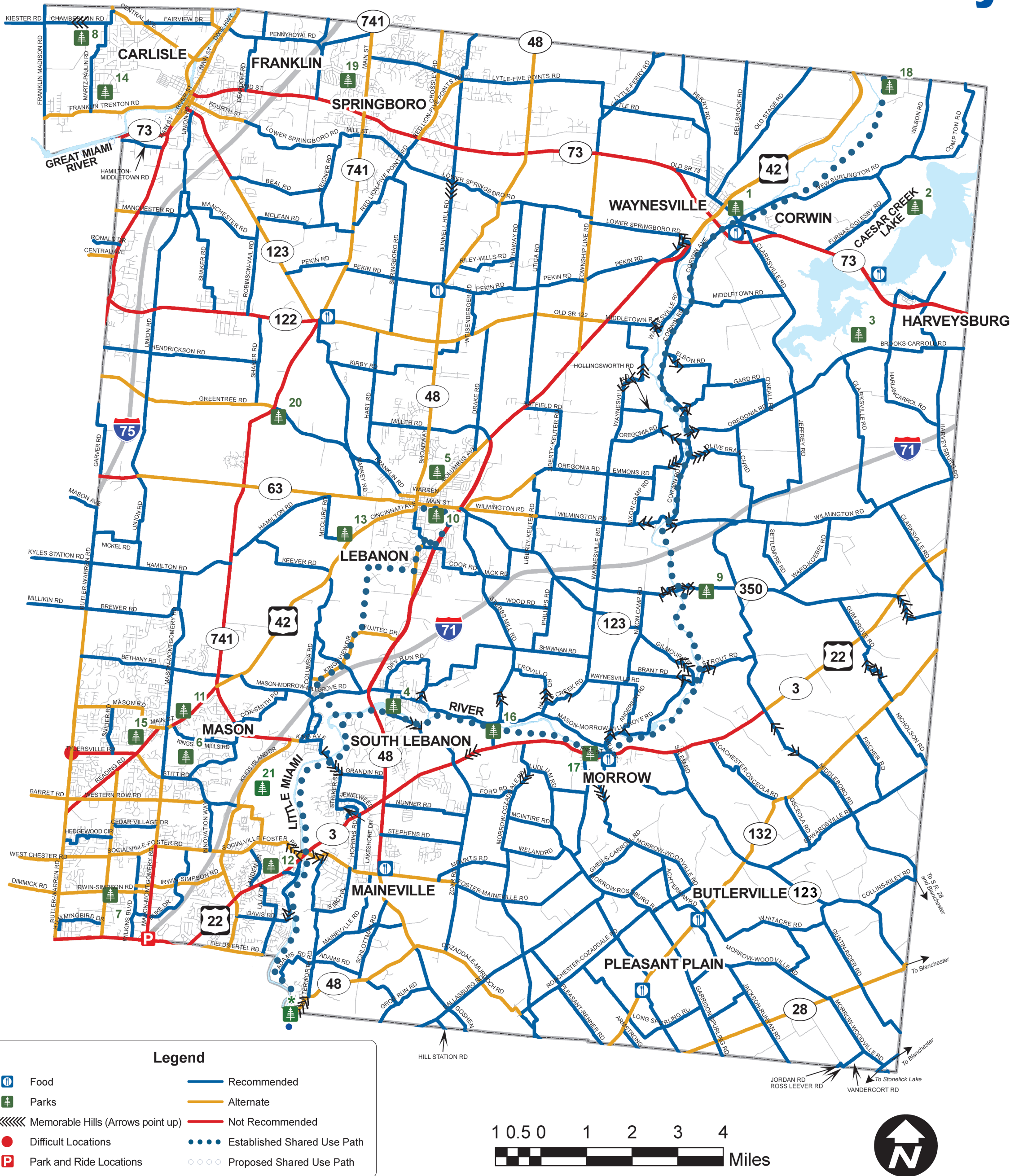


Warren County



SHARING THE TRAIL

Trails and bike paths are very popular places to ride - especially for novice cyclists, families, and casual riders. On weekends and holidays, trails can become congested with many people who are biking, rollerblading, walking, jogging, or riding in their wheelchair. If you follow the guidelines below, the trail will be a safer place for everyone.

