

Bay Region - East Road and Trail Bicycling Guide



Counties of:
**Genesee - Huron - Lapeer -
St. Clair - Sanilac - Tuscola**

**\$5.00
VALUE**



Legend

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
Vehicle Traffic Volume*
(Vehicles per day)

- Unpaved
- Paved
- Flow of 4 or greater per year
- Light (under 2,500)
- Medium (2,500 - 10,000)
- Heavy (above 10,000)
- Primary Roads/No Data
- Limited Access Highway
- Active Rail Line
- Amtrak***
- Short Ferry

*Traffic volumes are estimated on an average 24-hour period. Each hour (peak period) traffic volume can be much greater than at other times of the day. Traffic volume also varies by season and day of the week.

***Minor roads/No Data generally have lower traffic volumes.

****All Amtrak trains in Michigan accept cars on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit www.amtrak.com/michigan-services-train or call 800-USA-RAIL for more information.

BICYCLE AND SHARED USE PATHS

- Improved Shared Use Regional Path
- Shared Use Regional Path
- Unimproved Shared Use Regional Path
- Local Shared Use Path
- U.S. Bicycle Route

LAND USE

- County Boundary
- Incorporated City/Village Limit
- Federal Land/National Forest
- State of Michigan Lands
- Park (Local or County), Preserve or Wilderness Area
- Lakes/Water
- Rivers/Streams

SERVICES

CITY/VILLAGE NAME
Full Service (Food and lodging)
City/Village Name
Some Services (Food or lodging)

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Amtrak Station
- Hospital
- Lighthouse
- Carpool Parking Lot
- Trail Head
- University

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Mountain Biking
- Campground
- Restrooms

ALL INSET MAPS

0 1/4 1/2 1
MILES
1 inch = 1/2 Mile

Where To Ride

On the Road:
Bicycles are permitted on all Michigan highways and roads EXCEPT limited-access freeways or unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are allowed on all road systems including those in state forests, state parks, national forests and national parks.

