

# ***Bicycling on Lopez Island***

## ***Where to Bike on Lopez***

You can get an idea of routes that were designed to avoid the busiest roads and the relative distances by looking at the [Maps of Lopez](#) page under [Visiting Lopez](#).

## ***Bring your own bike - or rent one here***

Lots of people come to Lopez to enjoy the island scenery on a bike and at a slower pace. You can bring your own bike or rent one from one of our local bike shops. The important thing to remember is that traveling to Lopez with bicycles can increase the fare you pay for the ferry. Roof mounted bikes can result in a 'excess height' fee, while trailered bikes can cause of 'excess length' fee. To ensure there are no surprises we recommend that you visit the [Washington State Ferry](#) web site for fare details. Some lodgings provide bicycles for guests - so be sure to check before you come.

For bike rentals, see our [Directory - Biking](#).

For ferry information, see [Visiting Lopez/How to get here](#)

## ***Be Safe!***

The roads on Lopez are narrow, rural roads often without much shoulder and can be very busy, especially in the summer. Please see our [Bicycling Tips](#) below for the safety of you and your family as well as the others on the roads.

## ***Bicycling Safety Tips***

- Wear a helmet - Head injuries account for 85% of all bicycle accident injuries
- Obey all traffic signs
- Ride single file and keep to the right
- Ride in small groups widely spaced so cars can safely pass you on the right
- Make stops on the straightaway rather than at the top of hills or curves
- When stopping, move completely off the road to allow cars to pass safely
- Make yourself visible with bright clothing and reflectors
- Use lights for night riding
- Be alert for dogs
- Respect the rights of property owners. Most land and many local roads are privately owned.