

Healdsburg Bike Map

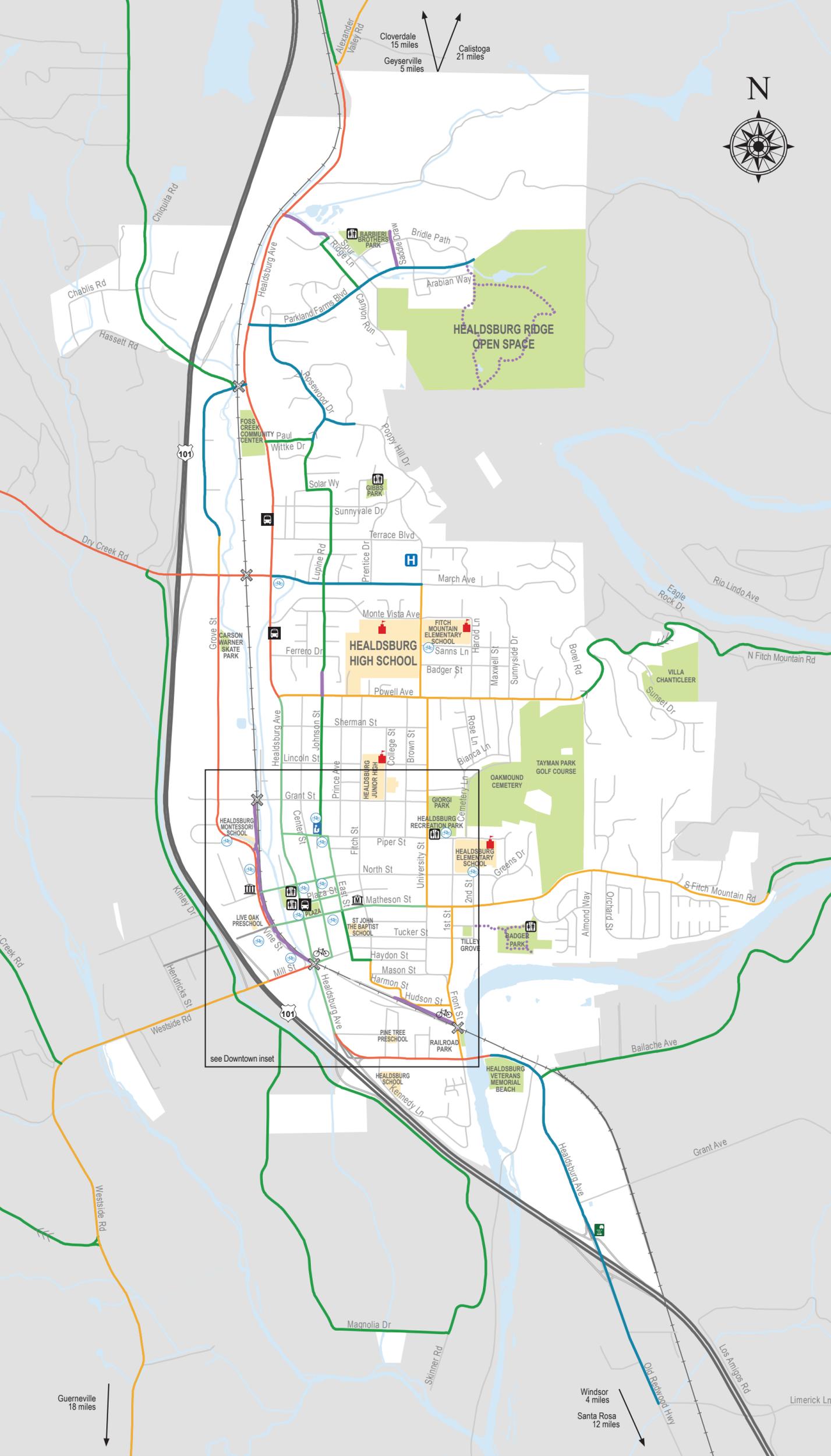


Ride through picturesque vineyard landscapes in the famous Dry Creek, Alexander and Russian River Valleys.