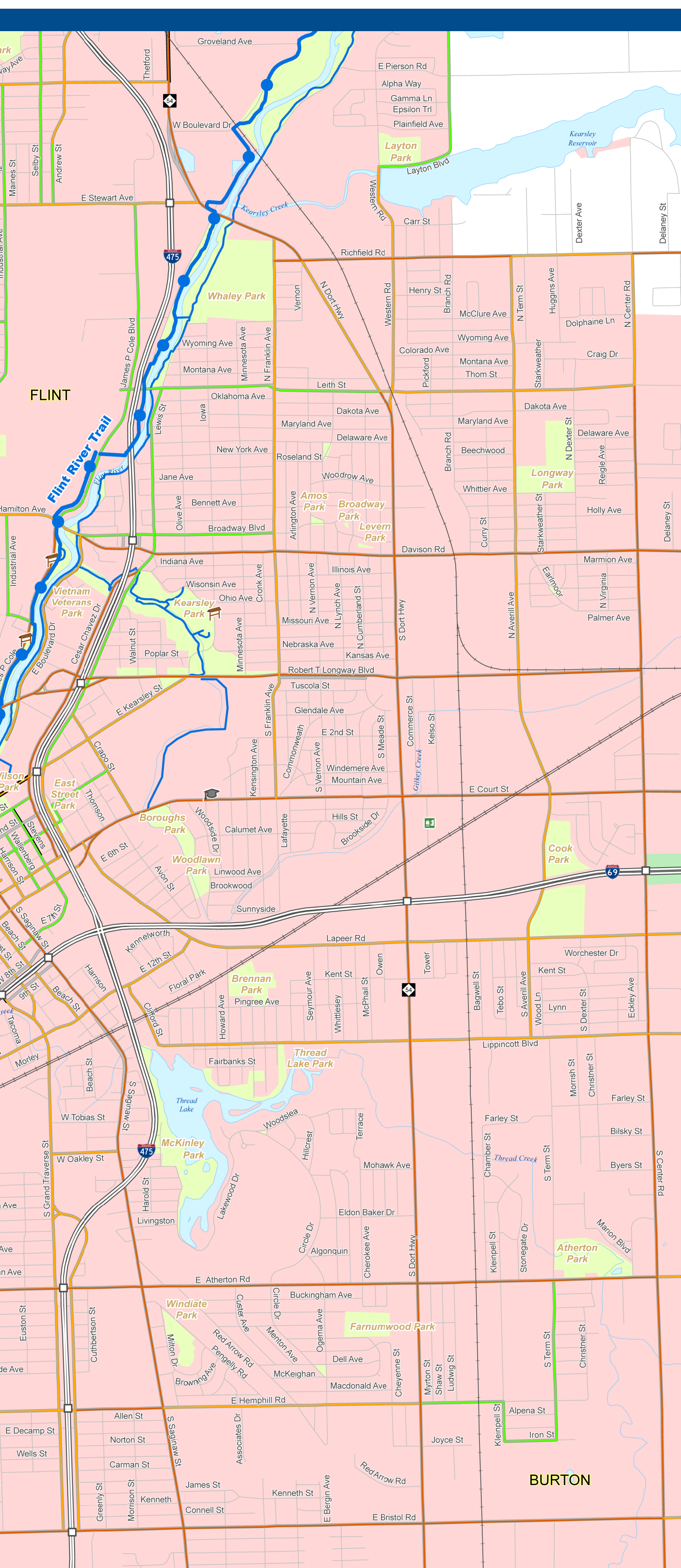
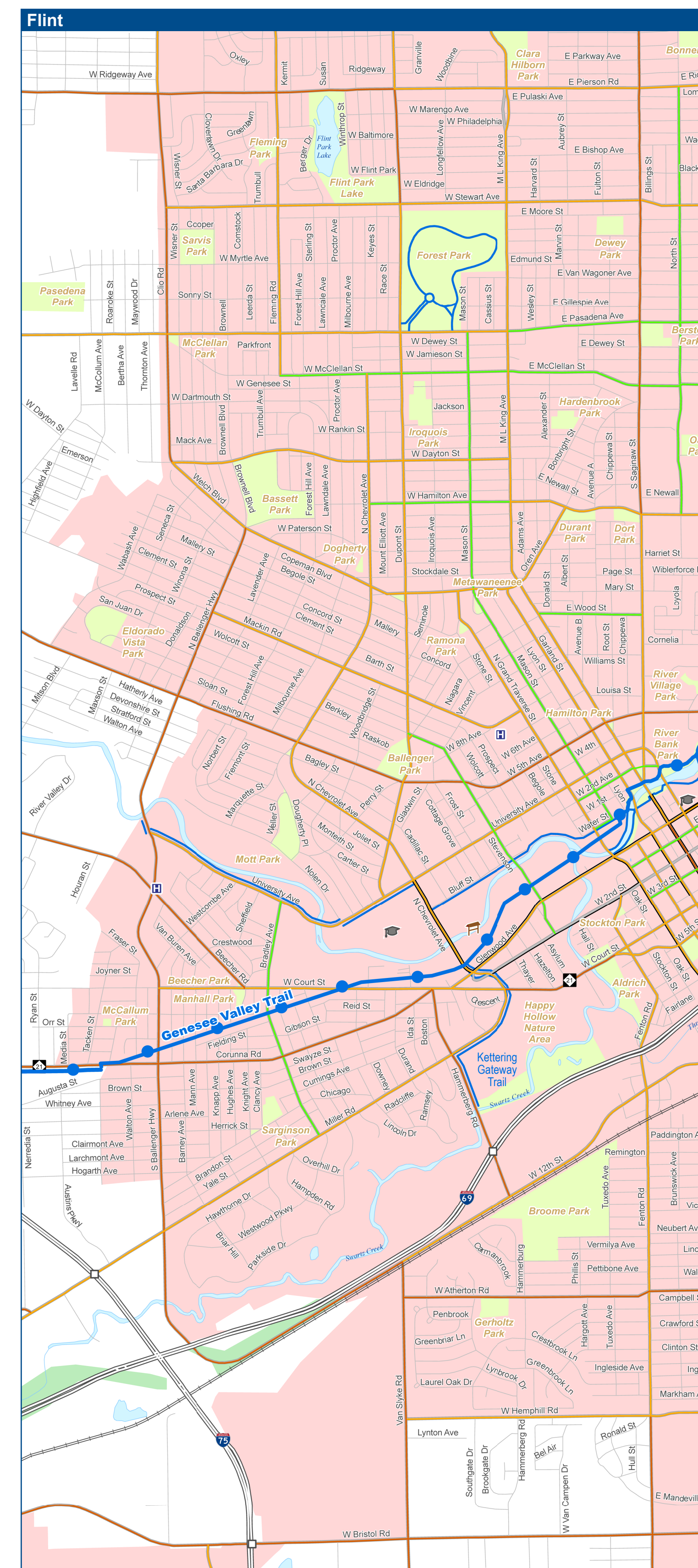
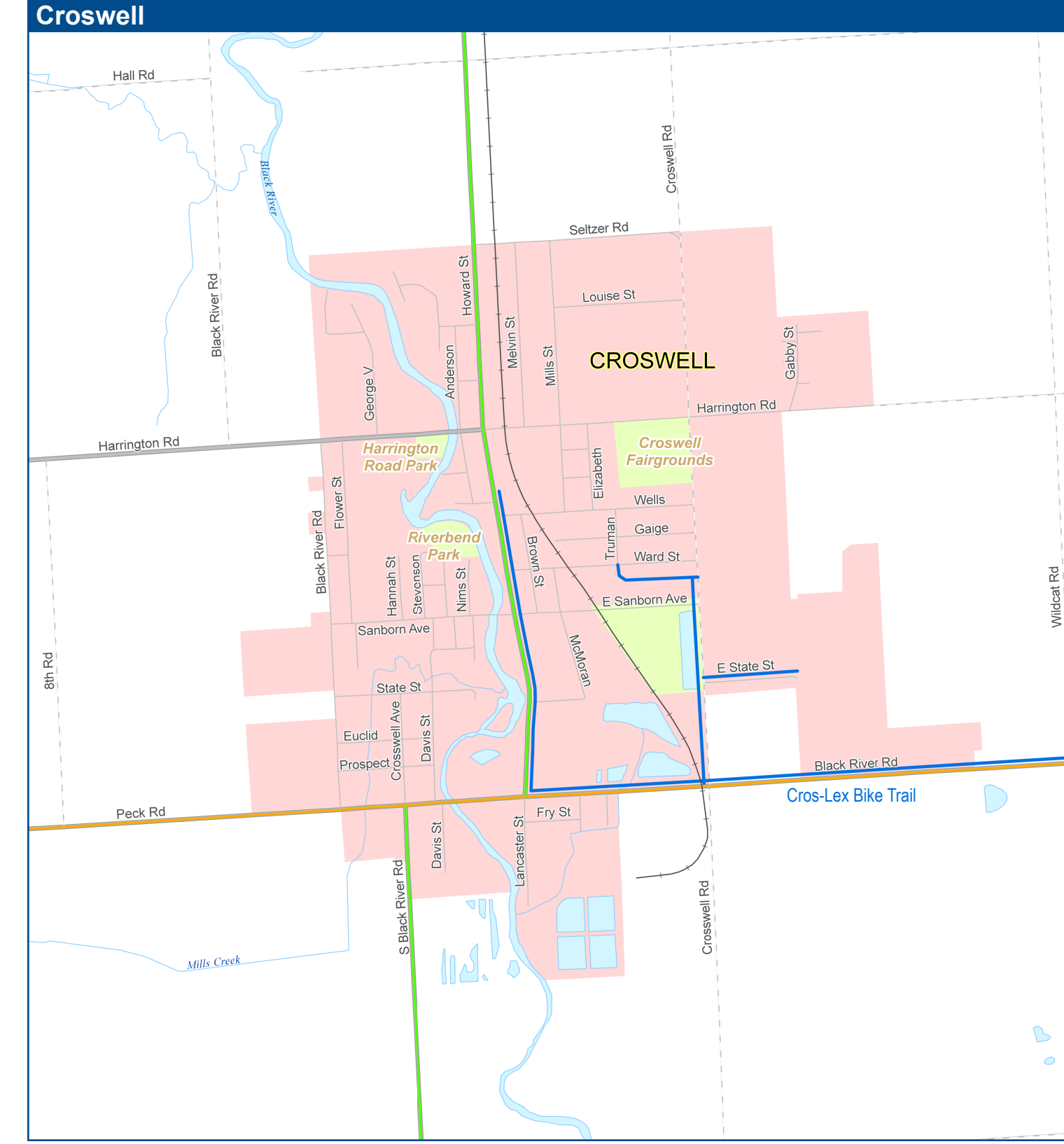
