



## Unprotected Bike Lane: **Bluff Creek Drive**

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### Overview

This flat 3.5 mile ride is meant for beginners who want more experience riding in an unprotected bike lane. This ride has the Playa Vista Library (6400 Playa Vista Dr, LA 90094) as a starting point, heads South to Bluff Creek Drive then heads Northeast alongside the base of the Westchester Bluffs, before meandering Southwest through blocks of business headquarters. When scouted on a Wednesday afternoon, this route had light traffic, probably due to a lot of people working from home that would otherwise be coming in and out of the business park. This route is quick, but provides an opportunity to ride in a bike lane adjacent to a door zone and practice making left turns. This ride ends at Ballona Creek Discovery Park, where a number of interpretive signs and displays provide a great opportunity to relax and learn.

### Ride Logistics

Link to self-guided route: <https://izi.travel/browse/ef389e42-0b5a-4a2b-8488-6bf396567214/en>

Link to route only: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33661602>

Cue sheet:

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
	←	Left	Turn left onto South Playa Vista Drive	0.0
0.1	→	Slight Right	Turn slight right	0.1
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto West Bluff Creek Drive	0.1
0.8	→	Right	Turn right onto West Bluff Creek Drive	0.9
0.5	→	Right	Turn right onto Campus Center Drive	1.3
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto West Bluff Creek Drive	1.4
0.1	←	Left	Turn left	1.5
0.0	→	Sharp Right	Turn sharp right	1.5
0.0	←	Slight Left	Turn slight left onto West Bluff Creek Drive	1.5
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Artisan Street	1.8
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Waterfront Drive	1.9
0.3	→	Slight Right	Turn slight right onto Waterfront Drive	2.2

0.1	→	Right	Turn right	2.3
0.0	←	Left	Turn left	2.3
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Fielding Circle	2.3
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto West Millennium Drive	2.3
0.2	←	Left	Turn left	2.6
0.0	→	Right	Turn right	2.6
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto Village Drive	2.7
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto West Millennium Drive	2.7
0.2	←	Left	Turn left	2.9
0.0	←	Left	Turn left	3.0
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto McConnell Avenue	3.0
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto West Bluff Creek Drive	3.0
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Dawn Creek	3.2
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto West Bluff Creek Drive	3.2
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto South Para Way	3.4
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto West Bluff Creek Drive	3.4

## Playa Vista Library

This is the reference point for the beginning of this ride. There's plenty of street parking around here.

Some things to note before taking off: You'll be using the bike lane on Playa Vista Drive to make your way South toward Bluff Creek Drive and then make a left. Here is where you will have to make your first bike safety decision - do you want to transition out of the bike lane to get into the left lane or do you want to make a box turn left?

Use [this resource by Pure Cycles](#) to learn more about the different ways to make a left turn on a bike and decide which one is right for you and your family:

<https://www.purecycles.com/blogs/bicycle-news/96211079-traffic-school-how-to-make-a-left-turn>

## Westchester Bluffs

The Bluff Creek Drive bike lane rides alongside parked cars for most of it. Be aware of passengers and drivers getting in and out of their cars. Ride on the leftmost side of the bike lane, as far away from the door zone as possible. The door zone is the area a vehicle door takes up when opened. It is a cause of many bike accidents and can be avoided by being alert, staying out of that zone, and making others aware of your presence. This can be a good opportunity for you and your family to use your bicycle bells - make yourself heard!



