

## WELCOME TO BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green is located in northwest Ohio and has an official population of 29,636. Built on the edge of the Great Black Swamp, Bowling Green has grown into a thriving community that provides high quality services yet maintains a caring, small town climate.

Historic Downtown Bowling Green is home to a variety of specialty shops, gift stores, and restaurants, all within walking distance. Just a short ride north is the Woodland Mall anchored by distinct department stores such as Elder-Beeman, Steve & Barry's, and Dunham's Sporting Goods.

We also have wonderful parks and the Slippery Elm Trail for those who love the outdoors. This Bicycle Route Map was prepared to help you cycle around Bowling Green. Our small town atmosphere makes it easy to ride on the local streets--just be sure to note the "Rules of the Road" in this brochure.

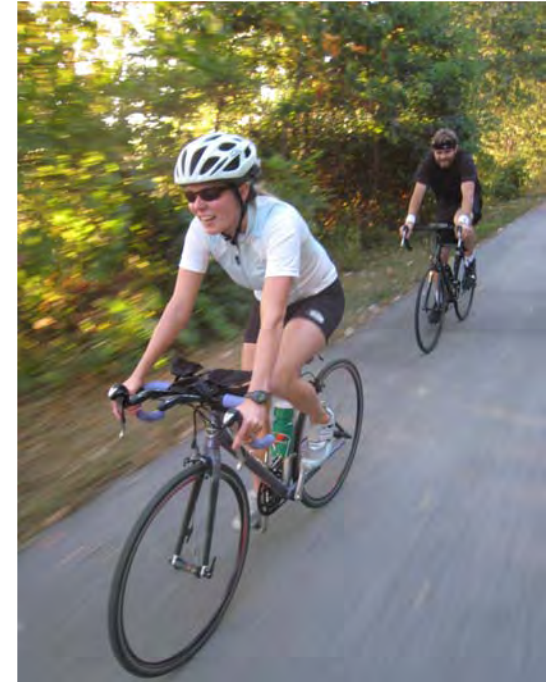
For more bicycle information:

[www.bgohio.org/boards-commissions/bicycle-safety-commission](http://www.bgohio.org/boards-commissions/bicycle-safety-commission)



## BICYCLE ROUTE MAP

BOWLING GREEN, OH



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## RULES OF THE ROAD-

### *Things Bowling Green Cyclists Should Know*

Any person operating a bicycle shall:

- Obey the instructions of official traffic-control devices applicable to vehicles: that means stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, slowing at yield signs and using hand and arm signals before turning. You must also yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian and vehicular traffic upon the roadway as lawfully required.
- Not ride their bicycles on the sidewalks in the Business District (Downtown Bowling Green). When riding on sidewalks outside the Business District, you need to yield to pedestrians and give them an audible signal before overtaking and passing them.
- Not ride recklessly. This includes: unsafe speed, weaving, low regard for pedestrians and drivers, lack of two-handed grip unless giving signals or lack of reasonable and ordinary control of the bicycle.
- Have working brakes on the bicycle which stop a bike moving at 10 mph within 15 feet.
- Ride in the seat and should not carry a second person unless the bicycle provides a second firmly attached seat for that purpose.



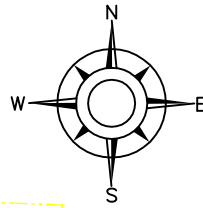
- Not carry items in such a way that one hand cannot be placed on the handlebar of the bicycle.
- Not ride a bicycle while attached to a moving vehicle on a roadway.
- Park their bikes in a rack provided for that purpose whenever it is available and there is space. You cannot leave your bicycle on the ground or pavement or propped up in such a way that others may trip over it and be injured.
- Follow night riding rules: a white headlight on the front, a red reflector visible within 500 feet, a colorless reflector on the front, reflectors or reflective tire sidewalls visible on each side of the wheel at 600 feet.
- Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical and obey all traffic rules applicable to vehicles.
- Ride single file and in no case can cyclists ride more than two abreast in a single lane unless on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. You are required to walk your bicycle on grassy areas or trails reserved for pedestrian use.

- Register with the Police Chief, his or her name and address, the name of the manufacturer of the bicycle or motorized bicycle, and its number, style, and general description. A parent or legal guardian can register for those under 18 years of age. If you are a student at BGSU, then the registration should take place through the Director of Campus Safety. A license tag and registration is provided by the Police Division for a small fee. If the bicycle is sold or transferred, you need to notify the Police Division of the new owner and give that owner the registration card. This report needs to be completed within 5 days of the sale or transfer of the bicycle. If a bicycle is found without a license tag, it can be impounded by the Police.

If you live in Bowling Green, you can serve on the Bicycle Safety Commission. Please contact the Mayor's Office at 419-354-6204 for more information.



# CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, OHIO



## BICYCLE ROUTES

- ① Downtown Loop
- ② Route to Perrysburg
- ③ Woodland Mall
- ④ Pemberville Route
- ⑤ West BGSU Campus
- ⑥ East BGSU Campus
- ⑦ Route East
- ⑧ Walmart Route
- ⑨ Slippery Elm Trail
- ⑩ Weston Route
- ⑪ Bowling Green Community Center
- ⑫ Route West
- ⑬ High School Route
- ⑭ Route South
- ⑮ West Bowling Green

## LEGEND

- \* Public Restrooms
- ▲ Cycle Shop