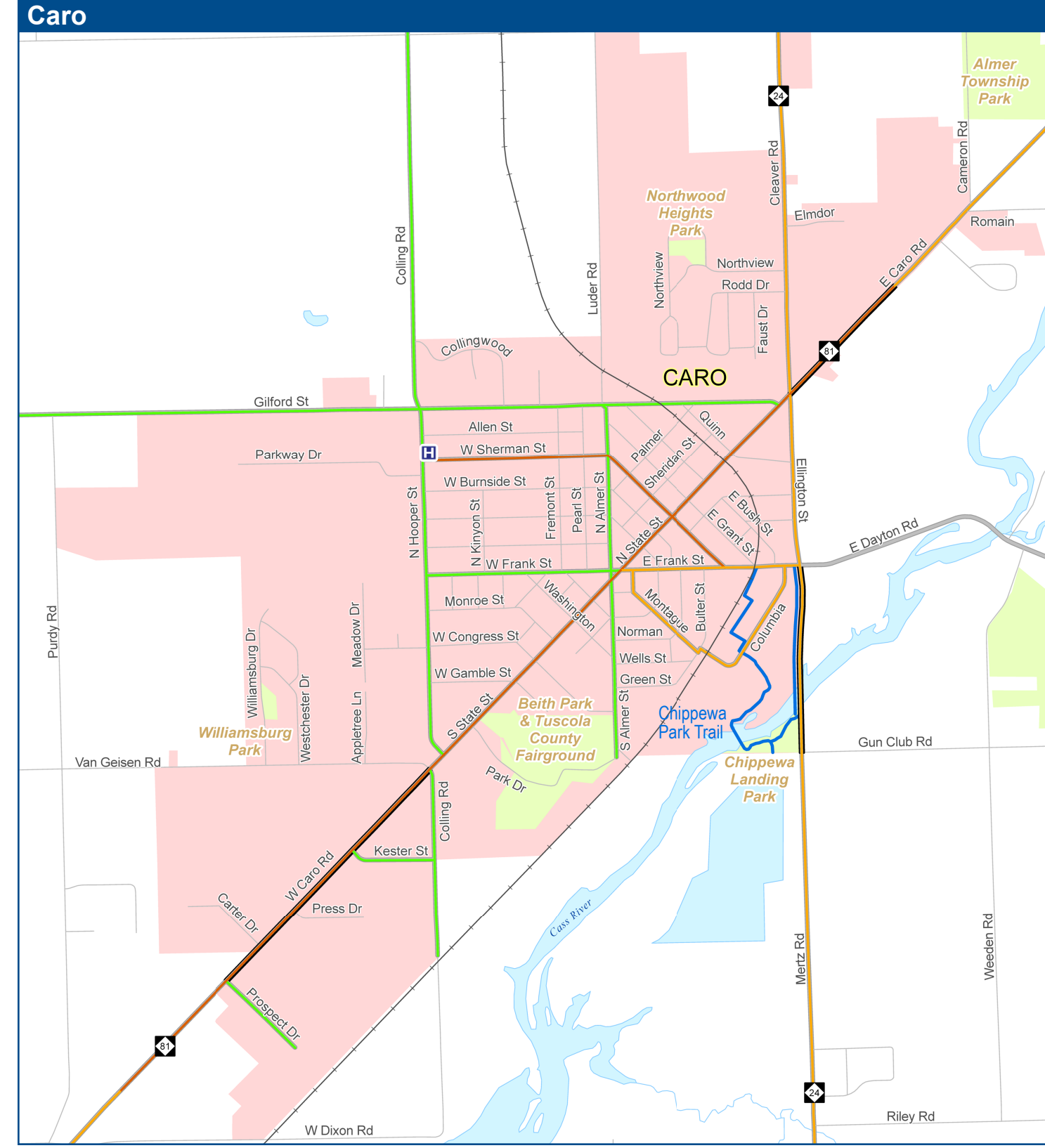
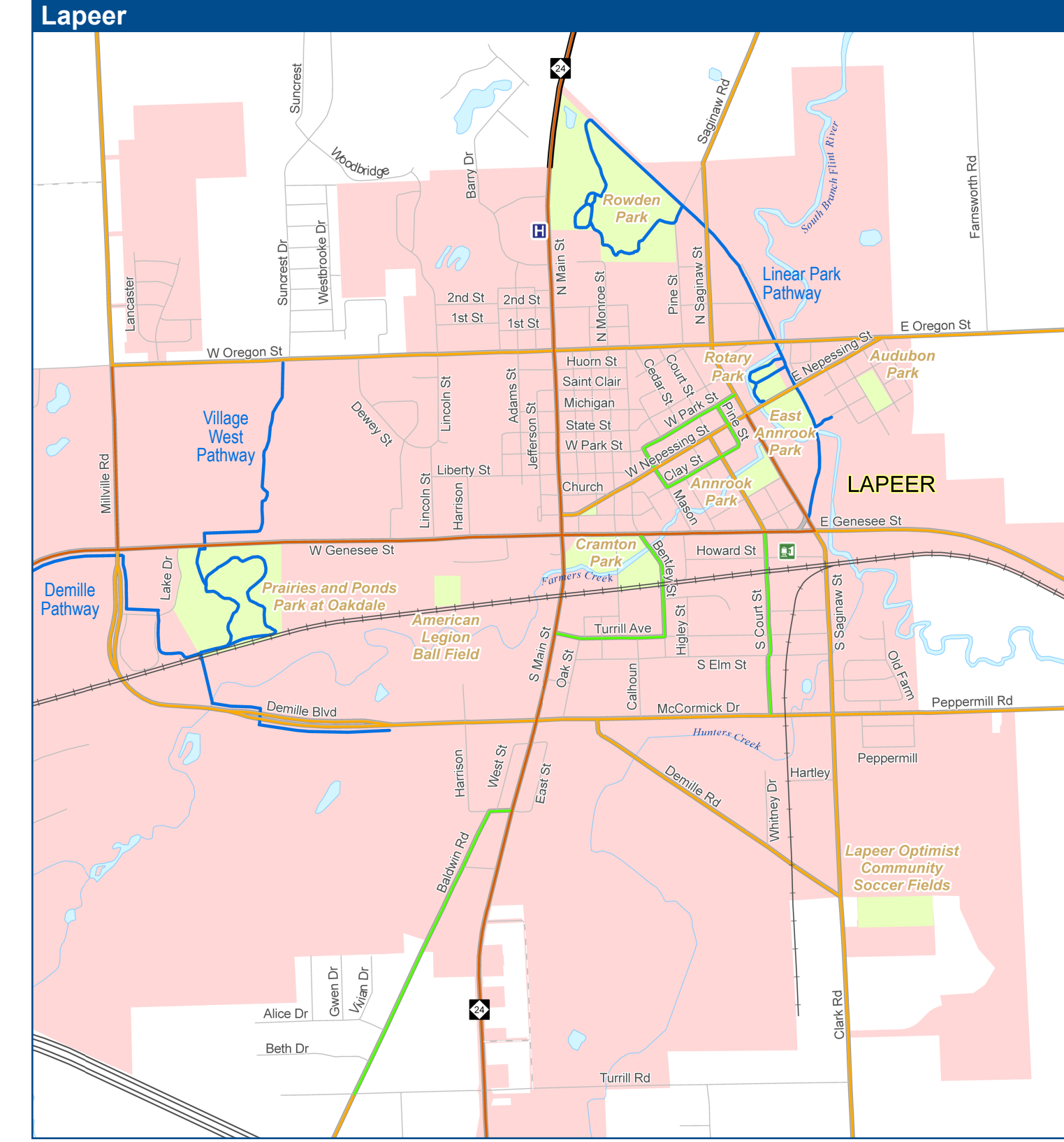
State Game Areas:
Bicycles are allowed on designated trails and areas in state game areas. For general recreation questions, please e-mail DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). www.michigan.gov/dnr

