KENT COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS

Route Definitions

SHARED USE PATH
A bikeway separated from motor vehicle traffic by an open space or barrier within an independent or highway right-of-way.

SIDEPATHS
Located immediately adjacent and parallel to a roadway. Used when existing road right-of-way is only suitable path for bike travel, but where traffic volume is too high to warrant bicycle lanes.

SHARED ROADWAYS
Roadways that are open to both bicycle and motor vehicle traffic, but that are typically without route designation or signage.

BICYCLE LANES
A portion of the roadway that has been designated for preferential or exclusive use by bicyclists by pavement markings and/or signs. Intended for one-way travel.

BICYCLE ROUTES
Roadway designated with a route number or with Bike Route signs. Located within existing roadways with low traffic volumes, low speeds, and shoulder width appropriate for lane sharing.

SHARED LANES
Shared lanes that are designated as being open to both bicycle and motor vehicle traffic. Pavement markings called "sharrows" are used to indicate shared lane routes.

Web Sites

League of American Bicyclists
www.bikeleague.org

League of Michigan Bicyclists
www.lmb.org

American Trails
www.americantrails.org

Rails to Trails Conservancy
www.railstrails.org

National Center for Bicycling and Walking
www.bikewalk.org

Fred Meijer White Pine Trail
www.whitepinetrail.com

Musketawa Trail
www.musketawatrail.org

Thornapple Trail
www.thornappletrail.com

Rapid Wheelmen Bicycle Club
www.rapidwheelmen.com

Walker Highland Trails
www.traillink.com/city/walker-mi-trails.aspx

West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition
www.wmtrails.org

City of Wyoming
www.ci.wyoming.mi.us

Kent County
www.accesskent.com

The Silver Line
www.ridetherapid.org/silver-line

Bicycle Safety

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 a car door's width from parked cars. You will be more visible and cars turning right will be less likely to cut you off.

Choose The Best Way To Turn Left
1 - Like a car: 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 counterclockwise and yield to traffic in the circle/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.

Never Ride Against Traffic
This is illegal and motorists aren't looking 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 out-stretched right arm is more visible to those behind you.

Follow Lane Markings
Avoid being in a right turn-only lane if you plan to proceed straight through. In narrow lanes or slow traffic, it may be safer to take the whole lane.

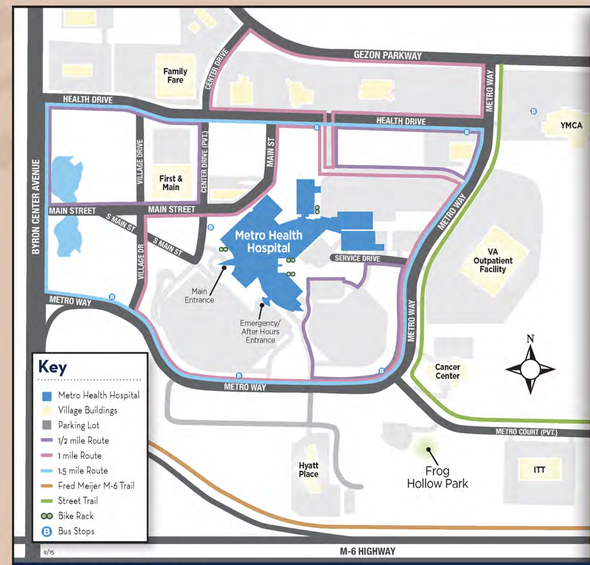
Use Lights At Night
Use a strong headlight and red rear light, plus a red rear reflector at night. Wear a reflective vest and light colored clothes with reflective tape for visibility.

Lock Bike When Gone
Lock up to a bike rack or other immovable object. Lock at least the frame and preferably one or both wheels to the rack with a U-lock or chain and padlock.

Use Caution On Sidewalks
On sidewalks, always give right-of-way to pedestrians and always give audible warning of your approach. Be very careful when re-entering the roadway.

Avoid Road Hazards
Watch out for sewer grates, manhole covers, oily pavement, painted lines, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks at a right angle.

Miles to explore...



