

Recommended Bike Commuting Routes

The following recommendations were developed by graduate student commuters in the Rice University Cycling & Triathlon Club. They are designed to serve as a base for your choice of how to commute. Use caution when taking biking recommendations from Google Maps, because some of the bike lanes in Houston are very low-comfort or in poor condition.

From Montrose:

- East/West
 - Good: All neighborhood residential streets are fairly safe, including but not limited to Hawthorne, Kipling, Sunset, North, South
 - Avoid: Gray, Westheimer, Alabama, Richmond, and Bissonnet -- these are busy thoroughfares.
- North/South
 - Good: Mandell, Woodhead, Hazard St, Kent St
 - Avoid: Shepherd, Greenbriar, Montrose, and Dunlavy
 - Where to cross busy roads:
 - To cross Bissonnet, use Hazard or Mandell; Woodhead does not have a traffic light.
 - To cross Alabama St., use Woodhead or Mandell; Hazard does not have a traffic light.
- The most common entrance to campus from the north is Entrance 20 at Kent St and Rice Blvd. The cars on Rice Blvd often drive quickly without regard for pedestrians or bikers. Stop at the stop sign and be careful when crossing into/out of campus. You may feel more comfortable avoiding this intersection during rush hour, or turning into it off of Rice Blvd, rather than going straight across from Kent St. If coming from east of Kent St., consider using Entrance 21 or 23. On-campus service roads will easily connect you to Alumni Dr. and the inner loop. If coming from west of Kent St., consider taking a left on Rice Blvd from Hazard and turning right into campus at Entrance 20.
- [Example route](#)

From Midtown or Downtown:

- Take Caroline St. south all the way to Hermann Park. Cross into Hermann Park and take the trail toward Fannin St. At the Rice University/Hermann Park Metro stop, use the crosswalk to cross Fannin and Main St onto the Rice campus.
- If going to the BRC, go around the inner loop on the Rice campus and use the crosswalk to cross University at Main St. This is safer than riding on Main St, and more enjoyable than riding on the gravel path down Main St.
- North of Holman St, Caroline St. is one-way, so use Austin Street on the way back.
- Note: you can also take the MetroRail south and get off at Rice University/Hermann Park, Memorial Hermann/Houston Zoo, or Dryden/TMC. Bikes are allowed to be brought on the Metro.
- [Example route](#)

From Braeswood Place:

- Take Brompton St. north, then Cason St. east, which becomes McClendon St after crossing Kirby Dr. Off of McClendon, you can turn left onto Morningside or left onto Stockton. Cross to main campus at Stockton. If going to the BRC, stay on McClendon and go to Travis St.
- An alternative route is Brompton St. all the way north to University Blvd, then turn right onto University Blvd. Turn right on Morningside then left on Shakespeare which turns into Dryden. Turn left onto Stockton to get onto main campus. When Rice Village is open, and during rush hour, University Blvd should be avoided due to high traffic and lots of parked cars that create hazards.
- [Example route](#)

From RVA:

- Take Shakespeare St. east, which becomes Dryden St. Turn left to get onto main campus at Stockton. It also possible to bike on University, but Dryden is quieter.

From RGA:

- Use the RGA east side entrance onto the lane east to the Congregation Emanu El to get onto the campus. Pay extra attention when crossing Sunset Blvd as many cars rushing through neglect the signals for pedestrians and bikers.

If your route is not listed here and you would like some guidance, please contact the GSA Sustainability Director for help.