

# Bay Region - East Road and Trail Bicycling Guide



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



## Legend

**TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**  
**Vehicle Traffic Volume\***  
(Vehicles per day)

- Unpaved
- Paved
- Flow of 4 or more 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 except coast-to-coast like reservations with some restrictions. Visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or call 800-USA-RAIL for more information.

**BICYCLE AND SHARED USE PATHS**

- Improved Shared Use Regional Path
- Power/Green/Bike
- 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)

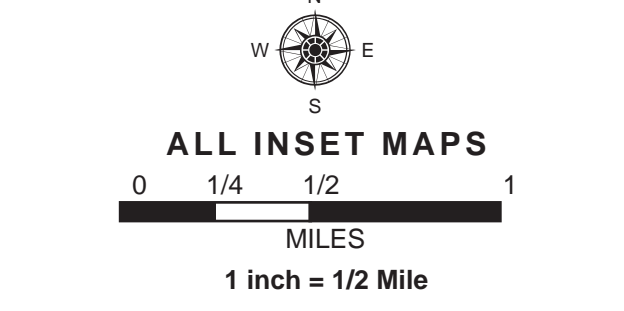
**City/Village Name**  
Some Services (Food or lodging)

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

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

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

- Mountain Biking
- Campground
- Restrooms



## 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.

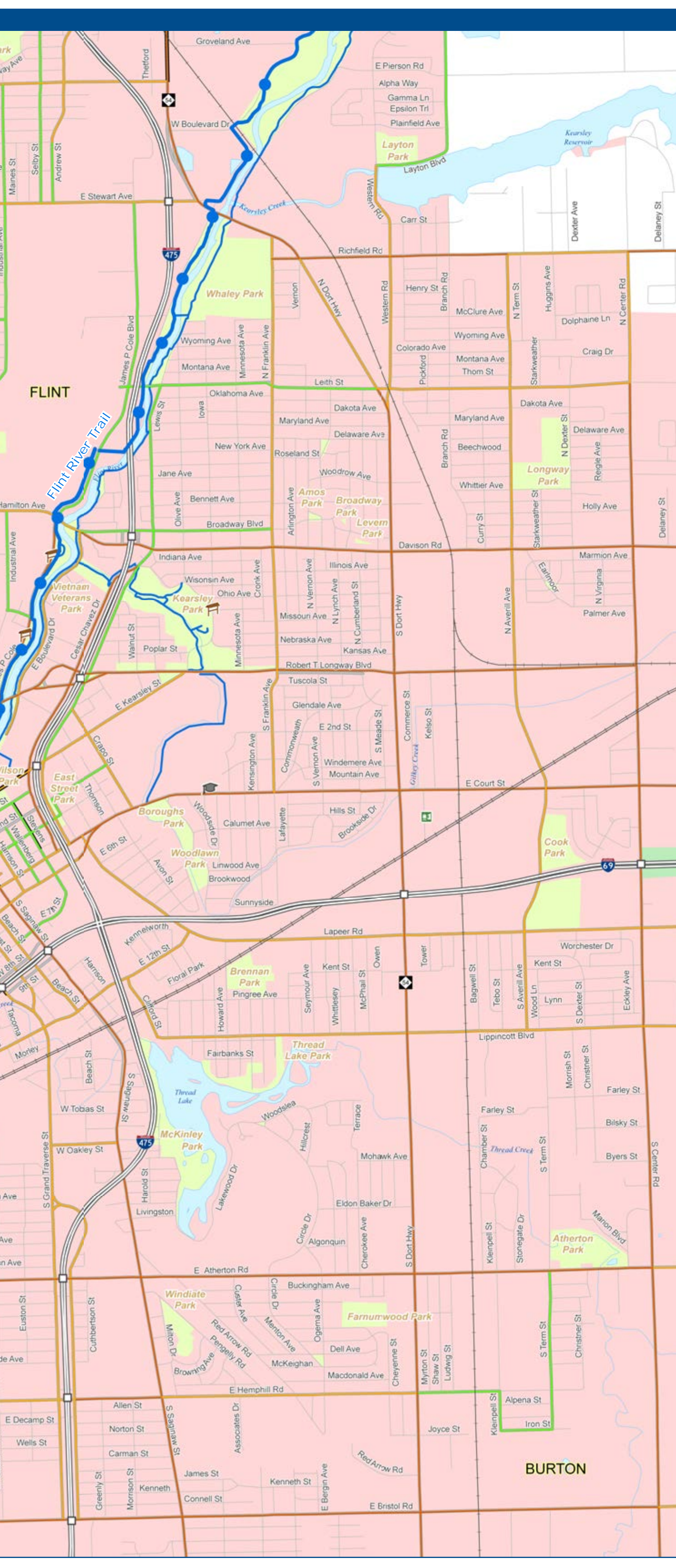
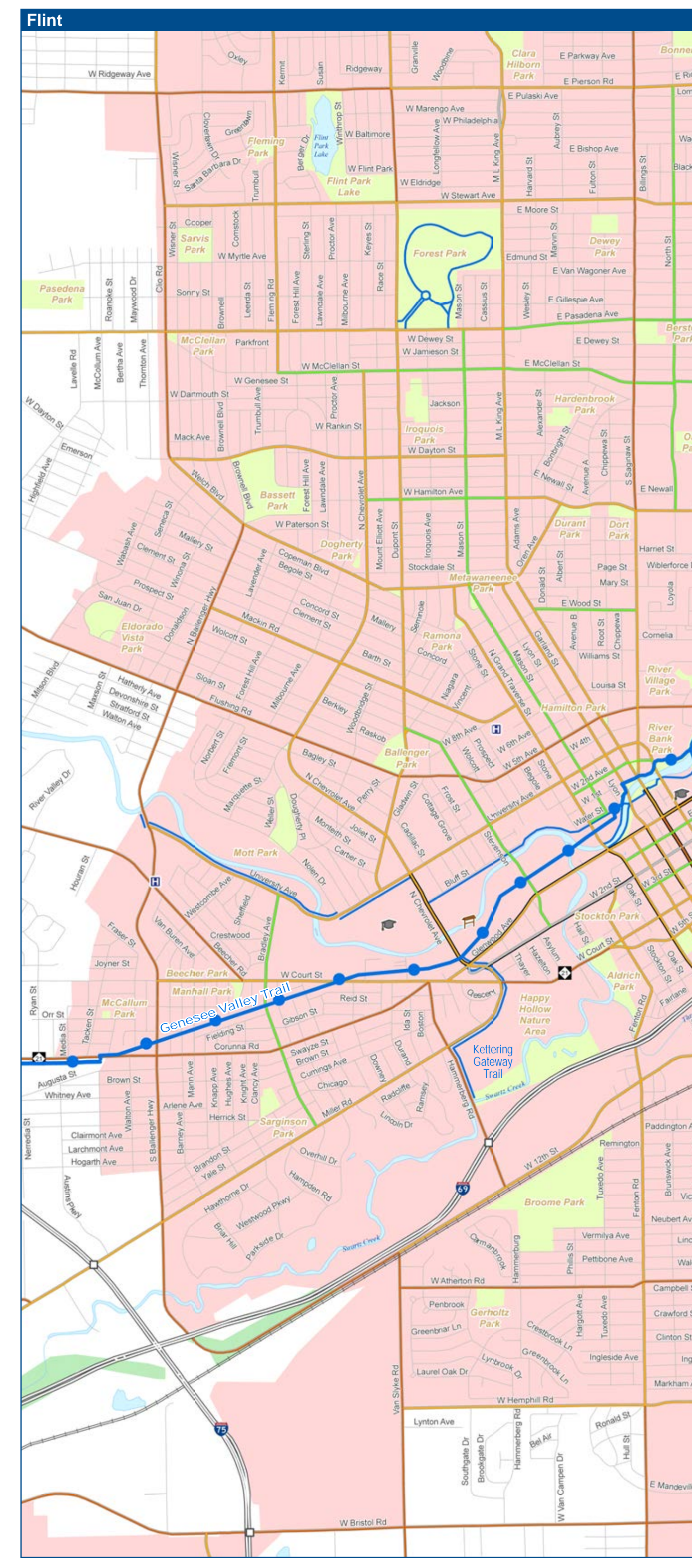
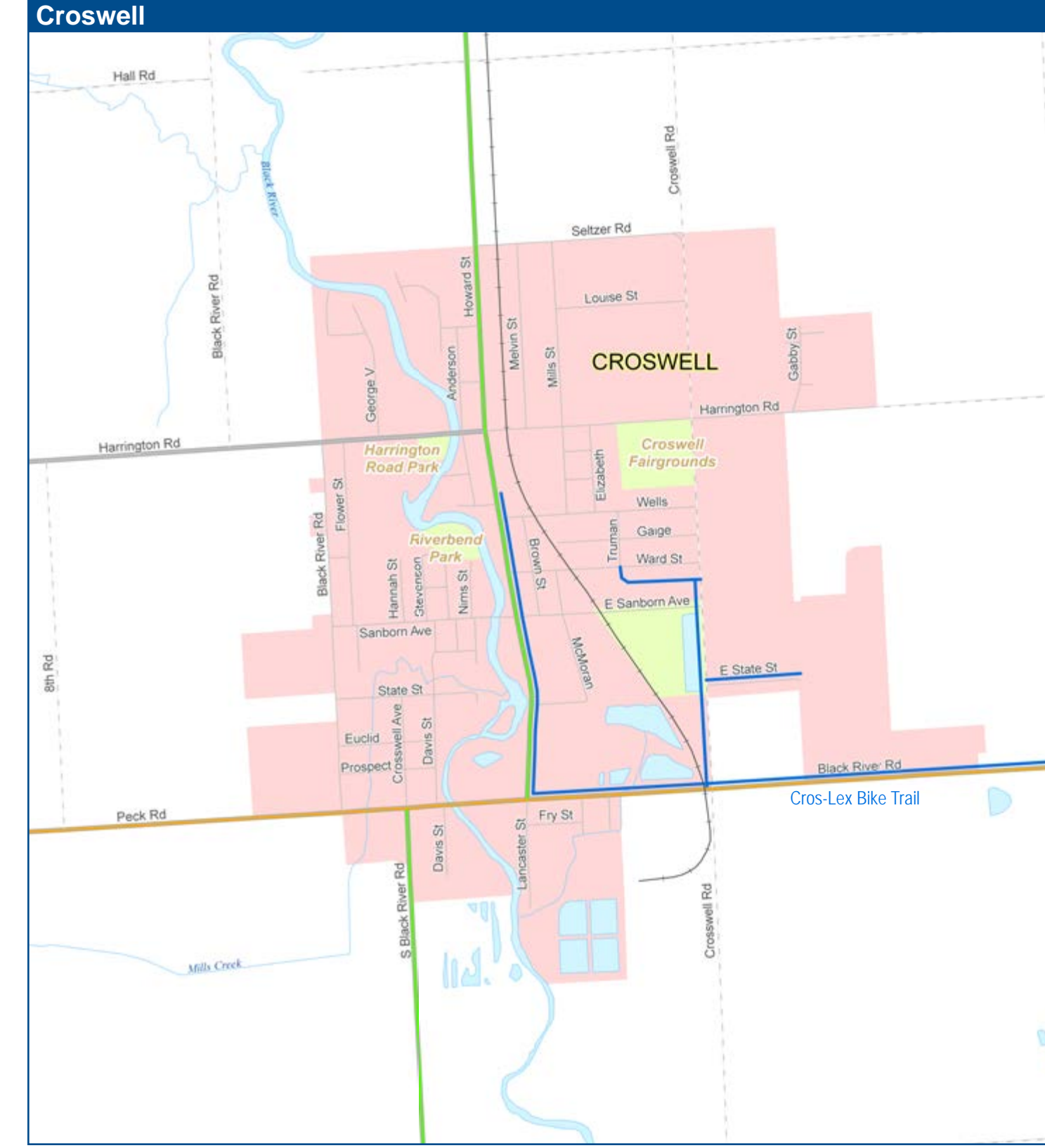
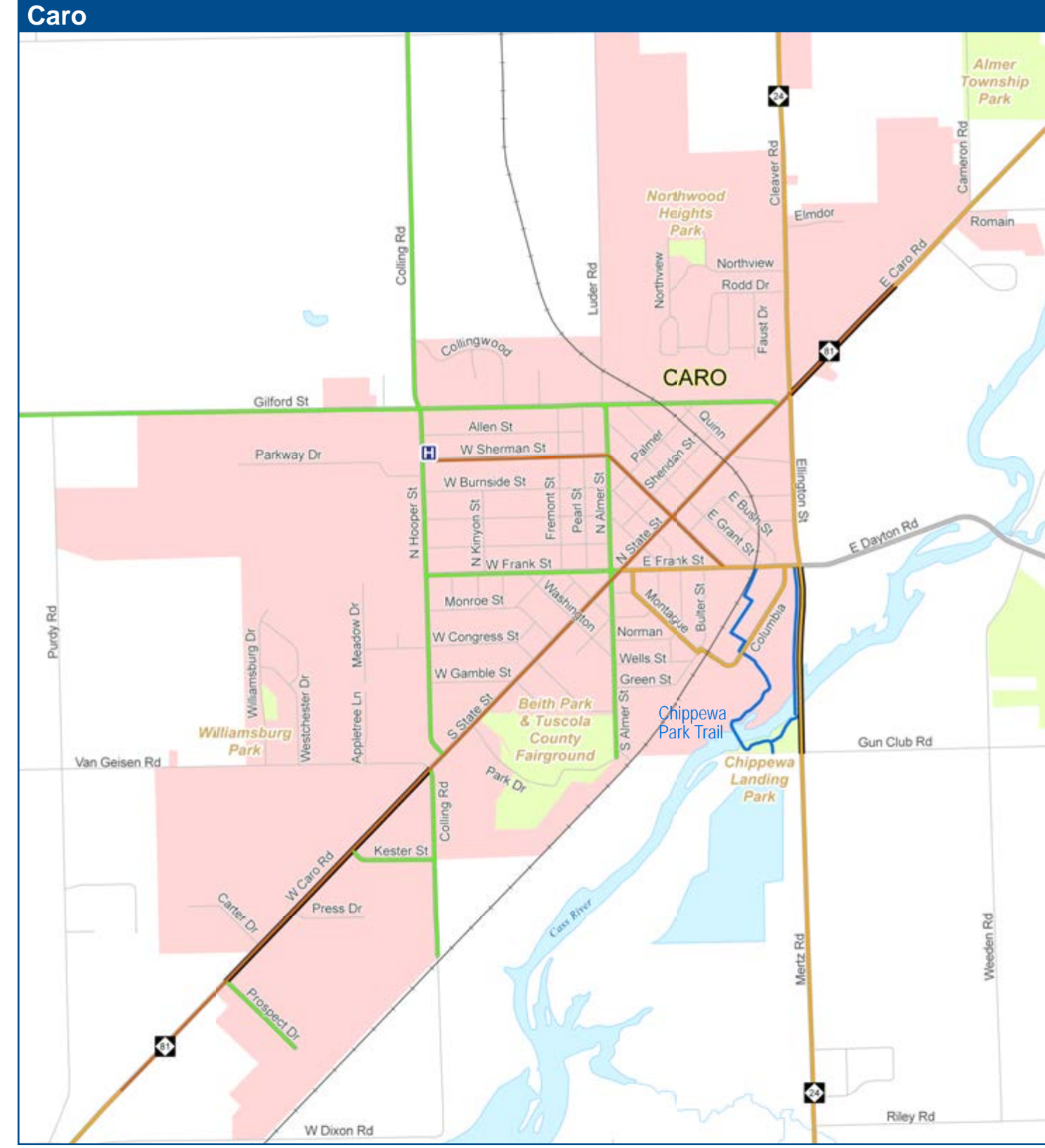
