Bear Bikes Rules and Regulations

The purpose of the Bear Bikes program is to help create a campus culture of cycling while reducing the number of cars used by students. Through the Bear Bikes program students have the opportunity to rent bikes for a low per semester price. Please read the rules and regulations carefully, you are responsible for understanding and following all parts of this packet. Here’s how it works:

1. Sign up for the Bear Bikes program at the beginning for $40 per semester.
2. You will choose a bike, and be provided with a lock/key and helmet. Four types of bikes are available: cruisers, city bikes, road bikes, and mountain bikes. Bikes are first come, first served.
3. ‘Like’ us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/mercerbearbikes) and provide us with an email you check often – it is the best way for us to communicate with you about check-in/check-out times and upcoming events.
4. Return your bike at the end of the semester. Failure to return a bike by the end of final exams will result in a $10 fee per day until the bike is returned.

What if something breaks on my bike?

There is a bike repair station in front of Connell Student Center. It has an air pump and tools needed to make minor repairs. There is a QR code that provides repair instructions.

Cherry Street Cycles at 484 Second Street handles more significant repairs. It is your responsibility to take the bike to Cherry Street Cycles to be fixed and bring it back to Mercer. If you are unable to get the bike to Cherry Street Cycle, you must report the needed repair to a Bear Bikes representative and ask for their assistance. Unreported damage will result in termination of your Bear Bikes contract. Wear and tear repairs (flat tire, adjustments, etc.) will be covered by the Bear Bikes program. You will be charged for major damage or damage due to neglect (bent rims or handle bars, missing parts, etc.) Any fees not paid by the end of the semester will result in a hold on your Mercer account.

What if my bike is stolen?

You will be given a reliable lock for your bike and are expected to use it properly; therefore, it is your responsibility if the bike is lost or stolen. First, contact a Bear Bikes representative to report that the bike has been stolen as soon as it happens. They will provide you with the serial number for you bike. If it was stolen on campus, report it to campus police (301-4357). If it was stolen off campus, report it to Macon police (751-7500). A copy of the report must be submitted to Bear Bikes. You will be charged a penalty fee of $250. Any fees not paid by the end of the semester will result in a hold on your Mercer account.
Proper Use of Bike Lock

Lock your bike properly EVERY TIME.

Lock your bike on a fixed, immovable object.

Cables are available for greater security.

You are responsible for your bike if it is stolen even if you locked it properly.

Rules and Regulations

- Traffic laws apply to people riding bicycles so obey all signs, signals and pavement markings.
- Signal all turns and stops using the standard hand signals.
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks and on sidewalks.
- Ride with traffic on the as far to the right as is "practicable" except when turning left or avoiding road hazards. That is, as far to the right as is safe.
- Do not weave in and out of traffic.
- No more than two bicyclists can ride side by side.
- Passengers must have their own attached bike seat.
- If you ride your bike at nighttime, you must have a headlight emitting white light which is visible from at least 300 feet ahead, and a red rear reflector which is visible from 300 feet to the rear. (A light emitting red light can be used in addition to the rear red reflector.)

Safety

- Wear a helmet ALWAYS
- Assume that drivers can’t see you or aren’t paying attention. In short, be cautious about cars on the road
- Ride on less busy streets/roads and with the lowest speed limits
- Be predictable: Use hand signals, be obvious in your intentions, plan ahead
- Be visible: Use lights and reflectors, wear bright clothing, ride with a friend (whenever possible)
I, __________________________, hereby accept responsibility for the bike I have checked out through the Bear Bikes Program at Mercer University, including helmet, locks and keys, and I understand there will be no refunds issued. With this, I agree to abide by all legal and University constraints that bind myself as a bike user on the road and as a citizen. I also assume all liability for any violation of such constraints while using a Bear Bike and therefore will not hold Mercer University, nor the Bear Bike program legally responsible for any acts made upon mine own part regarding my bike use. I acknowledge that I am financially responsible for any repairs that must be made during the course of my bike use, as well as for the bike itself, for which the replacement fee of $250 will be charged if the bike is not accounted for at the termination of my bike rental. I agree to return my Bear Bike by the end of finals week, with a failure to do so resulting in a fee of $10 a day and an account hold. If I decide not to use my bike, I will return it to a Bear Bikes representative so that it can be stored in a protected location.

Signature: ______________________________ Date: ______________________________

Email: _______________________________ Phone #: ______________________________

Bike Number: _________________