METRO HEALTH VILLAGE
5900 Byron Center Avenue SW • Wyoming, MI 49519
(616) 252-7200 • metrohealth.net

Metro Health Village Trail Map

Metro Health Village is a groundbreaking concept - the first of its kind in the nation. The 170-acre healthcare village is an entire community of support services, retail shops, restaurants and more with Metro Health Hospital at its heart.

Every building in Metro Health Village is LEED (Energy and Environmental Design) certified, with a strong focus on storm water management, recycling and energy conservation.

The village is designed to take advantage of the natural environment to provide a calm, healing and healthy setting that's ideal to serve patients, families and our community. It also provides an ideal place to walk and bike, with easy-to-access routes featuring beautiful views of natural wildflowers and perennials, grasses, trees and more.

Metro Health
BETTER ALL AROUND.

Trail Etiquette

Keep Right
All users must keep right except when passing or turning left. Move off trail to 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 mobile 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 Feet
Keep animals leashed in areas requiring leashes. Please restrain animals near other users and wildlife on trails.

Ride Appropriately
If your speed or style endangers other users, check for alternative routes better suited to your needs. Selecting the right location is safer and more enjoyable for all.

Stay Alert
Control speed based on activity, ability, terrain, visibility, and traffic. Use caution in blind corners, poor weather conditions and on unfamiliar trails.

Trail Impact
Stay on trails and practice minimum impact. Do not cut or forge new trails.

Preserve
Avoid fragile surfaces and vegetation and always try to preserve the environment for future uses. Try not to disturb wildlife or its habitat.

Be Courteous, Signal Others
Make the first move to avoid conflicts. Inform others of what you are doing. 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 by informing them of the rules and enforcing the rules.

In Line Skaters
Always skate under control and wear protective safety equipment to avoid injury. Be aware of proper skating and braking techniques before going on trails. Make sure that the trail allows in-line skating.

Buck Creek Nature Center

Trails for Health Benefit

City of Wyoming trails and sidewalks provide easy opportunities for people to exercise. They also provide a safe, convenient way to run errands or commute to school or work without the use of an automobile. Studies have shown that trails increase the number of people exercising and the amount of physical activity in a community. They are an important tool for combating rising obesity levels for both children and adults.

The City of Wyoming and its Parks and Recreation Department work in partnership with Kent County, Michigan, Department of Natural Resources and area health agencies to ensure trails make useful connections to schools, libraries, parks, civic buildings and other destinations so that they will be used not only for recreation but transportation.

Other Benefits of Trails

- Recreation for diverse users and a place to socialize with neighbors and friends
- Safe non-motorized transportation routes to school, work or daily errands
- Conservation of green space, wildlife habitat and irreplaceable rights-of-way
- Preservation of historic corridors, buildings and communities
- Linkage of City of Wyoming's recreation opportunities into a local, regional, and statewide network of trails
- Opportunities for education about nature and environment quality
- Revitalization of our community

Trails for Economic Benefit

The economic benefit of trails has been proven through many state and national studies. Trails serve as "economic engines" for their communities by enhancing quality of life, increasing property values, and generating new tourism-related businesses and increased economic activity at existing businesses.

Trails rank at the top of master recreation plans across Michigan due to public demand. They are one of the bell-weather indicators of a vibrant community.

Bicycle Commuting Tips

Riding a bicycle is fun and can help reduce air pollution and traffic congestion. Bikes are great for routine trips such as work, play, or errands. Trips to the convenience store, the park, a restaurant, or friend's are easy and fun.

Getting Started: Commuting By Bicycle
Arrange for secure bike parking. Contact your employer about parking or carry a good lock.

Choose your route. Study maps and base your route on traffic at the time of day you'll be riding.

Drive your route first. Look at the shoulder construction, street surface, and street condition of the route you are considering for your commute.

For Safety, Motorists Should Remember
If a bicyclist moves into your lane to avoid something, you should yield. If there is room for you to safely pass, do so, otherwise wait until they have moved back to the right before passing.

