

Bicycle Safety

Ride as if bicycles are vehicles. Be predictable and act like a vehicle! Your bicycle is a vehicle. Bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers, and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety, observe these bicycling rules and safety tips.

Always wear a helmet Always have your helmet fitted properly! Helmets should be worn over the forehead, above the eyebrows, and should fit snugly so that they do not move around while riding. Most bicycle shops will help you fit your helmet correctly.

Roadway Safety

Ride with traffic
Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law requires that bicyclists ride with the flow of traffic.

Make left turns safely
There are two ways: (1) Like a car: signal, move into the left turn lane, and turn. (2) Like a pedestrian: ride in a straight line to the far side crosswalk, and walk your bike across the road.

Watch for cars pulling out
Always assume that motorists do not see you. Make eye contact with the driver to assess your safety before proceeding in front of a vehicle. Cyclists should keep a sharp eye out for cars pulling into traffic from a parking space, entering the street from driveways, and from doors opening on parked cars. Weaving between parked cars will increase this danger.

Go slow on sidewalks
Pedestrians have the right-of-way on walkways. Give them an audible warning when you are going to pass. Bells or some other mechanical noisemaker are required by law.

Watch for hazards
Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, icy pavement, snow and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. For better control, stand up on your bike pedals when crossing bumpy areas.

Use lights at night
State law requires it. A front light visible for 500 feet and a red reflector visible for 600 feet are required.

Do not pass on the right
Keep right except to pass. When passing, look to be sure no one is coming, give an audible signal to the person you are passing, and pass on the left.

Ride in a straight line
Do not weave across the road. Ride at least a car door's width away from parked cars. You will be more visible to cars turning right and out of the way of car doors opening suddenly.

Be seen
Wear light, bright and/or reflective clothing at all times because they aid in visibility. Dress in layers and bring gear for unforeseen bad weather. In many situations, a flag is also useful to increase visibility.

Use hand signals
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Illustrations courtesy of the City of Portland (OR) Office of Transportation.



Bike Clubs and Organizations

LOCAL INFORMATION

Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo Bicycle Club
www.kalamazoozbc.org

Battle Creek
Battle Creek Bicycle Club
<http://bcbikesclub.home.comcast.net/>

Holland
Macatawa Cycling Club
[www.macatawacyclingclub.org](http://macatawacyclingclub.org) Phone: (269) 751-5779

Berrien County
Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Club
www.applcidercentury.com Phone: (269) 756-3361