Be Courteous

All trail users, including bicyclists, rollerbladers, equestrians, joggers, walkers, and wheelchair users, should be respectful of other users, regardless of their mode of travel, speed, or skill level. Accepted protocol is that bikes yield to pedestrians and horses, while pedestrians yield to horses. Horses should always be given the right of way.

Wear a Helmet

Wear a helmet whenever you ride.

Keep Right

Stay as close to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.

Pass on Left

Pass others, going your direction, on their left. Look ahead and behind to make sure the lane is clear before pulling out. Pass with ample separation. Do not move back to the right until you are safely past. (Allow more distance than you think is needed.) Fast moving users are responsible for yielding to slower moving users.

Give an Audible Signal When Passing

Give a clear signal when passing. This signal may be a bell, horn or voice. (Ohio state law requires a warning device for bicycles.) Warn in advance so that you have time to maneuver, if necessary. "Passing" is the recommended signal used to alert other users of your approach.

Be Predictable

Walk and ride straight. Indicate when you are turning. Warn other trail users of your intentions.

Maintain Control of Your Vehicle

Maintain control of your speed at all times and approach turns in anticipation of someone around the bend.

Yield When Entering and Crossing Other Trails or Roads

When entering or crossing a road or other trail intersection, yield to traffic on the cross trail or road. This is often the most dangerous point on a trail.

Do Not Block The Trail

When riding in a group, use no more than half the trail. On many trails with heavy use, this means that all users will need to stay single file. And if you stop to rest or regroup, always do it off the trail.

Clean up Litter

Do not leave glass, paper, cans, or any other debris along the trail. If you drop something, please pick it up and carry it until you find a litter receptacle. Go the extra mile - pack out more trash than you bring in.

Use Lights at Night

If the trail is open and you are using it between dusk and dawn, you must be equipped with lights. Bikes need a white front light and red rear light and reflector. Reflectors (or reflective clothing) are no help if there is no source of light.

Have You Outgrown Trails?

Trails have engineering and design limitations. If your bicycling speed or style is endangering other users, look for alternative routes better suited to your needs. Selecting the right location is safer and more enjoyable for all concerned.

Share the Trail!

Everyone can have fun safely.

Source: Ohio Bicycle and Pedestrian Administration

King's Island

During the summer months, from approximately Memorial Day to Labor Day, the King's Island Entertainment Center attracts thousands of visitors. Bicycle routes on roads in the vicinity may be congested.

PARKS IN WARREN COUNTY

Note: These are public parks with water, restrooms or port-o-lets available at most locations from April through October.

- * Loveland's Nisbet Park
- 1 Bowman Park
- 2 Caesar Creek State Park
- 3 Caesar Creek State Park
- 4 Church Park
- 5 Colonial Park
- 6 Corwin Nixon Park
- 7 Cottell Park
- 8 Five Rivers Metro Park
- 9 Fort Ancient State Park
- 10 Harmon Park
- 11 Heritage Oak Park
- 12 Landen Deerfield Park
- 13 Lebanon Sports Complex
- 14 Lions Park
- 15 Meadows Park
- 16 Mounts Station Park
- 17 Phegley Park
- 18 Spring Valley Wildlife Area
- 19 Springboro North Park
- 20 Turtle Creek Twp Park
- 21 Kings Island Amusement Park

County Park Information

Warren County Park District
300 East Silver Street
Lebanon, OH 54036
513-925-1109



LITTLE MIAMI STATE PARK/SCENIC TRAIL

Trail Length: Approximately 90 miles

Trail Heads: Little Miami Golf Center (Hamilton County Parks) to Springfield, OH (Clark County).

Staging Areas: Little Miami Golf Center, Avoca Park, Village of Milford, Loveland's Nisbet Park, Morrow's Phegley Park and the Village of Corwin are developed with parking and toilets. North of Corwin, in Greene County, Xenia Station is a hub for several trail connections.

Trail Surface: Asphalt.

Types of Use: Bicycling, hiking, walking, jogging, horse-back riding, wheelchair access, and rollerblading.