Bicyclists can be moving faster than they appear. Don't try to beat them at an intersection by turning in front of them. Experienced riders can maintain speeds of 25 miles per hour.

Refrain from honking when approaching a bicyclist. This can startle them and cause a crash.

Try to change lanes before passing a bicyclist. Move from the right lane (where the bicyclist will usually be), to the left lane if available. This will give the bicyclist ample room. If changing lanes is not possible, leave at least three feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist.

Share the road

In The Event Of A Crash
Do not just leave the scene. Call the Police (911 if it is an emergency). Tell them what happened and the location. If needed, ask for medical help immediately.

Get the following information from every vehicle involved in the crash: operator name, address, phone number, driver's license number, make of vehicle, insurance company name, and policy number.

Get the names and phone numbers of witnesses. Write down how the crash happened while it's fresh in your memory.

Get the names and phone number from police on the scene. This will be useful for legal and insurance purposes.

Keep any damaged personal items and equipment and contact your automobile insurance carrier.

What To Do If You Encounter Rude Or Dangerous Drivers
Make every attempt to get out of the way. As long as you and your bike aren't damaged, don't escalate the situation.

Report to police everything you have written down or remembered about the incident: license plate, type of car, where and when it happened, and what the driver looked like if possible.

How To Load Your Bike Onto A Bus
Wait for a bus at a stop, prepare your bicycle by removing water bottles, pumps, and other loose items.

When the bus comes to a complete stop, walk your bike to the front of the vehicle, remaining on the curb side of the street.

Lift the front top latch on the rack, this can be done with one hand.

Place the front tire of your bike in the position marked "Front Tire" and slip your rear tire into the back slot.

Lift the spring load brace over the tire and you're done.

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CITY OF VISION AND PROGRESS

NOTICE: This map has been prepared as a public service for persons who are interested in bicycling and/or general trail use in the City of Wyoming.

Bicycling and other trail uses are potentially hazardous activities. Each trail user is responsible for evaluating the current trail conditions and using the trail in a safe manner.

Wyoming Michigan

Wyoming Trails Map

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Wyoming, MI 49509
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wyomingmi.us/ParksRec/Parks&Rec.asp

REGIS

REGIS Agency
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Grand Rapids, MI 49504
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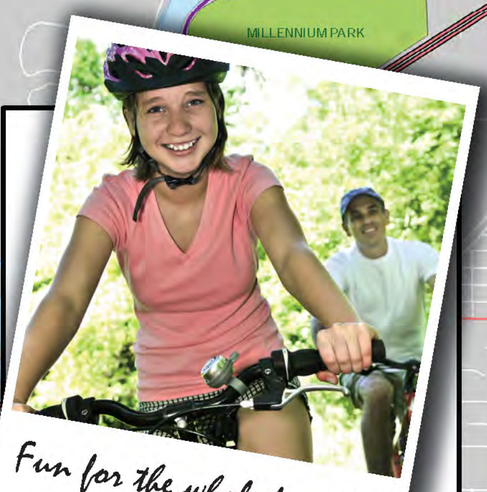

Wyoming Trails Map

- Restrooms
- Silver Line Bus Stops
- Sidepath Trails
- Proposed Sidepath Trails
- On-Street Trails
- Proposed On-Street Trails
- Off-Street Trails
- Proposed Off-Street Trails

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KIMBLE STADIUM
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PLASTER CREEK FAMILY PARK
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JACKSON PARK
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LIONS PARK
BURLINGAME
CLYDE PARK
EASTERN
CHARLES LEMERY PARK
40TH STREET PARK
KENT TRAILS
ORIOLE PARK
SOUTHLAWN PARK
44TH
PALMER FIELD
BUCK CREEK NATURE PRESERVE
GEORGE TILMA NATURE PRESERVE
FERRAND PARK
LINUS C PALMER PARK & GOLF COURSE
INTERURBAN TRAIL
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www.wyomingmi.gov www.gvmc-regis.org

Places to Visit...

