

Dartmouth College Bike Policy

****Designed by Dartmouth Students for the Dartmouth Community****

Registration

All bicycles owned by students, faculty and staff and used on campus must be registered with the Department of Safety and Security. Registration is required for students to store bikes in controlled storage, may assist in recovery of stolen bikes, will enable the bicycle owner to be contacted, and will provide proof of ownership in the event of seizure.

You may register your bike at the Safety and Security office on the second floor of 5 Rope Ferry Road. The office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Registration is also available at the Collis Center Info Desk during their regular hours.

Permitted Parking and Storage

During the day, Dartmouth community members may park their bikes at any of the bike racks located around campus. At night, bikes may be left at these outside racks, or students may also store bikes in one of the indoor areas designated for bike storage in some residence halls and clusters, including Judge, Channing Cox, and Maxwell.

When student owners leave campus at the end of a term, they must seek long-term bike storage. Facilities for long-term bike storage are listed [here](#).

Unauthorized Parking

Bikes may not be parked in hallways, entryways, access ramps, stairways, other accesses, or sites that have signs prohibiting bike parking. Bikes parked illegally may be confiscated immediately and fines may be assessed.

Seized unregistered bikes will immediately become College property. If registered, the owner will be notified for reclamation. Individuals may be charged for removal and storage if they are unable to reclaim their bike. If the bike is not claimed for four weeks, it will become College property. The College will not replace cut locks.

Abandoned Bikes

Abandoned bikes are defined as bikes that have been parked legally on campus in one place for an extended period of time. Bikes that appear to be abandoned (showing noticeable signs of wear such as a rusted chain or derailleur, flat tires, or bent tire rims) will be tagged and, if unmoved for two weeks, will be impounded by the College. This is true even if the owner is away from the College for the term. Unregistered abandoned bikes will immediately become College property. The College will not replace cut locks. The procedure for tagging and collecting abandoned bikes is as follows:

1. Office of Sustainability Bike Interns will notify Dartmouth Safety and Security 1 week before tagging bikes on campus.
2. Student bike interns will tag clearly abandoned and broken down bikes around campus.

3. After two weeks, student bike interns, wearing orange vests and driving a Dartmouth College vehicle, will collect all bikes that haven't had their tags removed or been moved from the rack at which they were tagged.
4. Bicycle makes, models, locations, tagging dates, and any other identifying information will be compiled in the Bike Database and sent to Safety and Security. A list of all Dartmouth registration numbers found on confiscated bikes will be sent to Safety and Security to determine the last owner of the confiscated bike.
5. Student bike interns will contact the owners of any registered, confiscated bikes notifying them that their bike has been deemed "abandoned" and identifying times and locations at which bikes may be reclaimed.
6. Owners of registered confiscated bikes will be given four weeks to reclaim their bicycles. Student bike interns will manage reclaiming hours.
7. Four weeks after contacting owners of registered confiscated bikes, all unclaimed bikes become property of Dartmouth College and are entered into our repair system. A photo of each bike is taken to document its state of disrepair.

The Dartmouth College Bike Policy was approved and adopted by Student Assembly, the Office of Residential Life, Facilities, Operations, & Maintenance, Dartmouth Safety & Security, the Dartmouth Sustainability Office, Athletics, the Hopkins Center, and the Collis Student Center in Spring 2012. All questions may be directed to Sustainable.Dartmouth@Dartmouth.edu.