For More Information:

Manager, Little Miami Scenic Park
8570 East State Route 73
Waynesville, OH 45068-9719
Phone: 513-897-3055

Note: The 2.5 mile section of this trail from Milford, through Terrace Park to Avoca Park, shown as existing is expected to open in 2006.

BICYCLE SAFETY

Wear a Helmet

- Everyone should wear a helmet on every ride, no matter how short. Your helmet should fit correctly and meet safety standards set by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- It's just good sense. Helmets can prevent or minimize head injuries, the primary cause of death and disabling injuries resulting from cycling crashes.
- They also increase rider visibility. Today's helmets are lightweight and comfortable, stronger and better looking. There are lots of styles from which to choose.
- A helmet is as much a part of cycling as are handlebars and tires. Include the purchase of a helmet with your purchase of a bike.

Be Visible

- Cyclists should take responsibility standing out in traffic to motorists, pedestrians, and other cyclists. There are numerous ways to enhance your visibility.

- Wear light-colored clothing; fluorescent colors such as bright orange or lime green and yellow are excellent.
- Try not to ride at night, but if you must, wear white, or special clothing made from reflective materials. Retroreflective vests, jackets, wrist or ankle-bands, and triangular patches all increase rider visibility.
- Remember that at night, wearing bright clothing is not enough. A white headlight, visible from at least 500 feet is required at night.
- The rear reflector should be red and at least three inches across, pointed straight back to reflect the headlights of vehicles at least 600 feet away. A red tail light is also required to increase your visibility.
- Use bicycle reflectors on the pedals and wheels as these move and identify you as a bicyclist rather than a stationary object.

Share the Road

- When you ride, consider yourself the driver of a vehicle and take your legitimate place in the lane. Be confident and assertive; ride in a predictable way. Be considerate of motorists and pedestrians. Remember, pedestrians have the right of way.
- Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars such as pulling out or opening doors.
- Be aware of potential hazards like glass, road litter, potholes, gravel, tracks and storm grates.
- Because bicycles are smaller and slower than motor vehicles, cyclists need to be more alert than drivers. Don't assume that motorists or pedestrians see you.
- Be aware of pedestrians and other vehicles. Learn to anticipate their actions.
- Cyclists need to communicate and negotiate with other vehicles; using hand signals, making eye contact, smiling and waving - just being courteous - all help keep the roads and trails safe for everyone.
- Keep control of your bicycle; be able to turn your head to look behind you while maintaining a straight course, or use a rear view mirror. Be able to ride with one hand while signaling.
- Always check behind you before changing lanes and yield to traffic in the new lane or line of travel.
- Make sure that books, clothes, and other items are securely attached to the bicycle or carried in a backpack so that they won't get caught in a wheel.



