

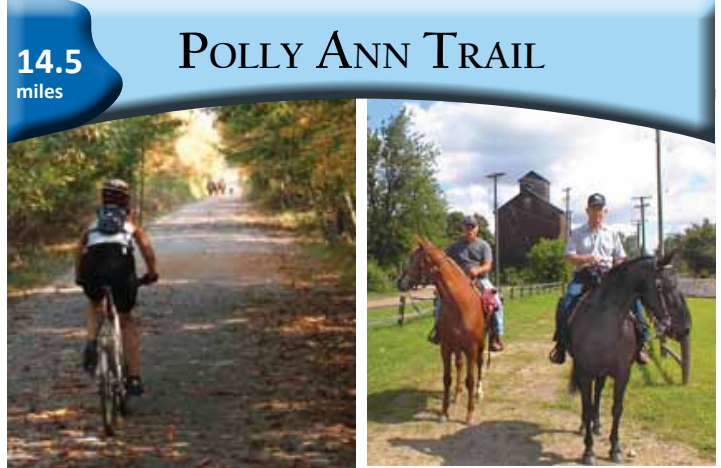


The Paint Creek Trail is located in northeast Oakland County and connects the suburban Detroit communities of Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland Township, Orion Township, and Lake Orion. The trail follows the former Penn Central Railroad up the Paint Creek Valley as it meanders through highlands, prairies, and wetlands. The compacted limestone surface provides a solid, but natural, surface for year round non-motorized uses. The Paint Creek Trail ends at the Rochester River Walk, which provides an essential linkage between the Paint Creek and Clinton River Trails.




PAINT CREEK TRAILWAYS COMMISSION

   	surface crushed limestone
248.651.9260	www.PaintCreekTrail.org







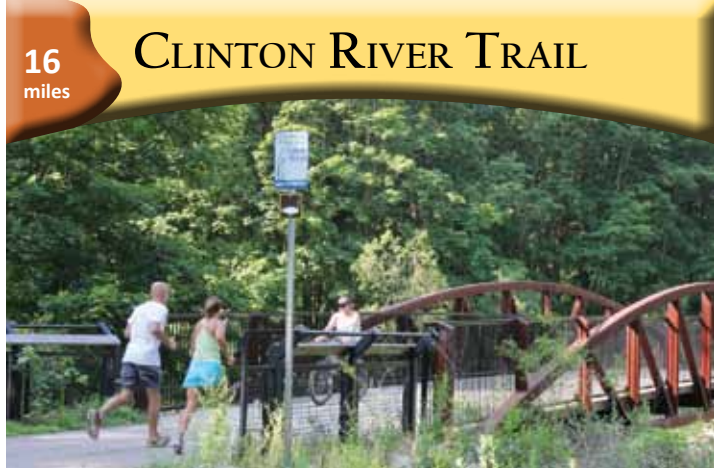
Oakland County is home to 14.5 miles of this 35 mile linear park traversing some of the most beautiful rural landscapes and historic villages in northern Oakland County. Its southernmost entrance is in Orion Township on Joslyn Road, just south of Waldon Road. The trail continues north and northeast through Oxford Township, Village of Oxford, Addison Township, and Village of Leonard before reaching the Lapeer County border where it continues north for another 20 miles.

Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the trail.



Polly Ann Trail

   	surface crushed limestone
248.969.8660	www.PollyAnnTrailway.org



The Clinton River Trail is the eastern gateway for the Oak Routes Trail Network. This 16-mile recreational rail-trail roughly parallels and frequently crosses the Clinton River. Gently graded, the trail traverses the Cities of Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Pontiac, and Sylvan Lake. Along the way, it spans a unique diversity of environments as it transitions from quaint downtowns to more isolated areas with an 'up-north' feel. A hub in the county's trail network, it connects to the West Bloomfield, Paint Creek, and Macomb Orchard trails. Amenities range from parks, scenic overlooks, outdoor dining spots, and ice cream shops to water fountains, restrooms, and bike stores. Mountain biking trails, velodrome, and canoe/kayak put-in points are all directly accessible from the trail.

A temporary sidewalk route in Pontiac bypasses the only incomplete section of trail.



Clinton River Trail

   	surface varies by community
www.ClintonRiverTrail.org	



The Lakes Community Trail is a linear connection between the four communities of Commerce, Wolverine Lake, Walled Lake, and Wixom. The trail links municipal parks within each community and serves as a multi-use, non-motorized trail. Hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and in-line skating can all be enjoyed while traversing this portion of southwest Oakland County. The Lakes Community Trail also serves as an important link between the Huron Valley Trail and the West Bloomfield Trail.



