

Kissena Cycling Club

Prospect Park Bicycle Riding Protocol

General Recommendations:

- Cyclists are subject to all laws, rules and regulations governing Prospect Park at all times and shall act accordingly when using the Park.
- Be prepared to stop. Be prepared to yield.
- Cyclists shall always yield to pedestrians, regardless of whether they are in a crosswalk. The safety of pedestrians is paramount at all times.
- Cyclists shall ride predictably at a speed appropriate to the circumstances - safe for the density of Park user traffic
- Cyclists shall employ caution and common sense when approaching crosswalks and signal lights. Again, be prepared to stop.
- Cyclists should be especially vigilant at the Vanderbilt / West Drive crosswalk – this is at the bottom of a steep downhill, by the lake. It is an especially congested area.
- Training rides should be limited to times when the Park is least crowded (i.e., weekdays before 8 am)
- Group training rides should be kept small and take into account proximate park user traffic.
- Be mindful of other cyclists who might be riding with different intentions, such as commuters, casual riders, or delivery workers, for example. Please be aware and ensure those riders are also able to safely share the space.

During sanctioned events, cyclists should not:

- Ride bikes on pathways.
- Disrespect other park users.
- Ride in the wrong direction on the drive.
- Place bikes on trees or exposed tree roots.
- Relieve themselves in the landscape.
- Block the recreation lane during or after the race.

Notes:

Prospect Park is one of the most visited parks in the City, park goers are typically very good, understanding, and well behaved, however, on occasion, regardless of any regulations, someone, a pet, and even objects will get in the way, so please prioritize your and others safety always. Be prepared to stop.

Similarly, cyclists should have realistic expectations on when and how they can ride and train in Prospect Park – early weekday mornings, when the park is less busy, could be good moments to train or do group rides. Busy evenings, summer weekends, days with running races, or walk events, should come with the expectation that you'll need to ride specially slow and carefully.

Your behavior as an athlete and cyclist should never be conditioned by those around you. Be courteous and gracious no matter the circumstances – especially if in a Kissena jersey: Represent.

For emergencies: Call 911.