
BICYCLE MAPS, GUIDEBOOKS, and PUBLICATIONS Ohio, U.S., and Canada

BICYCLE MAPS

Bicycle Transportation Map(s)

Five maps, of Lorain, Medina, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties, detail bicyclist-chosen routes in the Cleveland area. Maps are available for \$2.00 each at bike shops within the named county. Or, order all available maps from one source:

Sally Hanley
NOACA
1299 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114
216-241-2414 ext. 273
<http://www.noaca.org/bikemaps.html>

Maps show locations of bike shops, emergency telephone numbers, and roadways color-coded to reflect suitability for bicycle travel.

Bike Atlas - Northwestern Ohio & Southeastern Michigan

Toledo Council HI/AYH
P.O. Box 352736
Toledo, OH 43635-2736
www.freewheel.com/hiayh/activity.html

This bike atlas is a 28 page book, 8 1/2" x 11", with maps, safety tips, listing of Toledo Area Bicycle Dealers, listing of youth hostels in Ohio. Maps are of routes used on AYH tours, loop routes of 17-52 miles which show major points of interest, parks, food stops and restroom locations. Scale varies with each map. Cost: \$4.00 postpaid, or \$3.00 at bike shops in the Toledo area.

Bike Route Guides* and ***Cincinnati Bike Route Guide**

The 1998 Cincinnati Bike Route Guide shows routes across town as well as downtown streets and would be helpful to anyone who rides in the Greater Cincinnati area. The maps are printed in color on waterproof paper. The 1995 Bike Route Guides cover the rural areas around Cincinnati, and includes memorable hills. Counties available are Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren (Ohio), plus Kentucky counties of Boone, Campbell and Kenton.

Orders can be placed by phone, or by postal mail with payment and a printed copy of the order form from the transportation page of the OKI website: www.oki.org Those ordering bike route guides electronically will receive an order form to mail back with their payment.

Don Burrell
OKI Regional Council of Governments
801-B W. Eighth Street, Suite 400
Cincinnati, OH 45203
513-621-6300, 513-621-9325 fax
<http://www.oki.org>

Central Ohio Bicycle Route Guide.

Ed Honton Takes You Bicycling Through Central Ohio, and
all maps of the **Ohio Cross State Bicycle Routes** are available from:

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits
P.O. Box 14384
Columbus, OH 43214

Items can be viewed at <http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org> (Go to "Merchandise for sale by COP").

Central Ohio Bicycle Route Guide

The Central Ohio Bicycle Route Guide is a 9-sheet (18-page) map set that features a system of roads and trails within a 50-60 mile radius of Columbus. (The "four corners" are Kenton, Ashland, Athens, Hillsboro.) Most roads and trails have paved surfaces. Selected roads have moderate traffic, considering the significant development activity central Ohio is experiencing. Scale is 1 inch = 1.5 miles. One page shows routes through some of the larger towns, and two pages are used to show Columbus in detail. 2003. Cost: \$15.86 (\$15 + 0.86 sales tax) for Non-Members of COP, \$10.58 (\$10 + 0.58) for COP Members. Make checks payable to Columbus Outdoor Pursuits.

Ed Honton Takes You Bicycling Through Central Ohio

Ed Honton's name is synonymous with bicycling in Ohio. This new 6x9 inch, spiral bound book has 35 bike routes and 7 rail-trails shown with descriptions of sights to see. Lengths vary from 8 - 100 miles. All start within an hour's drive of Columbus.

Cost: \$12.00 each plus 6.76% tax.

Ohio Cross State Bicycle Routes

Nine bike routes, which sometimes incorporate multi-use paths, shown on handlebar-bag-sized strip maps. Scale is 1" = 2 miles. All routes are on low-traffic-volume paved roads. All cross state map sets are 4" x 8 1/2" and are marked in red on a black and white map. Mileage, campgrounds, hotels, motels, stores and hazards are identified. Last updated in Dec. 1995. Cardinal Trail was updated in Feb. 1999. Cost for each is \$7.00 plus 6.76% tax.

Route CT - The Cardinal Trail - Richmond, Indiana to Petersburg, Ohio. Flat in west, hilly in east. The first trans-Ohio route completed. "CT Bike Route" signs are still posted in some places but cannot be relied upon for guidance.

Route A - Cincinnati to Toledo. A north-south route along the west side of the State. Flat in all but the very south. No signs, mapped route only.

Route B - Cincinnati to Marietta. An east-west route which parallels Route 50 across southern part of the State. Little traffic once outside of Cincinnati. Goes through the Hocking Hills. Hilly to rolling terrain. No signs, mapped route only.

Route C - Cincinnati To Cleveland. Diagonal route across State. Bypasses Columbus. Uses part of Little Miami Bikeway, and follows a portion of the Cardinal Trail. Flat to rolling. Signs are posted on the Little Miami Bikeway and in some places on the Cardinal Trail but cannot be relied upon for guidance.