STATE INFORMATION

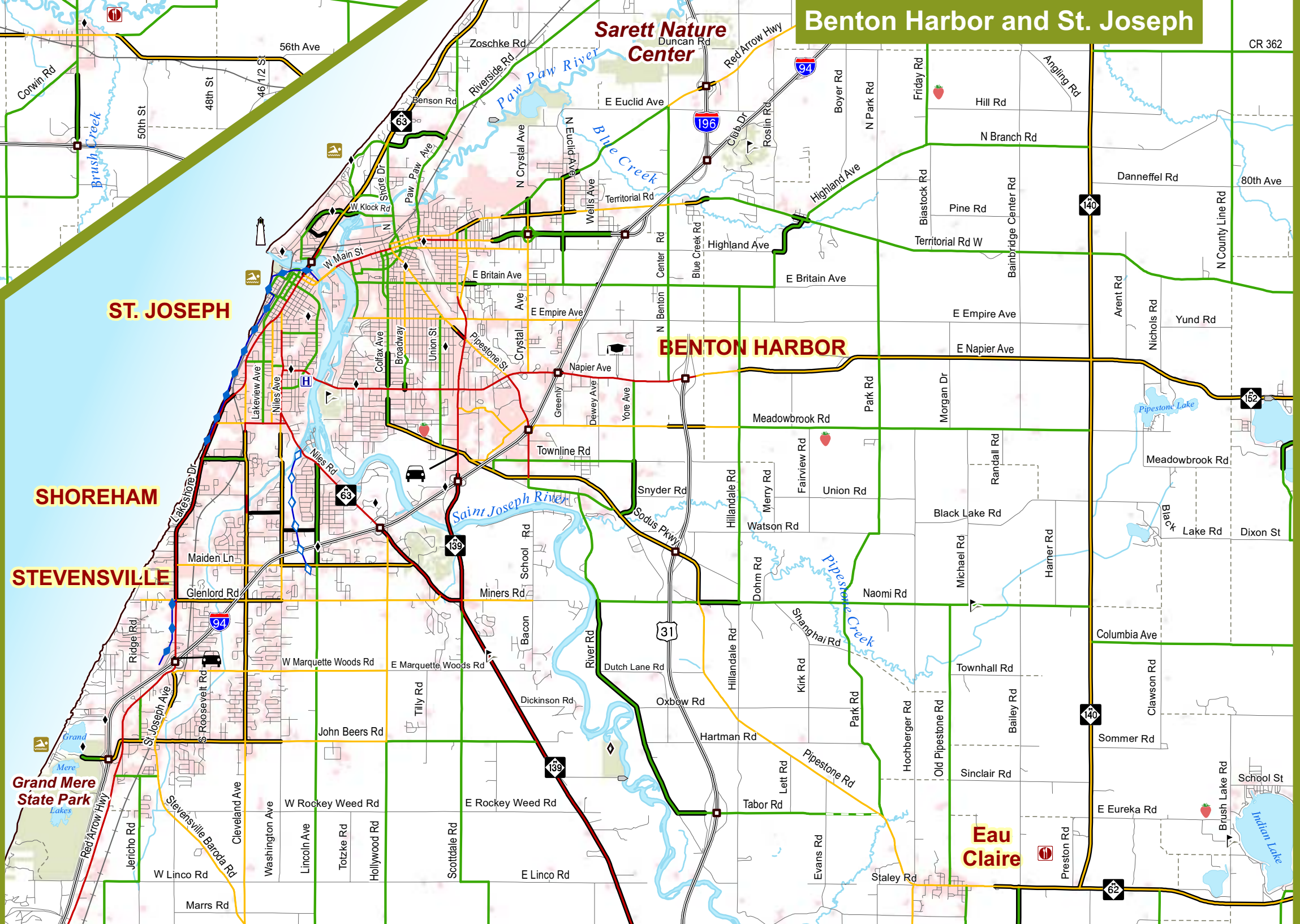
