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4' or greater paved shoulder or bike lane

Mountain Biking

Hospital

Trail Head

City/Village Name

Park/Preserve

Federal Land

State Land

Some Services (food or lodging)

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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 **YIELD** signal before overtaking and passing a TO **PEDS**

pedestrian. When overtaking, announce your intentions by saying "passing on your left" or ringing your bell.

State law requires bicyclists to ride with the flow of traffic. Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Always obey traffic signals, signs and

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 Parks

Bicycles are currently allowed on all paved and non-paved roads in Michigan state parks. Bicycles 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. www.Michigan.gov/DNR

Great Lake to Lake Trail Route #1 This will be a 300-mile trail connecting Lake Michigan in South Haven to

Lake Huron in Port Huron utilizing local trails and routes, including the Kal-Haven, Kalamazoo River Valley Trail, Battle Creek Linear Park, and a number of low volume county roads. https://michigantrails.org/trails/great-lake-to-

North Country Scenic Trail The trail is open to hiking; however, only portions are open to mountain biking. Contact North Country Trail Association at 616-897-6605 or toll-free at 866-445-3628. www.northcountrytrail.org

Iron Belle Trail

The Iron Belle Trail crosses through 48 Michigan counties. Using existing trails, networks and new connections, the trail extends more than 2,000 miles from the far western tip of the Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle in Detroit, with a route of bicycling, and a route of hiking. Through the southwest Region, the Iron Belle Trail follows existing and proposed hiking trails.

www.Michigan.gov/IronBelle

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.

On Road Bicycle Routes A few areas in southwest Michigan offer signed bike routes. Find maps and

more information at these websites:

Berrien County (Back Road Bikeways) www.applecidercentury.com/backroad-bikeways Phone: 269-756-3361

Kalamazoo – Where to Ride

Bikes on Amtrak

restrictions. Visit <u>www.AmtrakMichigan.com</u>

Linear Trail areas. Historical, cultural, and point of interest signs are Battle Creek also found along the trail. 269-966-3431 www.bcparks.org/134/Linear-Park A 17-mile trail connecting Niles, MI to Mishawaka, IN. Indiana Michigan River Valley Trail www.swmpc.org/inmitrail.asp The KRVT is 22 miles of paved asphalt trail connecting the Kal-Haven Trail, the Battle Creek Linear Park, and the **River Valley Trail** Portage Bicentennial Trail. The KVRT passes through downtown Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo 269-373-5073 www.kalcounty.com/parks/krvt A **34-mile** crushed limestone/slag multi-use trail Kal-Haven Trail connecting South Haven and Kalamazoo. South Haven There are 11 miles dedicated for equestrian use. 269-637-2788 www.Michigan.org/Property/Kal-Haven-Trail-State-Park

Description

More than 26 miles of paved pathway wind through

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN TRAILS

Multi-Use Linear

Trails

Battle Creek

Portage A **four-mile** multi-use trail that connects to the Portage Bicentennial Bikeway System that has 17.5 miles of off-road trail and Linear Park 38.5 miles of paved shoulders/bicycle lanes. Portage www.portagemi.gov 269-329-4522 Van Buren Trail A 13-mile mixed surface trail from South Haven to

269-637-2788 www.Michigan.org/Property/Van-Buren-Trail-State-Park STATEWIDE BICYCLE RESOURCES IN MICHIGAN

League of Michigan Bicyclists www.lmb.org 517-334-9100

www.mmba.org

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance

Michigan Mountain Biking Association

www.michigantrails.org 517-485-6022

Michigan Department of Transportation https://www.Michigan.gov/MDOT-Biking 517-241-2400

