

Bay Region

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Road and Trail Bicycling Guide

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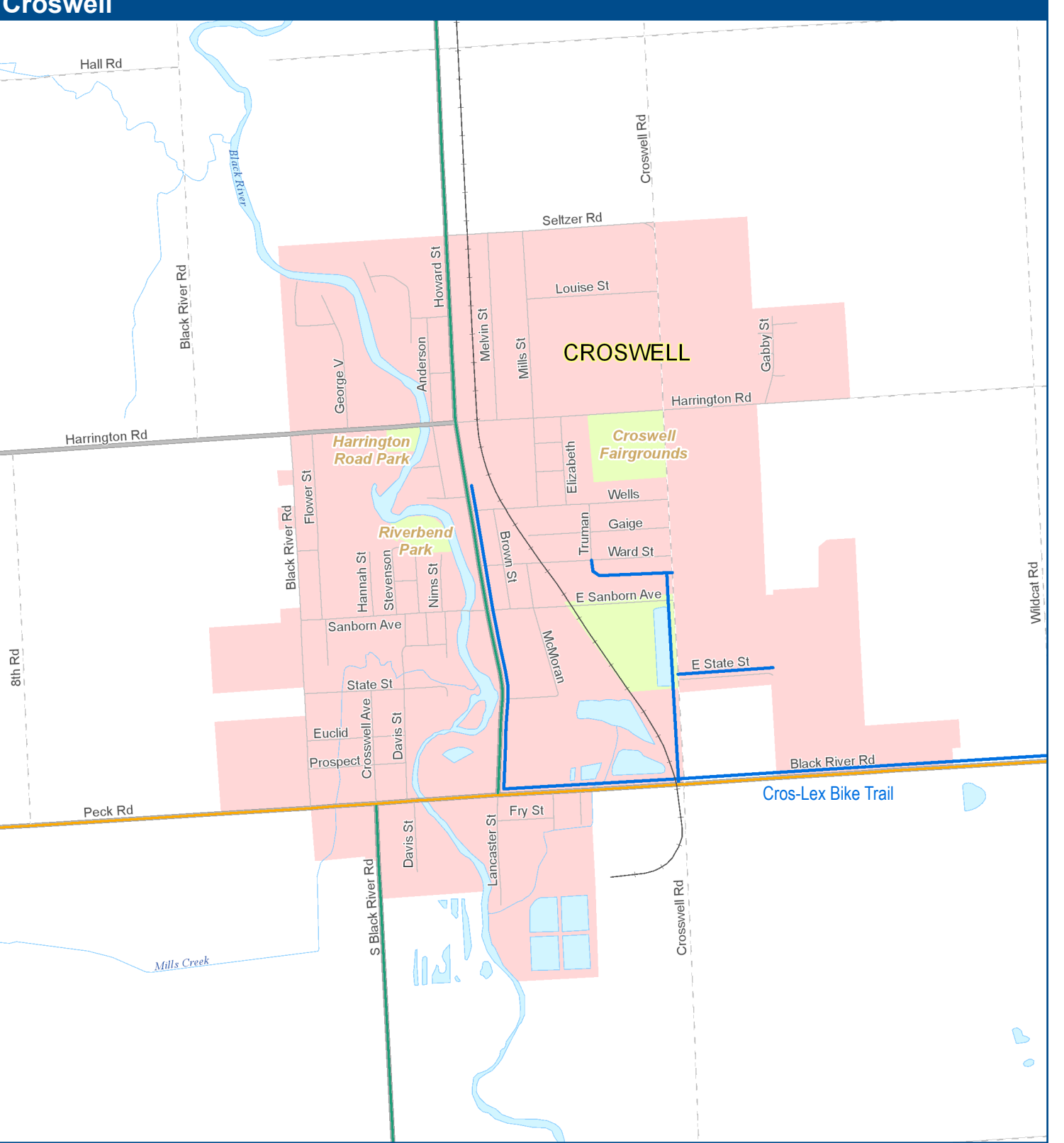
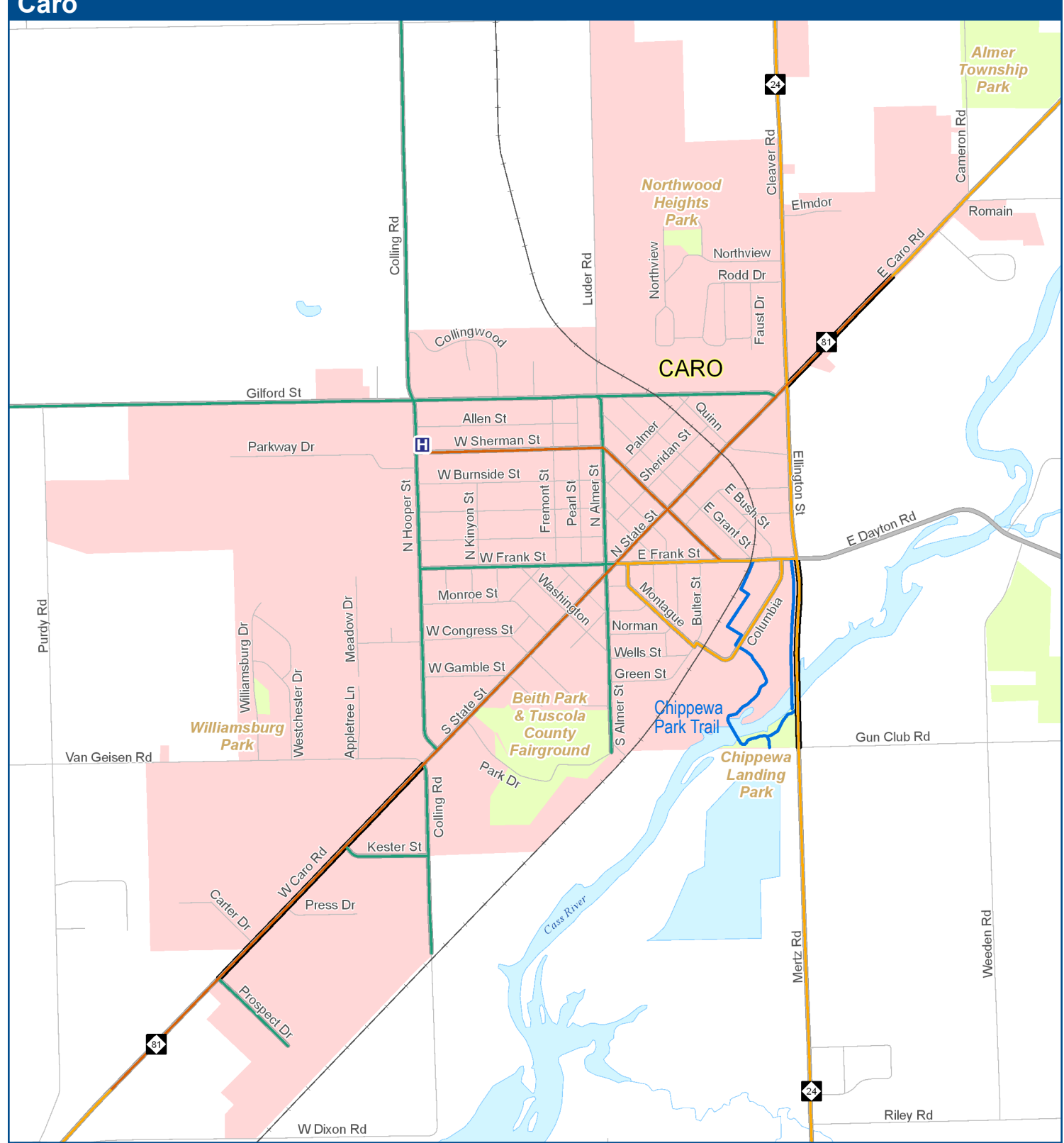