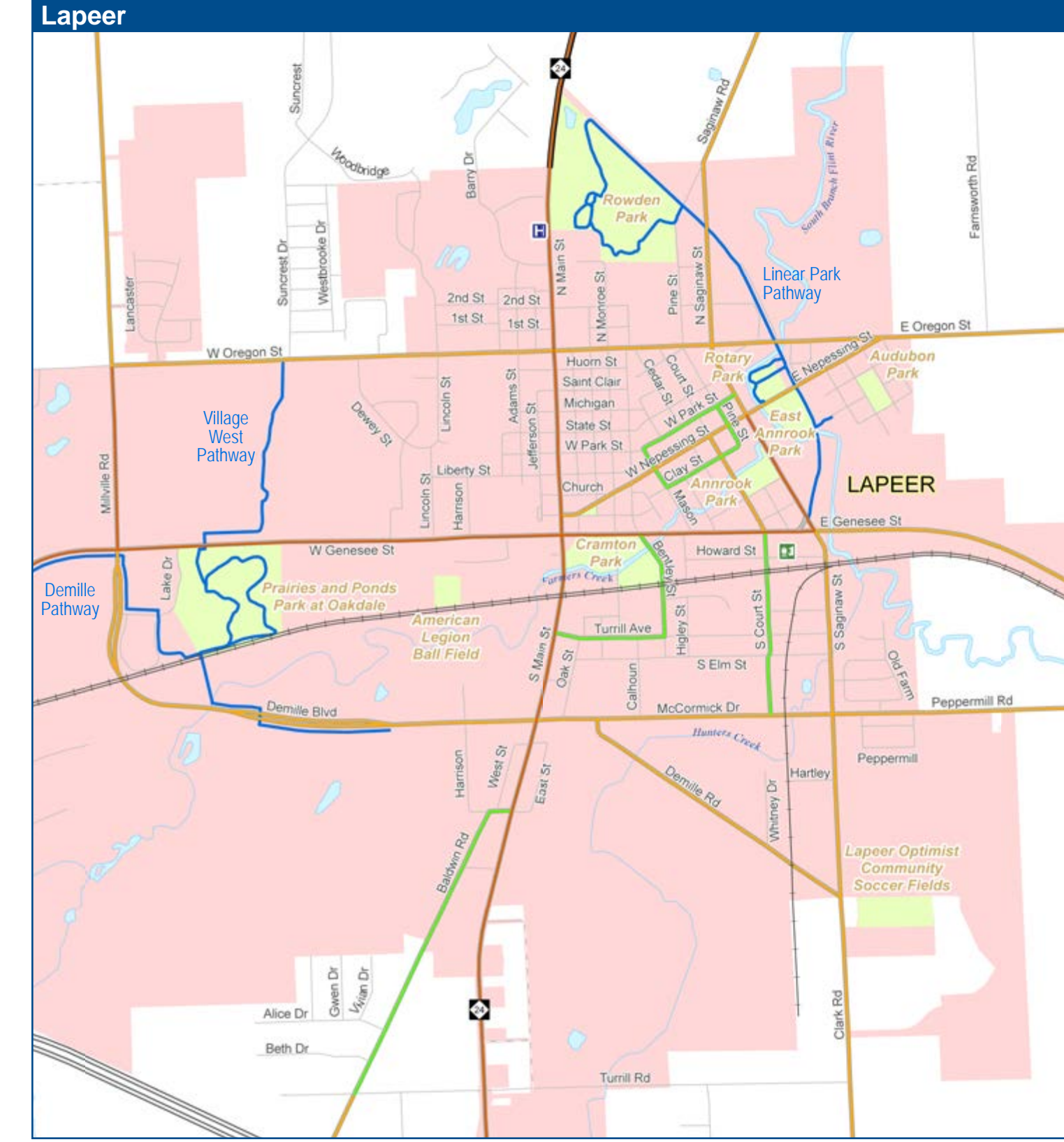
**State Game Areas:**  
Bicycles are allowed on designated trails and areas in state game areas. For general recreation questions, please e-mail [DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov) or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

