

Bicycle Safety

Rights and Responsibilities

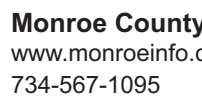
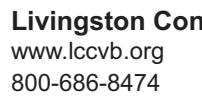
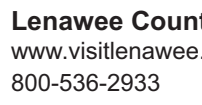
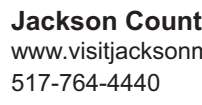
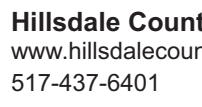
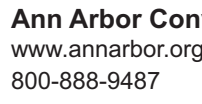
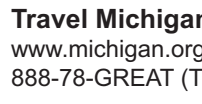
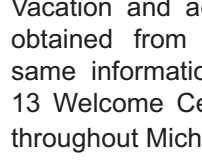
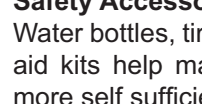
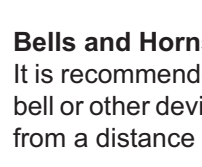
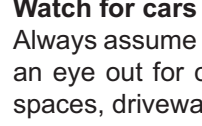
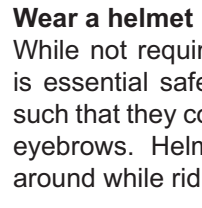
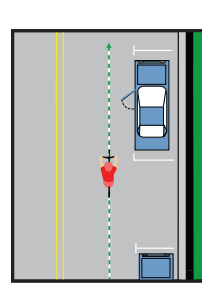
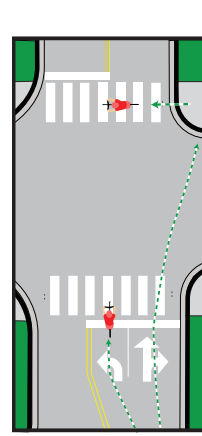
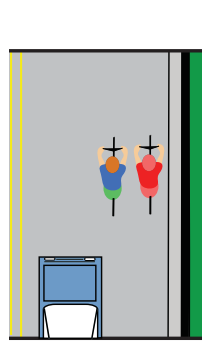
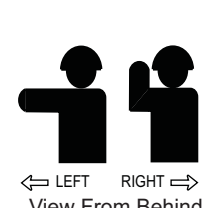
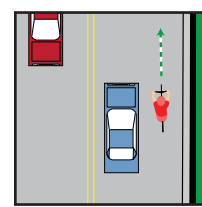
In general, bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety observe these bicycling rules and safety tips.