State Forests:
Bicycles are allowed on most state forest trails. For general recreation questions, please e-mail DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). www.michigan.gov/dnr

State Parks:
Bikes are currently allowed on all paved and non-paved trails in Michigan state parks. Bikes may also be ridden on designated bike paths. Mountain bikes are allowed only on trails designated for bicycle use. For general recreation questions, please e-mail DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). www.michigan.gov/dnr

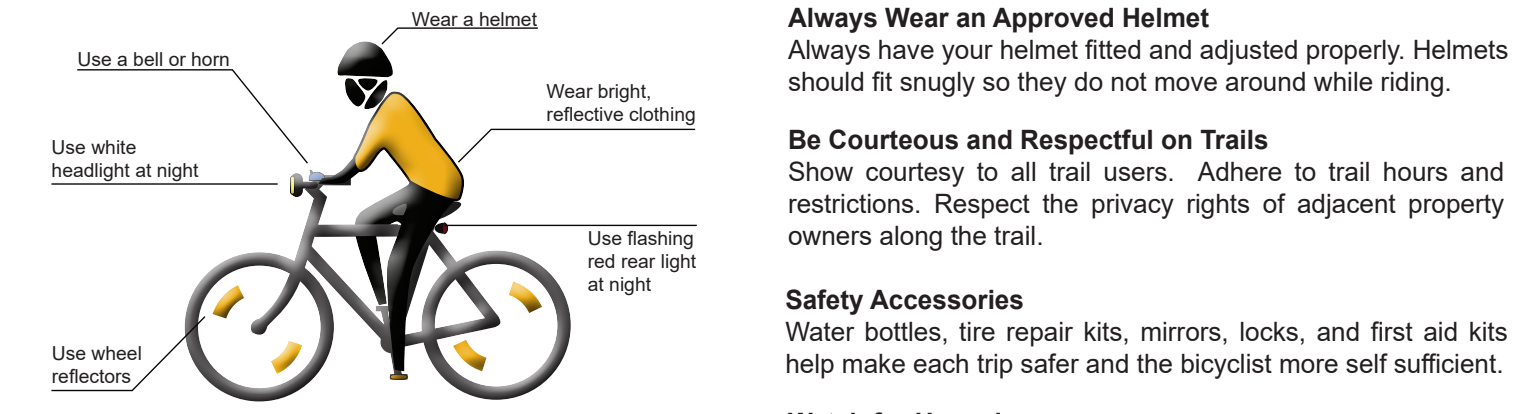
Wilderness Areas:
Bicycles are considered to be mechanical devices and are therefore prohibited in national wilderness areas.