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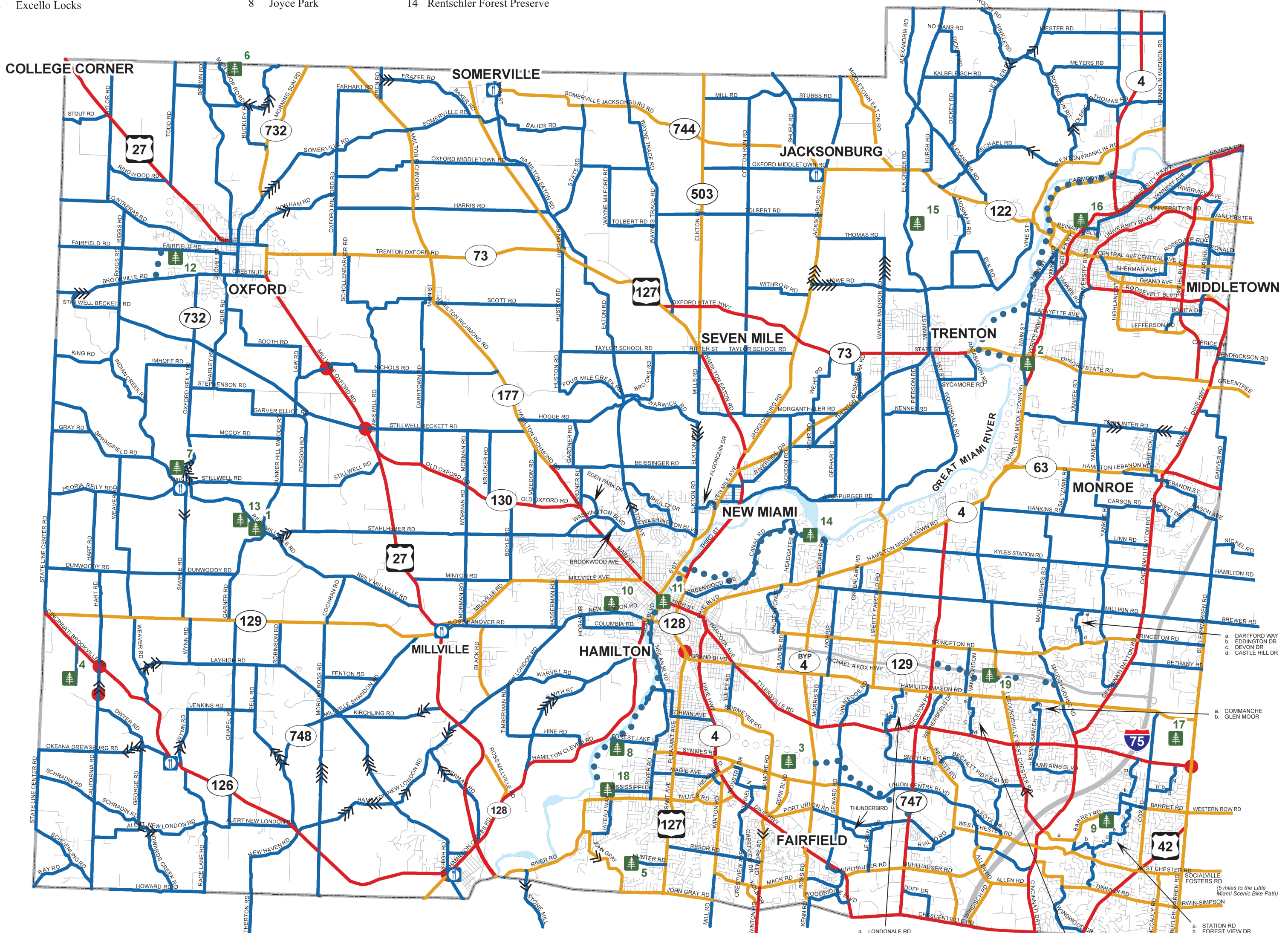
- 1 Bunker Hill Pioneer Cemetery
- 2 Exello Locks

- 3 Gilmore Ponds Preserve
- 4 Governor Bebb Preserve
- 5 Harbin Park
- 6 Hueston Woods
- 7 Indian Creek Preserve
- 8 Joyce Park
- 9 Keehner Park
- 10 Miami Woods Park
- 11 Monument Cabin
- 12 Oxford Community Park
- 13 Pater Park Wildlife Area
- 14 Rentschler Forest Preserve

- 15 Sebald Park
- 16 Smith Park
- 17 Voice of America Park
- 18 Water Works Park
- 19 Wetlands Park

County Park Information
 MetroParks of Butler County
 2051 Timberman Road
 Hamilton, OH 45013
 513-867-5835

Butler County



Legend

- Food
- Parks
- Memorable Hills (Arrows point up)
- Difficult Locations
- Recommended
- Alternate
- Not Recommended
- Established Shared Use Path
- Proposed Shared Use Path



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ABOUT THE OKI BIKE ROUTE GUIDES

The OKI Bike Route Guides for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren Counties in Ohio were prepared by the OKI Regional Council of Governments with the assistance of area cyclists, including members of the Cincinnati Cycle Club, Inc. These bike route guides indicate roads actually used by area bicyclists and recommended to other adult bicyclists for bicycle travel.

Most of the routes suggested are regular roads of the state and local roadway system and are used by motor vehicles, as well as bicycles. There are no special provisions for bicycle travel and bicyclists should use appropriate safety precautions for sharing the road (described elsewhere on this map) while riding these roads. Roads in the rural areas of southwest Ohio are typically narrow two lane roads without shoulders.