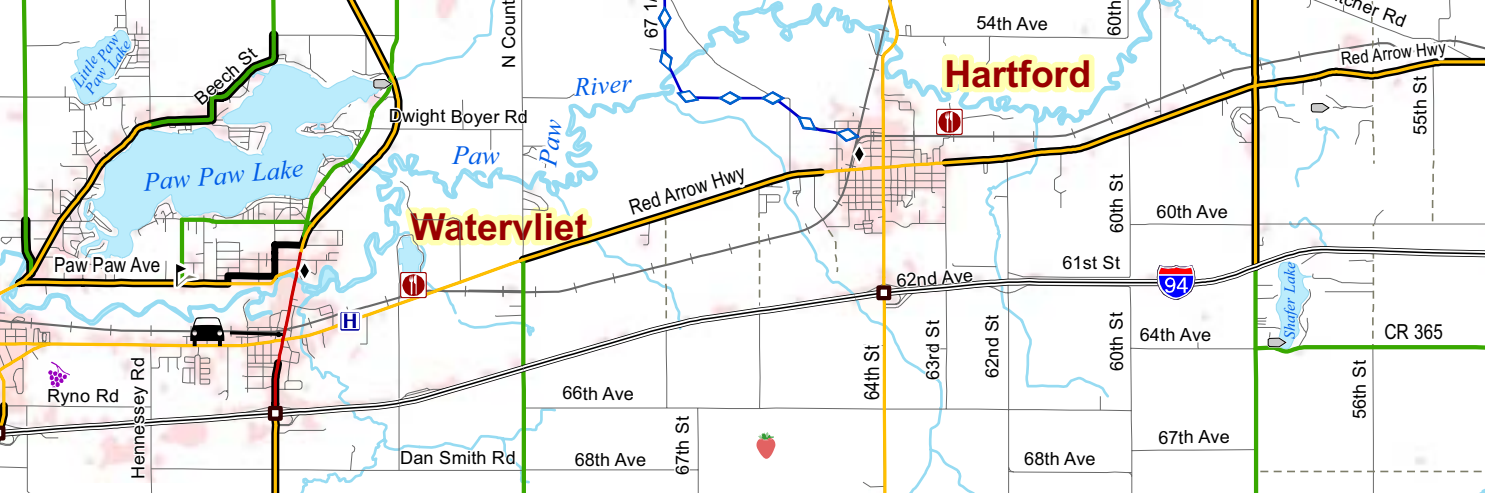