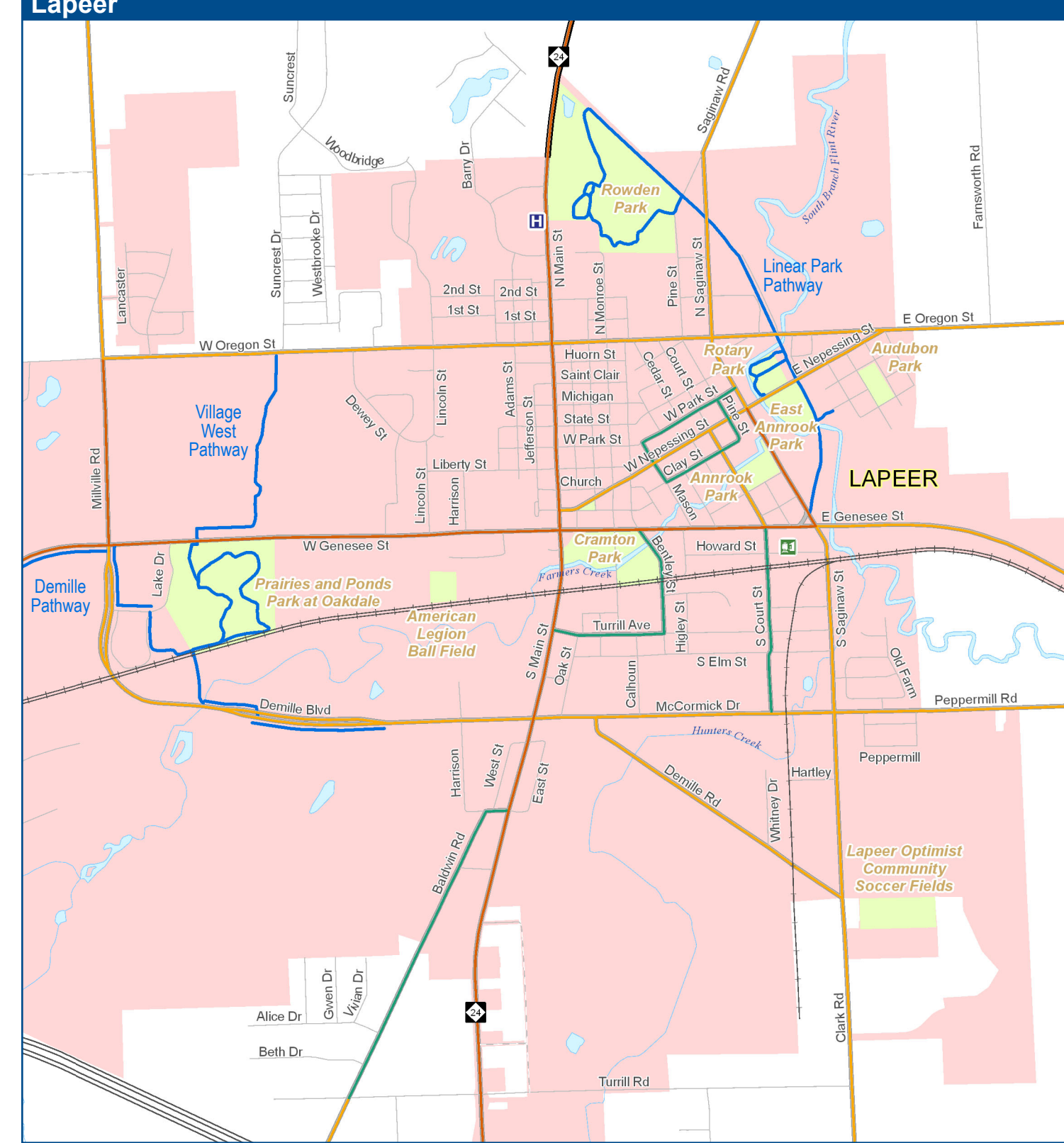
Counties of:  
Genesee - Huron - Lapeer -  
St. Clair - Sanilac - Tuscola

