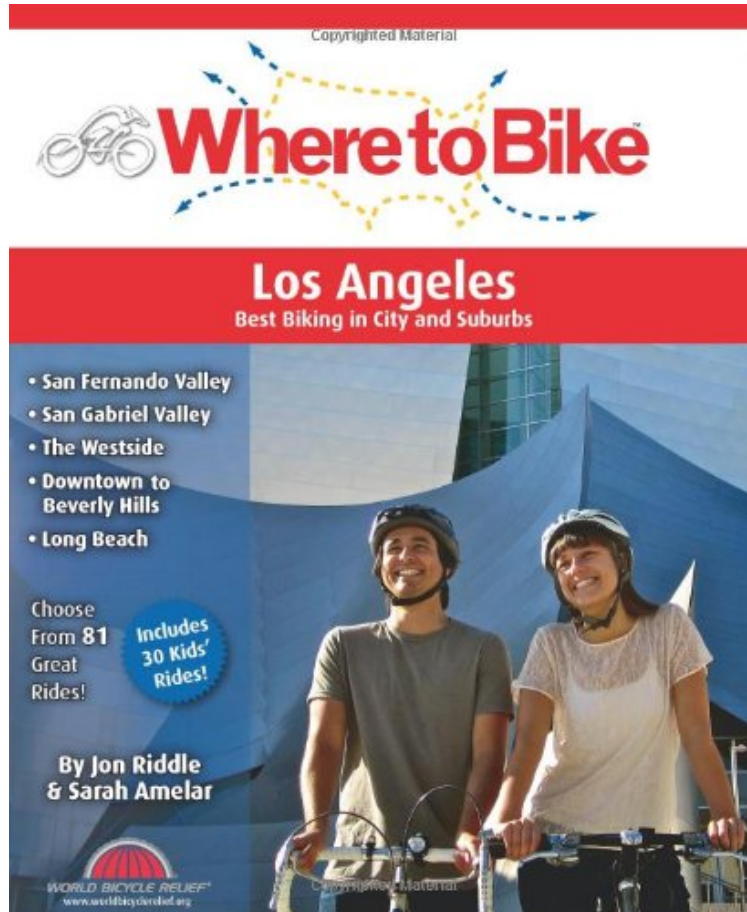


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have to see the book. Very highly recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you ride a bike in L.A. (or want to start) get this book! By M. Rippens I just got this book after having it on my wish list for some time and I wish I got it earlier! There are so many great rides in here and I love the turn-by-turn ride sheets w/ mileage and elevation charts for each ride. I like how the routes link up to public transit (it sometimes feels a little ridiculous when I have to drive somewhere to ride my bike), and most of the routes also connect to other routes in the book (in case you want to do a longer ride, or just make up your own). The photographs are great and the writing is very clear and descriptive w/ helpful tips like where you can find food, water and restrooms along the way. In addition to all the various bike routes and destinations I had no idea even existed, I learned about points of interest and tangential rides that can be found along routes I've ridden many times before. You can tell the authors are passionate about biking as well as have a real fondness for L.A. They obviously really did their homework (roadwork?) in putting this guide together. This book is an informative and easy-to-use resource that I'd recommend to anyone with a bike in L.A.--from the most seasoned roadie or commuter to someone who just got a bike and is intimidated by the prospect of riding anywhere in this car-centric city. Once you open it up, you'll immediately start bookmarking rides that you want to check out for yourself. I went on one of the rides (actually, I combined two of the rides) the first weekend I had this book and I already have the next one picked out. Now I just wish the weekends were closer together! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Must have for any (road) cyclist in L.A. By Dan2345 This book is absolutely great! I would say any of the "Where to Bike" books are great! As an avid road cyclist I already knew some of the rides, but got still some more interesting ideas about side trips, and other useful information about the rides/area. It also gave me some very useful information about areas to ride, which I always wanted to ride, but didn't quite know what roads are the best for cycling (e.g. Griffith Park and Palos Verdes). What I really like about the book is: 1) The structured way it always uses 4 pages for every ride 2) The break down by areas to ride 3) The great overview map for cross reference at the beginning of the book 4) The ride profile of course 5) The great breakdown to what level of fitness it suits a rider. I could go on and on about how great this book is. If you are living in L.A. or just visiting and want to bike then this is a must have! Safe Riding!

Where to Bike Los Angeles, is a cycling guide to the city for recreational cyclists who want to know more about fun interesting places to ride their bikes for family time, fun and fitness. Cycling is booming. It's free, healthy, environmentally friendly, sustainable and most of all it's fun. But Where to Ride? Where to Bike Los Angeles contains 50 interesting rides for adults and 30 kids' rides for toddlers and beginners. There's also a section covering how to prepare and what to take with you.

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