Route E - Portsmouth to Toledo. North-south route that bypasses Columbus to the west. Very hilly south of Chillicothe, otherwise flat except near Bellefontaine. No signs, mapped route only.

Route F - Richmond, Indiana to Moundsville, W. Va. Roughly parallels U.S. Route 40 across the state. Rolling to flat in the west, becomes hilly east of Pleasantville. Bypasses strip mine area and the segment of U.S. 40 east of Cambridge that combines with I-70. No signs, mapped route only.

Route J - Marietta to Conneaut. A north-south route in the eastern part of the state. Very hilly and scenic in south, rolling in the middle, flat in the north. The north 100 miles is signed, but signs may be missing: southern section is mapped only. State routes are used in south because all alternates are gravel.

Route K – Connector route between the Indiana line and the Cardinal Trail at Mifflin (comes with Rt. N). No signs, mapped route only.

Route N - Follows Route K from the Indiana line to Cloverville, then heads towards Cleveland. Includes spur to Cedar Point Amusement Park. Uses hilly roads in the Cleveland Metro Parks, and the scale also changes there. Two choices of end points, the Pennsylvania line at SR 167 or the Pennsylvania line at U.S. 20 in Conneaut. Route is partially marked with signs, do not rely on them for guidance.

The Cleveland/Pittsburgh Connector

The Cleveland-Pittsburgh Connector is an important link in the National Bicycle Route Network. It connects the Adventure Cycling Association's Northern Tier Route, which passes through Cleveland, OH, to the mostly off-road trail system linking Pittsburgh, PA to Washington, D.C. Use of this connector allows a loop tour connecting Cleveland, Washington D.C. and Bar Harbor, Maine.

The guide contains a narrative description of each section of the route, detailed maps, spreadsheet format ride instructions, and safety and accommodations listings.

The guide retails for \$12.95 plus applicable Ohio sales tax (6.76%). Order from:
Anthony Ratajczak
4430 Nettleton Rd.
Medina, OH 44256

Findlay and Hancock County Bicycling Guide

The Findlay and Hancock County Bicycling Guide is a double-sided fold-out map, showing favorite routes through Findlay on one side, and the routes of the Old Mill Stream Tour, Ottawa Creek Tour, and North Country Tour on the opposite side. Shows points of interest, bicycle shops, and hazardous locations. Cost: Free upon request w/legal SASE.

Hancock Park District
819 Park Street
Findlay, OH 45480

419-425-PARK/7275 (24 hour hotline)

Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) County Maps

County maps can be obtained from each of Ohio's 88 County Engineers. Or you can get a single county map or a matching set of 88 maps from ODOT, all drawn at the same scale, so that the roads of a county likely to match up with the roads of surrounding counties. None of these show pavement type, shoulders, bikeways, or traffic counts. Roads are named. They are useful for locating roads off the state/U.S. highway system and are very readable at a scale of 1" = 2 miles. Two options are available:

1. Use ODOT's interactive map order form that allows you to view, download or purchase pre-printed copies of ODOT's digitized county maps. The form can be found under "Miscellaneous" at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/contract/forms.htm>. The first map type listed on the order form, black line county maps, at a scale of 1" = 2 mi. is the best for bicyclists.

To view, click on the blue "County Maps" then select a county from the list that appears.

To purchase individual copies of these maps, go to page two of the order form and specify the counties wanted. Maps are made to order, allow two weeks for delivery. The order form is available in two formats: the Excel version will figure the tax amount for you. Maps are **\$.35 each plus 6.76% sales tax**. Make check payable to: **Treasurer of the State of Ohio** and send the form and the check to:

Ohio Department of Transportation
Office of Contracts, 1st floor
1980 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43223

If downloading with intent to print, note that the scale of the map is set to fit paper that is 17" x 22", thus, scale and readability will reduce as paper size decreases. Printing the maps on 8 ½ x 11 paper is not recommended for Lucas,

Cuyahoga, Mahoning, Summit, Franklin, Montgomery or Hamilton counties. It would be better to download them to a CD then take it to a copy shop.

2. ODOT's Office of Technical Services offers the base maps used to make the county maps above, on a CD for \$15.00. The CD comes with a viewer to download onto your computer. The advantage of these maps is the ability to manipulate them: freeways can be highlighted, bikeways can be added, color can be applied, scale can be changed, etc. Choose the order form for the "ESRI Shape Files" at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/techservsite/availpro/availpro.htm#Mapping%20CD> and order the "GIS-ESRI CD." Follow mailing instructions on the form.

Recreation Trails in Montgomery County

Multi-colored fold-out map showing the various trail systems within the county. Detailed maps are provided for four of the routes - the Great Miami River, the Stillwater River, the Mad River, and the Wolf Creek Recreation Trails. Routes are numbered and color coded to show the agency responsible for maintenance. Shows parking locations, restrooms, drinking water spots.

