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The City of Folsom has an extensive system of Class I bike/pedestrian trails, with more than 50 miles developed and ready to enjoy. Grant funding totaling more than $20 million has covered the majority of the trail construction costs.

The main trail corridors include the 15-mile Humbug-Willow Creek Trail (HBWC), the Folsom Rail Trail (along Folsom Blvd.), the Folsom Lake Trail (with connections to the Johnny Cash Trail and the American River Trail), and the Oak Parkway Trail (between Blue Ravine Road and E. Natoma Street).

In 2003, the League of American Bicyclists awarded Folsom the Bicycle Friendly Community Silver level designation, and most recently renewed the award in 2016. In 2006, the California Trails and Greenways Board recognized the city for its “Bridge the Gap” volunteer bike/pedestrian bridge building program. In 2015, the American Public Works Association honored the city’s Johnny Cash Trail and Bridge with a Project of the Year award.

SAFETY TIPS

- **Ride with Traffic**
  Motorists aren't looking for cyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Many other hazards threaten the wrong-way rider.

- **Respect Pedestrians’ Rights**
  Pedestrians in a crosswalk have the right of way. Don’t cross sidewalks via driveways without yielding to pedestrians. Don’t ride on sidewalks; use the street, bike lane, or bike path.

- **Watch for Right-turning Traffic and Backing Cars**
  Motorists turning right may not notice cyclists on their right. When approaching intersections, try to stay far enough from the curb to allow cars to turn right on your right. Make eye contact with drivers. At intersections, assume that drivers don’t see you until they stop.

- **See and Be Seen**
  State law requires bikes ridden at night to be equipped with a front light visible from 300 feet in front of and to the sides of the bike; plus a back reflector visible from 500 feet to the rear; pedal reflectors; and wheel or side reflectors. Wearing light-colored or reflective clothing also helps to increase your visibility.

- **Be Predictable and Signal**
  Obey traffic signs and signals. Cyclists must ride like motorists if they want to be taken seriously. Doing so is also the safest behavior. When approaching a stop sign or red light, you are required to come to a complete stop and proceed only when safe to do so. Signal to other drivers; your movements affect them. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy, and self-protection.