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## The Boise Greenbelt ..."Tree-Freeway" - 'I-Viney9 '.

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...The downside... there's good ol' **Garden City**. This doesn't deserve much space, but If you're on your bike, and travel north of the Glenwood bridge on the Greenbelt,... you **have to**, by Garden City Ordinance 10-01-30, *dismount your bicycle*, and **walk it for about the next 3-4 miles**. RIdiculous.

As far as this reporter can tell, after capitulating to this Ordinance many, many times, is solely for the **highly dubious** 'benefit' of the very wealthy people with homes abutting that stretch of the Greenbelt.

These lovely folks seem to suppose that, well, this particular part of the Greenbelt **is just theirs**, and guard it surprisingly attentively. In a bout of *pure speculation*,... if you own a Million dollar home, and have about 250 neighbors who've the same, that's about a quarter of a Billion dollars, all tolled, in Real Property Value. And in Garden City, (not the CHinden part; the nice part) that kinda tax-base apparently carries alot of water.

*City council bought; Ordinance passed; Bicyclist's beware.*

Posted signs notwithstanding, The only 'Delicate Habitat' being protected here is, in all reality, a bunch of Million Dollar-plus Tuscan homes, their outrageously domineering owners, and their flagrant **pre-eminence** of a public good; that btw, every other Authority in Ada and Canyon Counties recognize as '**for the people**', to reasonably enjoy as they see fit.

Yet in Garden City, Marmots, Squirrels, Ferrets, birds, rocks and trees are wholly unaffected by any bicycle, however large. The Garden City millionaire with an undue sense of entitlement,...**not** so unaffected.

They'll yell at ya'..., and call you rude names. They may even take your picture with their camera-phone for future *Federal Proceedings!!!*.

So much for 'bicycle friendly'. Contact these fine folks, [The Garden City Elected Council](#), to lodge your democratic feelings / complaint, should you choose to do so.

Be aware, there **is** a very short section of 'Bicylce Dismount Zone' on the southern edge of the Greenbelt, but it is for less than a mile, and there is a reasonable, pathed, pleasant "not-oin-the street-get-run-over-by-a-2 ton-Dodge" alternative provided. Thank You, City of Boise.

And, then, three's always The North End. Take your bike anywhere you like, there. Your dog, too. But don't forget The Boise Greenbelt, it's very few shortcomings besides,.. *It's Great*, and a credit to the City of Boise. And you should go there. Period.

DIId we mention the Zoo? No? Oh well,...

There's one of those, too, and it's cool. But that's a whole 'nother article for some future time.

So for now, Happy Trails;... **DO** Enjoy the Boise Greenbelt, in any season, all minor encumberances aside.... (if pleasantness is something you're into).

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