The **recommended bicycle routes** are the preferred routes. In some locations, the blue route is the best of several choices (such as Hillside Ave. along the Ohio River in Cincinnati). The **alternate bicycle routes** require greater rider precaution because of either traffic or terrain. They may be the only suitable route in some corridors. **Roads not recommended for bicycle travel** tend to have even more traffic, higher speeds and narrow pavement. These classifications reflect general conditions – not rush hour conditions. Most routes will have more traffic during weekday rush hours (7:00-9:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm) although it may be primarily in one direction. Also, expect roads leading to parks to be busier on weekends and holidays. Bicycles are not permitted on interstate highways and other posted freeways.

In general, the terrain in the OKI region is hilly, and the maps do not show all hills. Those noted as memorable hills are ones which local cyclists say they remember at the end of their rides. Bicyclists should expect steep hills on roads accessing the Ohio River valley, as well as its tributaries, the Little Miami River, Mill Creek and Great Miami River. These hills require extra care as the roads may also be narrow, curving and have stop signs at the bottom.

Parks and recreation areas are shown as both destinations and staging areas for cycling rides. Five parks have developed

off-road trails for mountain bike riding including Harbin Park in Butler County, Deerfield and Caesar Creek Parks in Warren County, East Fork State Park in Clermont County and Hueston Woods State Park in Preble County north of Oxford.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
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<http://www.oki.org>

Ohio Bicycle Federation
 P.O. Box 253
 Xenia, OH 45385-0253
<http://www.ohiobike.org>

Ohio Bicycle Coordinator
 Office for Local Projects
 Ohio Department of Transportation
 1980 W. Broad St.
 P.O. Box 899
 Columbus, OH 43223
 614-752-4685
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/bike/default.htm>

Ohio Department of Transportation
 District 8 Office (Lebanon)
 505 St. Rt. 741
 Lebanon, OH 45036
 Phone: (800) 831-2142

State Parks Information
 1-800-AT-A-PARK
 (1-800-282-7275)
<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/>

Cincinnati Cycle Club, Inc
 PO Box 43441
 Cincinnati, OH 45243-0441
<http://www.cincinnati-cycleclub.org>

BICYCLE LAWS

From the Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws (Drivers Manual): Ohio law (ORC Chapter 4511.55) provides that cyclists shall be granted all the rights and be subject to all the duties applicable to drivers of any vehicle. A bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy, and, as such, must obey the traffic rules and regulations pertaining to all highway users. Motorists should regard bicycles as they would any other vehicle and assure safe clearance when passing.

The Traffic Laws

- Bicyclists must ride with, not against, other vehicular traffic. Only when walking a bicycle is a cyclist permitted to travel facing traffic.
- Bicyclists are required to obey all traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.
- Bicyclists must use appropriate hand signals before turning or stopping.
- Bicyclists must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, allowing faster traffic to safely pass. Cyclists can travel in the middle of the lane if they are proceeding at the same speed as the rest of the traffic, the lane is too narrow to share safely with a motor vehicle, or to avoid debris or pass a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- Bicyclists should not pass other traffic on a hill or at an intersection.
- Bicyclists must stop at a curb to allow emergency vehicles to pass.
- Bicyclists must observe speed restrictions in school zones and speed limits in general.
- State law also permits local governments to regulate bicycle operation, such as requiring bicycle licensing and registration. Bicyclists must familiarize themselves with local ordinances to be properly educated about all of the laws affecting them.

The Bicycle Laws

- Bicyclists must never ride on the freeway, or attach themselves to other vehicles using the roadway.
- Bicyclists should ride only on the permanent attached seat of the bicycle.
- Passengers should not be carried unless the bike is equipped for it, and at least one hand should be kept on the handlebars at all times.

- Bicyclists should not ride more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- Every bicycle ridden after dark must be equipped with a white headlight, a red taillight, and a red, rear reflector.
- No bicycle shall be operated unless equipped with a bell or horn audible at least 100 feet away.
- Every bicycle must have an adequate brake.

Motorists Sharing The Road With Bicycles

- Share the road with bicycles. The bicyclist has the same right to use the public road as any other driver, except freeways.
- Pass a cyclist only when it can be done safely and maintain a "safety zone" of approximately three feet between the car and the bicyclist
- Leave ample room when turning right after passing a bicyclist so the bicyclist is not cut-off when the motorist slows for the turn.

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