A **Wyoming Senior Center**
2380 DeHoop Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
(616) 530-3190

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Website: www.wyomingmi.gov/ParksRec/senior center.asp
Email: mywsc@wyomingmi.gov
Facebook: Wyoming Senior Center – WSC

B **Wyoming Parks & Recreation Office**
1155 28th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
(616) 530-3164

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Website: www.wyomingmi.gov/ParksRec/Parks&Rec.asp
Email: parks_info@wyomingmi.gov
Facebook: Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department

C **Wyoming Branch - Kent District Library**
3350 Michael Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
(616) 784-2007

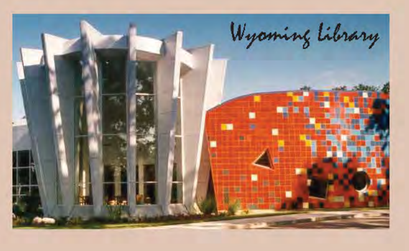
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Closed in summer)

Website: www.kdl.org/branches/18

D **Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center**
2500 S. Division Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 588-7200

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 5:30 AM to 9:30 PM
Friday, 5:30 AM to 9:00 PM
Saturday, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Sunday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Website: www.grkroccenter.org



City of Wyoming
Proposed Bikeway Projects

1. Buck Creek Trail/Kent Trail Connection:
   This trail will consist of a Shared Use Path connecting Byron Center Ave with the Kent Trails to the west.

2. Frog Hollow/M-6 Trail Connection:
   This Shared Use Path will connect Frog Hollow Park to the existing M-6 Trail due South.

3. Interurban Trail & Kentwood Trail Connector:
   This project will connect the current Interurban Trail, just south of 50th St, to the Kentwood Trail due East, via a Shared Use Path.

4. Widen & Resurface Interurban Trail:
   This project will enhance the existing Interurban Trail, and will incorporate Shared Use Paths, Bike Routes, and Sharrows.

City of WYOMING
Parks & Recreation Facilities
Phone: 616.530.3164

			Acreage	Restrooms	Picnic Area	Lodge	Picnic Shelter	Baseball Diamonds	Softball Fields	Fishing	Fishing Piers	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Courts	Tennis Courts	Soccer Fields	Playground Equipment	Walking Trail	Grills	Football Fields	Skate Park	Inline Hockey	Splashpad	Pickleball Courts	Off Leash Dog Park*
1	Battjes Park	1655 Blandford	64.76	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X						
2	Buck Creek Nature Trail	4269 Burlingame	40.2	X	X					X							X							
3	Ferrand Park	4715 Byron Center	2.35		X											X								
4	40th Street Park	1030 - 40th St.	5.11													X								
5	Frog Hollow	2050 Metro Ct	2.2	X			X									X								
6	Gezon Park Sports Complex	5651 Gezon Ct.	94.04	X				X	X						X				X					
	Gezon Park	1940 - 52nd St.					X					X				X	X	X						
7	Hillcroft Park	340 - 32nd St.	12.43	X	X		X	X							X	X		X						
8	Ideal Park	5843 Crippen	41.9	Please call for current amenities																				
9	Jackson Park	1331- 33rd St. SW	22.95									X		X	X	X								
10	Kelloggsville Park	5100 Haughey	8.9	X	X		X		X			X		X		X		X					X	
11	Kimble Stadium	1414 Nagel	25.83					X																
12	Lamar Park	2561 Porter	81.44	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
13	Lemery Park	4050 Byron Center	79.9	X	X				X	X		X		X		X	X						X	
14	Lions Park	East of Dunbar	8																					
15	Marquette Park	1251 Marquette	27.8	X	X		X					X			X	X		X			X			*
16	Oriole Park	1368 - 42nd St.	12.54	X	X		X					X		X		X	X	X				X		
17	Palmer Park Field	1250 - 44th St.	2	X					X															
18	Pinery Park	2301 DeHoop	62.3	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X	X	X					X	
19	Prairie Park	2250 Prairie Parkway	32.50	X			X									X	X			X				
20	Southlawn Park	4125 Jefferson	1.8		X		X								X	X		X				X		
21	Tilma Nature	2100 Sheri Lynn Dr.	34																					

*Key entry required. Please call for membership opportunities.