Created jointly by Five Rivers Metroparks and the Miami Conservancy and published in April 2002. Available at no charge from:

Miami Conservancy
38 E. Monument Ave.
Dayton, OH 45402
937-223-1271
www.miamiconservancy.org

Scenic Bike Routes in Shelby County, Ohio

A 17-page booklet showing 21 maps of 6-100 mile bicycle routes. Includes some photos, describes terrain, and identifies local restaurants and motels. \$3.50 ppd.

Leroy Van Allen
1804 N. Main St.
Sidney, OH 45365.

Ten Best Rides (created in late 2006.)

A guide to the ten best rides in an eight-county area of Northeast Ohio, this is a booklet with each ride printed on a two-sided 8.5 x 11 page which can be copied and taken on the ride. The booklet is accompanied with a CD with cue sheets and full route maps for each ride. Directions to the start, degree of difficulty, restrooms, points of interest are all included. \$10.00 (\$1 per ride!) Make checks payable to CrankMail.

Order Ten Best Rides from: CrankMail
Ten Best Rides
P.O. Box 5446
Cleveland, OH 44101

GUIDEBOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Biking Ohio's Rail Trails

Guidebook by Shawn Richardson, showing 43 trails equaling 544 miles, along with photos, maps, parking, trail surface, and local contacts for more information.

Cost: \$13.25 each plus 6.76% tax

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits
P.O. Box 14384
Columbus, OH 43214.

Item can be viewed at <http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org> (Go to "Merchandise for sale by COP")
or <http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org/main/forsale/routes.htm>

Car-Free in Cleveland

A guide to getting around Northeast Ohio by rail and bus transit, taxi, bicycle and on foot. Available online for free at:

<http://www.ecocitycleveland.org/transportation/carfree/carfree.html>

EcoCity Cleveland
Ryan McKenzie
3500 Lorain Avel, Suite 309
Cleveland, OH 44113

<http://www.ecocitycleveland.org/>

Ohio Atlas & Gazeteer

64 page road-atlas containing maps of Ohio's 88 counties. Maps show campgrounds, scenic rides, historic sites and other points of interest. Limited information on bicycle routes.

Available in book stores everywhere for \$19.95 plus tax, or from: DeLorme Mapping, Box 298, Freeport, ME 04032, 800-561-5105 for \$24.95 ppd. (All 50 states are available.)

www.delorme.com

Ohio County Maps and Recreational Guide

A large 11"x16" road atlas, soft cover. Contains 88 county maps enhanced with historical sketches of counties and descriptions of the state's animals, fish and birds. Also index of communities, state parks and list of natural and wild areas. This is a road map collection, no bicycle-specific information is included. \$16.85 ppd. Order from:

County Maps
N2454 County Rd. HH
Lyndon Station, WI 53944
608-666-3331.

Ohio Trails and Greenways, 4th Edition

Provides trail descriptions, maps, photos and other useful information about 80 trails and 7 trail systems in Ohio. 195 pages.

Available for \$10.00

Order online at:

<http://www.railstotrails.org/wherewework/midwest/index.html>

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Midwest Region
10 S. High St., Suite A
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

614-837-6782
614-837-6783 FAX

Towpath Companion - a Traveler's Guide to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, updated in 2007

Focus on 101 mile corridor between Dover, Ohio, and Settler's Landing, Cleveland. Glossy guidebook gives history of corridor, and includes 34 maps showing the status of the towpath's development. Each map shows food, restrooms, telephone, and parking locations, and the applicable maintenance and emergency contacts for the area. Scale = 1 ½ miles to 4 inches. Cost: \$14.95 (18.50 each, including shipping and handling).

Ohio and Erie Canal Corridor Coalition
520 S. Main St.
Suite 2452
Akron, OH 44311
Phone 330-434-5657
<http://www.ohioeriecanal.org/towpathcompanion.html>

NATIONAL BICYCLE ROUTE NETWORK

ADVENTURE CYCLING ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 8308
Missoula, MT 59807

800-755-2453

<http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes/index.cfm>

Sells maps of routes selected by bicyclists, including the Northern Tier (passes through Ohio), the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail (goes through Kentucky) and the North Lakes Bicycle Route (Minneapolis/St. Paul to Monroeville, IN. Also has Monongahela National Forest Mountain Bike Map (West Virginia). The Underground Railroad Route is a new addition, beginning in Alabama, passing through Ohio enroute to Ontario.

Members receive *Adventure Cyclist* magazine 9 times a year, plus *CYCLOSOURCE*, a catalog of bicycle travel maps, and the *Cyclists' Yellow Pages*, a directory of maps, tour groups, bike clubs, events, bike frame builders, etc. that is international in scope.

CANADA'S NATIONAL TRAIL NETWORK

Details about the progress towards developing a national trail network in Canada can be seen at <http://www.routeverte.com/rv/ang/index.lasso>

Bike shops and book stores may offer the publications and maps listed here.

ODOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
Office of Local Projects
Division of Local Programs
Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 899
Columbus, Ohio 43216-0899

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