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

**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](mailto:DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov) or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

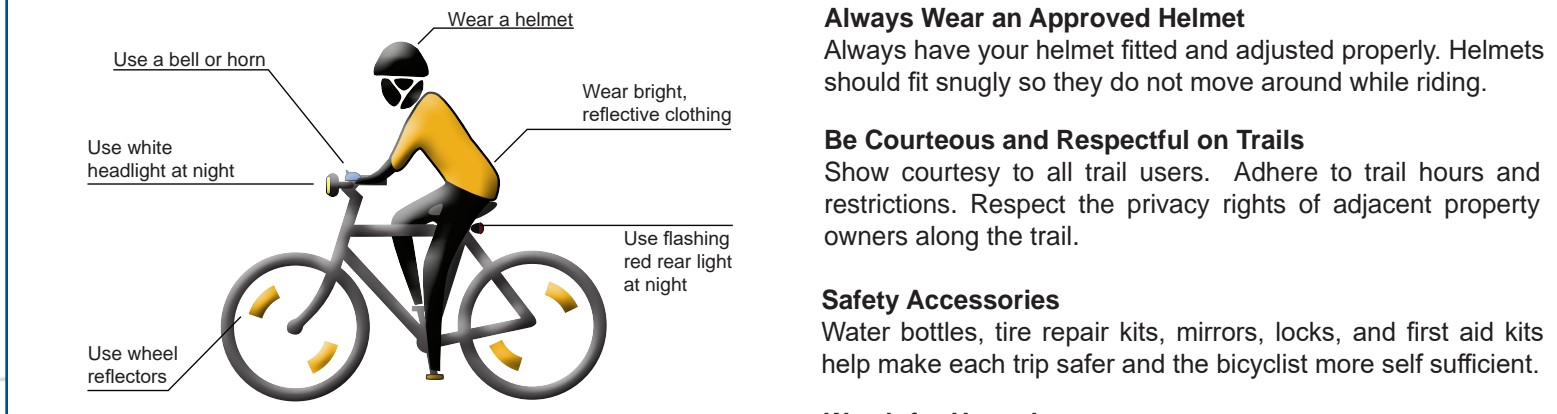
**Wilderness Areas:**  
Bicycles are considered to be mechanical devices and are therefore prohibited in national wilderness areas.

