

# BICYCLIST & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

## Summer Safety Tips for Anteaters

As the academic year winds down, we want to wish all our fellow Anteaters the best of luck on finals. You have worked hard, and summer is a perfect time to unwind, recharge, and spend time outdoors. Whether you are biking through campus, walking around your neighborhood, or venturing out to explore Orange County, safety should always come first. Always wear a helmet when biking, stick to bike lanes when available, and be aware of your surroundings. As you head out on longer rides or hikes this summer, be sure to bring plenty of water and stay hydrated. Apply sunscreen regularly to protect your skin, travel in groups when possible, and let someone know your route if you are going off the beaten path. Summer is also a great time to explore [local trails and bike paths](#). If you are walking, use crosswalks, avoid distractions like texting while crossing, and make eye contact with drivers to ensure you are seen. And remember, the campus [Ring Mall riding policy](#) remains in effect during the summer months, so continue to walk your wheels between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Follow these [safety guidelines](#) to have an enjoyable time outdoors.

Getting outside is a great way to relax and reset after a busy quarter. We encourage you to enjoy the fresh air and explore your community and have a great summer, Anteaters!

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## UC Irvine's Bike Month Wrap-Up

We want to thank the entire UC Irvine community for making Bike Month a tremendous success! From the vibrant energy of [CicloIrvine](#) and the enthusiasm of Bike to UCI Day to the valuable insights shared during our [Bike Friendly Driver](#) and [Smart Cycling](#) Trainings, every event highlighted the campus's growing dedication to active transportation. One of the month's standout moments was the [WhimCycle Bike Festival](#), where participants enjoyed a mix of fun, education, and community spirit. Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners who brought even more excitement to the celebration. Your participation helps create a safer, more connected community for everyone on campus.



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## Bike Infrastructure Upgrades During Summer

While the majority of the campus is away for summer break, the UCI Transportation Maintenance team will be busy improving [campus bike infrastructure](#). Projects include upgrading bike racks, enhancing bike paths, and maintaining bike repair stands. These updates aim to boost safety, convenience, and support for cyclists. Students, faculty, and staff can look forward to a smoother and more bike-friendly experience when they return in the fall.

[Map of Campus Bike Infrastructure »](#)

## Orange County Trails for Your Next Bike Adventure

Whether you are new to biking or a seasoned rider looking for your next adventure, Orange County offers a [variety of bike trails](#) that range in difficulty, distance, and terrain. Here are a few popular options to help you find the perfect summer ride:

### Beginner-Friendly Trails:

- **San Diego Creek Trail:** This flat, well-paved 10-mile trail starts right near the campus and winds through parks and wetlands all the way to Upper Newport Bay. Perfect for casual rides or getting familiar with bike commuting.
- **Jeffrey Open Space Trail:** A quiet, beautifully landscaped 3.5-mile-long trail with wide paths and minimal street crossings, ideal for leisurely rides.

### Intermediate Trails:

- **Back Bay Loop Trail:** A mix of paved and dirt paths circling the Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve. Expect moderate hills and scenic views of marshlands and wildlife during this 10.5-mile loop.
- **Jeffrey Open Space Trail:** This 22-mile route is great for building endurance and connects urban, suburban, and natural areas.

### Advanced Trails:

- **Aliso Creek Trail:** A 15-mile ride that transitions from suburban paths to rugged canyons. Great for riders looking to test their stamina.
- **Santiago Oaks Regional Park Trails:** For mountain bikers, this park offers challenging elevation changes, dirt trails, and stunning hilltop views.

[Explore a Map of OC Trails »](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DEMONSTRATIONS

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our BikeUCI Ambassadors for their outstanding contributions this year. From supporting campus events to promoting bike and pedestrian safety, your efforts have made a meaningful impact on our UCI community. To celebrate your dedication and partnership, and reflect on a successful year, we invite all BikeUCI Ambassadors to join our [virtual wrap-up meeting](#) on Tuesday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining BikeUCI Ambassadors, please visit our [bike website](#) to learn more and help advance a safer, more welcoming cycling culture on campus!



As we head into summer, UCI Transportation wishes the campus community a fun, relaxing, and safe break. Be sure to visit our [bike website](#) to stay informed of upcoming events in the fall, including our annual uciRIDEtoberfest bike festival. Thank you for an incredible year, Anteaters!