

Tourism Resources

Vacation and accommodation information can be obtained from the following organizations. The same information can be obtained at Michigan's 13 Welcome Centers, located on major highways throughout Michigan.

Travel Michigan

Lansing, MI 48909 http://www.michigan.org

888-78-GREAT (TDD: 800-722-8191)

West Michigan Tourist Association 3665 28th St. SE Suite B

http://www.wmta.org 800-442-2084

Grand Rapids, MI 49512

The Huron - Manistee National Forest www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf

800-821-6263 (TDD: 231-775-3183)

Holland Convention & Visitors Bureau www.holland.org 800-506-1299

www.grandhavenchamber.org

Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce

Grand Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau www.visitgrandrapids.org

800-678-9859 **Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce**

www.visitmuskegon.org 800-250-9283

Pentwater Chamber of Commerce

www.pentwater.org 231-869-4150

Whitehall & Montague Chamber of Commerce www.whitelake.org

231-893-4585

Passengers aboard the Lake Express traveling between Muskegon, Michigan and Milwaukee, Wisconsin have the option to travel with their bicycle for an additional fee. For more information regarding schedules and rates please call the Lake Express at

Use of This Map

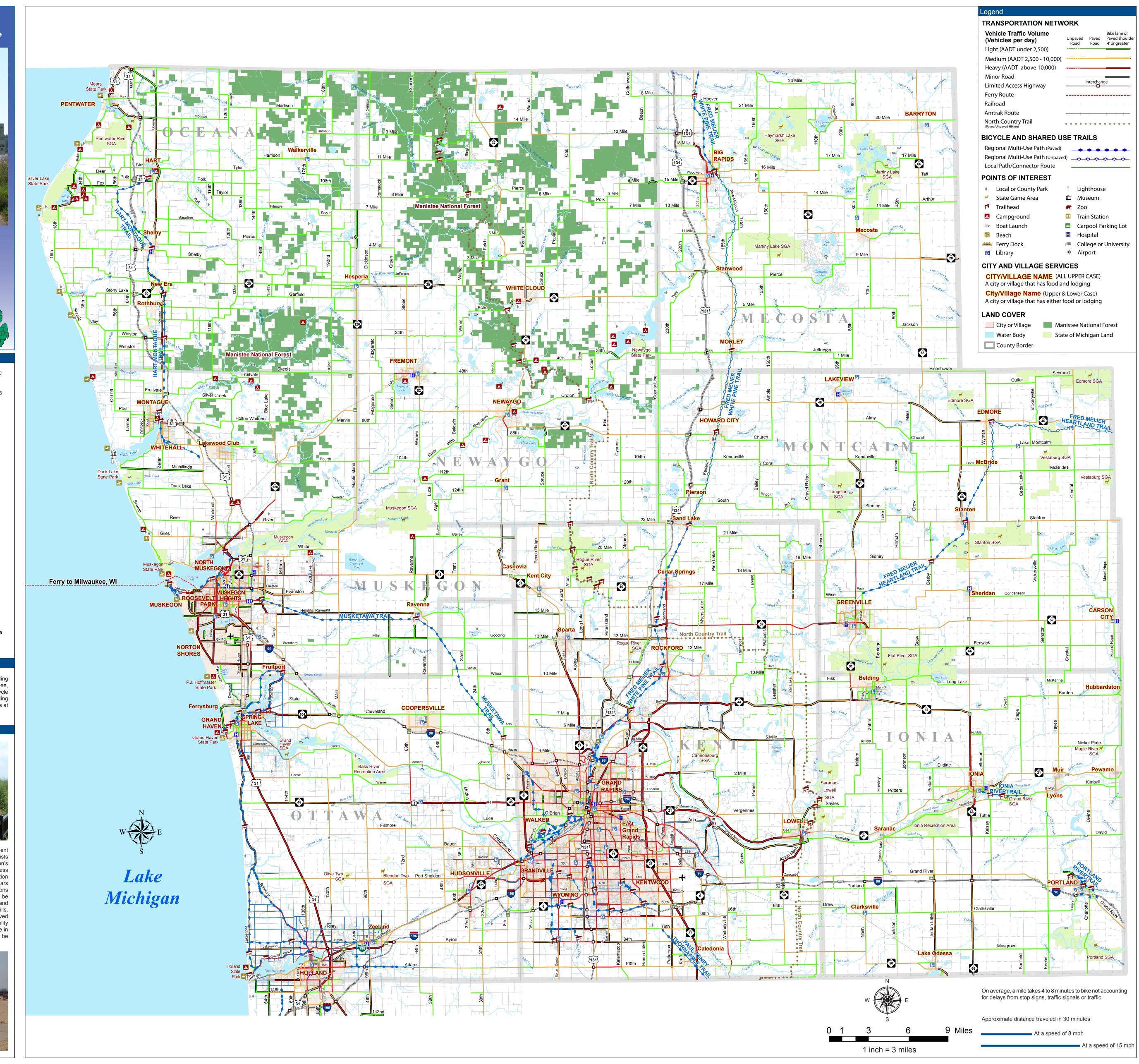
866-914-1010.

Ferry Information



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Where to Bike

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. This map uses Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) as a measure of traffic volumes. These measurements are estimated on an average 24-hour period and may vary by season or day of the week.

State Park Trails

517-373-1275.

Bicycles are currently allowed on trails in 31 State Parks and Recreation Areas. This includes 6 State Park Trails which were developed with bicyclists in mind. Mountain bikes are allowed on trails only if they have been designated for bicycle use. Call the individual park or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Recreation Division, 517-373-9900 for maps of trails and further information.

