

# Rutherford County Bicycle Ride Information Sheet

Any person or group who desires to conduct a ride containing at least 30 people is requested to complete this form. Please return the completed form to: Rutherford County Planning Department – 1 South Public Square, Room 200, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 or fax to 615.898.7823. Please turn in this form 5-7 days prior to your event. Please call 615.898.7730 with any questions.

**Sponsoring Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Ride:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Ride:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning Point of Ride:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Route (Note: A detailed map or separate sheet may be used for the route description):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Ending Point of Ride:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Riders Anticipated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**After receipt, this form is to be sent to the following agencies: Rutherford County Sheriff's Office and Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).**

**If your event is delayed, cancelled, rescheduled or the route changes,  
please call Rutherford County Sheriff's Dispatch at 615.898.7770.**

Please be advised that if your route crosses into any municipality you will need to contact local officials for any permits/information required. Contact information for the municipalities can be found below.

### **Municipality Contact Information**

Murfreesboro: 615.849.2629 (City Manager's Office)  
LaVergne: 615.793.6295 (LaVergne City Hall)  
Smyrna: 615.459.2553 (Smyrna Town Hall – Ask for Clerk's Office)  
Eagleville: 615.274.6992 (Eagleville City Hall)

### **Other Contact Numbers**

Rutherford County Sheriff's Dispatch: 615.898.7770  
Rutherford County EMS Office: 615.898.7790  
EMS Dispatch (Non-Emergency) 615.896.2520  
For Emergencies, call: 911



## Bicycle Safety Tips

### For Drivers:

- **Share the Lane**

Tennessee law requires that vehicles share a lane with bicyclists. Do not force a bicyclist to the white edge line or onto the shoulder. When the lane is too narrow for a vehicle and a bicycle to share, the bicyclist is obligated to take the full lane for safety purposes.

Remember, a bicyclist may need to move quickly to avoid a road hazard such as debris or a sewer grate. Provide ample room for the bicyclist to maneuver if needed.

- **Provide Three Feet**

If a vehicle needs to pass a bicyclist, pass on the left and provide at least three feet of room when going around the bicyclist. It's the law.

- **Always check your blind spots**

Bicyclists, like motorcycles, may be harder to spot if you are not looking for them.

- **Always use your turn signal**

Use turn signals so that a bicyclist knows your intentions.

- **Don't underestimate the speed of a bicyclist**

Many crashes occur when a vehicle turns in front of a bicyclist, assuming that the bicyclist is traveling slowly. Do not treat a bicyclist any differently than you would a car.

- **Know Basic Hand Signals**
  1. **Left turn** – left arm pointing left.
  2. **Right turn** – left arm raised at a ninety degree angle. Some bicyclists also use the right arm to point right.
  3. **Stop** – arm held downward with open hand.
  4. **Slowing** – arm held downward patting the ground.
  5. **Road hazard** – arm held down gesturing to the hazard.

### For Bicyclists:

- **Be aware of lane positioning**  
Bicyclists should ride in the right lane, as far to the right as practical. If there is not sufficient room for a bicyclist to share the lane with a vehicle, the bicycle should take the lane by riding in the middle of the lane. Return to the right when it is again safe to share the lane.
- **Signal all movements**  
Be sure to signal all movements including slowing down, stopping, left turns and right turns.
- **Wear a helmet – it may save your life.**

### For Group Rides:

- **Ride single file – or no more than two abreast.**
- **Obey traffic laws – stop at all stop signs and traffic lights.**
- **Assess the situation – don't take another bicyclist's word that a turn is "all clear". Look for yourself.**
- **Communicate with hand signals – communicate with other riders about road hazards, slowing, stopping and making turns (see above).**