About This Map
This map was produced by Ride Illinois with input from 8 State Regional Commission, the local municipalities, as well as cyclists. It is intended to encourage bicycling as a healthy and enjoyable form of recreation and an efficient and economical, and non-polluting form of transportation. The map identifies paved road trails and suggested on-road routes for bicycle travel throughout the Quad Cities area. The roads shown in the network are rated using two relative levels of cyclist comfort.

Sidepath Bicycling
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Riding in the Bike Lane
Always ride in the direction of traffic. Signal before you turn or make a lane change. When turning, cyclists must use the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. Local laws may require cyclists to yield to other road users such as pedestrians.

Other Information
Illinois Bicycle Laws (adapted from Illinois Vehicle Code 625 ILCS 5/1-1005) – Under Iowa law, bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as persons riding bicycles. Iowa Code 2015, Chapter 321 apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists shall be subject to all duties applicable to drivers of a motor vehicle.

Bike Illinois Bicycle Laws
This is the mission of the Quad Cities Bicycle Club to promote, encourage, and support the social participation in bicycling riders of all ages and abilities, as well as to anticipate and address needs and interests of all aspects of bicycling in the Quad Cities area.

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Riding in the Direction of Traffic: It’s the law and it makes you more predictable and visible to other road users. Occasionally, check traffic behind you. Become proficient in looking over your shoulder without swerving and consider getting a rear view mirror.

Riding Side by Side: Riding two abreast is permitted as long as the normal and reasonable movement of traffic is not impeded. Riding more than two abreast is prohibited except on paths or parts of a highway that may be used by adult cyclists who have at least a moderate level of traffic tolerance. (Other cyclists may choose other routes appropriate for their abilities.)

How to Stop
When braking, when stop signs or traffic lights are involved, even when normal traffic stops... Always stop at least five feet away from the curb. Do Not stop closer than three feet to a parked car. Open car doors can be a great threat to a cyclist’s safety.