State Forest Trails Bicycles are allowed on most State Forest Trails. For more information or maps contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952,

National Forest Trails

Bicycles are allowed on National Forest Trails except where posted. Bicycles are also prohibited in congressionally designated wilderness areas. National Forest maps are available at each Forest Service office. For further information call the Huron-Manistee National

Forest, 1-800-827-6263. **North Country Trail** The North Country Trail is a long-distance hiking trail stretching about 4,500 miles from New York to North

Dakota. Not all portions of the trail shown on the map are open to mountain bike use. Please check with the appropriate management agency prior to riding and respect signs restricting bicycle traffic. For more information please contact the North Country Trail Association, 229 E. Main St. Lowell, MI, 49331, 1-866-hikeNCT.

Many local communities have developed their own trail

Local Trails

systems. Rules and regulations vary by each community

Bicycle Resources

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and **Environment**

MDNRE promotes the development of trail systems throughout the state. They will work with local agencies in trail development, planning and design and administer a number of funding programs. Contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Recreation & Camping Division, Trails and Pathways Branch, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909. 517-373-1275 http://www.michigan.gov/dnre

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 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. For a free brochure listing membership benefits and services contact The League of Michigan Bicyclists, 416 S. Cedar Street Suite A, Lansing, MI 48912.

517-334-9100 or 888-MI-BIKES http://www.lmb.org **Michigan Mountain Biking Association**

MMBA promotes responsible mountain biking and works towards the goals of common land access and natural resource protection. For information write to Michigan Mountain Biking Association, 5119 Highland Rd. #268, Waterford, MI 48328-2165. 616-785-0120 http://www.mmba.org

FAX: 616-785-1940

West MI Trails and Greenways Coalition WMT&GC is a non-profit group dedicated to developing nonmotorized trails and greenways. Their mission is to help coordinate regional trails and greenways infrastructure in order to connect communities with each other and to the region's natural areas and civic destinations. For more information on specific trails of West Michigan write to WMT&GC, P.O. Box 325, Comstock Park, MI 49321,

info@wmtrail.com or westmichigantrails@gmail.com. http:/www.wmtrails.org

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.

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 interest in trail and greenway planning, funding, development and maintenance. For more information please contact the Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance, 1213 Center St. Lansing, MI 48006.

www.michigantrails.org

www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking



Ride Prepared

517-485-6022

Recommended Gear Fitted and Adjusted Bike

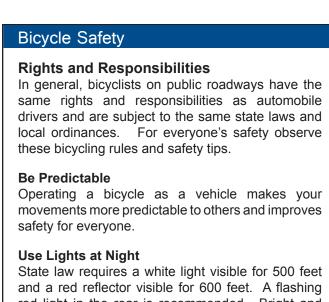
Be sure your bicycle is adjusted to fit you properly. Check tires, chains, brakes and other moving parts. Your bicycle must be equipped with a brake which will enable you to skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

Clothing

Light and bright colored clothing and safety vests help to make a bicyclist more visible, especially at dusk or at night. Added reflective material on your clothing and bicycle is recommended when night riding is required.

Racks, Packs and Trailers

If you plan on carrying any packages, bundles or any articles you must be able to keep both hands on the handlebars. A variety of racks, packs and trailers can be fitted on your bicycle to transport goods.



red light in the rear is recommended. Bright and reflective clothing is recommended at all times of the

Ride with Traffic

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

Signal Your Turns Hand signals are required by pedestrians and other bikers of

Yield to Pedestrians When operating on a shared use trail or sidewalk, bicyclist must yield the right of way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

Keep to the Right and Ride Only Two Abreast 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. No more than two bicyclists should ride side by side in a public roadway.

Make Left Turns Safely There are two ways to make a left turn. First, like a car: signal, move into the left-turn lane and then turn. Second, like a pedestrian: ride straight across the intersection to the far side crosswalk and wait for the pedestrian signal to cross the street in the crosswalk. When using the second method, care should be given when merging back with traffic.

Ride in a Straight Line and

Parked cars opening doors can seriously injure bicyclists. Keep

at least an open car door distance away from parked cars and ride in a straight line where there are

Avoid Car Doors

gaps between parked cars. While not required by law, a properly fitted helmet is essential safety gear. Helmets should be worn such that they cover the forehead and are above the eyebrows. Helmets should fit snugly and not move around while riding.

Watch for Cars Pulling Out Always assume that motorists do not see you. Keep an eye out for cars pulling into traffic from parking spaces, driveways and intersecting streets.

Watch for Hazards Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, snow and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. It is not necessary to use a bike lane if hazards such as debris and poor pavement conditions make it unsafe.

Bells and Horns A bicycle should be equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible from a distance of at least 100 feet.

Water bottles, tire repair kits, mirrors, locks and first aid kits help make each trip safer and the bicyclist more self sufficient.

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Safety Accessories

Map produced by:

(616) 774-8400

www.wmrpc.org

Map Information

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West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission P.O. Box 387 316 Morris Avenue, Suite 340

wmsrdc@wmsrdc.org

Muskegon, Michigan 49443 (231) 722-7878

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MDOT Intermodal Policy Division, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909 Phone: 517-335-2923 or 517-335-2918

For specific information about this region please contact:

MDOT Grand Region Office 1420 Front Avenue, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 Phone: 616-451-3091

To order additional maps, please visit the Michigan Department of Transportation website at www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking



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