

Frequently Asked Question: I have never been on a bike before. Can I handle riding a bike?

If you are new to riding; never rode dirt bikes; never rode up as a passenger....you may want to consider taking an "Introduction to Motorcycling" class. All Motorcycle endorsement schools offer a variety of classes from beginner to advanced.

I took the "Intro" class and was thankful I did! I fit into the *never rode before* category and was "clueless" ... what's a throttle, how do you shift, where are the blinkers, etc....I did know where the brakes were based on riding a bicycle when I was a youngster. Yoo-hoo!

If you have doubts...take this class! This is an opportunity for you to experience riding a bike and determine whether this is for you or not. You will be surprised how many riders will be there learning with you, both old and young, men and women. Plus, bikes are provided. Some schools have helmets available to borrow. (Bring a head covering if you use their helmet.)



Here is one of numerous sites that offers this class.

Pacific Northwest Motorcycle Safety <http://pnwmotorcyclesafety.com/classes/first-ride/>

A description of the class from their site:

First Ride is an introduction to motorcycling. It is meant for those individuals who are learning to ride for the very first time and lets you "try out" a motorcycle to see if this is really something you want to do. First Ride is 4 hours of low stress instruction that gives you some experience in controls and the basic handling dynamics of the motorcycle. It helps build confidence to better prepare you for the Basic Rider Course. Classes are kept small, no more than 3 students and 1 instructor, to maximize personalized instruction to student's needs.

You must know how to ride a bicycle before this course.

First Ride starts out in the classroom, where the basic controls of the motorcycle are introduced. After 30-60 minutes in the classroom, you go out to the range where we will put you on one of our motorcycles. You will then learn how to control the speed of the bike using the clutch (friction zone), starting and stopping the motorcycle smoothly and riding in a straight line at slow speeds.

First Ride is an introductory course meant as a pre-cursor to taking a license waiver course. There is NO testing in this course, and it will NOT get you your motorcycle endorsement. It is also NOT mandatory to take the First Ride course before taking the Basic Rider Course.

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