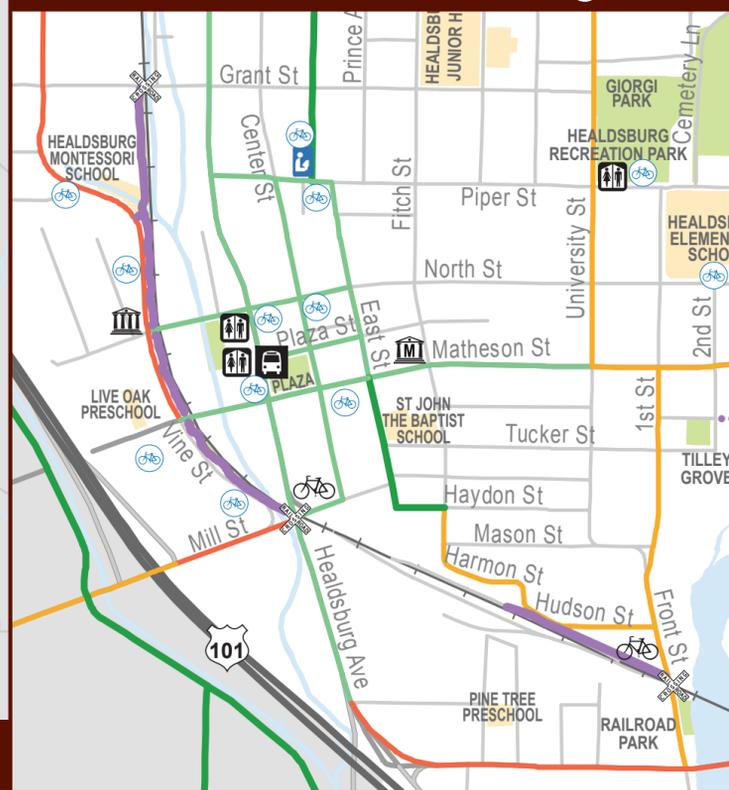
Nestled in the heart of picturesque Sonoma Wine Country, Healdsburg is a town that combines the best qualities of turn-of-the-century America with the ambiance of a European countryside. Founded in 1867, Healdsburg is located 65 miles north of San Francisco on Highway 101. Home to approximately 11,700 residents, the City encompasses 4.1 square miles and enjoys a mild climate with average temperatures ranging from 70 to 90 degrees in the summer and 30 to 60 in the winter.

Cycling terrain varies from flat river valleys to rolling hills and steep mountain climbs all within just a few miles of the center of Healdsburg. In only ten minutes of rolling out of town, you are on quiet country roads. Longer rides will reveal majestic redwoods, stunning mountain top views and the fabulous northern California coast.

The City of Healdsburg as a whole recognizes the benefits of cycling and many of its residents are avid cyclists. The City's compact size, street layout and mixed-use development encourage bicycling as an alternative to personal vehicle use. The City's wide streets and relatively slow traffic speeds help promote cycling and drivers are respectful of riders. The road layout results in many north/south and east/west routes that use quiet, low traffic volume roads suitable for cycling. Local businesses cater to both recreational and professional cyclists from around the world who are attracted to the areas fine weather, scenery, viticulture and varied topography.



Downtown Healdsburg



Map Legend

Map Features

- Bicycle Parking
- Bike Shop
- Bus Stop
- City Hall
- Freeway
- Hospitals/Medical Clinics
- Museum
- Park-and-Ride Lot
- Public Library
- Public Restroom
- Schools
- Train Tracks

Bicycle Facilities and Other Recommended Roadways

- Bike Lane
- Bike Path (Paved/Unpaved)
- Downtown Route
- Grade (5% / 9%+)

Vehicular Traffic

- Low Volume
- Medium Volume
- High Volume

This map is provided as a guide for bicycling in the City of Healdsburg. The City, County of Sonoma, and State of California over whose facilities you will travel are not responsible for your safety. No guarantee or warranty is made or implied as to the safety, condition, or fitness of the routes for bicycle travel. Bicyclists are urged to observe the "Rules of the Road," all bicycle laws in the California Vehicle Code, and to exercise caution at all times. Bicycle at your own risk.



Bicycle Tips and Laws

Developed by the Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. All illustrations by David Burnham, Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program - Matt Zoll, Program Manager.

It is important to recognize that, by law, except where expressly prohibited, bicyclists are allowed on all streets and roads regardless of whether they are a part of the designated bikeway network. Further, "every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle."—California Vehicle Code Sec. 21200



Pay attention

Headphones and cell phones cause distraction and reduce your ability to hear traffic, which could cost you your life.

Don't use any kind of headphones or a cell phone when riding your bike.



Protect yourself

According to national studies, 85% of brain injuries can be prevented by wearing a helmet.

California law requires all bicyclists under the age of 18 to wear a helmet.

Helmet and bicycle mirrors can improve your overall awareness and allow you to see following vehicles.



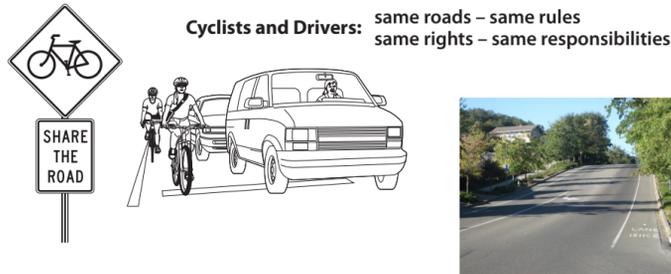
Does Your Helmet Fit?