Be Predictable

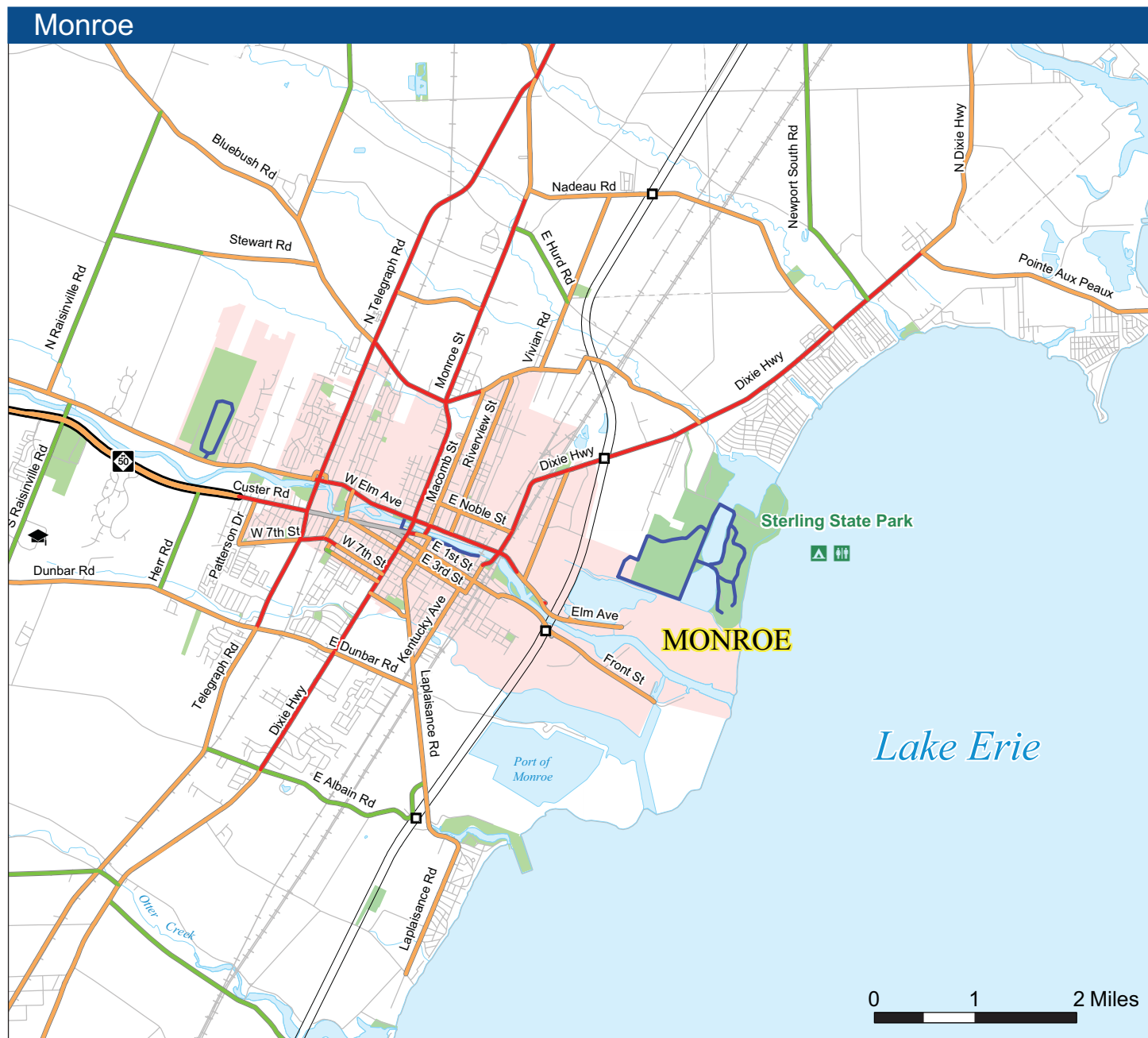
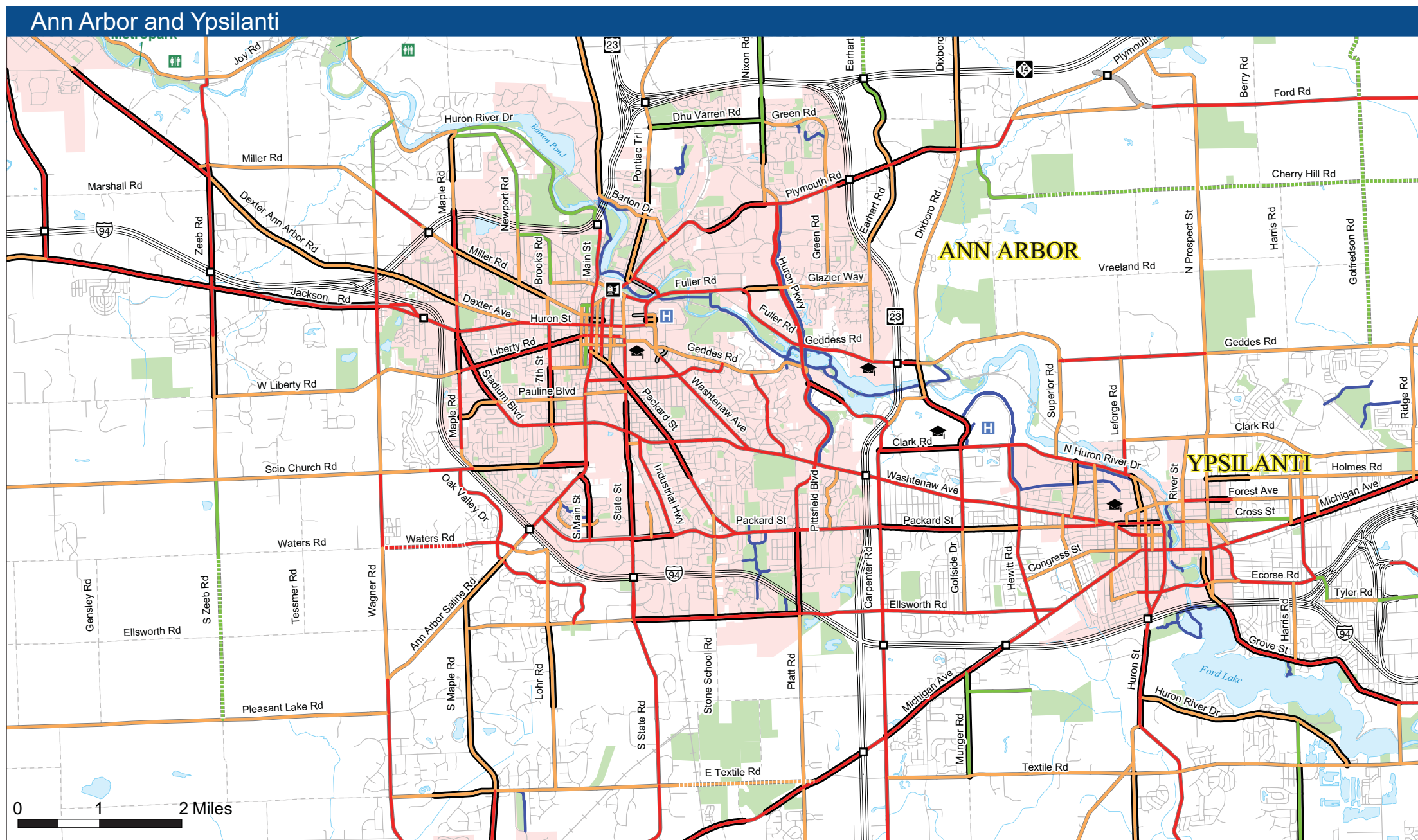