Lakes Community Trail

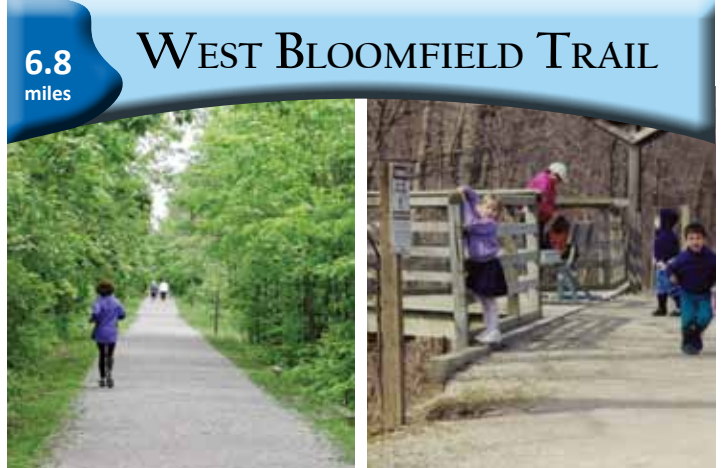
  	surface asphalt
248.624.2850	www.WixomGov.org



The 10.5-mile Huron Valley Trail extends along the former Grand Trunk Railroad from the City of South Lyon, through Lyon Township and into Milford Township. An extension to the west leads trail users into Island Lake State Recreation Area, where it crosses under I-96 to connect to the Milford Trail through Kensington Metropark. The segment through Lyon and Milford Townships is relatively flat with very gentle grades, while the extension to Island Lake offers some challenging hills.

The Huron Valley Trail provides access to McHattie & Volunteer Parks, Downtown South Lyon, James F. Atchison Memorial Park, Lyon Oaks County Park, Kensington Metropark, and Island Lake State Recreation Area. Vehicle parking and access to the trail is available at all of these parks. The Huron Valley Trail provides connections to over 25 miles of adjoining trails.

  	surface asphalt
248.437.2240	www.SouthLyonMI.org



The West Bloomfield Trail was once part of the interurban railroad in Oakland County. Opened in 1992, the West Bloomfield Trail stretches 6.8 miles through the communities of West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor, and Sylvan Lake. The 162-acre West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve anchors the central trailhead; Sylvan Manor Park, a small neighborhood park, serves as the eastern trailhead. Sylvan Manor Park is also used as a western trailhead for the Clinton River Trail, enabling users to continue to the northeast toward Pontiac. Traveling along the trail, visitors experience a sense of being in the north woods of Michigan and, just as quickly, they are transported back to reality as the trail passes through urban housing tracts, and business and commercial districts. Along the trail, eighteen nature interpretive sites give visitors the opportunity to see various habitats without putting undue pressure on the ecosystems and sensitive wildlife species.



West Bloomfield Trail

  	surface crushed limestone
248.451.1900	www.WestBloomfieldParks.org




Headwaters Trails Inc. is a non-profit group dedicated to the construction of a non-motorized trail network in the headwaters region of northwest Oakland County. Just outside of historic downtown Holly, the Shiawassee River Water Heritage canoe/kayak trail is now open to paddlers. Several miles of trails and pathways are currently in the planning stage. The pathways will span the Townships of Groveland, Holly, Rose, and Springfield, and the Village of Holly.

Headwaters Trails Inc. operates with the support of a variety of public, private, and business sources interested in promoting local trails and recreational activities.




Headwaters Trail

    	
248.634.3513	www.HeadwatersTrailsInc.org



www.AdvantageOakland.com

248.858.0720



OAKLAND COUNTY TRAILS

The development of Oakland County's trail system continues to expand our citizens' access to the abundant natural and man-made features that make Oakland County a premier place to live, work, and play. The county has been blessed with over 1,400 lakes, more than any other county in the state, is home to the headwaters of five major river systems, and has over 89,000 acres of park and recreation lands. From our cosmopolitan cities and historic town centers to our rural and natural countryside, we have it all. This diversity has offered us many choices and the freedom to live in a setting which matches our desired lifestyle. The trail network also promotes physical fitness by providing close-to-home opportunities for exercise plus an alternative means of transportation. Transportation and obesity related health care costs are critical issues facing our society. I look forward to continuing to work with the members of the Oakland County Trails, Water, & Lands Alliance to implement the vision of an Oakland County Trail Network.

