



PORT ALBERNI CYCLING MAP

CYCLING IN PORT ALBERNI:

Port Alberni is a vibrant community that places a high importance on recreation and active living. The City of Port Alberni has installed a series of bike lanes and shared roadways to facilitate cycling. Additionally, there are over 18 kilometres of off-street trails that provide cross-town connections through some of the city's most beautiful natural areas.

TRAIL NOTES:

- Some trails pass through private property. Please obey all signs and respect the landowners' rights to close any trails on their property.
- Remember that people cycling should always yield to pedestrians.
- Use trails responsibly; leave no trace and respect wildlife.
- Always plan ahead and carry proper supplies.

MORE INFO:

Detailed descriptions of select City of Port Alberni trails are available at: portalberni.ca/trail-information

For information about regional trails in the Alberni Valley, visit: valleyoftrails.ca

CYCLING SAFETY TIPS:

Know and obey the rules of the road:
People who cycle have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers.

Wear a helmet; it's the law:
Make sure that the helmet meets safety standards CSA, ANSI, ASTM, or SNELL B-95.

Maintain your bicycle in good working order:
Check tire pressure, tighten bolts, test the brakes, and grease the chain. Consider carrying a small toolkit.

Be visible, especially at night:
Use highly visible front and rear lights after dark and wear bright or reflective clothing.

Be cautious and courteous when riding near pedestrians:
Yield to pedestrians at intersections, crosswalks, and on shared paths. Walk your bike on the sidewalk unless signs indicate that cycling is allowed. Alert others of your presence using your voice or a bell.

When sharing the road with traffic, cycle safely and predictably:
If a bike lane exists, ride in the bike lane in the direction of the flow of traffic. If no bike lane exists, ride about one meter away from parked vehicles to stay safe from opening doors. Use extra caution if you notice people in parked vehicles, especially taxis or buses. Cycle in a straight line and position yourself where drivers can see you.

Shoulder check well in advance and hand signal before turning:
Remember, drivers sometimes fail to yield the right-of-way and may not always see you. Be predictable in your actions to increase your visibility. Hand signal when turning:



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CYCLING SAFETY, VISIT:

bikesense.bc.ca/bikesense-manual
portalberni.ca/active-transportation
biketowork.ca/port-alberni

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS:

Look for these helpful symbols on the pavement or on road signs.

Bike Symbol
Indicates that you are on a bike route.