Local Trail Systems:
Many communities have developed their own trail systems. Rules and regulations vary by each individual trail and community. Contact the appropriate jurisdiction for more information.



Bicycle Safety

Rights and Responsibilities
In general, bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety observe these bicycling rules and safety tips.



Always Wear an Approved Helmet
Always have your helmet fitted and adjusted properly. Helmets should fit snugly so they do not move around while riding.

Be Courteous and Respectful on Trails
Show courtesy to all trail users. Adhere to trail hours and restrictions. Respect the privacy rights of adjacent property owners along the trail.

Safety Accessories
Water bottles, tire repair kits, mirrors, locks, and first aid kits help make each trip safer and the bicyclist more self-sufficient.

Watch for Hazards
Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, snow and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. It is okay to leave a bike lane or paved shoulder if hazards such as debris and poor pavement conditions make it unsafe.

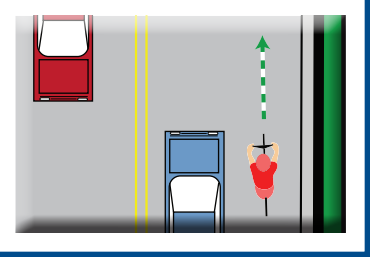
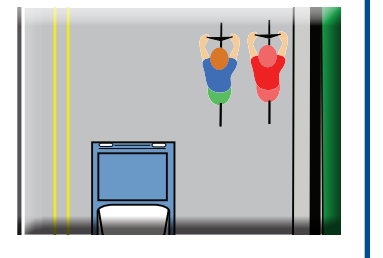
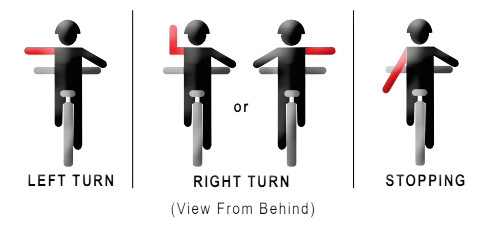
BIKES AND STATE LAW

Ride as far to the Right as Practicable
Bicyclists should keep as far to the right as practicable, moving left to avoid hazards and to position themselves in the appropriate designated through or turn lanes.

