CORNERS

On narrow roads, wait for a clear, straight stretch that will allow you to pull out and pass. Give the cyclist room as you pass - at least one metre from your vehicle's side protrusions, eg. mirrors, fenders, and wide loads.

TIPS FOR CYCLISTS



- > **Be Visible**
- > **Be Predictable**
- > **Use Signals**
- > **Wear a Helmet**
- > **Be Aware of Vehicles' Blind Spots**
- > **Keep Your Bicycle in Good Repair**

KEEP AS FAR TO THE RIGHT ON THE PAVEMENT AS PRACTICABLE except for turning left from the driving lane, while using correct hand signals.

MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH DRIVERS if you can. Learn to make a safe shoulder check, to look quickly behind you without riding off-course, so that drivers following you know that you're aware of them and anticipating their moves.

RIDE SINGLE FILE, AND WHEN STOPPING BY THE ROAD FIND A SAFE SPOT

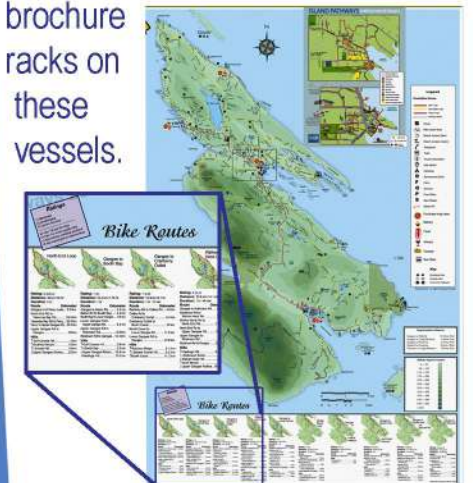
One of the main complaints by drivers on Salt Spring is cyclists riding two or more abreast. Drivers are also alarmed by cyclists, often in bunches, stopping on narrow shoulders on curves or hills.

RESOURCES FOR CYCLISTS ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

ROAD MAPS

of Salt Spring are available on BC Ferries vessels sailing to and from Salt Spring. A large map with cycling routes is posted in a lounge on each of these vessels. They can be bought at locations shown on the map, or from Island Pathways (URL on reverse side).

Other, less detailed maps by Salt Spring businesses, without cycling help, are available in the brochure racks on these vessels.



THE VISITORS' CENTRE in Ganges has these maps and more.

ISLAND CYCLING ADVOCATES See Island Pathways contact info' on the reverse side.