**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.

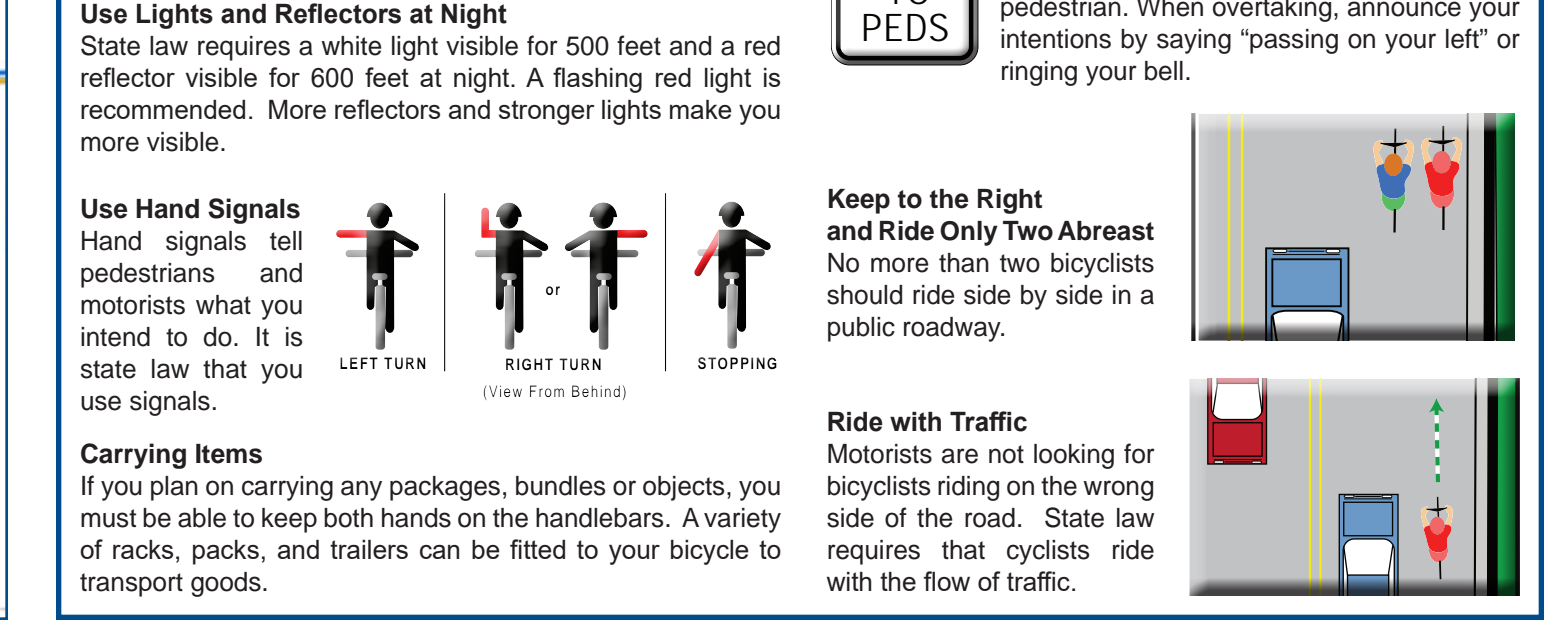
**Use Lights and Reflectors at Night**  
State law requires a white light visible for 500 feet and a red reflector visible for 600 feet at night. A flashing red light is recommended. More reflectors and stronger lights make you more visible.

**Use Hand Signals**  
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 Aboard**  
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.



## Bikes on Transit

**AMTRAK:** All Amtrak trains in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit [www.amtrak.com/michigan-services-train](http://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](http://www.bwbus.com) or call 810-987-7373.

**MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA):** MTA Primary Route buses are equipped with bike racks. For more information visit [www.mta.info](http://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](http://www.michigan.gov/ironbelle)

**Travel Michigan**  
[www.travelmichigan.com](http://www.travelmichigan.com)  
(888) 784-7328

**Blue Water Area Convention and Visitor Bureau**  
[www.bluewater.com](http://www.bluewater.com)  
(810) 987-8687

**Caro Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.carochamber.com](http://www.carochamber.com)  
(989) 673-5211

**Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.flintandgenesee.org](http://www.flintandgenesee.org)  
(810) 600-1404

**Greater Croswell-Lexington Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.croswelllexington.com](http://www.croswelllexington.com)  
(810) 359-2262

**Huron County Economic Development Corporation**  
[www.huroncounty.com](http://www.huroncounty.com)  
(989) 269-6431

**Lapeer Area Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.lapeerchamber.org](http://www.lapeerchamber.org)  
(810) 664-6641

**Marlette Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.cityofmarlette.com](http://www.cityofmarlette.com)  
(989) 635-7446

**Reese Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.villageofreesee.net](http://www.villageofreesee.net)  
(989) 868-4503

**Sandusky Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.sanduskychamber.com](http://www.sanduskychamber.com)  
(810) 648-4445

**Vassar Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.vassarchamber.com](http://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 877-892-3879 or 517-892-3879 (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 ferries run 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)

**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, 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)

## Harbor Beach