OAKLAND COUNTY



The I-275 Metro Trail ranks as one of a few trails in the United States that is located in a freeway right-of-way. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) facility, which extends from Monroe County to the City of Novi in southern Oakland County, serves as a spine for the non-motorized network in the western part of the Detroit metropolitan area. MDOT has been rehabilitating many sections of the trail and includes the replacement of bridge structures, surface reconstruction, and trail widening. Rehabilitation of the trail in Oakland County, from 8 Mile Road to Meadowbrook Road, is complete.

MDOT is also constructing a new multi-use path along M-5 in the City of Novi and Commerce Township. The new trail, to be known as the M-5 Metro Trail, is considered to be an extension of the I-275 Metro Trail. Connections between the two trails will be made in the coming years.



MDOT

 	surface asphalt
517.373.2090	www.Michigan.gov/MDOT



Beginning at the southern end of scenic Kensington Metropark, the 8.6-mile Milford Trail leads hikers and bikers past the Huron River, through densely wooded areas, over gently rolling hills, and across the Milford Dam to Hubbell Pond Park. The trail continues to wind past the YMCA and the Milford Library into the historic Village of Milford. Once in the Village, you will find many family-owned shops and a variety of restaurants.

The respective portions of the Milford Trail are owned and managed by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Milford Township, and the Village of Milford. The Milford Trail now links to the western extension of the Huron Valley Trail, just south of Kensington Metropark and I-96.



MILFORD TRAIL

  	surface asphalt
248.684.9719	www.MeetMeInMilford.com



In Oakland County, there are over 1,400 natural lakes and the headwaters of five major rivers: the Clinton, Huron, Rouge, Shiawassee, and Flint Rivers.

- The Huron River Water Trail flows to the west through some of Oakland County's finest natural areas. The slow moving current provides ample opportunity to enjoy the wildlife from a canoe or kayak. The river winds through State and HCMA parks, as well as Downtown Milford.
- The Clinton River Water Trail begins in Auburn Hills and meanders to the east offering a very remote feeling for being so close to major metropolitan areas.
- The Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail is a slow moving, shallow, warm water stream. It affords a wilderness experience crossing long stretches of undeveloped land. The river trail contains important wetlands and connects historic sites in the 7-mile stretch from Downtown Holly to Downtown Fenton.

	
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Over 30 miles of paved trails and 16 miles of rustic trails await you in three Metroparks in Oakland County. Located in both Oakland and Macomb Counties, Stony Creek Metropark has 8.3 miles of paved trail, including a 6-mile loop winding through woods and along the scenic Stony Creek Lake, and connections to the Macomb Orchard and Clinton River Trails. Stony Creek Metropark also features 14 miles of mountain bike trail. Near the center of the county, an 8-mile paved trail at Indian Springs Metropark winds through areas of restored prairie, wetlands, and towering trees. The 13 miles of trail at Kensington Metropark includes an 8-mile loop around Kent Lake, and connecting routes to Milford to the north, and Island Lake State Recreation Area and the Huron Valley Trail to the south. Heading east from the park, a 2-mile rustic trail provides a connection to Proud Lake State Recreation Area.



GET OUT and play

    	
800.47.PARKS	www.Metroparks.com



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use, and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations. In Oakland County, the DNR provides trails for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, paddle sports, and snowmobiling in the following park and recreation areas:

- Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
- Holly State Recreation Area
- Ortonville State Recreation Area
- Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area
- Proud Lake State Recreation Area
- Polly Ann Trail
- Seven Lakes State Park
- Highland State Recreation Area



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

     	
www.Michigan.gov/DNR	



The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission (OCPRC) has been committed to providing outstanding recreation and improving the quality of life for Oakland County residents since 1966. OCPRC supports the Oakland County Trails, Water, & Lands Alliance and the vision of an interconnected system of trails and pathways throughout Oakland County and Southeast Michigan. Some of OCPRC's long-term goals include expansion of park trails and improving non-motorized connectivity to its 13 parks.

Hike, bike, skate, ski, or ride on 64 miles of trails in some of the most scenic landscapes in Oakland County.








OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

    	
888.OC.PARKS	www.DestinationOakland.com



In April 2012, the Oakland County Trails Advisory Council (OTAC) merged with the Oakland County Natural Areas Advisory Group to become the Oakland County Trails, Water, & Lands Alliance (TWLA). Represented by a vast variety of stakeholders, this newly formed group is supported by Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services along with Oakland County Parks & Recreation. TWLA is working toward becoming an informed, coordinated, collaborative body that supports initiatives related to Oakland County's Green Infrastructure Network.

For over 30 years, Oakland County Planning has collaborated with trail groups, local communities, special interest groups, businesses, and park entities to expand and coordinate a network of trails and pathways. There are 121 miles of completed trails, 24 miles in the planning, design, and development stage, and 123 miles under consideration in the overall primary County Concept Trail Loop.

    	
248.975.4267	



OAK ROUTES TRAIL NETWORK

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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The Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMBA) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit comprised of local International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) chapters located throughout Michigan. The mission of the MMBA is to promote responsible mountain biking and to work toward the goals of common land access and natural resource protection through interaction with policy makers, the cycling industry, race promoters, mountain bikers, and other trail users. MMBA also publishes an online Michigan Mountain Bike Trail Guide with trail conditions, maps, technical skill level ratings, and a mountain biking forum.

- Local IMBA chapters include:
- Holly/Flint
 - Clinton River Area Mountain Bike Association
 - Motor City Mountain Biking Association



MMBA

 	
www.michigan.org/property/michigan-mountain-biking-association	



Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance (MTGA) is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation of an interconnected, statewide system of multi-use trails and greenways for recreation, health, transportation, economic development, and environmental/cultural preservation purposes. MTGA works at both the state and local levels by assisting public and private interests in trail and greenway planning, funding, development, and maintenance. MTGA also builds public support for trail and greenway development through events, education, information, and advocacy activities.



MTGA

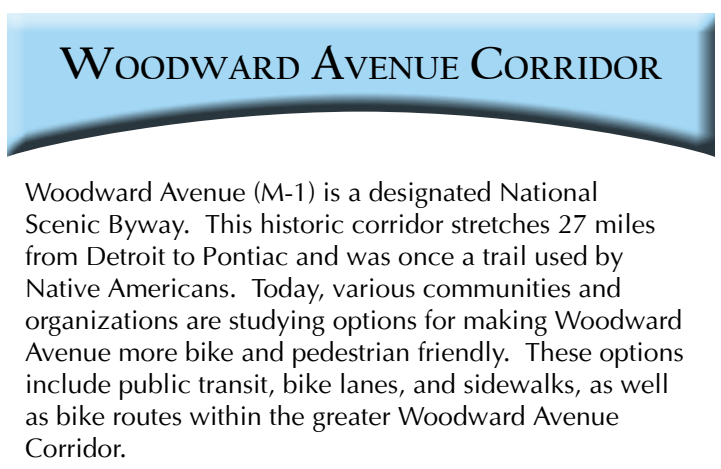
   	
517.485.6022	www.MichiganTrails.org



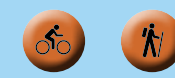
Oakland County has long been an area of intense equestrian interest. Horseback riding appeals to all age groups and levels of physical ability. There are many miles of horse friendly trails in state recreation areas, county parks, and along rural dirt roads. The Oakland Equestrian Coalition, founded in 2003, represents a wide variety of equestrian interests and is committed to:

- Educating local units of government and citizens about equestrian concerns in Oakland County
- Preserving existing equestrian facilities and trails in Oakland County and promoting the growth of further equestrian opportunities
- Developing new equestrian opportunities in Oakland County, including safe access to the entire Oakland County Greenways system of multi-use trails as exemplified by these access tunnels

	
248.624.1409	www.OaklandEquestrians.org



Woodward Avenue (M-1) is a designated National Scenic Byway. This historic corridor stretches 27 miles from Detroit to Pontiac and was once a trail used by Native Americans. Today, various communities and organizations are studying options for making Woodward Avenue more bike and pedestrian friendly. These options include public transit, bike lanes, and sidewalks, as well as bike routes within the greater Woodward Avenue Corridor.




