



The mission of SMART is to partner, promote and connect a planned **trailway** system in Southwest Michigan and adjoining areas to enhance the quality of life for all.

SMART was created to form a unified **trailway** system in the nine counties of Southwest Michigan. SMART has designed and distributed a Southwest Michigan bike map with plans to create a map that includes all non-motorized trails, and a vision map for future trail connections.

SMART is comprised of a diverse member group that includes: County Parks and Road Commissions, Local Parks, Township and City engineers/ public works, City managers, Economic & Community Development, Friends groups, biking groups, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, land conservancies, MDNR, and MDOT, and Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance.

For more information about SMART go to:

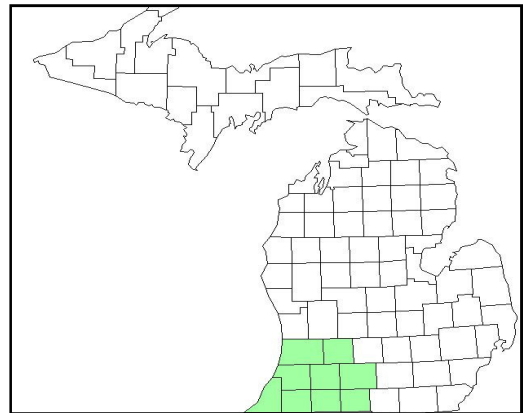
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Trails in Southwest Michigan are vital to communities who rely upon activity for economic and tourism growth.

Benefits of Trails

- **Trails** provide safe, accessible routes for walking, running, bicycling, and other forms of exercise
- **Trails** provide for enjoying increasingly hard-to-find natural areas close to home.
- **Trails** enhance communities and tourism by attracting and retaining workers, employers and visitors.
- **Trails** facilitate alternative transportation by providing bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly routes between home, work, and other destinations.
- **Trails** are critical to every community's quality of life.



Nine County Participants

Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun,
Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and
Van Buren

Goals of SMART

1. Establish and expand partnerships that facilitate the development and connection of **trailways** throughout Southwest Michigan.
2. Link existing and future **trailways** into a complete network connecting the Southwest Michigan region with neighboring networks.
3. Secure resources to sustain success.
4. Increase public awareness, understanding and appreciation for the **trailways** and the benefits of **trailways** to their communities and their quality of life.