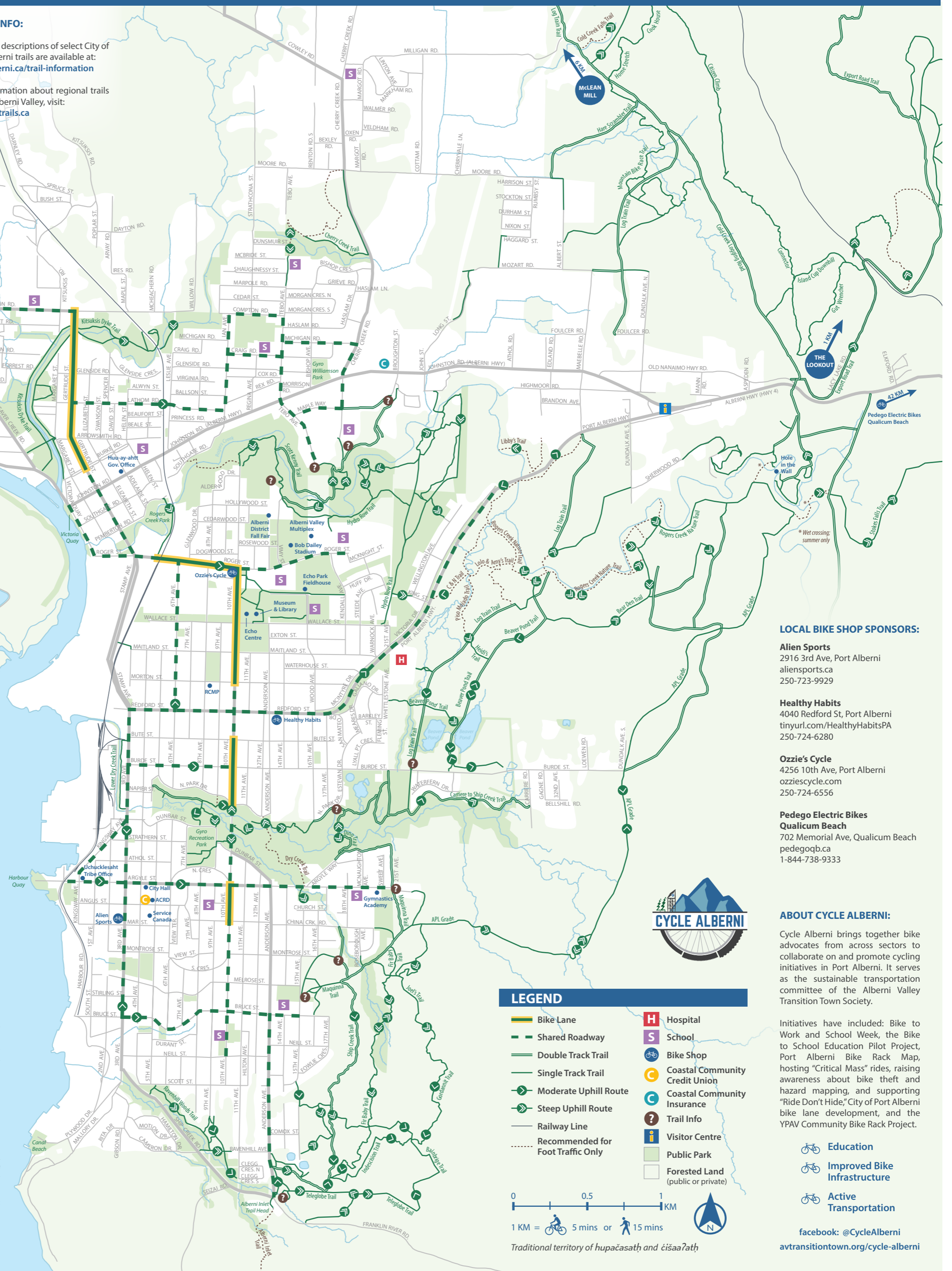
Sharrows (Shared Roadway)
Indicates where cyclists should generally be positioned on the road when riding in traffic. It also serves to remind motorists that the road is a shared space.

Dedicated Bike Lane
Indicates a designated lane for cyclists. They are marked with a painted line on the road and may be identified by signs and pavement markings, including the diamond symbol (special vehicle lane) and bike symbol. No motorized vehicles are permitted to stop or travel in a bike lane unless making a right turn onto a cross street. Transit buses may stop at designated stops for passengers.

Disclaimer:

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LOCAL BIKE SHOP SPONSORS:

Alien Sports
2916 3rd Ave, Port Alberni
aliensports.ca
250-723-9299

Healthy Habits
4040 Redford St, Port Alberni
tinyurl.com/HealthyHabitsPA
250-724-6280

Ozzie's Cycle
4256 10th Ave, Port Alberni
ozziecycle.com
250-724-6556

Pedego Electric Bikes
Qualicum Beach
702 Memorial Ave, Qualicum Beach
pedegoqb.ca
1-844-738-9333

ABOUT CYCLE ALBERNI:

Cycle Alberni brings together bike advocates from across sectors to collaborate on and promote cycling initiatives in Port Alberni. It serves as the sustainable transportation committee of the Alberni Valley Transition Town Society.

Initiatives have included: Bike to Work and School Week, the Bike to School Education Pilot Project, Port Alberni Bike Rack Map, hosting "Critical Mass" rides, raising awareness about bike theft and hazard mapping, and supporting "Ride Don't Hide," City of Port Alberni bike lane development, and the YPAV Community Bike Rack Project.

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- Improved Bike Infrastructure**
- Active Transportation**

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