Northwest Region
Road & Trail Bicycling Guide

4th Edition

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231-533-6023
www.bellairechamber.org

Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce
231-775-9776
www.cadillac.org

Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau
231-775-0652
800-22-LAKES (52537)
www.cadillacmichigan.com

Central Lake Chamber of Commerce
231-350-9381
www.centrallakechamber.com

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
231-547-2101
www.charlevoix.org

Visit Charlevoix
231-547-2101
800-367-8557
www.visitcharlevoix.com

Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce
231-723-2575
www.manisteechamber.com

Manistee County Visitors Bureau
231-398-9355
877-626-4783
www.visitmanisteecounty.com

Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce
231-347-4150
www.petoskeychamber.com

Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau
800-845-2828
www.petoskeyarea.com

Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce
231-947-5075
traversecitycoc.com

Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau
800-TRAVERS (872-8377)
www.traversecity.com

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www.michigan.org

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Vehicle Traffic Volume*- vehicles per day

Unpaved | Paved | Paved (4' or greater paved shoulder or bike lane)

- Minor Roads/ No Data**
- Low (Under 2,500)
- Medium (2,500 to 10,000)
- Heavy (Above 10,000)
- Limited Access Highway (Interchanges)
- Active Rail
- Ferry

*Traffic volumes are estimated based on an average 24-hour period. Rush hour (peak period) traffic volume can be much greater than at other times of the day. Traffic volumes also vary by season and day of week.
**Minor roads generally have lower traffic volume but road width and surface type may make them less appropriate as a bike route. Consult local county road commissions for more information.

TRAILS

- Improved (paved or crushed fines) Shared Use Regional Path
- Unimproved (gravel or dirt) Shared Use Regional Path
- Shared Use Local Path
- Foot Trail
- North Country Trail
- U.S. Bicycle Route 35

LAND USE

- Lakes & Ponds
- Rivers & Streams
- County Boundaries
- Cities & Villages
- Federal Lands
- State of Michigan Lands
- State Military Land

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Camping
- Drinking Water
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Park/Public Recreation Area
- Picnic Facilities
- Restrooms
- Swimming
- Showers
- Trailhead

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Airport
- Carpool Parking Lot
- Ferry
- Hospital
- Lighthouse
- Summit

SERVICES

- CITY/VILLAGE NAME — Full Service (food and lodging)
- City/Village Name — Some Services (food or lodging)
- Place Name — Expect No Services

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 Appropriate Clothing
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.

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.

Watch for Cars
Always assume that motorists do not see you. Keep an eye out for cars pulling into traffic from parking spaces, driveways, and intersecting streets. Make eye contact to assess your safety before proceeding in front of a vehicle. Watch out for car doors opening into the travel lane.

Watch for Hazards
Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, snow, and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

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

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.

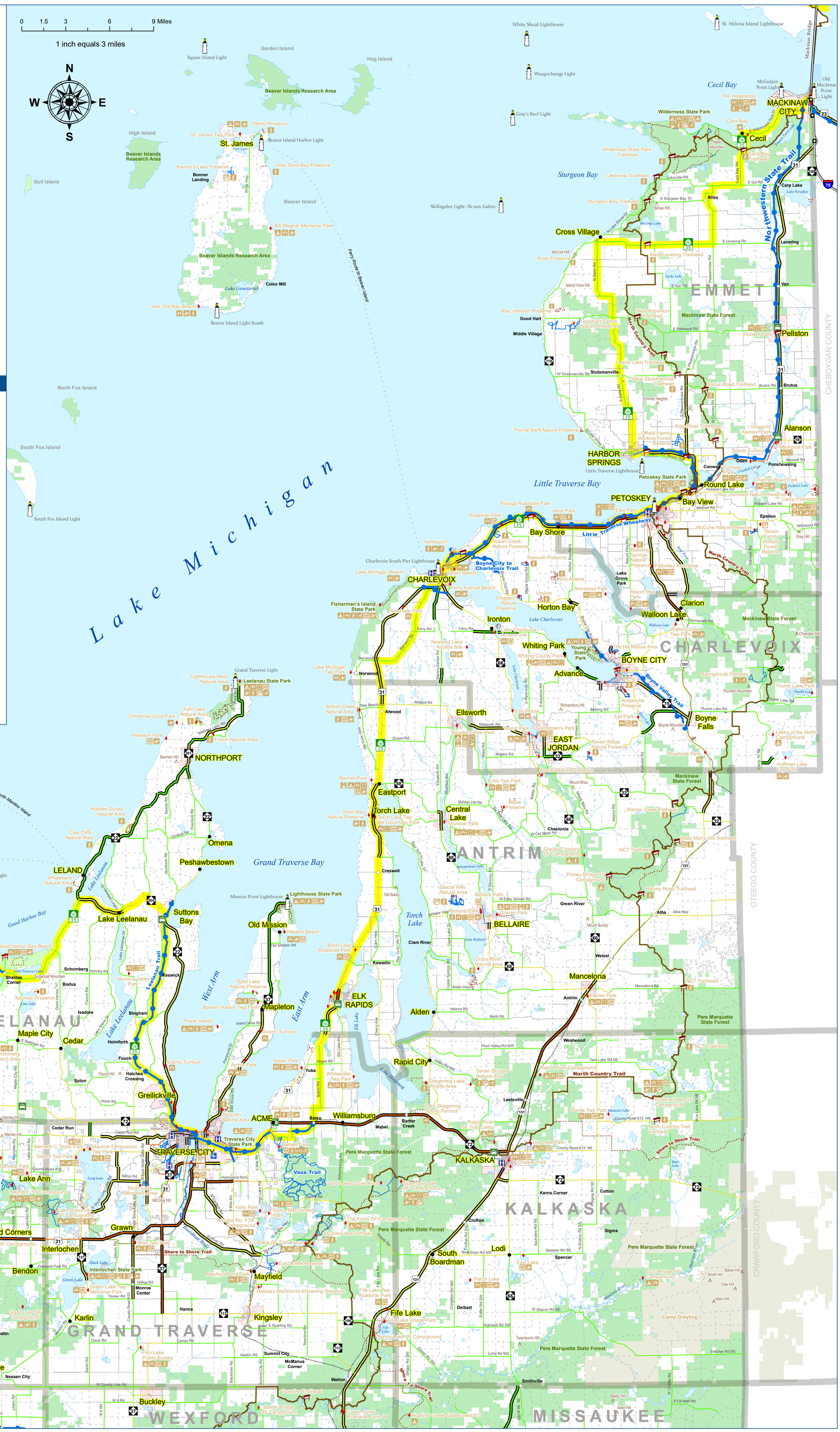
Use Lights and Reflectors at Night
State law requires a front white light visible for 500 feet and a red reflector visible for 600 feet at night. A flashing rear light is recommended. More reflectors and stronger lights make you more visible.

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

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 shall ride side by side on a public roadway. When riding in a group, form a single file line when other road users are present.

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.

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.

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