

Paint Creek Trail

The Paint Creek Trail is located in northeast Oakland County and connects the suburban Detroit communities of Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oak 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.



Paint Creek Trailways Commission
4393 Collins Road
Rochester, Michigan 48306
Phone: (248) 651-9260
Email: paintcreektrail@aol.com
Website: www.paintcreektrail.org
Length: 8.9 miles
Surface: Crushed Limestone



Polly Ann Trail Management Council

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12 East Elmwood
Leonard, Michigan 48367
Phone: (248) 969-8660
Email: info@pollyanntrailway.org
Website: www.pollyanntrailway.org
Length: 8.9 miles
Surface: Crushed Limestone

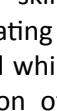


Oakland County is home to 14.5 of this 35 mile linear park, traversing some of the most beautiful rural landscapes and historic villages in northern Oakland County. It begins in Orion Township at Scripps Road and continues through Oxford, Leonard, and Dryden Villages. Only non-motorized vehicles and equestrians are permitted on the trail. The Polly Ann Trail is suitable for hiking, jogging, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and biking.



Clinton River Trail

The Clinton River Trail is a 16-mile recreational trail that travels through the eastern half of Oakland County, roughly paralleling and frequently crossing the Clinton River. Primarily constructed on the abandoned railroad grade of the old Grand Trunk Railroad, the Clinton River Trail traverses Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Pontiac, and Sylvan Lake. It serves as a key "hub" in Oakland County's trail network, since it connects with the West Bloomfield Trail, the Paint Creek Trail, and the Macomb Orchard Trail in Macomb County.



Trail usage has increased tremendously since all sections of the trail are now surfaced. The pedestrian-only bridge constructed over I-75 and the 100' steel truss bridge constructed over the Clinton River provide critical links in the trail's continuity. The only gap that still exists is in downtown Pontiac, where the final route of the trail is being determined.

The rest of the trail is open with convenient access points and amenities in every community.

Friends of Clinton River Trail
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Website: www.clintonrivertrail.org
Length: 14.5 miles
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Lakes Community Trail

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.

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The West Bloomfield Trail was once part of the interurban railroad in Oakland County. Opened in 1992, the West Bloomfield Trail stretches 4.25 miles through the communities of West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor, and Sylvan Lake. The 162 acre

West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve anchors the western

trailhead and Sylvan Manor Park, a small neighborhood park,

serves as the eastern trailhead. Sylvan Manor Park also serves

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, business and commercial districts. Along the trail, twenty-one nature interpretive sites give visitors the opportunity to see various habitats without putting undue pressure on the ecosystems and sensitive wildlife species. The trail is open to bicycles, walking, running, and cross-country skiing.

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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Trail Safety & Etiquette Tips

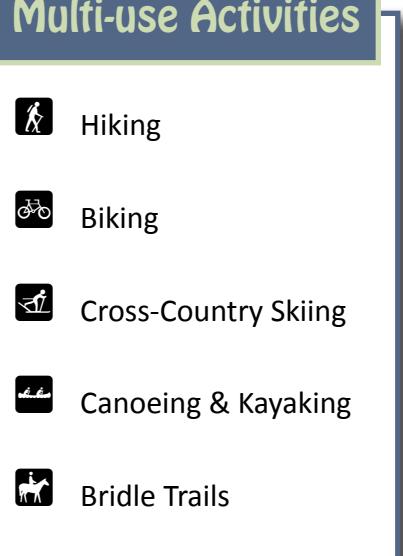
Trail Benefits

- Wear reflective clothing
- Protect your head/wear a helmet
- Obey traffic/trail signs
- Announce your presence/signal to others
- Warm up and stretch
- Keep your equipment tuned
- Wear protective equipment and safety pads
- Use hand signals
- Stay on designated trail/path
- Keep to the right
- Leave no trace



