

BICYCLE SAFETY

If you ride a bicycle on the road, you must follow the same rules that govern the operation of motor vehicles using Ohio roads. Here are some reminders from the Mentor Police Department.

On the Road

- All traffic laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists.
- Obey all traffic control devices.
- Use hand signals to alert motorists of turns and stops.
- Be especially alert for motorists turning right.

Ride on the Right

- Always ride in the same direction as traffic – never against traffic.
- Ride as near as possible to the right side of the roadway.
- Use the designated lane for your intended direction of travel – make left turns from the designated turn lane. Stay to the right within that lane.

Ride Predictably

- Ride in a straight line.
- Don't swerve in the road or between parked cars.
- Check for traffic before entering streets or intersections.
- Anticipate road hazards and adjust accordingly.

Be Visible

- Wear brightly colored clothing that provides contrast.
- Use a white front and red rear light in low light conditions.
- Use a reflector or reflective tape or clothing anytime you bike.
- Making eye contact with motorists increases the chance that they have seen you.

Always Wear a Properly Fitting Helmet

Wear a helmet – no matter how short the trip!



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Bikeway System

For people who pedal, walk & jog

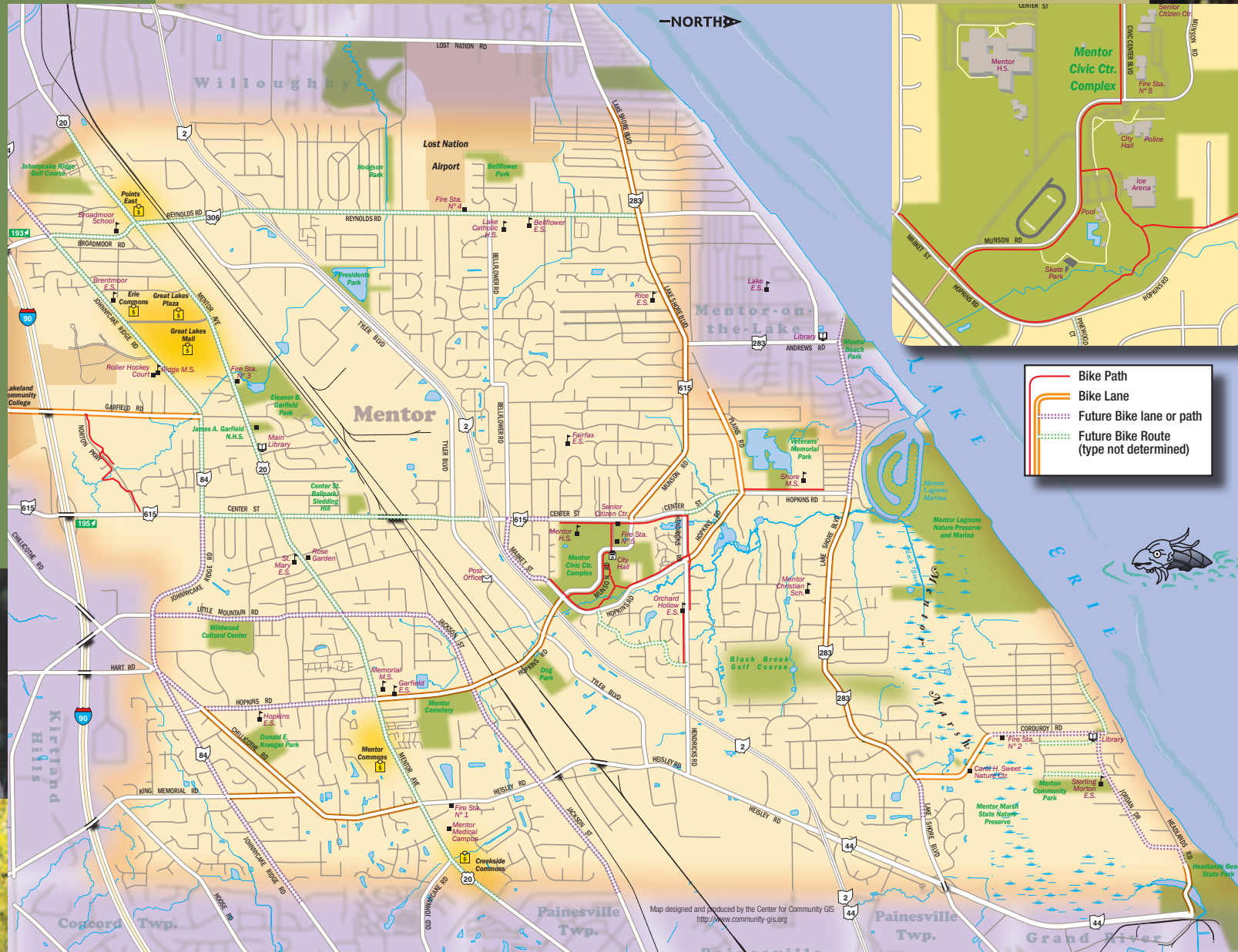


Mentor's Bikeway System includes bike lanes, bike paths and sidewalks. The majority of the Bikeway surrounds the 100-acre Civic Center Complex, but it also connects with bike routes through adjacent communities.



The Bikeway was designed to provide a safe, convenient link to Mentor's major educational and recreational facilities. So, if you like to pedal, walk, or jog, check out the Bikeway. You can measure the distance you've traveled by referring to the mile marker signs that are installed along the bike path throughout Civic Center Park.

Mentor has been building its **Bikeway System** since the mid 1990s. This earned the City a "Bicycle Friendly Community" award from the League of American Bicyclists in 1999. Several expansions have occurred since then as the City attempts to connect more sections of Mentor.



Register Your Bike

Each year, dozens of bikes get lost or stolen. As a way to identify bikes and their owners, the Mentor Police Department offers its citizens a no cost Bicycle Registration program. A registered bike is easier to return to its rightful owner. Registration forms are available from the Mentor Police Department, or you can download one from www.cityofmentor.com/play/biking, complete it and then return to policerecords@cityofmentor.com



What is a Bike Lane?

A bike lane is a paved lane, five feet in width, and physically connected to both sides of a main road. The widened portion is designated for bikes only by signs and pavement markings. Bike lanes can be found along Lake Shore Boulevard, Corduroy Road, Plains Road, Munson Road, Hopkins Road, Chillicothe and a portion of King Memorial. Joggers, and those using roller blades, skate boards and scooters are permitted on bike lanes ONLY if there is no adjacent sidewalk or shoulder.

What is a Bike Path?

A bike path is a ten foot wide paved path constructed along one side of the road. It is physically separated from the road by a tree lawn. Bike paths exist throughout the Civic Center Complex, along Center Street from Fairfax Dr. to Hendricks Road, on Hopkins Road from Plains Road to Lake Shore Boulevard, and along Hendricks Road from Center Street to Norwood Drive. Bike paths are used by bicyclists, inline skaters, joggers, and pedestrians. Bicycles are required to yield the right-of-way. All users should travel on the right side, and pass only on the left.