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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.

Wear a helmet

Use a bell or horn

Use white headlight at night

Use wheel reflectors

Wear bright, reflective clothing

Use flashing red rear light at night

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 ok 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.

Always Yield to Other, Slower Trail Users

When operating on a shared use trail or sidewalk, bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. When overtaking, announce your intentions by saying "passing on your left" or ringing your bell.

Keep to the Right and Ride Only Two Abreast

No more than two bicyclists should ride side by side in a public roadway.

Ride with Traffic

Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law requires that cyclists ride with the flow of traffic.

LEFT TURN

RIGHT TURN

STOPPING

Legend

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Vehicle Traffic Volume\*  
(Vehicles per day)

Minor Roads/No Data\*\*  
Light (under 2,500)  
Medium (2,500 - 10,000)  
Heavy (above 10,000)  
Primary Roads/No Data  
Active Rail Line  
Amtrak\*\*  
Short Ferry

\*Traffic volumes are estimated on an average 24-hour period. Rush 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 travel routes in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit [www.ironbelletrail.com](http://www.ironbelletrail.com) or call 800-354-5466 for more information.

BICYCLE AND SHARED USE PATHS

Improved Shared Use Regional Path  
Amtrak/Shared Use  
Unimproved Shared Use Regional Path  
General Use  
Local Shared Use Path  
U.S. Bicycle Route

LAND USE

County Boundary  
Incorporated City/Village Limit  
Federal 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  
Carpool Parking Lot  
Hospital  
Trail Head  
Lighthouse  
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).

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).

State Parks:

Bikes are currently allowed on all paved and non-paved roads 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).

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.

Bikes on Transit

AMTRAK: All Amtrak trains in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit [www.AmtrakMichigan.com](http://www.AmtrakMichigan.com) 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](http://www.bwbus.com).

MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA): MTA Primary Route buses are equipped with bike racks. For more information visit [www.mtainfo.org](http://www.mtainfo.org).

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](http://www.michigan.gov/ironbelle)

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 519-677-5781.

Walpole-Algonac Ferry: Cyclists are allowed on the Walpole-Algonac Ferry for a nominal fee. The ferry schedule varies. For more information please call 810-748-3757.

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mmba.org)

Harbor Beach

Map of Harbor Beach showing roads, trails, and parks. Key features include Harbor View Trail, Bathing Beach, and Harbor Beach. Major roads like E Main St, E Frank St, and E Court Rd are shown.

Travel Michigan

[www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org)  
(888) 784-7328

Blue Water Area Convention and Visitor Bureau

[www.bluewater.org](http://www.bluewater.org)  
(810) 867-8687 or (800) 852-4242

Caro Chamber of Commerce

[www.carochamber.org](http://www.carochamber.org)  
(888) 673-5211

Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce

[www.flintandgenesee.org](http://www.flintandgenesee.org)  
(810) 600-1404

Greater Crosswell-Lexington Chamber of Commerce

[www.crosswelllex.com](http://www.crosswelllex.com)  
(810) 359-2262

Huron County Economic Development Corporation

[www.huroncountymt.com](http://www.huroncountymt.com)  
(989) 269-6431

Lapeer Area Chamber of Commerce

[www.lapeerareachamber.org](http://www.lapeerareachamber.org)  
(810) 664-6641

Marlette Chamber of Commerce

[www.villageofmarlette.com](http://www.villageofmarlette.com)  
(810) 635-7448

Reese Chamber of Commerce

[www.sanduskychamber.net](http://www.sanduskychamber.net)  
(989) 868-4503

Sandusky Chamber of Commerce

[www.sanduskychamber.net](http://www.sanduskychamber.net)  
(810) 684-4445

Vassar Chamber of Commerce

[www.vassarchamber.com](http://www.vassarchamber.com)  
(989) 823-2601

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](http://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, publishes an annual poster calendar of cycling events statewide, 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](http://www.lmb.org)