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Share the Road

Colorado National Monument's Rim Rock Drive is one of the most spectacular drives in the United States. Redrock canyons, crisp blue skies, and verdant green junipers splash fantastic views along the way for motorists and bicyclists. However, the road is challenging, narrow, and steep in some sections with sheer dropoffs. Special considerations must be made for road travel since motorists and bicyclists share the road. Use caution when on tight corners and hills. On the east side of the monument, motorists may encounter large trucks that use four miles of the monument's roadway to access the community of Glade Park.

Bicyclist Information

- Bicyclists are required to obey all traffic laws including speed limits, passing zones, and stop signs.
- Bicyclists are required to **ride single file** at all times within the monument.
- Always ride as far to the right as is safely possible.
- Please allow vehicles to pass you.
- Do not pass vehicles in the tunnels.
- Bicyclists are required to stop at stop signs during periods when entrance stations are staffed.
- Use of bicycles is allowed only on park roads.
- Bicyclists are required to pay entrance fees.

- There is no off-road usage allowed.
- Bicycles or riders must be equipped with lights visible from the front and rear for safe passage through the tunnels.
 Bicyclists must use a white light that is visible from at least 500 feet to the front and a red light that is seen from at least 200 feet from the rear.
- On the east side of the monument, cyclists may encounter large trucks that use four miles of the monument's roadway to access the community of Glade Park.
- Cyclists are encouraged to wear bright colored clothing for added visibility.

Motorist Information

- Use your headlights in all tunnels and watch for bicyclists and other vehicles.
- Obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Do not attempt to proceed around bicyclists unless you have a clear view of oncoming traffic and a safe passing distance. Do not pass in the tunnels.
- When passing bicyclists, please allow at least three feet of clearance between your vehicle and the bicyclist.
- Check carefully for bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles before pulling out onto the road from pullouts.
- Allow other motorists and bicyclists to pass if you are obstructing traffic and there is a safe place to pull over.
- Remember that bicyclists have all the rights and responsibilities of any vehicle.