

Bicycling GUIDE

FINDLAY & HANCOCK COUNTY



Welcome to the Hancock County Bike Route System

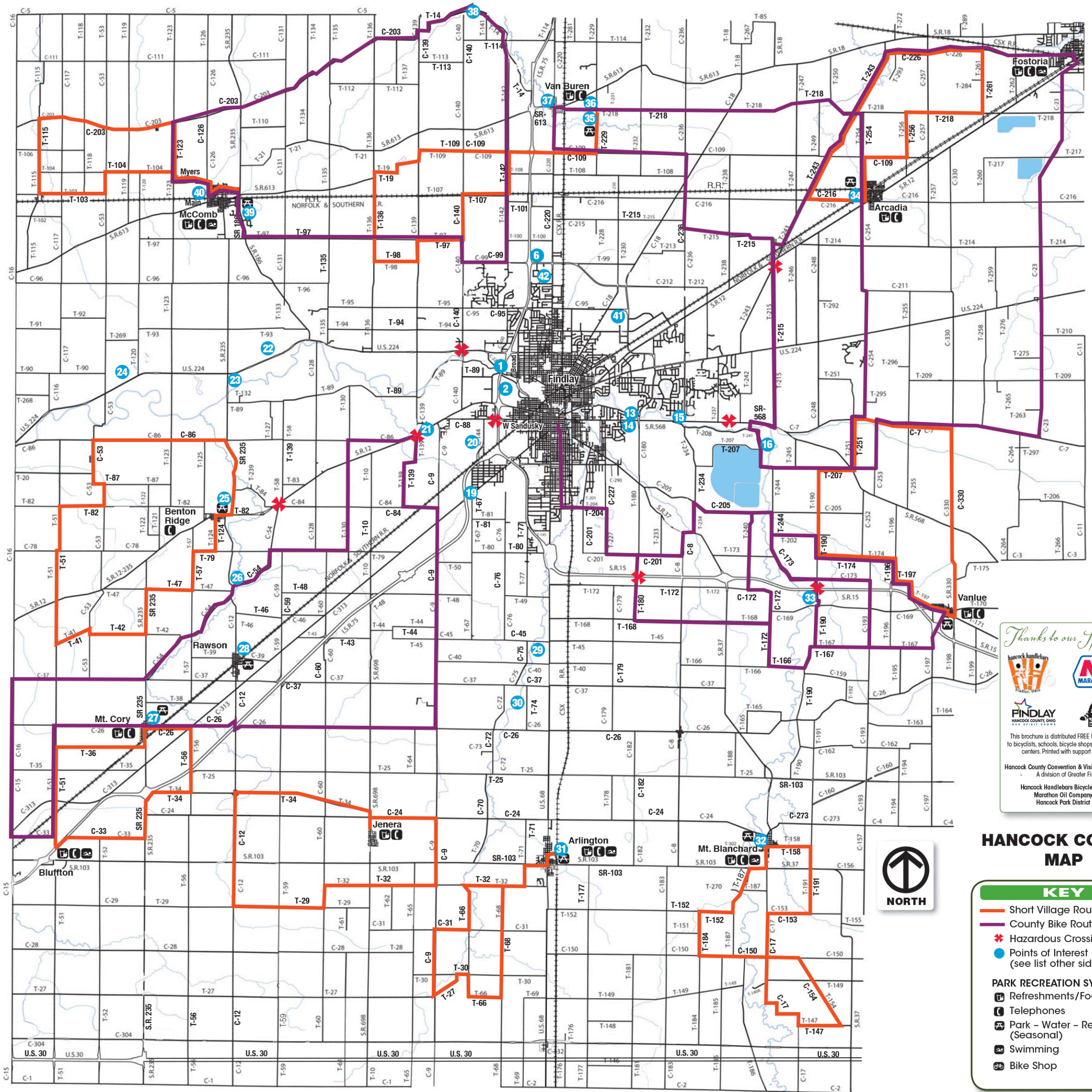
Bicyclists coming to Hancock County describe it as a "Great Bikeway". All of its County and Township roads are well-paved, and mostly flat. Most have very light automotive traffic. Leaving your car at one of our many fine villages, County or Findlay parks, you can bike these roads to points of interest, find refreshments and just enjoy our "scenic rural countryside." Decide how far you want to ride, make your own route, then strike out on your own, or with friends. This map highlights some ride-tested routes.