Woodward Avenue Corridor

248.288.2004	www.WoodwardAvenue.org
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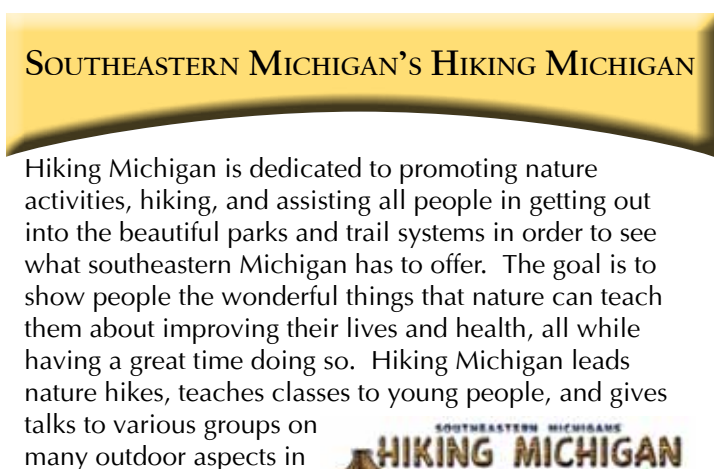
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office supports the county's vast natural resources focusing on keeping pollution from lakes and streams. Trail users can help by keeping an eye out for any pollution sources. If you witness any pollution sources, please report it immediately. A 24-hour Pollution Hotline is available to report any activity you believe may be causing pollution: 248.858.0931.



WRC

248.858.0958	www.OakGov.com/Water
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Hiking Michigan is dedicated to promoting nature activities, hiking, and assisting all people in getting out into the beautiful parks and trail systems in order to see what southeastern Michigan has to offer. The goal is to show people the wonderful things that nature can teach them about improving their lives and health, all while having a great time doing so. Hiking Michigan leads nature hikes, teaches classes to young people, and gives talks to various groups on many outdoor aspects in southeastern Michigan.




HIKING MICHIGAN

   	
586.446.7656	www.HikingMichigan.com

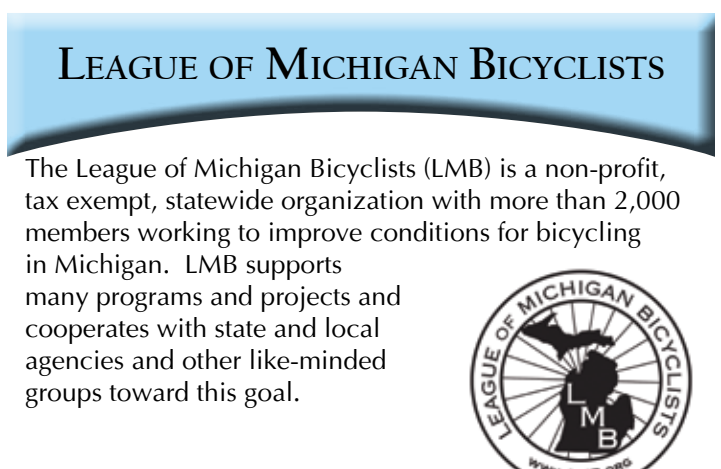
ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) supports the movement of people throughout the county by non-motorized means as a way to promote healthier living and reducing the number of trips required on the road system. RCOC also wants to create the best possible non-motorized network by contributing technical expertise to the location and design of the pathway system. This will create fewer conflicts with the motorized network and result in the safest possible trails for all users.



ROAD COMMISSION

248.858.4804	www.RCOCWeb.org
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The League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) is a non-profit, tax exempt, statewide organization with more than 2,000 members working to improve conditions for bicycling in Michigan. LMB supports many programs and projects and cooperates with state and local agencies and other like-minded groups toward this goal.



LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN BICYCLISTS

    	
888.642.4537	www.LMB.org



Established in 1948, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit is one of the oldest horse patrol units in the country. The Mounted Unit provides patrol coverage on select trails and parks within Oakland County. With their prominent perch on horseback, the mounted deputies provide a visible patrol force as well as a friendly attraction for the thousands of Oakland County's annual park and trail visitors. In addition, the Sheriff's Mountain Bike Patrol Unit is available for special trail events.