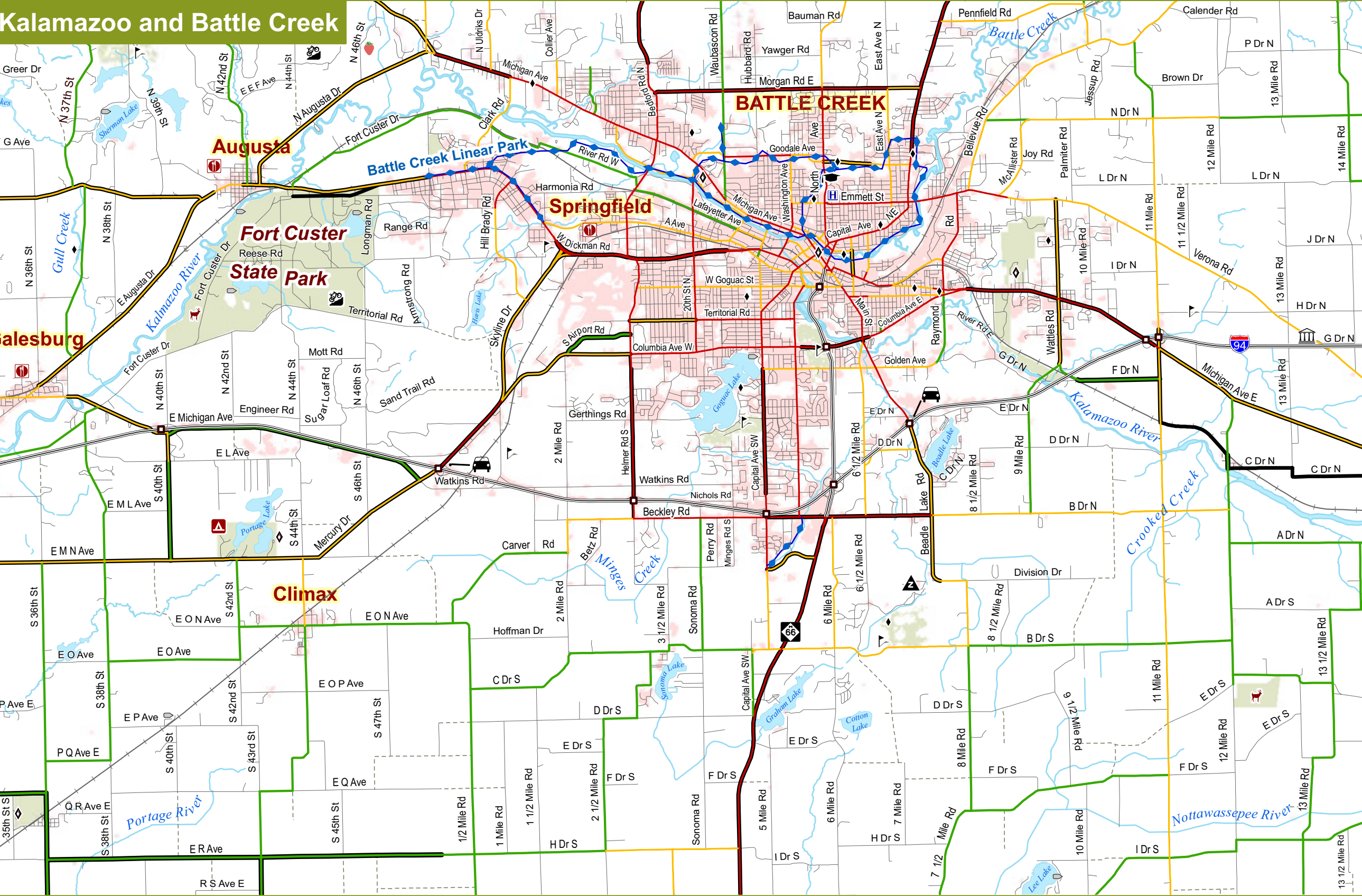
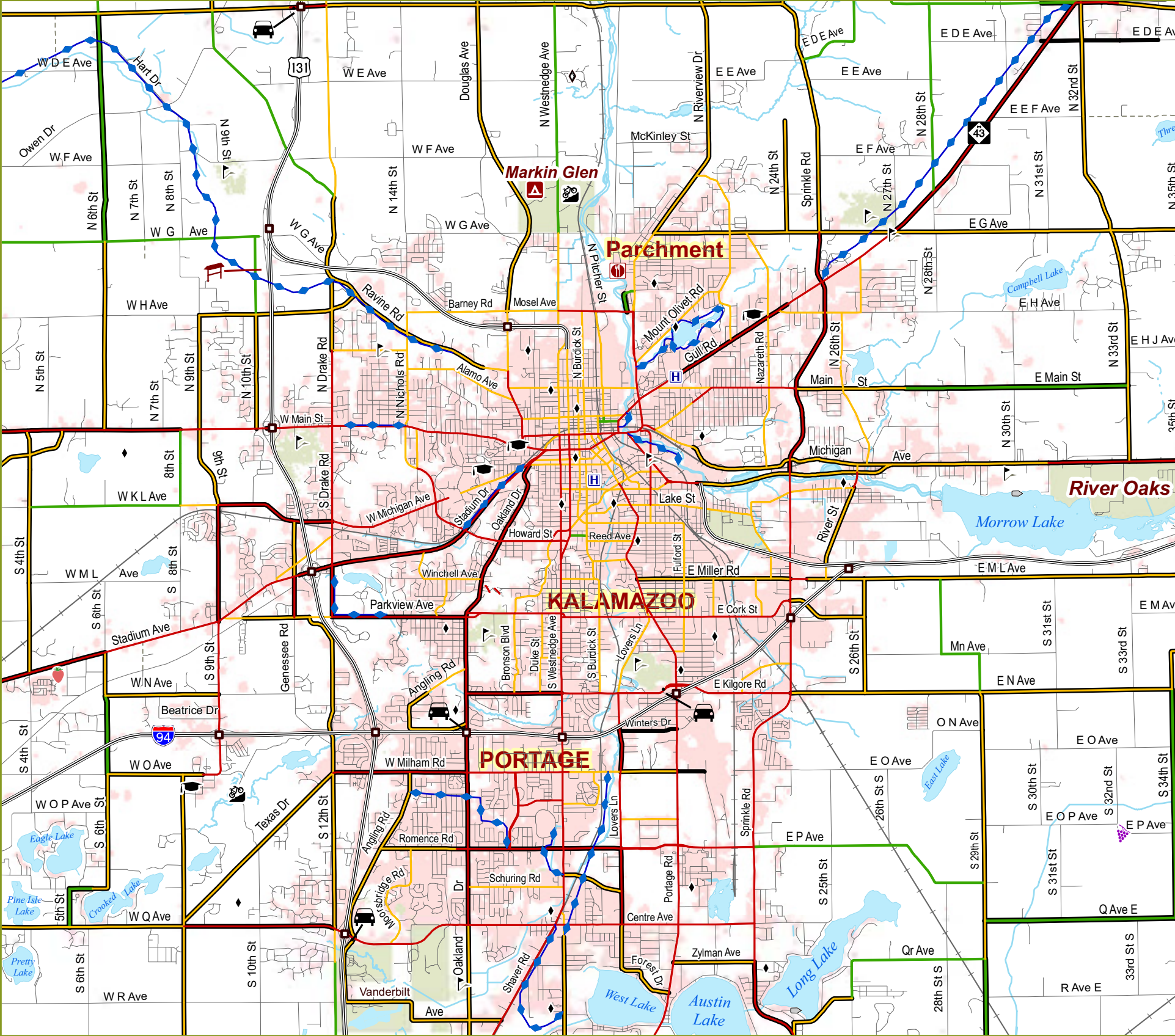