Ride with the Best...
Hancock Handlebars Bike Club

Since 1971 the Hancock Handlebars (HHBC) have made cycling in Hancock County a recreational adventure, fun and fitness with friends. New members are always welcome. Check the Corner daily Calendar for HHBC rides, tours and trips. For 40 years, the Club has hosted the Hancock Horizontal Hundred in September. It was America's first "Century" hour to have more than a thousand riders. It still draws nearly that many. From its inception, HHBC has helped the Hancock Park District plan, create, finance and distribute these "Bicycle Guides." Contact area bicycle shops, Park District or write the Hancock Handlebars Bicycle Club (PO Box 232, Findlay, OH 45840) for information.

Thanks for all seasons
All People
 The MISSION of the Hancock Park District is to create, preserve, protect and manage a system of parks, nature preserves and outdoor recreational facilities to be held in public ownership with a focus on local, natural, historical and cultural resources and maintained for the leisure use and enjoyment of this and future generations.

Hancock Park District Headquarters
 1424 East Main Cross Street
 Findlay, OH 45840
 419-425-PARK/1275 (24 hrs. information)
 419-423-5811 (FAX)
HPD Headquarters Hours
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., weekdays (M-F)
 hpcdparks@hancockparks.com (e-mail)
 www.hancockparks.com



KEY

- Short Village Routes
- County Bike Routes
- ★ Hazardous Crossing
- Points of Interest (see list other side)

PARK RECREATION SYMBOLS

- Refreshments/Food Service
- Telephones
- Park - Water - Restrooms (Seasonal)
- Swimming
- Bike Shop

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HANCOCK COUNTY MAP

NOTE TO RIDERS

Almost all of the County and Township roads in Hancock County are suitable for excellent bicycling. The routes shown here have been selected as favorites among the many choices available.

Although safe riding is an important factor in the selection of routes, no guarantee can be made of their day-to-day safety, or current road and bridge conditions. The Hancock Park Handlebars Bicycle Club and Hancock Park District assume no liability for bicyclists.

Bicyclists must share the road with motor vehicles and always exercise caution and care, as well as obey all traffic rules.

SAFE RIDING TIPS

A bicycle is a vehicle under Ohio State Law. It must follow the same traffic rules that cars do. The bicyclist must also comply with all traffic signs and signals, and ride on the RIGHT-HAND side of the road.

- The use of bicycle helmets is strongly encouraged.
- Caution must be noted when crossing or riding along State routes.
- Never ride more than two abreast, and then only when riding on very lightly traveled secondary roads. Ride single file when there is oncoming traffic.
- Be careful crossing railroad tracks; cross them at right angles.
- Always carry change or a cell phone so you can make an emergency phone call.
- Do not ride on bikeways at night.
- Do not take corners fast; loose gravel can cause a fall.
- Be courteous and considerate of others, pedestrians, motorists and fellow bicyclists.
- If you stop, get your bike off the road. In towns and points of interest, park bikes if they are not where you can watch them.
- Use hand signals for turns, slowing or stopping.
- Avoid riding on sidewalks; yield right of way to pedestrians.
- At intersections, when traffic is heavy, get off bike and walk across.
- Keep your bicycle in good mechanical condition. Be sure your brakes are operating efficiently.