Use Lights and Reflectors at Night
State law requires a white light visible for 500 feet and a red reflector visible for 600 feet at night. A flashing red light is recommended. More reflectors and stronger lights make you more visible.

Use Hand Signals
Hand signals tell pedestrians and motorists what you intend to do. It is state law that you use signals.

Carrying Items
If you plan on carrying any packages, bundles or objects, you must be able to keep both hands on the handlebars. A variety of racks, packs, and trailers can be fitted to your bicycle to transport goods.



Bikes on Transit

AMTRAK: All Amtrak trains in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit www.amtrak.com/michigan-services-train or call 800-USA-RAIL for more information.

BLUE WATER AREA TRANSIT: Buses are equipped with bike racks. For more information visit www.bwbus.com or call 810-897-7373.

MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA): MTA Primary Route buses are equipped with bike racks. For more information visit www.mta.info or call 610-767-0100.

Iron Belle Trail

The Iron Belle Trail - Bike Route travels from Ironwood to Belle Isle and includes trails in Genesee, Lapeer, and Tuscola. The bike route is currently under development. For information contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation division at (517) 284-7275. www.michigan.gov/ironbelle

Travel Michigan
www.michigan.gov
(888) 784-7328

Blue Water Area Convention and Visitor Bureau
www.bluewater.org
(810) 987-8687

Caro Chamber of Commerce
www.carochamber.com
(810) 873-5211

Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce
www.flintandgenesee.org
(810) 600-1404

Greater Croswell-Lexington Chamber of Commerce
www.croswelllexington.com
(810) 359-2262

Huron County Economic Development Corporation
www.huroncounty.com
(989) 269-6431

Lapeer Area Chamber of Commerce
www.lapeerchamber.org
(810) 664-6641

Marlette Chamber of Commerce
www.cityofmarlette.com
(989) 635-7446

Reese Chamber of Commerce
www.villageoftrees.net
(989) 868-4503

Sandusky Chamber of Commerce
www.sanduskychamber.com
(810) 468-4445

Vassar Chamber of Commerce
www.vassarchamber.com
(989) 823-2601

Crossing Information

Bluewater Bridge:
Cyclists are not allowed on the Bluewater Bridge. For more information regarding crossing please call 810-984-3131.

Bluewater Ferry:
Cyclists are allowed on the Bluewater Ferry for a nominal fee. The ferry schedule varies. For more information please call 817-892-3679 or 517-892-3679 (Canada).

Walpol-Algonac Ferry:
Cyclists are allowed on the Walpol-Algonac Ferry for a nominal fee. The ferry schedule varies. For more information please call 519-627-7978.

Champion's Auto Ferry:
Cyclists ride the Champion's Auto Ferry for free. The ferry runs 24 hours a day 7 days a week. For more information please call 810-748-3757.

Bicycle Resources

Michigan Department of Transportation
MDOT provides maps and other information on safe bicycling as well as guidance on how to transport bicycles on ferries and major bridges.
www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
MDNR promotes the development of trail systems throughout the state. They work with local agencies in trail development, planning and design and administer a number of funding programs.
Parks and Recreation Division: (517) 284-7275.
www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Mountain Biking Association
MMBA promotes responsible mountain biking and works toward the goals of common land access and natural resources protection.
www.mmba.org

Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance
MTGA is a non-profit organization that fosters and facilitates the creation of an interconnected statewide system of trails and greenways for recreation, health, transportation, economic development and environmental and cultural preservation purposes. MTGA works at both the state and local levels by assisting public and private interests in trail and greenway planning, funding, development and maintenance.
www.michigantrails.org

League of Michigan Bicyclists
LMB is a non-profit membership organization, which promotes bicycling for recreation and transportation in Michigan. The LMB organizes annual Shoreline Bicycle Tours, distributes general cycling information and educates children and adults on safe cycling. The LMB works with MDOT and other state and local agencies to improve conditions for bicycling in Michigan.
(517) 334-9100 or (888) MI-BIKES
www.lmb.org