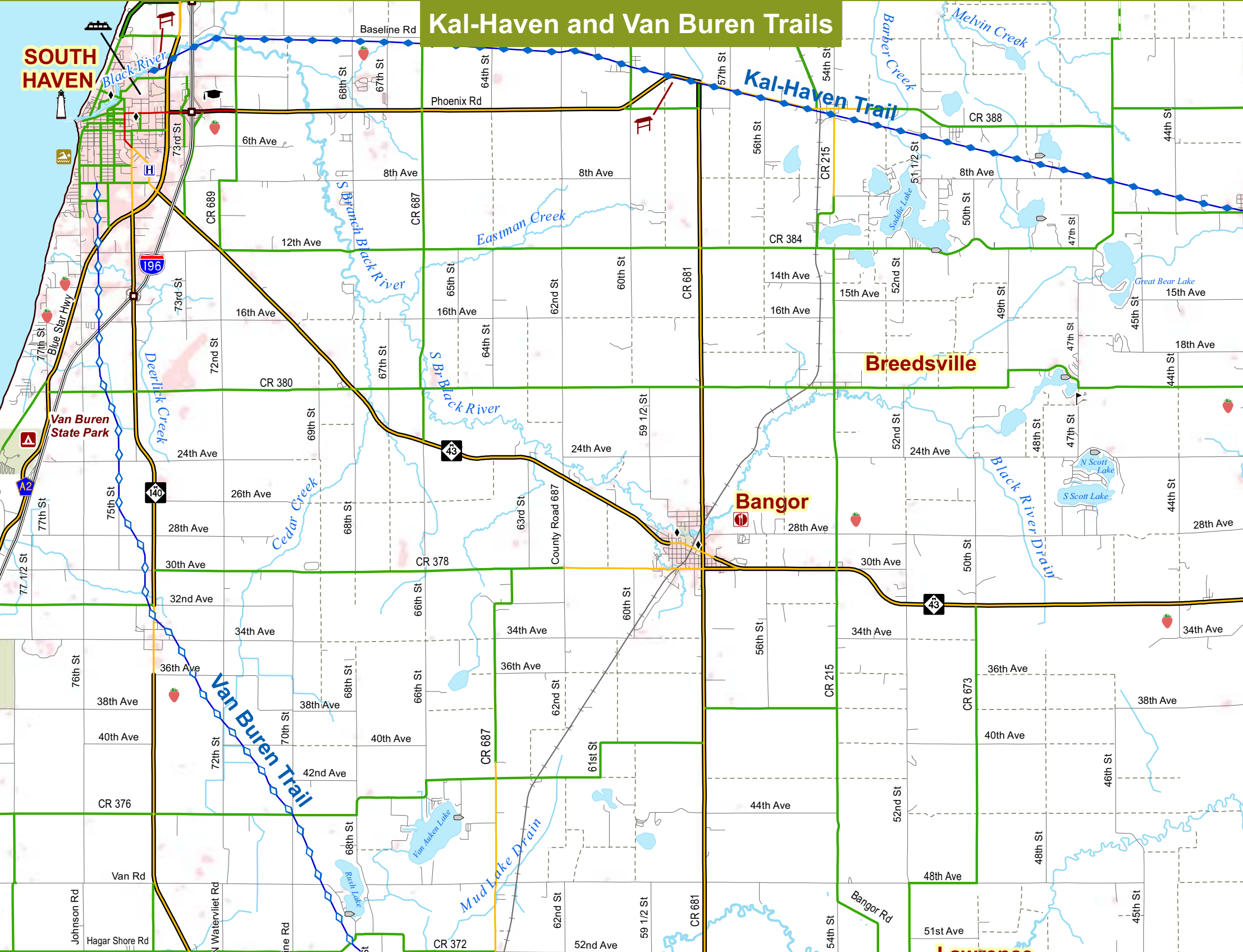