Parks and Recreation Division https://www.Michigan.gov/DNR 517-284-7275

Description Trails **Seven miles** of mountain bike trails go through this land Al Sabo Land wooded areas, open fields, parks, and some commercial preserve. Located near Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Preserve www.texastownship.org/about-texas-township/parks-Kalamazoo facilities/ 269-375-1591 10 miles of challenging mountain bike trails consisting of **Andrews University** several different loops. The trails have big hills, big obstacles Trails and deep ravines. There is a parking area off of Campbell Road Berrien Springs to access the trails. 269-471-3321 www.andrews.edu/news/2013/06/Andrews_Trails--A_Be.html Chikaming **Six miles** of easy to moderate mountain bike trails. There are **Township Park and** three loops through a 263-acre preserve located on Warren Preserve Woods Road between I-94 and Lakewood Estates. Three Oaks www.chikamingtownship.org/parks-our-parks 269-469-1676 **10 miles** of tight mountain biking trails for all abilities. M-60 to Lewis Lake Road South on Lewis Lake one mile to Monkey Dr. T.K. Lawless Park Run Road. Turn east onto Monkey Run Road. Cassopolis The park is on the left. 269-445-4456 https://www.casscountymi.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Dr-TK-Lawless-Park-2 **Fort Custer 25 miles** of mountain biking trails. Accessible from Eagle Lake Hartford, including a connection to Van Buren State Park. **Recreation Area** and Whitford Lake parking areas, a designated trailhead and Augusta through the campground. 269-731-4200 www.dnr.state.mi.us/parksandtrails Kellogg Forest, MSU This area has several two-track roads great for beginner riders. https://www.canr.msu.edu/kelloggforest/ 269-731-4597 **4.3 miles** of beginner to intermediate level mountain bike Love Creek Park Berrien Center https://berriencounty.org/1299/Love-Creek-County-Park 269-471-2617 **Madeline Bertrand** 2.2 miles of trail with a hard-packed, natural surface along the

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN TRAILS

Mountain Biking

throughout Michigan.

Travel Michigan

Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council www.swmichigan.org - 269-925-6301

Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and

Branch County Tourism Bureau

https://www.facebook.com/ discovercasscounty/

Visitors Bureau

River Country Tourism Bureau (St. Joseph County)

South Haven/Van Buren County **Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Michigan Farm Market/U-Pick Guide www.michiganfarmfun.com - 616-952-1151

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1 in = 3 miles

BUFFALO

Grand Beach

Lake Michigan

Information can also be obtained at Michigan's 14 Welcome Centers, located on major highways

www.Michigan.org - 888-784-7328

West Michigan Tourist Association www.wmta.org - 616-245-2217

Convention Bureau www.battlecreekvisitors.org - 800-397-2240

www.discover-michigan.com - 800-968-9333 **Cass County**

Harbor Country Convention and Visitors Bureau

Kalamazoo County Convention and

https://stjoeh2o.com/ - 269-467-5617

www.stayinpawpaw.org - 800-764-2836 St. Joseph Today



www.discoverkalamazoo.com - 800-888-0509

www.southhaven.org - 800-764-2836

www.stjoetoday.com - 269-985-1111

RIGHT TURN

(view from behind)

BIKES AND STATE LAW

In general, bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers and are subject to

Always Wear an Approved Helmet

Be Courteous and Respectful on Trails

owners along the trail.

Safety Accessories

Watch for Hazards

Always have your helmet fitted and adjusted properly. Helmets

should fit snugly so they do not move around while riding.

Show courtesy to all trail users. Adhere to trail hours and

restrictions. Respect the privacy rights of adjacent property

Water bottles, tire repair kits, mirrors, locks, and first aid kits

Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily

debris and poor pavement conditions make it unsafe.

help make each trip safer and the bicyclist more self sufficient.

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

the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety, observe these bicycling rules and safety tips.

Wear bright,

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.

Wear light, bright and/or reflective clothing at all times of

the day and night to improve your visibility. Dress in layers

and bring gear for unforeseen changes in weather.

BICYCLING TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES

Be sure your brakes work and tires are inflated properly.

Rights and Responsibilities

Wear Appropriate Clothing

Use Lights and Reflectors at Night State law requires a white light visible for 500 feet and a red

Ride as Far to the Right as Practicable

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

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.

LEFT TURN

Keep to the Right and Ride Only Two

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

Ride With Traffic

lane markings.

https://bikefriendlykalamazoo.org/trails-routes/

All Amtrak Trains in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some

Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

South Haven

269-683-8280 Only the **downhill course** is open to biking. This downhill **Markin Glen Park** Kalamazoo available. 269-381-7570

St. Joseph River.

Park

course maximizes the small amount of elevation change www.kalcounty.com/parks/markinglen/index.html

https://berriencounty.org/1298/Madeline-Bertrand-County-





