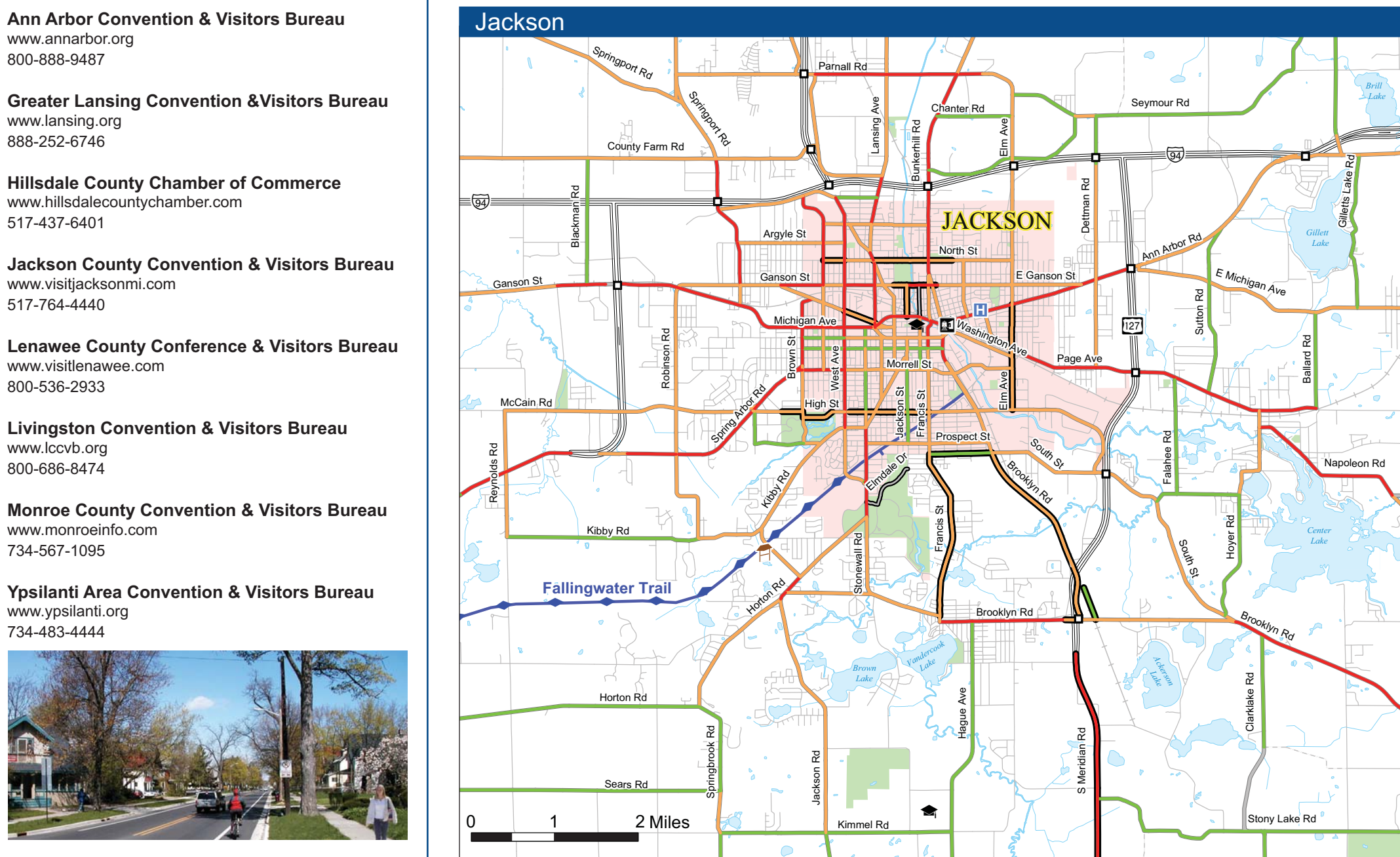
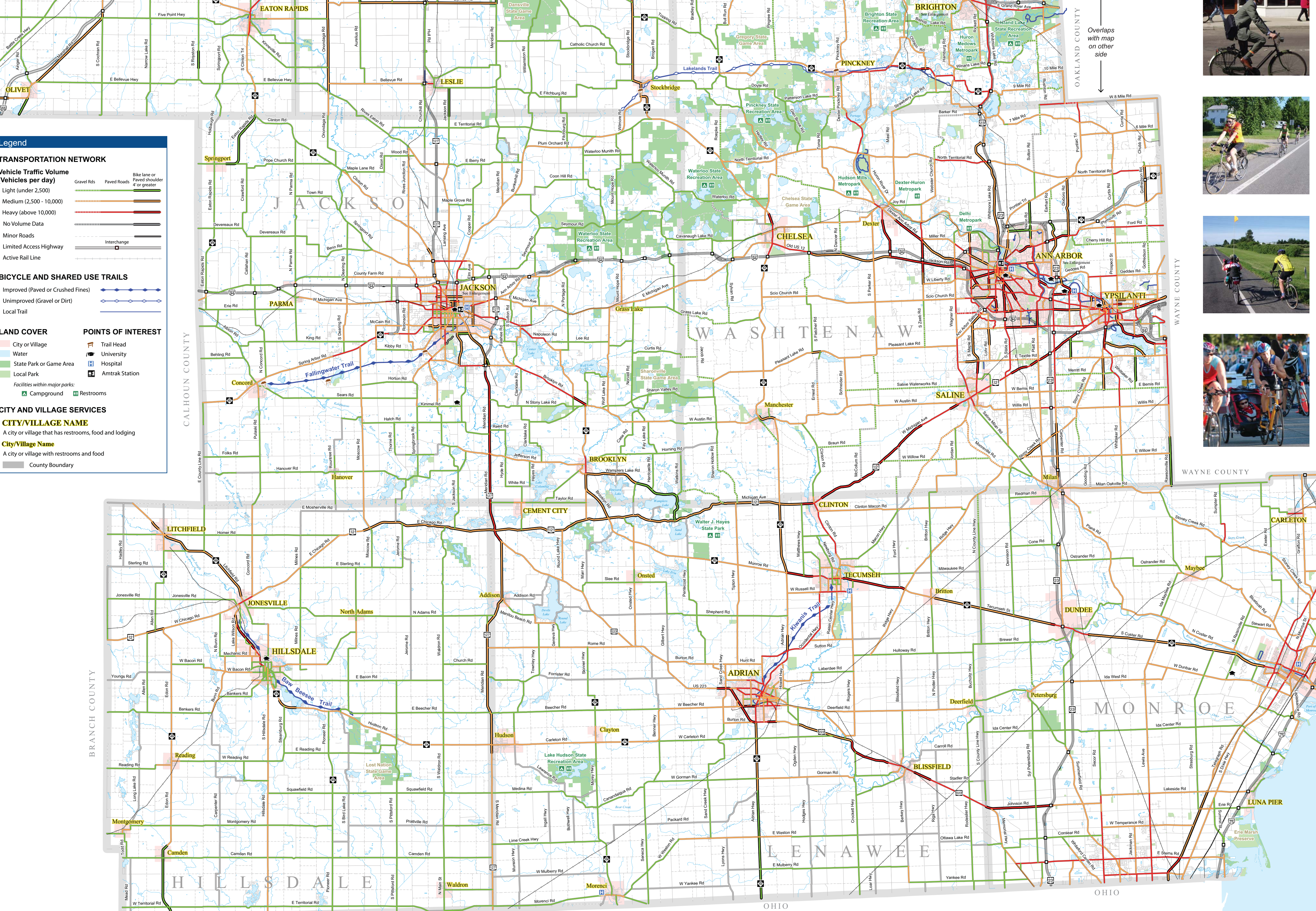
Operating a bicycle as a vehicle makes your movements more predictable to others and improves safety for everyone.