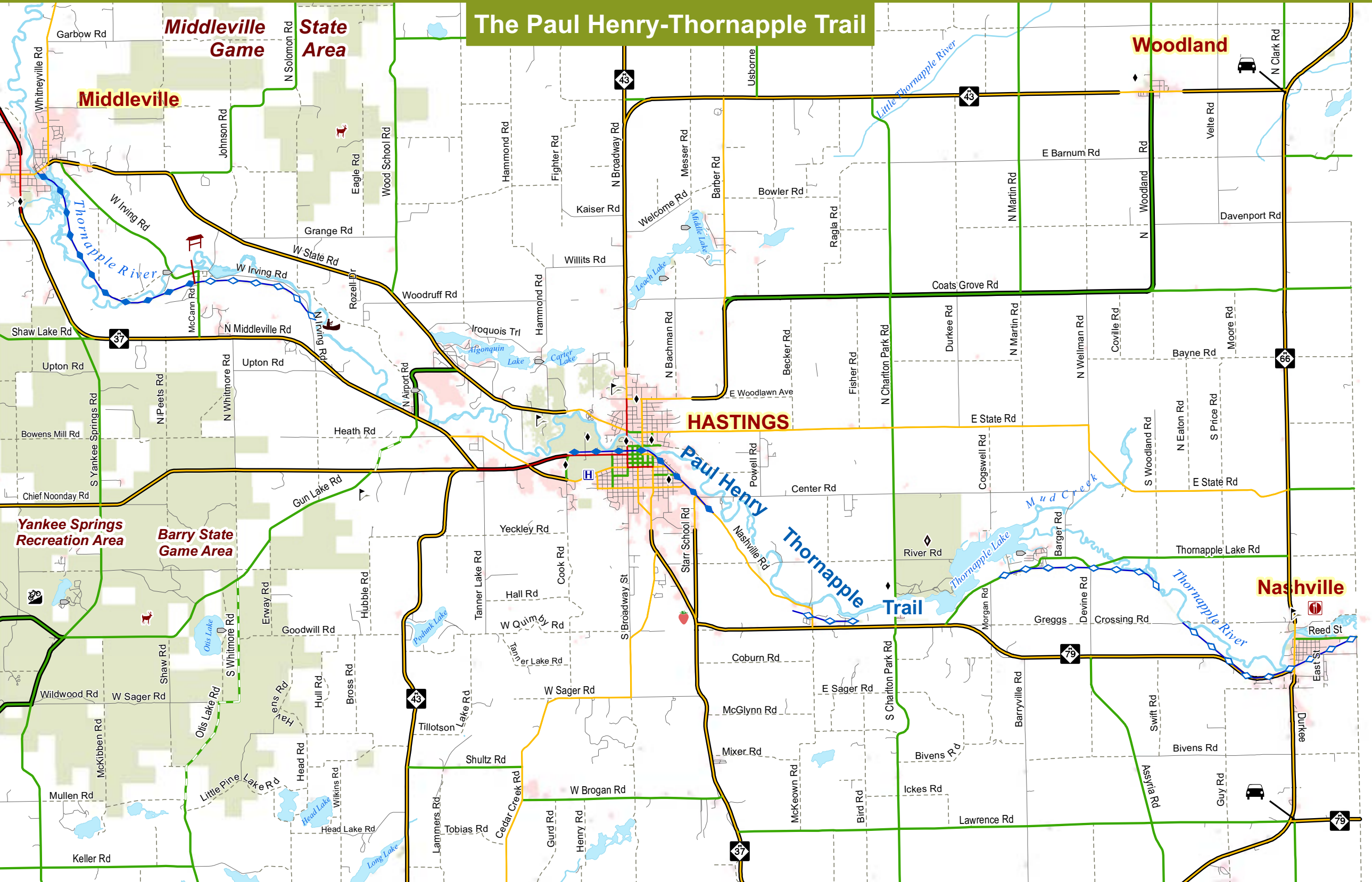
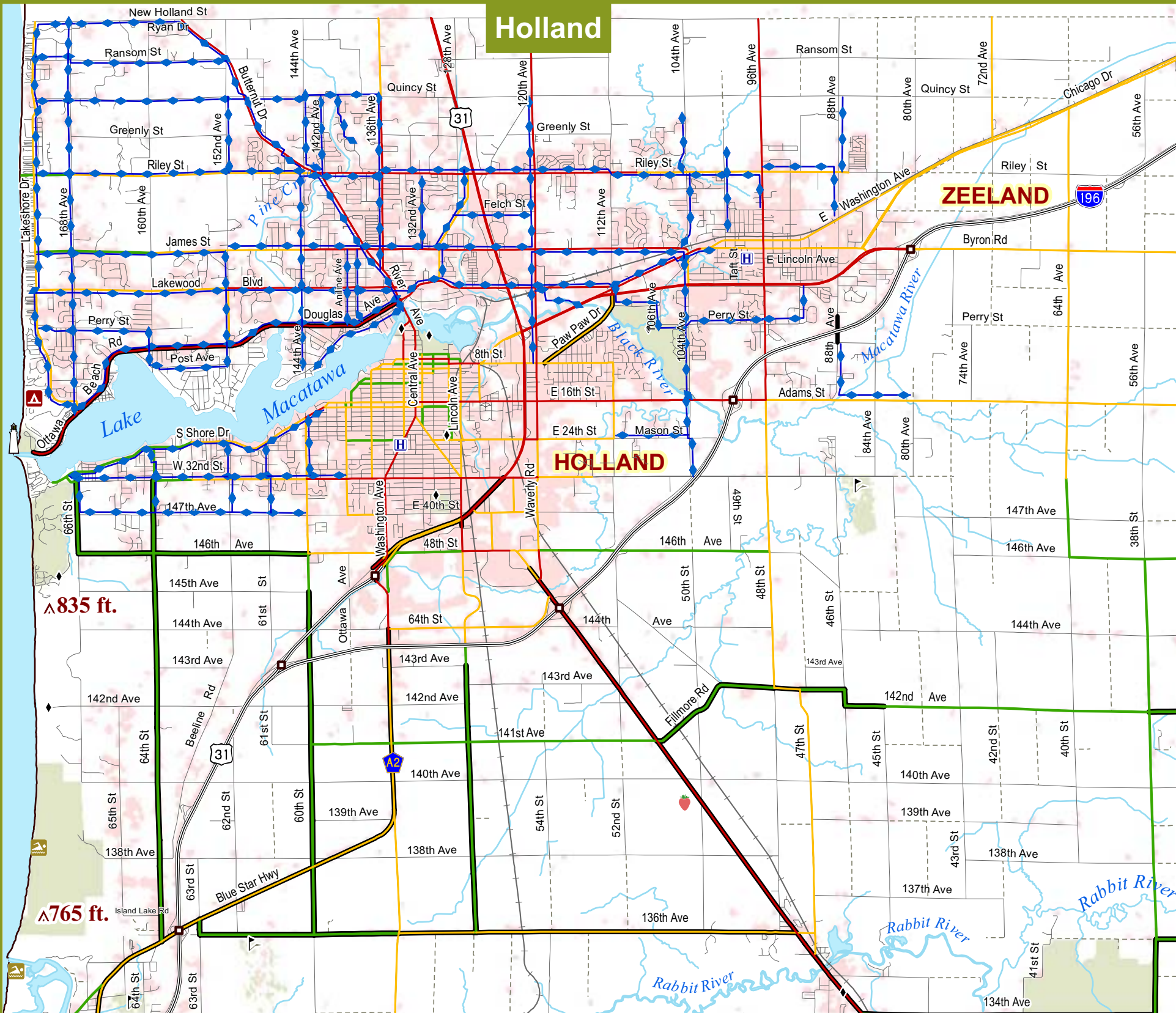
League of Michigan Bicyclists
www.lmb.org (517) 334-9100

