

Bay Region - West Road and Trail Bicycling Guide



3RD EDITION

Counties of:
Arenac - Bay - Clare
Gladwin - Gratiot - Isabella
Midland - Saginaw - Shiawassee

\$5.00 VALUE

The Greenway Collaborative, Inc.
MDOT
Michigan Department of Transportation

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
Limited Access Highway
Active Rail Line
Amtrak***

BICYCLE AND SHARED USE PATHS
Improved Shared Use Regional Path
Paved Greenway
Unimproved Shared Use Regional Path
Greenway
Local Shared Use Path
Foot Trail
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
Campground
Hospital
Trail Head
Lighthouse
University

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
Mountain Biking
Campground
Restrooms



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 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.

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 Aboard

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

Ride with Traffic

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of the Pere-Marquette Rail-Trail

PO Box 505, Midland, MI 48641
www.pere-marquetterailtrail.org

Tri-City Cyclists

PO Box 1248, Midland, MI 48641
www.tricitycyclists.org

Bikes on Transit

AMTRAK:

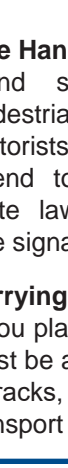
All Amtrak trains in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit www.amtrak.com/michigan-services-train or call 800-USA-RAIL for more information.

SAGINAW TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND REGIONAL SERVICES:

Buses are equipped with bike racks. For more information visit www.saginaw-stars.com or call 989-97-4000.

BAY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY:

Bikes are not permitted. For more information visit www.baymetro.com or call 989-894-2900.



Travel Michigan

www.travelmichigan.com - (888) 784-7328

Au Gres Chamber of Commerce

www.augreschamberofcommerce.org/ - (989) 876-6688

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

www.baycityarea.com - (989) 893-4567

Bay Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau

www.baycityarea.com - (989) 893-1222

Clare Area Chamber of Commerce

www.claremichigan.com - (989) 386-2442

Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce

www.frankenmuth.org - (989) 386-8696 or (989) 652-6106

Gladwin Regional Chamber of Commerce

www.gladwincountychamber.com - (989) 426-5451

Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce

www.gratiot.org - (989) 463-5525

Harrison Chamber of Commerce

www.harrisonchamber.com - (989) 539-6011 or (877) 539-6011

Midland Area Chamber of Commerce

www.macc.org - (989) 839-9901

Where to Ride

On the Road:

Bicycles are allowed on all Michigan highways and roads EXCEPT limited-access freeways or unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are permitted 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 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). www.michigan.gov/dnr

Wilderness Areas:

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

Local Trail Systems:

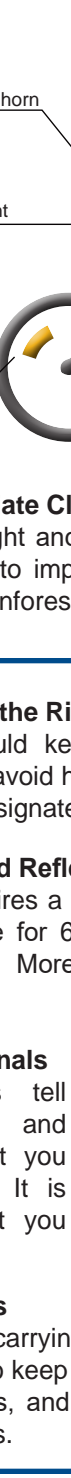
Many communities have developed their own trail systems. Rules and regulations vary by each individual trail and community. Contact the appropriate jurisdiction for more information.

Iron Belle Trail

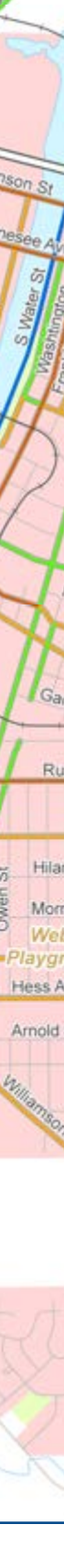
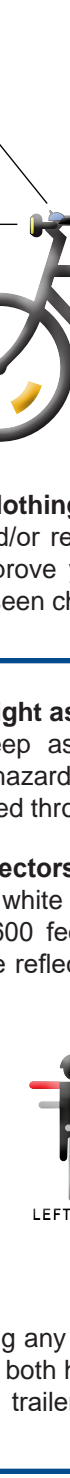
The Iron Belle Trail - Bike Route travels from Ironwood to Belle Isle and includes trails in Saginaw, Bay and Arenac Counties. The bike route is currently under development. For information contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation division at (517) 284-7275. www.michigan.gov/ironbelle