Use Lights at Night

State law requires a white light visible for 500 feet and a red reflector visible for 600 feet. A flashing red light in the rear is recommended. Bright and reflective clothing is recommended at all times of the day and night.



Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties



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

State Park Trails

Bicycles are currently allowed on trails in 31 State Parks and Recreation Areas. This includes six 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, Parks 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 and a map contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Forest Management Division, 517-373-1275.

State Game Areas

Bicycles are allowed on designated trails and areas in State Game Areas. Contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division for more information, 517-373-1263.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks

Cyclists are allowed on paved hike-bike trails within the parks. There are no designated dirt mountain bike trails located in the metroparks within the University Region. For further information contact the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 800-477-2757 or online at www.metroparks.com.

Local Trails

Rules and regulations vary by each community and trail.

Lansing River Trail

An 8 mile urban trailway that follows the banks of the Grand and Red Cedar rivers. The trail has reference markers every 1/4 mile and is relatively flat with both asphalt and wood boardwalk surfaces.

Fallingwater Trail

A 10.5 mile paved trail within the old Michigan Central Railroad corridor connects the City of Jackson and Concord. The trail crosses Lime Lake on an old causeway.

Lakelands Trail

In southern Livingston County, the Lakelands Trail is a linear State Park approximately 13 miles long with both gravel and paved surfaces. It passes through wooded areas and rolling farmland. See the map inset on the other side.



Approximate distance traveled in 30 minutes
At a speed of 8 mph
At a speed of 15 mph

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