

RULES OF THE ROAD AND NEW YORK STATE LAWS

On all roads, including campus roads, bicycle riders are expected to:

- Stay as far right as is safe and practicable.
- Ride single file when a vehicle is approaching from behind.
- Use hand signals to indicate turns or movements from the right to the center of a road.
- Yield to pedestrians at all times.

Night time riding

Bicycles ridden at night must have a white front light and a red rear reflector. For added safety, it is recommended to stay on well-lit paths, utilize both front and rear lights, and wear reflective clothing.

Auditory Awareness

To ensure riders can hear emergency sirens and pedestrian warnings, the use of dual earbuds or headphones is prohibited. Per NYS law, cyclists may use only one earbud.

Equipment

Per NYS law, bicycles must be equipped with a bell or audible signal, functional brakes, and a front light/rear reflector for nighttime riding.

RIDE SAFE!

Commuting by bike in our area is inherently dangerous due to a lack of cycling infrastructure, driver inattention, and dangerous intersections. Each individual must understand and accept these risks when choosing this method of travel.

Despite those risks, bicycle commuting has been shown to significantly improve long-term health outcomes, boost mental clarity, and reduce stress. It also lowers commuting costs, minimizes environmental impact, and adds a touch of joy to your day!

These pamphlets are provided by the Vassar Bicycle Advocacy Group, a group of Vassar employees and students working along with the Vassar Sustainability Office to build a bike friendly community on our campus.

Contact us at bikes@vassar.edu to learn more or get involved!



END OF TRIP FACILITIES

KENYON

Current Vassar Employees that commute by bike are invited to sign up for Locker room/Shower access in Kenyon.

- Locker rooms are located in the basement adjacent to the Varsity Weight Room.
- Access to the Kenyon Locker rooms is through the main entrance.
- Faculty access is 24/7, Admin/Staff access is 7am to 7:30pm M-F

WALKER FIELD HOUSE

Employees have access to the general locker rooms/showers on the first floor and gender neutral locker rooms/showers on the 2nd floor of the Walker Field House.

- The Walker Locker Rooms are accessible through the main entrance of the AFC
- Access is available when the AFC is open during their scheduled hours which can be found at vassarathletics.com

LOCKERS IN WALKER OR KENYON

Commuters should contact athletics at athletics@vassar.edu or 845-437-7450 to reserve a locker in Walker or Kenyon.

- Employees may keep a lock on one of the lockers in any of the locker rooms in Kenyon or in one of the *short lockers in Walker*
- Day use of the lockers does not require registration - you must remove your lock each day.
- Employees must provide their own lock. No locks or towels are provided.
- Lockers in all locker rooms (Walker and Kenyon) are cleared out after each spring semester unless athletics is notified of your locker number. An email to all registered bike commuters will be sent out notifying locker holders when this will be happening.

BRIDGE BUILDING

Employees have access to a single, private shower room in the basement of the Bridge Building by the robotics lab (down the staircase to the right of the North entrance, by the coffee shop and rest rooms). There are no lockers, this is a shower only.

IMPROPERLY PARKED BICYCLES

Bicycles may not be parked near an exit, across a walk, or chained to railings/entrances or trees. If a bicycle is parked and locked in any such location, or otherwise impedes access to a building, entrance, or walkway, obstructs a handrail, or obstructs an accessibility corridor:

- Campus Safety will issue a ticket and attempt to contact the owner by email and phone to request that the bicycle be moved. If the owner does not remove the bicycle within 24 hours, the lock will be cut and the bicycle removed and brought to Campus Safety.
- The bicycle owner will be responsible for paying the service charges assessed by Campus Safety and Facilities Operations. The owner will not be reimbursed for the cut lock.

SAFETY

The College prioritizes the safety of its community. Riders are expected to adhere to the following:

- **Helmets:** Riders are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet. Per NYS law, helmets are mandatory for all operators and passengers under age 14.
- **Cargo & Handling:** Bicycles must be operated at safe speeds. Riders must not carry large packages or items that interfere with their vision, balance, or ability to keep both hands on the handlebars.
- **Rider Proficiency:** Individuals should possess a working knowledge of bicycle safety and be proficient in operating their specific bicycle before riding on campus.
- **Campus Walkways and Sidewalks :** On campus walkways and all sidewalks, pedestrians always have the right of way. Bicycle riders are expected to be considerate of pedestrians and avoid endangering others. This includes:
 - Announcing oneself to pedestrians when passing.
 - Slowing down when passing pedestrians.
 - Passing on the left when possible.
 - Exercising caution when crossing another path or a road.
 - Bicycle riders should match the speed of pedestrians when pedestrians are present.

REGISTRATION

All bicycles owned by employees that are used or parked on campus must be registered and display a valid Campus Safety registration decal. Registration is free and remains valid indefinitely as long as the bicycle's owner remains the same. Registration forms and instructions are available at <https://offices.vassar.edu/campus-safety/>

Employee Decals will have a secondary "E" sticker to indicate the bike is registered to an employee.

