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ARKANSAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVES ITS RANKING AMONG BICYCLE FRIENDLY STATES

LITTLE ROCK (5-1) – Today is the first day of National Bike Month and The League of American Bicyclists is releasing its latest rankings among bicycle friendly states. The results show that Arkansas is making great strides in improving its accommodation of cyclists.

Arkansas moved up 13 spots in the survey, the 2nd largest jump in the entire country. Arkansas is now number 37 among the 50 states. Just last year, Arkansas was at the bottom of the list.

“The bicycling culture in Arkansas has grown more popular in recent years and we are responding,” says Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Director Scott Bennett. “The results serve as an affirmation that our statewide efforts are making a real difference in The Natural State.”

Arkansas’ latest ranking was based on a number of key indicators, including infrastructure and funding that provide bicycle facilities; education and programs that promote cycling; and passage and enforcement of bicycle-friendly laws that make it safe and comfortable for people of all ages to ride a bike.

“Arkansas has made great strides toward becoming a more bicycle friendly state, and we need to continue to build on this momentum. Although our resources are extremely limited, we hope the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department can continue to play a role in this progress toward providing a convenient and safe infrastructure for bicyclists in Arkansas,” says Bennett.

In coordination with the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, the next step is to update the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to develop a blueprint for how state agencies, local governments and other organizations can work to improve the environment for both cyclists and pedestrians.

For more on Arkansas’ ranking visit bikeleague.org/bfa. Remember, additional Arkansas travel related information can be found at ArkansasHighways.com. You can also follow us on Twitter [@AHTD](https://twitter.com/AHTD).

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