

Are all bicycle lanes the same?

No. Although some bicycle lanes operate at all times (1), others are only in place at specific times such as peak hour (2).

Also, some lanes are positioned next to a parking lane, while others are placed next to the kerb.



Bicycle lane operates at all times



Bicycle lane operates at specified times



Bicycle lanes



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To make cycling safer and easier for our State's 450,000 cyclists, the South Australian Government in partnership with local government is developing an extensive network of bicycle lanes.

What is a bicycle lane?

A bicycle lane is a dedicated lane for cyclists.

Why do we have them?

Bicycle lanes help cyclists, motorists and pedestrians to **Share the Road** with greater safety and allow a smoother flow of traffic.



What do bicycle lanes look like?

Bicycle lanes are marked with continuous painted lines on the road. They are signed and a bicycle symbol may be painted in the lane itself.



When do bicycle lanes operate?

Some bicycle lanes operate during specific times, such as peak hours, and others operate **at all times**. Signage will specify if lanes only operate during certain times.



We all have a responsibility to **Share the Road** with others. When it comes to bicycle lanes, there are some simple rules we all should follow.



Drivers

You must not -

- drive in an operating bicycle lane. By law, bicycle lanes are set aside for cyclists only.
- park or stop in a bicycle lane (buses are exempted). Look for signs that may indicate the times when the bicycle lane applies. But remember, if no times are stated, the bicycle lane is in force at all times.

You may -

- cross a bicycle lane to enter or leave the road from private property, a parking area, or another road, and when overtaking a vehicle turning right or making a u-turn (and then only for up to 50 metres). Remember to look for cyclists and exercise due care when you cross the bike lane.

Watch out for -

- cyclists when driving into or from a side street, or crossing from a property entrance across bike lanes.
- cyclists forced to leave the bicycle lane due to road debris, an uneven road surface or other obstructions such as buses and broken down vehicles.



Cyclists

You should -

- use the bicycle lane if one is provided. They provide dedicated space for riders.
- ride within the lane. You'll help other road users if you avoid weaving in and out of traffic.
- at the end of a bicycle lane, watch for other vehicles when merging with traffic.
- look for other vehicles and signal if you need to leave the bicycle lane to turn, merge with other traffic or to avoid an obstruction.



Pedestrians

You should -

- make sure you watch for cyclists as well as cars before stepping off the kerb when crossing a road with bike lanes.
- remember to move out of the way for cyclists if you stand in a bicycle lane to cross the road.

If there is no provision for a footpath, you may walk in the bicycle lane.