



Cannonsburg Area

Cascade & Ada Area

Rockford Area

KENT COUNTY Michigan

RouteDefinitions

BIKE LANES & SHARROWS. On-street, marked and signed lanes designated for use by bicyclists from which motorized traffic is excluded. "Sharrows" are chevrons on pavement markings defining a lane on a street shared by both bicyclists and motorized traffic. All Bike Lanes and Sharrows shown on this map are scheduled to be in place no later than Fall 2013.

EXISTING BIKE ROUTES. On-street designated bicycle routes that may not necessarily be marked or signed for use by bicyclists.

STATE HIGHWAYS and ROADS WITH 4-FOOT SHOULDERS. Highways, roads and streets with the shoulder—the area to the side of the roadway—at least four-foot or wider. Bicyclists may find these roads offer additional "breathing room" between themselves and other vehicles.

SHARED USE PATHS & TRAILS. These facilities are shared by bicyclists and pedestrians—motorized traffic is prohibited. They can be trails and paths

running parallel to a street that are wider than a sidewalk or rail-trails or wide utility corridors, which may not run parallel to any nearby road.

PLANNED SHARED USE PATHS & TRAILS. Those trails for which funding has been approved and construction is expected in the near future.

MINOR SHARED USE PATHS & TRAILS. These can either be connectors between larger trails and local streets or other areas of interest, or are paths that are scheduled to be in place no later than Fall 2013.

PLANNED BIKE LANES & ROUTES. On-street marked and/or signed bicycle facilities to be designated or constructed in the near future. These planned lanes and routes have been included in local non-motorized or bicycle plans and the roadways they follow may or may not currently be in an optimal state for bicycling.

PLANNED BIKE ROUTES ON SIDEWALKS. Paved five-foot pathways, often paralleling a street, to be officially designated or constructed as part of the overall planned bike route system in the near future.

WebSites

Greater Grand Rapids Bicycle Coalition
www.GrandRapids.org

Rapid Wheelmen Bicycle Club
www.rapidwheelmen.com

Western Michigan Mountain Biking Assoc.
www.wmmba.org

League of Michigan Bicyclists
www.bikeleague.org

West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition
www.wmtrails.org

Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance
www.michigantrails.org

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
www.gvmc.org/transportation

City of Grand Rapids: Trails Information
http://www.grcity.us/index.php?page_014-0215

Kent County
http://www.acksskent.com

Ottawa County
http://www.co.ottawa.mi.us

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
www.michigan.gov/dnr

League of American Bicyclists
www.bikeleague.org

American Trails
www.americantrails.org

Rolls to Trails Conservancy
www.rollsto-trails.org

Michigan Complete Streets Coalition
www.miccompletestreets.org

National Complete Streets Coalition
www.completestreets.org

Bikes Belong Coalition
www.bikesbelong.org

TrailheadGuide

- Trailhead No.1, GrandRapids Streetname S1 & Roadname Rd N 45.000000 W 86.000000
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Bicycling is a potentially hazardous activity. Each bicyclist is responsible for evaluating current conditions and riding in a safe manner. Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals. The Greater Grand Rapids Bicycle Coalition, Christopher J. Bessert Cartography, and Knapp's Corner MotoPhoto & Portrait Studio are not liable for damage or injury resulting from these voluntary activities.

TrailEtiquette

- KEEP RIGHT** All users must keep right except when passing or turning left. Move off trail to the right when stopping.
- YIELD** Yield to slower moving traffic; cyclists to pedestrians, joggers to walkers. Move off to the side of the trail for less visible users.
- SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY** Help teach each other proper trail etiquette, lead by example. Remember, others will be judged by your actions.
- ORDERLY FASHION** Groups of users should not span more than half of the trail width so others may pass.
- CONTROL YOUR PET** Keep animals leashed in areas requiring leashes. Please restrain animals near other users and wildlife on trails.
- STAY ALERT** Control speed based on activity, ability, terrain, visibility, and traffic. Use caution in blind corners, poor weather conditions, and on unfamiliar trails.
- LOW IMPACT/PRESERVATION** Stay on trails and practice minimum impact. Do not force new trails. Avoid fragile surfaces and vegetation; try not to disturb wildlife or its habitat.
- IN-LINE SKATERS** Always skate under control. Wear protective safety equipment to avoid injury. Be aware of proper skating and braking techniques before going on trails.
- BE COURTEOUS, SIGNAL OTHERS** Make the first move to avoid conflicts; inform others of what you are doing. For example, warn others that you are "passing on the left."
- OBSERVE** Honor and respect all trail closure signs, seasonal and permanent. Observe all laws and regulations concerning trails.
- CHILD SAFETY** Ensure the safety of younger riders and inform them of the rules and enforcing those rules.

BicycleSafety

- ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET** Helmets should be worn over the forehead above the eyebrows, not tilted back, and fit snugly so they do not move around when riding.
- RIDE IN A STRAIGHT LINE** Also, ride at least one car's width from parked cars. You will be more visible and cars turning right will be less likely to cut you off.
- TWO WAYS TO TURN LEFT** 1. Use a signal; move into the left-turn lane and turn left. 2. Like a pedestrian: Ride straight to the far side crosswalk, walk your bike across.
- BE ALERT!** Scan the road behind you. Learn to look back over your shoulder without swerving. Keep your ears available. Consider using a mirror.
- WATCH FOR CARS PULLING OUT** Assume that motorists don't see you. Make eye contact with the driver to assure your safety before proceeding in front of the vehicle.
- TRAFFIC CIRCLES/ROUNDABOUTS** Travel counter-clockwise and yield to traffic in a circle or roundabout. Don't cut across the center or ride against traffic.
- OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS** In order to be taken seriously, cyclists must obey the rules of the road. And never ride against traffic—it is illegal and motorists won't look for cyclists on the wrong side of the road.
- USE HAND SIGNALS** Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. In some right-turn situations, an outstretch-ed right arm is more visible to those behind you.
- FOLLOW LANE MARKINGS** Avoid the right-turn-only lane if you are continuing straight through. In narrow lanes or slow traffic, it may be safer to take the whole lane.
- USE LIGHTS AT NIGHT** Use a strong headlight and red rear light, plus a red rear reflector at night. Wear a reflective vest and light-colored clothes with reflective tape.
- LOCK BIKE WHEN GONE** Lock up to a bike rack or other immovable object; locking at least the frame and one or both wheels with a U-lock or chain and padlock.
- USE CAUTION ON SIDEWALKS** Always give right-of-way to pedestrians on sidewalks and give audible warning of your approach. Be careful when re-entering the street.
- AVOID ROAD HAZARDS** Watch out for sewer grates, manhole covers, oily pavement, painted lines, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks at a right angle.

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