A bike helmet fits well if it:

- > Sits level on the head
- > Isn't tilted forward or backward
- > Has strong, wide straps that fasten snugly under the chin
- > Is tight enough so that after fastening, no sudden pulling or twisting could move it around

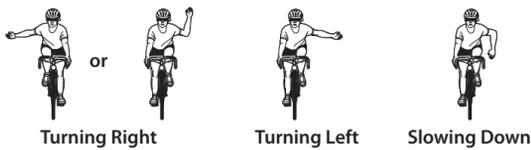
Share the road

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. According to California law, bicyclists are subject to all motor vehicle laws except those that by their very nature could not apply. Show respect for all users of the road, and you'll get respect.



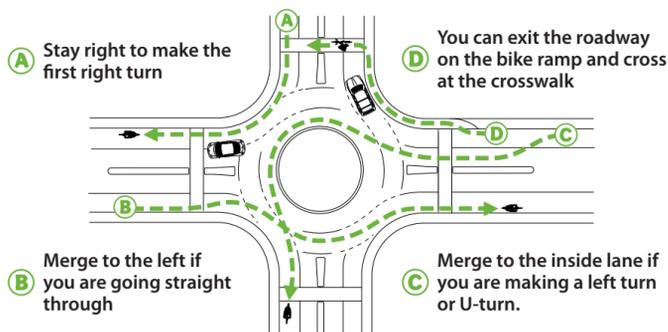
Use hand signals

Learn and use hand signals to show your intentions and ride in a predictable fashion. (CVC 22111)



Ways to ride at a roundabout

Yield to traffic already in the roundabout!



Give Bicyclists A Good Name

By obeying traffic laws and riding responsibly, you help to give all bicyclists a good reputation. The more courteous you are to others on the road or the path, the more respect bicycling receives.

Be visible

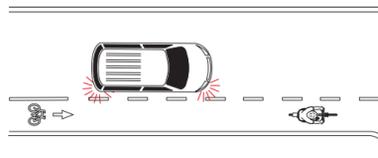
Wear white or brightly colored shirts and consider reflective clothing at night. A white front headlight and red rear light or reflector are required if you ride at night. (CVC 21201)



Riding without a headlight at night could get you a fine of \$108 or more!

Bike lanes are for bikes

Do not drive or park in bike lanes or on paved shoulders. When turning right, wait and allow the cyclist to go through the intersection first. Be predictable and always signal your intentions.

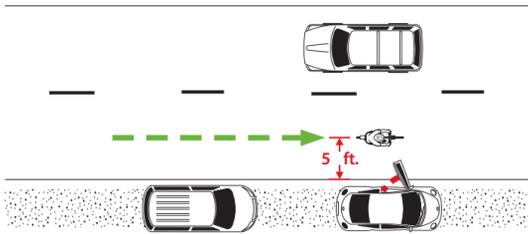


Drivers, please pass with care!



There should be at least 3 feet of clearance when you pass a cyclist, or 5 feet if possible. Slow down and don't pass a cyclist until safe to do so.

Be careful when riding by parked cars



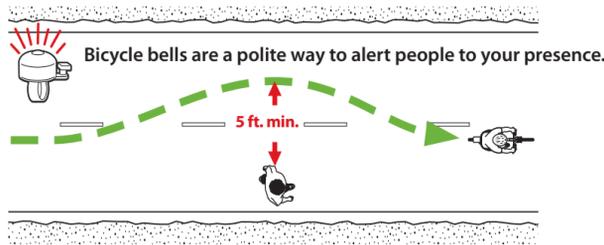
Look for people in parked cars ahead of you and ride in a straight line at least 5 feet away from the car. Someone may open the car door unexpectedly. Be predictable: don't weave in and out between parked cars.

Never ride against traffic



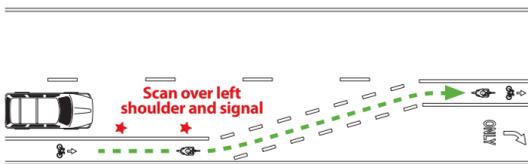
Ride on the right with the flow of traffic. NEVER ride against traffic on the road, in a bike lane, or on a sidewalk. Drivers turning from the side street cannot see you, and approaching drivers will not expect you to be riding the wrong way (CVC 21650.1).

Respect pedestrians



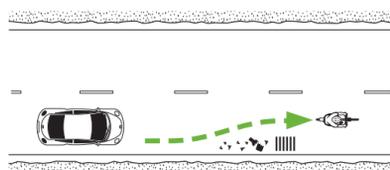
On a shared pathway reduce speeds when approaching pedestrians, give a verbal warning such as "Passing!" when you're about to pass, and provide at least 5 feet of passing distance. Remember! The pedestrian you treat well on the pathway may be the driver who treats you well when you're riding on the roadway.

