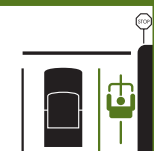


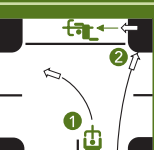
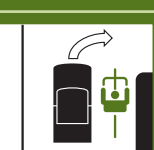






Bicycling Tips

<p>Obey All Signs & Traffic Lights</p> 	<p>Bicycles must be driven like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists. Never ride against traffic.</p>
<p>Use Hand Signals</p> 	<p>Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. For turn signals, point in the direction of your turn. Signal as a matter of courtesy and safety and as required by law.</p>
<p>Ride Consistently</p> 	<p>Ride as close as practical to the right. Exceptions: when travelling at the normal speed of traffic, avoiding hazardous conditions, preparing to make a left turn, or using a one-way street.</p>
<p>Choose the Best Way to Turn Left</p> 	<p>There are two ways to make a left turn: 1) Like an auto: look back, signal, move into the left lane, and turn left. 2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk, then walk your bike across, or queue up in the traffic lane.</p>
<p>Use Caution When Passing</p> 	<p>Motorists may not see you on their right, so stay out of the driver's blind spot. Be very careful when overtaking cars while in a bike lane; drivers don't always signal when turning. Also be alert for: car doors opening & cars pulling out from side streets or driveways.</p>
<p>Avoid Road Hazards</p> 	<p>Watch for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. For better control as you move across bumps and other hazards, stand up on your pedals.</p>
<p>Ride a Well-Equipped Bike</p> 	<p>Outfit your bike with a good bike lock, tool kit, fenders, and bike bags. You should use a strong head-light (visible from 500') and rear reflector (visible from 600') at night and when visibility is poor.</p>
<p>Dress Appropriately</p> 	<p>Wear a hard-shell helmet whenever you ride. Wear light-colored clothes at night. Make yourself as visible as possible.</p>
<p>Go Slow on Sidewalks</p> 	<p>Pedestrians have the right of way on walkways. You must give an audible warning when you pass. Cross driveways and intersections at a walker's pace and look carefully for traffic. Cyclists are not allowed to ride on sidewalks in many Michigan communities.</p>

Regional Bike Routes

This map offers a range of bicycling options for commuting and recreational activities including on, off street and multi-use path options. Choose the route that is best for you, depending on the purpose of your trip, your riding ability, comfort, weather conditions and time of day.

This map covers the Cass River Greenway from Bridgeport to Vassar and shows all on-street bike routes, striped bike lanes, and off-street trails. It also lists some streets preferred by area bicyclists, but without any special accommodations.

Multi-Use Paths, Pedestrians and Bikes






















Multi-use paths are great places to walk and bike without having to worry about cars, trucks or buses. But, please do think about the other path users, and remember these guidelines:

- Slower traffic has the right of way
- Use a moderate speed on paths, especially around slower users
- Keep right, except when passing
- If walking in a group, allow room for others to pass
- When biking, use an audible warning when passing a bike or pedestrian (a friendly ding of a bell or a cheerful honk on your left)
- Obey all trail and road signs, and use care where city streets intersect with paths

Sidewalks and Bikes

Many people consider sidewalks a safe place to ride a bicycle. Unfortunately, sidewalks aren't all that safe. Trees, parked cars and buildings can create blind spots, pedestrians can step sideways suddenly, a child or animal can run into your path. And cars do use sidewalks at every cross street and driveway. If you must, ride slowly on sidewalks and travel about the speed of pedestrians. Please pay special attention to local ordinances as it is illegal to ride on the sidewalk in many Michigan communities.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Multi-Use Path: Closed to motor vehicles  Bike Lanes: Designated bike lane or shoulders, usually on higher traffic streets  Shared Roadway: On lower traffic streets  Shared Roadway - Unpaved: On lower traffic or unpaved surface roads  Shared Roadway - Difficult Connection: Moderate traffic street with sight distance limitations and higher speeds  Shared Roadway with Wide Shoulder: On moderate and higher traffic street  Difficult Connection: In areas with higher speeds and/or volumes, combined with narrow lane widths or other problems for cyclists  Scenic Routes: Areas of natural beauty  Area of Interest: Downtown business area, historic corridor or other area of local interest  Heritage Route: Designated as a route of historical/cultural significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  City  Villages  Recreation Areas  Conservation Areas  Other Open Space Areas  Roads  Railroads  County Boundaries  Rivers  Lakes and Ponds  Water Trail Launch Area
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In Case of Emergency

For all emergencies (Law Enforcement, Fire, Ambulance) in the Cass River area, dial **911**. In order for emergency responders to locate you quickest, please be aware of your location at all times, particularly what county you are in (Saginaw or Tuscola). Secondly, please pay attention to nearby roads and how far you are from the nearest cross road. This will make it much easier and quicker for dispatchers to send the appropriate responders to your location.

