Rules and Regulations

Eligible Participants:

The Bison Bikes program is available only to undergraduate students. Graduate students, faculty, and staff are not yet eligible to participate in Bison Bikes.

Reservation Policy:

The first thirty students to register during the reservation period will be able to rent one bison bike for a one-week period. Students will be able to reserve a bison bike online via myBucknell starting Mondays at 6:30pm. Students must sign a waiver and consent form, but no rental fee will be charged. A confirmation email will be sent out to the first thirty students to register, after which a student may pick-up his/her key in the CAP center LC306 the following Tuesday from 9am-3pm. The bike must be returned on Monday, one week after the initial registration date. However, a late fee of $10 per day will be charged and enforced. If upon the seventh late day a bike has not yet been returned, the student will have committed themselves to ownership of the bike, and an additional replacement fee of $505 will be charged to the student’s account.

How to Participate in Bison Bikes:

Following registration, students may pick-up their key in the CAP center (LC 306) between the hours of 9-3. Failure to pick-up a key during the two week period will result in the student being banned from the Bison Bike system. After pick-up, the bike is of the student’s sole responsibility for the following two weeks. BSG is not responsible for the safety & status of the bike once the registrant assumes possession of the bike. The bike may be used on and off of the Bucknell campus, but students are advised that they are responsible for any and all damages that come to the bike during that period. **Students participating in Bison Bikes are the only eligible operators of any bicycle provided by Bucknell Student Government (BSG). Privately owned bicycles parked in the bicycle racks are not to be disturbed.**
Conditions for Use:

All Bison Bikes participants must:

1. Comply with all traffic and safety laws (See PA Bike Laws)
2. Always ride on appropriate cycle routes (See Cycling Map online at www.bucknell.edu/bsg)
3. Always report a malfunctioning bicycle to a Bison Bikes crew-member
4. Lock the bicycle after use
5. Report mechanical issues via email (BisonBikes@bucknell.edu)
6. Report incidents or accidents via email (BisonBikes@bucknell.edu)
7. Be fit and in proper physical condition to ride a bicycle

All Bison Bikes participants must never:

1. Operate a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
   a) Under Pennsylvania state law, traffic safety laws for a bicycle and motorized vehicle are extremely similar. Hence, under Pennsylvania state law, riding a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is considered a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offense. Students guilty of a DUI offense are subject to the below University punishments as well as those enforced by the state of Pennsylvania.

   t. Driving with alcohol in one’s system, for an underage student, that is, a BAC or PBT of .02 to .079: seven (7) points.

   u. Driving Under the Influence, regardless of age, that is, a BAC or PBT of .08 or higher while operating a vehicle: 10 points and required leave.

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2. Wear headphones while riding
3. Allow a second passenger on a bicycle

Failure to comply with any of the conditions of use will result in immediate termination of the rental. In addition, violators will no longer be able to participate in Bison Bikes in the future. Violators of University, local, state, or federal law while using Bison Bikes will be appropriately prosecuted.

Destinations:

Bicycles provided through Bison Bikes by BSG may be used both on and off of Bucknell University campus. This is allowed at the discretion of the student, with the knowledge of aforementioned responsibilities placed upon the use of each bike.
Hours of Operations:

Bison Bikes are only available during the academic year. During the summer, Bison Bikes are stored and are not available for use. During the academic year, Bison Bikes are able to be reserved beginning at 6:30pm every other Monday until all bikes are rented, online at myBucknell. Bike keys are to be picked up between 9am and 3pm in the uphill LC the following Tuesday. Bikes will be returned by the student 7 days following initial registration, the Monday after initial registration. BSG strongly recommends that Bison Bikes not be used after dark or in un-safe riding conditions.

Bike security:

Students participating in Bison Bikes will use the key issued to them in order to lock and unlock Bison Bikes to secure bike racks. **All locks must be attached to the bike frame AND the wheel.** All equipment associated with Bison Bikes is strictly for the use of registered participants. **Lending or sharing of bike lock keys is considered a breach of contract and will result in immediate termination and permanent removal from the rental system for all parties involved.** There is a $50 fee if a key is lost or damaged. Additionally, the proper use and storage of Bison Bikes is supervised by Bucknell Public Safety. Any student found destroying or vandalizing Bison Bikes property is subject to a fine of up to $575.

Contact Us:

Students who notice mechanical difficulty while operating a Bison Bike should report problems to BisonBikes@bucknell.edu. Any questions, comments or concerns should also be directed to BisonBikes@bucknell.edu.