- *On-Site Tagging: Periodically, bicycles without a registration decal will be tagged with a notice stating the registration requirement and the consequences of failing to register.*

UNREGISTERED AND ABANDONED BICYCLES

- **Removal Cycle:** Two or three times a year, the College will remove unregistered bicycles, bicycles not properly displaying a registration sticker, and bicycles that appear abandoned, as evidenced by their condition or location.
- **Summer Clearing:** Each summer, Campus Safety, the Office of Sustainability, Facilities Operations, and Residential Life collaborate to remove unregistered and abandoned bicycles from indoor and outdoor bicycle racks and storage rooms. Bicycles will be flagged for removal after Reunion and removed between July 1 and August 10.
- **Documentation:** A record will be made of all bicycles that are removed, including by location, make, color, type, and model, along with a photograph of the bicycle.
- **Holding:** Campus Safety will retain bicycles removed for 4 months.
- **Claims:** During the holding period, the owner may claim the bicycle by contacting Campus Safety and providing information about their missing bicycle. The College is not responsible for the condition of a bicycle upon its return or for the cost of locks removed during the process.

BIKE PARKING ON CAMPUS

BIKE RACKS

There are currently over two hundred bike racks providing storage for over 1600 bikes throughout campus.

RESIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Employees residing in a residential house may use the residence's designated indoor storage areas in the basement, where available. Main building does not have indoor bike storage.

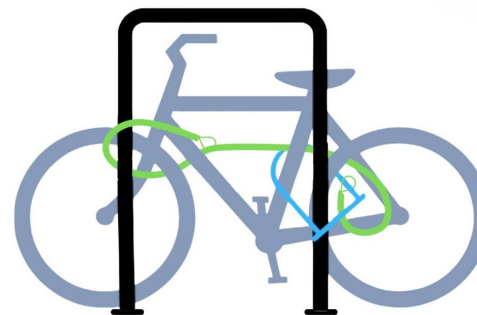
OFFICE STORAGE

Employees may be allowed to store bicycles in their personal office or in another designated area in the building where they work, provided the bicycle does not impede hallways, doorways, or emergency/mechanical systems (e.g., fire extinguishers, electrical panels, or fire alarm pulls). Employees should contact their department head to determine whether storage within their building is restricted or permitted.

BIKE SECURITY AND REPORTING

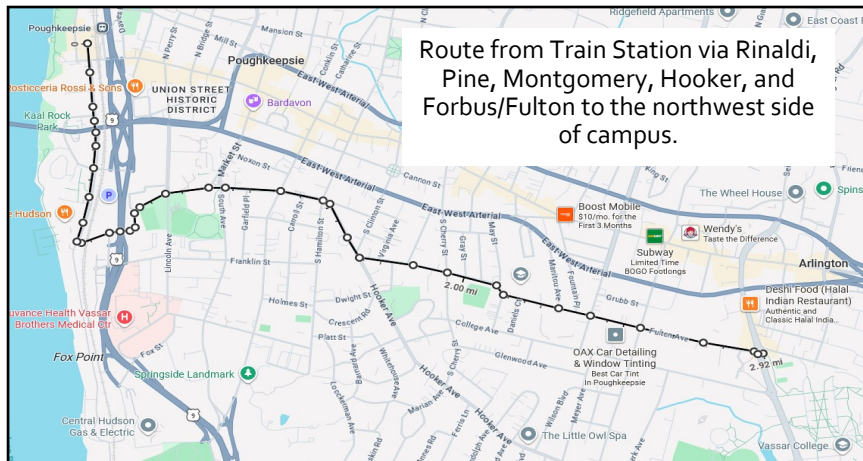
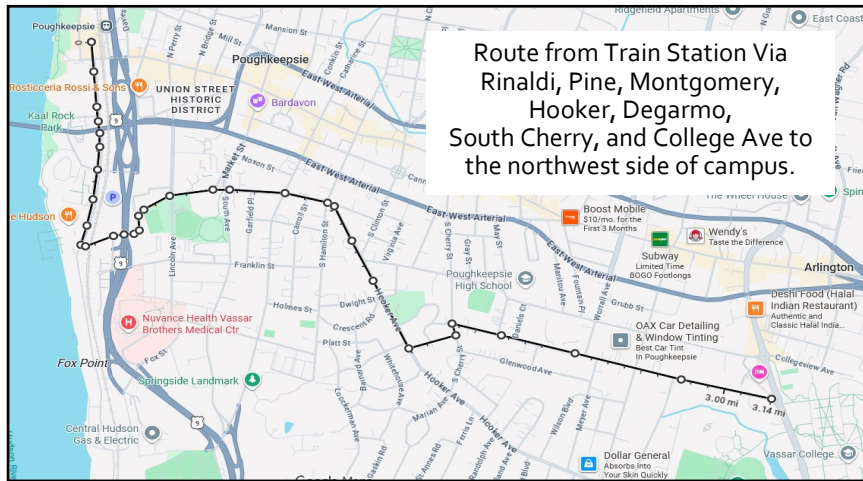
Theft Prevention: Owners are urged to use a high-quality lock (such as a U-bolt). Bicycles must only be secured to designated bicycle racks. Attaching bicycles to railings, trees, or light posts, or blocking ADA-accessible points, is prohibited.

Owners are urged to lock both the bike frame and the front bike wheel to the bicycle rack to prevent theft of only part of your bike.



Missing or Stolen Bicycles: Report a missing bicycle immediately to the Campus Response Center at 845-437-5221.

HOW TO GET TO CAMPUS BY BIKE (SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU FIND A ROUTE THAT WORKS FOR YOUR SKILL AND SAFETY LEVEL)



From the Mid Hudson Bridge (northside) to Rinaldi Blvd—connect to Pine and Montgomery and follow either route above.