When a bike lane merges



Use extreme caution when merging across right turn only/drop lanes. These lanes can present dangers to bicyclists. Well before the intersection, scan over your left shoulder and signal your intention to merge left across the lane. Always watch for fast moving drivers who may not see you.

Take the lane when appropriate



Remember that you may "take the lane" if the lane is not wide enough for both a car and bike to safely share. Check behind to make sure it's safe, signal your intention, and take the lane by riding one third to halfway into the lane. When safe and possible, move to the right to allow a following vehicle to pass.

Watch out for:

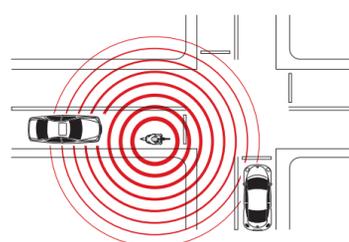
- > glass
- > grates
- > loose gravel
- > cattle guards
- > oily pavement

Be a defensive bike 'driver'

Be aware of your surroundings and especially of turning and cross traffic.

Make eye contact with drivers and be sure to get their attention.

Even with eye contact the person may not really see you or realize the speed you are going, so be prepared!



Bikes on Buses

Front loading bicycle racks

All Sonoma County Transit buses that serve the City of Healdsburg are equipped with a front-loading bike rack which accommodates either two or three bikes. Availability is on a "first-come first-served" basis. Bicyclists are responsible for the instructions provided on the racks.

REMEMBER, as the bus approaches and comes to a complete stop, have your bike ready to go, let the driver know that you would like to use the front-loading rack, and prepare to load your bike. Never walk or stand in front of on-coming traffic while loading or unloading your bike on the bus.

Bikes inside buses

When the front-loading bike rack is full, the driver may allow up to two bikes inside the bus (with permission from a supervisor/dispatcher). Note that wheelchair passengers must be given priority and there is no guarantee that bicycles can be accommodated inside the bus. Therefore, always be prepared to lock your bike at the bus stop.

Bikes transported inside a bus can be no larger than 80 inches long and 48 inches high, and with handlebars and/or panniers no greater than 24 inches in width. To load your bike inside the bus, board with the rear wheel of your bike positioned through the front door and position your bike into one of the wheelchair tie-down areas near the front of the bus, then follow the instructions provided to secure your bicycle. Please sit near your bike, making sure it is properly secured and does not obstruct the aisle. Remember, you may be asked to leave the bus with your bike prior to your destination if wheelchair passengers board or if the bus has standing-room only.



Lowering the bike rack



Placing the bike in the inside slot



Securing the support arm

Riding in the Rain

Cornering

- ◆ Make your turns slowly and consistently; no jerky movements
- ◆ Keep your weight on the outside pedal in the 6 o'clock position
- ◆ If you need to brake in a turn, apply the brakes slowly

Braking

- ◆ Water on the rims will lubricate your brake system making it hard to stop
- ◆ Apply the brakes lightly to clean off the rims before you need to stop
- ◆ Allow a greater distance for stopping

Hazards

- ◆ Bridges, metal grates and painted lines and crosswalks can be very slick
- ◆ Avoid puddles as they may conceal deep potholes
- ◆ During the first few minutes of rain, oil seeps from the roadway making it very slick

Protect yourself

- ◆ Visibility can be limited during a storm; wear bright clothing
- ◆ Keep your eyes free of debris with yellow or clear lenses in your glasses
- ◆ Wear waterproof clothing that is breathable with layers underneath

Protect your bike

- ◆ Front and rear fenders will keep you and your bike dry
- ◆ Lube your chain before and/or after a wet ride to replace the lube that washed off
- ◆ Drip chain lube down into your brake and shifter cables to avoid rust

Hazard Reporting

Emergencies Dial 911

Non-Emergency Contacts

City of Healdsburg
Street & Traffic Signal Hazard Reporting (City Limits)
During normal business hours, please call (707) 431-3346
After hours/weekend hazard reporting, please call Healdsburg Police Department Dispatch (707) 431-3377
Online reporting can be found on the City website www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us under the 'I want to...' section
Fire Department – (707) 431-3360
City Hall – (707) 431-3317

Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
Street or Driver Hazard (County Limits)
(707) 473-0610
www.bikesonoma.org

Bike Rental Shops & Repairs in the City Limits

Spoke Folk Cyclery 201 Center Street (707) 431-7171 www.spokefolk.com
Wine Country Bike 61 Front Street (707) 473-0610 www.winecountrybikes.com



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