OAKLAND COUNTY

 	
248.858.5000	www.OakGov.com/Sheriff

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Meet Me in Milford

Milford Downtown Development Authority



Michigan Horse Council

NOVI PARKS FOUNDATION

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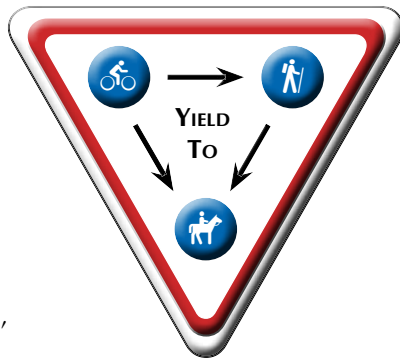
HighlandEquestrians.org



City of Wixom



- Wear reflective clothing
 - Protect your head and wear a helmet
 - Obey traffic and trail signs
 - Announce your presence/signal to others
 - Keep your equipment tuned
 - Wear protective equipment and safety pads
 - Stay on designated trail/path
 - Warm up and stretch
 - Use hand signals
 - Keep to the right
 - Leave no trace
 - Carry a cell phone
 - Treat all trail users with respect and courtesy regardless of their sport, speed, or skill level
- Encourages healthy lifestyles and physical fitness
 - Increases property values
 - Promotes community enrichment and character
 - Provides connectivity to neighboring communities
 - Improves landscape aesthetics
 - Provides recreation for diverse users
 - Supports tourism and recreation related businesses
 - Preserves historic corridors and buildings
 - Links a statewide network of trails
 - Provides safe, non-motorized transportation routes
 - Encourages community revitalization
 - Conserves green space and wildlife habitat
 - Provides opportunities to improve air and water quality
 - Provides opportunities for economic renewal and growth
 - Acts as a hands-on environmental classroom



INDEX TO KEY PLACES

Park or Trail	Map Grid Location	Hiking	Biking	X-Country Skiing	Paddle Sports	Horseback Riding
Addison Oaks County Park	G2	■	■	■	■	■
Bald Mountain State Recreation Area	G2.F3	■	■	■	■	■
Bloomer Park	H4	■	■	■	■	■
Clinton River Trail	E5.F5.G5	■	■	■	■	■
Clinton River Water Trail	F5.G4.H5	■	■	■	■	■
Dodge #4 State Park	E6	■	■	■	■	■
Glen Oaks County Park	E7	■	■	■	■	■
Groveland Oaks County Park	C2	■	■	■	■	■
Headwaters Trails	A2.B2	■	■	■	■	■
Highland Oaks County Park	B4	■	■	■	■	■
Highland State Recreation Area	B5.C5	■	■	■	■	■
Holly State Recreation Area	B2.C1.C2	■	■	■	■	■
Huron River Water Trail	A7.B6.C6	■	■	■	■	■
Huron Valley Trail	B7.B8	■	■	■	■	■
I-275 & M-5 Metro Trails	D7.D8	■	■	■	■	■
Independence Oaks County Park	E3	■	■	■	■	■
Indian Springs Metropark	D4	■	■	■	■	■
Island Lake State Recreation Area	A7	■	■	■	■	■
Kensington Metropark	B7	■	■	■	■	■
Lakes Community Trail	C6	■	■	■	■	■
Lakeshore Park	C7	■	■	■	■	■
Lyon Oaks County Park	C7	■	■	■	■	■
Maybury State Park	C8	■	■	■	■	■
Milford Trail	B6	■	■	■	■	■
Orion Oaks County Park	F3	■	■	■	■	■
Ortonville State Recreation Area	D1	■	■	■	■	■
Paint Creek Trail	F3.G3.G4	■	■	■	■	■
Polly Ann Trail	F2.F3.G2	■	■	■	■	■
Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area	D4	■	■	■	■	■
Proud Lake State Recreation Area	C6.D6	■	■	■	■	■
Red Oaks County Park	H7	■	■	■	■	■
Rose Oaks County Park	B3	■	■	■	■	■
Seven Lakes State Park	B2	■	■	■	■	■
Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail	A2.B2	■	■	■	■	■
Springfield Oaks County Park	C3	■	■	■	■	■
Stony Creek Metropark	H3.H4	■	■	■	■	■
Waterford Oaks County Park	E4	■	■	■	■	■
West Bloomfield Trail	D6.E6	■	■	■	■	■
White Lake Oaks County Park	D5	■	■	■	■	■
Woodward Avenue Corridor (Proposed)	F6.G7.G8	■	■	■	■	■

Check with municipal offices, Michigan DNR, Oakland County Parks & Recreation, trail councils, and Metroparks for exact pathway locations, designated uses, hours of operation, special events, and rules and regulations. Trails vary in accessibility. Please contact individual trail unit managers for up to date information regarding accessibility. Contact information for each trail or park is listed on the reverse side.