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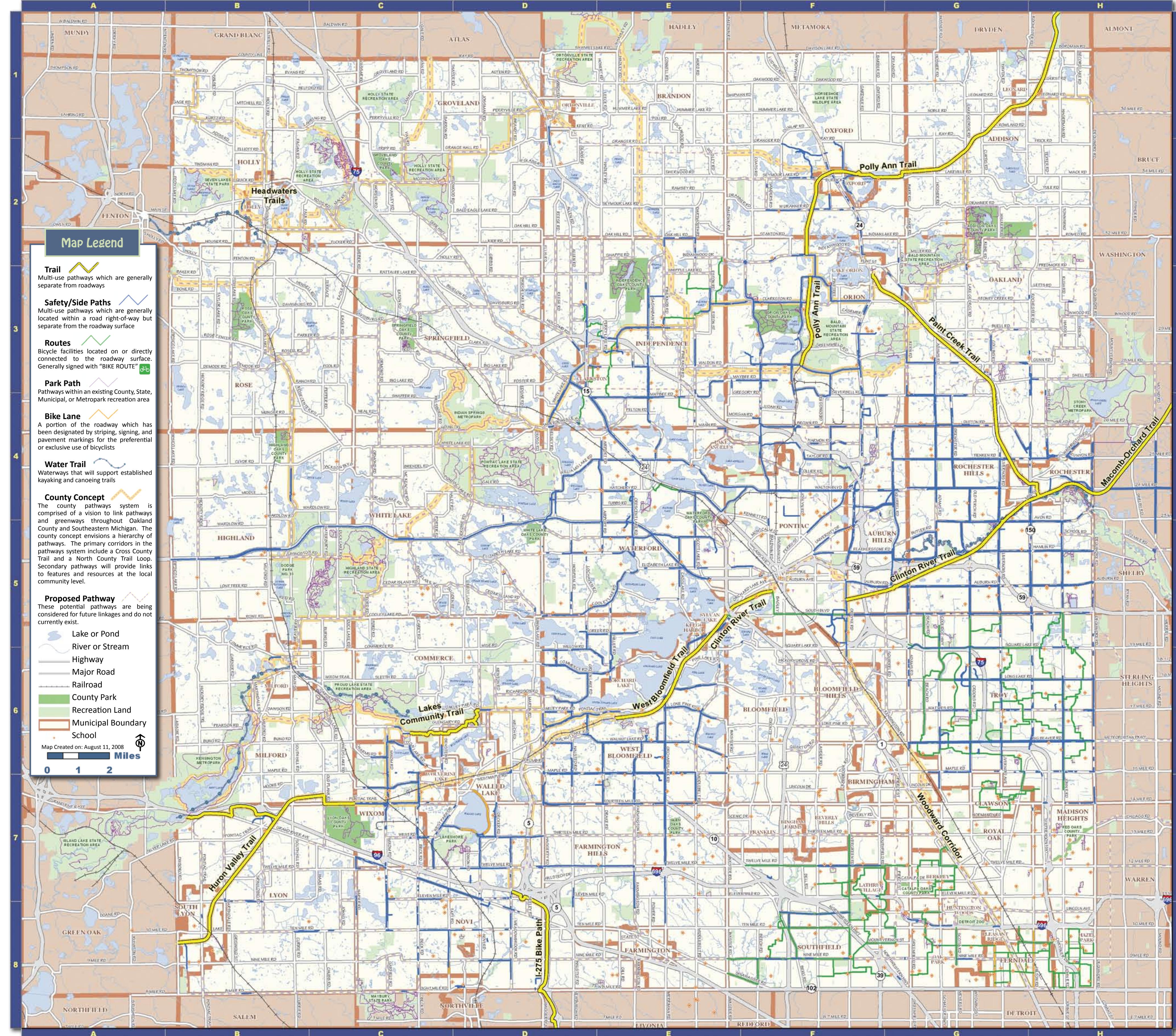
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Oak Routes

Oakland County Trail Network

2008-2009 Edition



Additional Information

For additional information about the Oak Routes Trail Network or the Oakland Trail Advisory Council, please visit www.oakgov.com/trails. Here you will find an interactive map that highlights the entire trail network in the county. Also, a copy of the newly released Oakland County Trails Master Plan can be downloaded from the site.