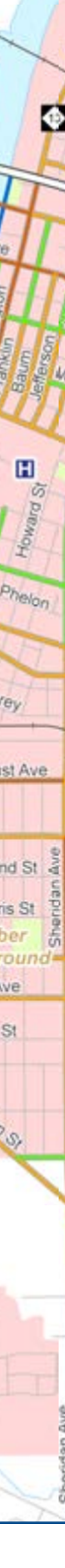
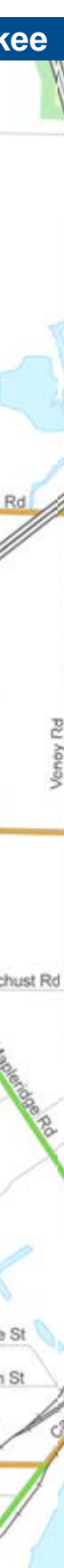
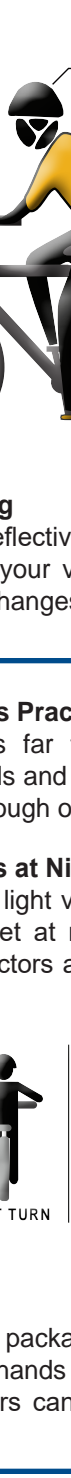
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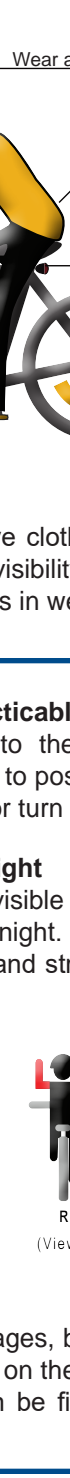
Bay City & Essexville



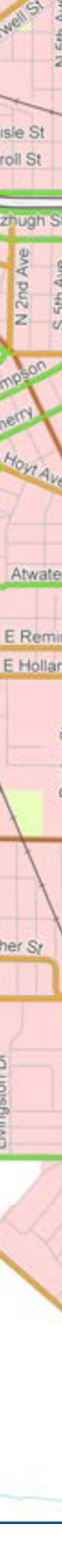
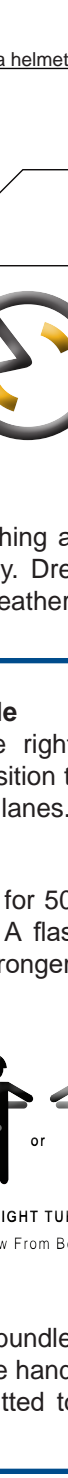
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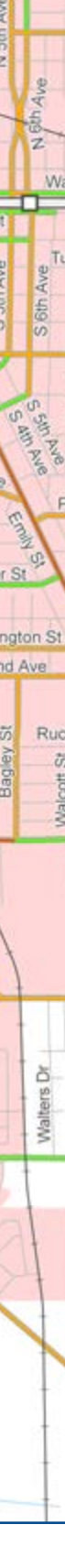
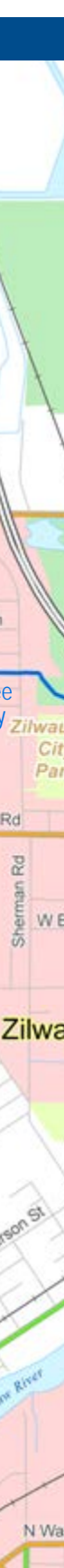
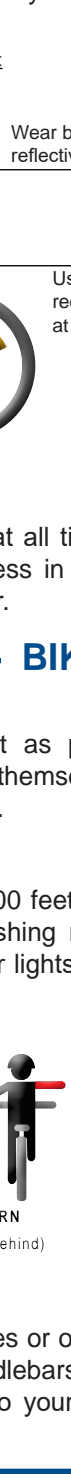
Alma & St. Louis



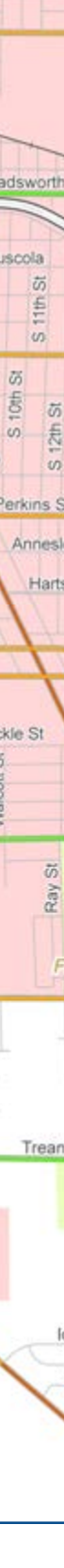
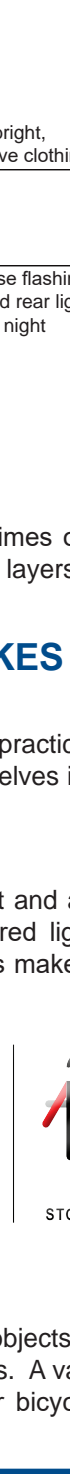
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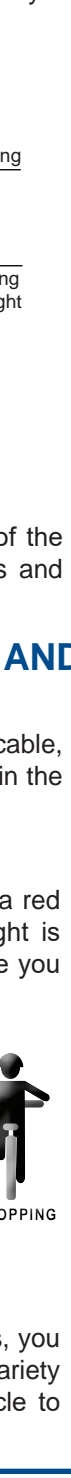
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Saginaw



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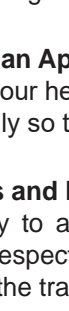
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ALL INSET MAPS



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