Michigan Mountain Biking Association
www.mmba.org (248) 288-3753

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance
www.michigantrails.org (517) 485-6022

Michigan United Tandem Society
www.lmb.org/muvs (616) 560-0052

Michigan Human Powered Vehicle Association
<http://www.hmpva.org> (517) 349-4683



State and Area Parks

	Beach House	Biking	Park Store	Kitchen	Swimming	Trail Biking	Picnic Area	Camping	Picnicking	Swimming
Allegan State Game Area 4590 118th Street, Allegan										
Coldwater Lake State Park 2017 Lake Coldwater Rd., E. @ Kinderhook (2.5 mi. E.) (517) 780-7866										
Fort Custer State Park 5163 Fort Custer Dr., Augusta (269) 731-4200										
Grand Mere State Park 1-94 exit 22, John Beers Rd. S. to Thornton Dr. (269) 426-4013										
Holland State Park 2215 Ottawa Beach Rd., Holland (616) 399-9390										
Dr. T.K. Lawless Park From Cassopolis E. 7.4 mi. on M-80, S. 1.1 mi. on Lewis Lake Rd. E. on Monkey Run Rd.										
Saugatuck Dunes State Park 1-94 exit 41 W. 3 mi. to 64th St., W. on 138 Ave. to park ent. (269) 637-2788										
Van Buren State Park 23960 Ruggles Rd. S. Haven (269) 637-2788										
Warren Dunes State Park 12032 Red Arrow Hwy. Sawyer (269) 426-4013										
Warren Woods State Park Red Arrow Hwy. S. to Three Oaks Rd. S. 5 mi. to Elm Valley Rd. W. 3 mi.										
Yankee Springs Recreation Area 2104 S. Briggs Rd., Middleville (269) 795-9081										

Area Bike Shops

Battle Creek	Kalamazoo
E-Bike World 23047 M78 (269) 441-2453	Alfred E. Bike 320 E. Michigan Ave (269) 394-9423
Getaway Sports 2809 Capital Ave SW (269) 979-1996	
Buchanan	Portage
Chain Reaction Cyclery 117 N. Redbud Trail (269) 695-2889	Breakaway Bicycles & Fitness 185 Romance (269) 324-5555
Coloma	Paw Paw
True Value Hardware 63 E. Battle Creek (269) 468-3462	Adventure Bikes 210 W. Michigan Avenue (269) 657-1907
Galesburg	South Haven
Billy's Bike Shop 63 E. Battle Creek (269) 665-5202	Rock 'n' Road Cycle 315 Broadway (269) 639-0003
Holland	St. Joseph
Beachside Bike Rental 2011 Ottawa Beach Road (616) 399-9230	Cycle and Fitness 1507 Niles Avenue (269) 983-2453
Cross Country Cycle 345 Douglas (616) 396-7491	St Joseph Bike Rental 120 State Street (269) 985-1111
Holland Cycling & Fitness 325 E. River Avenue (616) 393-0046	Kickstand Schwinn Cyclery 1240 E. Chicago Road (866) 651-3088
Lakeshore Cycle & Fitness 650 Riley Square Center (616) 599-0414	
Velo City Cycles 587 E. 8th Street (616) 355-2000	

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Primary Roads with Traffic Volume* (Vehicles per day)

Light - Under 2,500	Unpaved	Paved
Medium - 2,500 to 10,000		
Heavy - Above 10,000		

Minor Roads: no volume information

Limited Access Highways: Interchanges

Active Rail Line

Bicycle Trail (Multuse)

Improved (Paved or Crushed) or Improved (Gravel or Dirt)

* Traffic volumes are estimated based on an average 24-hour period. Rush hour (peak period) traffic volume can be much greater than at other times of the day. Traffic volumes also vary by season and day of week.

† Minor roads generally have lower traffic volume but road width and surface type may make them less appropriate as a bike route. Consult local county road commissions for more information.

www.micountysroads.org

POINTS OF INTEREST

Lighthouse	Museum
Lake Michigan Beach	Mountain Biking
Boat Charter	County Park
Boat Launch	Local Park
Campground	University
Canoe Rental	Winery
Farm Market	Zoo
Game Area/Preserve	Park & Ride
Golf Course	Summit
Hospital	Trail Head

CITY AND VILLAGE SERVICES

CITY/VILLAGE NAME (ALL UPPER CASE)
A city or village that has food and lodging

City/Village Name (Upper & Lower Case)
A city or village with identified facilities only

- Food
- Lodging

LAND USE

Developed (residential, commercial, industrial)	Park or Golf Course	River or Lake
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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Kilometers
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Miles
1 inch equals 1.54 miles