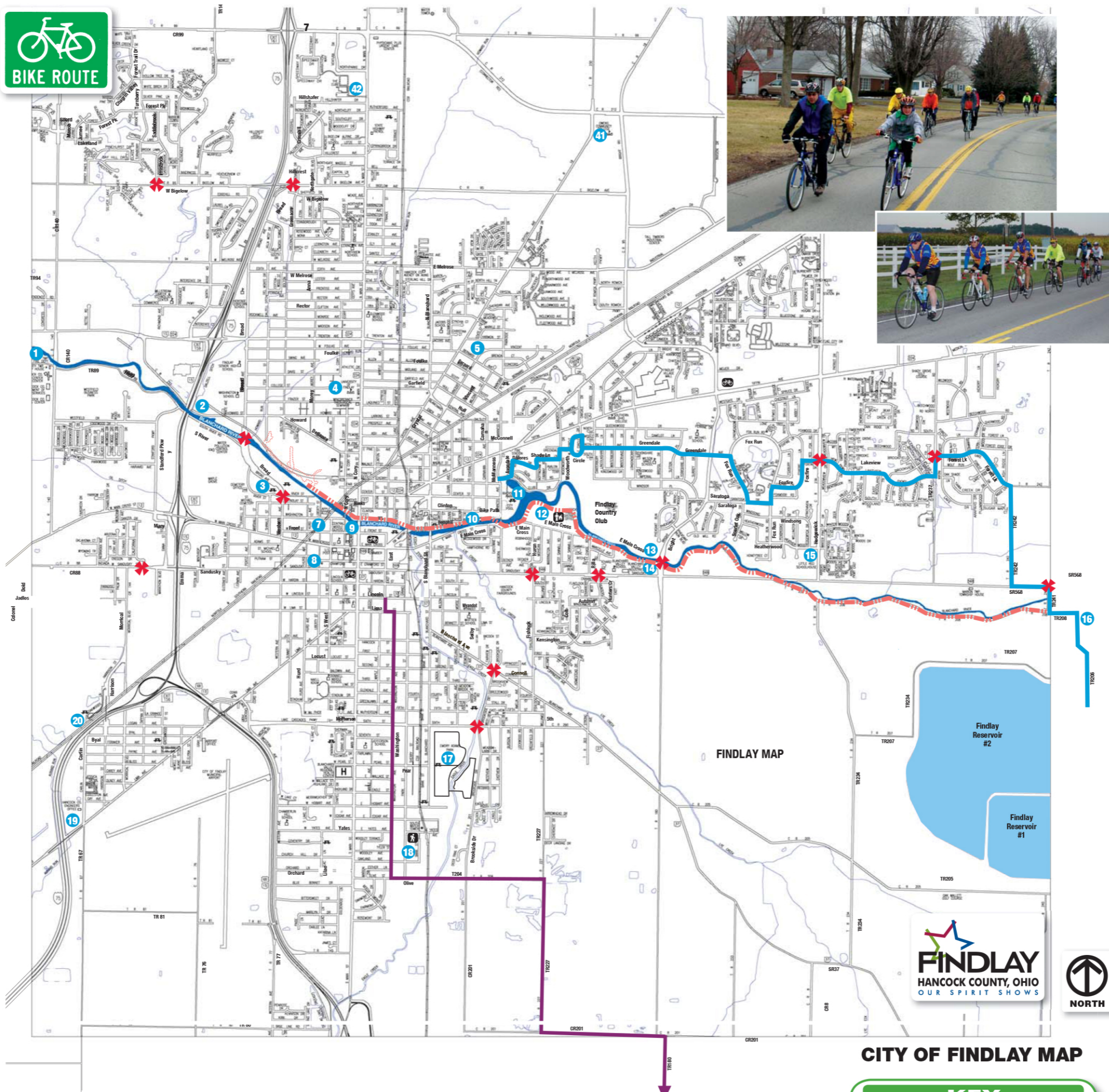
SAFETY INFORMATION & BICYCLIST SERVICES

Emergency Phone Numbers

- Emergency (Area Code 419) 911
- Hancock County Sheriff.....419-422-2424
- State Highway Patrol.....419-423-1414
- Findlay Police.....419-422-3141
- Ambulance.....419-422-3838
- Hancock Park District Office 419-425-PARK/7275
24 hours, parks information
- Service Ranger Pager419-412-4924
(enter your phone number, after the series of beeps & hang up, your call will be returned shortly)
- Bike Shops & Service**
- The Bicycle Shop419-423-2729
125 W. Sandusky St., Findlay
- Kaufman Schwinn Cyclery.....419-425-2453
2020 Tiffin Ave., Findlay
- GT Wheels.....419-423-2665
229 S. Main St., Findlay

Ride-tested safe-cycling routes in Findlay and Hancock County have been completed by the Hancock Park District with assistance of the following, for which we are grateful.

- Hancock Handlebars Bicycle Club
- City of Findlay Engineers Department
- Hancock County Engineers Office



Points of interest along bikeways in Hancock County and Findlay
(Numbers 1-20 & 41-42 see Findlay side of map)

1. Blanchard River Rapids (west of bridge)
2. War Memorial – Maple Grove Cemetery
3. Rawson Park – Findlay
4. Mazza Museum – University of Findlay
5. Black Studies & Library
6. Steam Train Museum & ride NW Ohio Railroad Preservation, Inc.
7. Dietsch Brothers Ice Cream
8. Hancock Historical Museum
9. Fort Findlay Historic Site
10. Blanchard River Bike Path – combination trail
11. Riverside Park/River Landings Boat Rental (seasonal)
12. Hancock Park District office (24/7 access to maps, info)
13. Eastpoint (sportsmen access)
14. Litter Landing/Brinkman's Farm Market
15. Little Red Schoolhouse/Riverside Train
16. Riverbend Recreation Area
17. Emory Adams Park
18. Blue Rock Nature Preserve
19. Hancock County Engineer Center (county maps)
20. Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Shown on County Map (other side)

21. Liberty Benton Schools
22. Litzenberg Memorial Woods
23. Blanchard Landings (sportsmen access)
24. YMCA Camp Mosshart
25. Benton Ridge Community Park
26. Ottawa Creek
27. Mt. Cory Community Park
28. Rawson Community Park
29. Boy Scout Camp Berry
30. Eagle Creek
31. Arlington Community Park
32. Mt. Blanchard Island Park
33. Van Horn Cemetery – Tell Taylor Grave (composer – "Down by the Old Mill Stream")
34. Arcadia Community Park
35. Van Buren State Park/Lake
36. Allen Twp. Youth Sports Plex
37. Van Buren Square
38. Slippery Elm Bike Trail (North Baltimore – Bowling Green)
39. Cloe Greiner Memorial Park – McComb Reservoir
40. Civil War Memorial in Union Cemetery
41. Owens College – Findlay
42. The Cube (Findlay Recreation Department) & Flag City Sports Plex

CITY OF FINDLAY MAP

KEY

- Public/Private Schools
- Colleges/Universities
- Parks
- Proposed Route
- Riverside Riverbend Bike Route
- County Bike Route
- Hazardous Crossing
- Bicycle Shop/Service
- Points of Interests



Over 300 members strong, the Hancock Handlebars Bicycle Club is organized for fun, safe cycling and bicycle adventures locally and nationwide. Families and long distance cyclists are equally welcome to join the events and activities from early morning rides into the countryside to the annual Hancock Hundred bike tour hosted in Findlay for 1000 cyclists throughout the U.S. and Canada. Learn more about Hancock Handlebars, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to great bicycling and support of the bikeways of Hancock County.

Web site: www.HancockHandlebars.org

Learn more about bikeways, parks, Findlay and Hancock County by clicking onto www.HancockParks.com/ThingsToDo/Bicycling

Slippery Elm Bike Trail – North Baltimore to Bowling Green (13-mile 12'-wide paved trail)
www.WoodCountyParkDistrict.com

