This is the first page of our **Active Living Biking and Hiking Guide,** a 30” by 24” map that is about 14MB in size.

If you are downloading this file to view it online, please be patient. Depending on the speed of your internet connection, the remaining pages may take some time to arrive at your computer.

Existing On-Road Bike Routes

Bloomington has a number of on-road bike routes to serve recreation, fitness and transportation bicyclists comfortable with riding on the road. Many of the bike routes feature striped shoulders. *On-road bike routes are shown with heavy red lines on the map on the opposite side.*

86th Street Bikeway

Coordinates B2 - F1.

Beginning at the Hyland Lake Park Reserve entrance on West 94th Street, the bikeway proceeds east to Poplar Bridge Road and West 90th Street, turns north onto Xerxes Avenue South, turns east at West 86th Street and ends near East Old Shakopee Road at the Bass Ponds upper parking lot. Most of the bikeway features five-foot-wide, bikeable shoulders. Parking along the route includes Lower Penn Lake Park, 1925 W. 86th Street, and the Bass Ponds, 2501 E. 86th Street. Toilets are provided seasonally at Ridgeview Park, 6001 W. 94th St., and Cedarcrest Park, 8700 Bloomington Avenue S.

102nd Street Bikeway

Cooordinates B3 - D3 (West segment), D3 - E3 (East segment).

The bikeway's western segment begins at Nesbitt Avenue South and heads east until Penn Avenue South. The eastern segment starts at Lyndale Avenue South and heads east to Portland Avenue South. Sections feature bikeable shoulders. Parking along the bikeway includes the Gene C. Kelly Playfields, 185 E. 102nd Street. A chemical toilet is provided seasonally at Gene C. Kelly Playfields.

Auto Club Road/Normandale Boulevard/110th Street Bikeway

Coordinates A3 - D3.

Following Bloomington Ferry Road south from West Old Shakopee Road, the bikeway heads east onto Auto Club Road, turns north at Normandale Boulevard, then proceeds east on West 110th Street to Penn Avenue South. Sections on Auto Club Road and West 110th Street feature bikeable shoulders. Parking along the bikeway includes Dred Scott Playfields, 10820 Bloomington Ferry Road. This route connects to the scenic Bloomington Ferry Trail Bridge over the Minnesota River which borders Bloomington and Shakopee. A toilet is provided seasonally at Dred Scott.

Nesbitt Avenue South Bikeway

Coordinates B2 - B3.

Starting on Nesbitt Avenue South at West Old Shakopee Road, the bikeway heads north to West 94th Street and connects to the 86th Street Bikeway. The route features bikeable shoulders. A chemical toilet is provided seasonally at Ridgeview Park, 6001 W. 94th Street.

Biking Signals – Stay Safe

When you use these signals, other drivers can anticipate your intensions.

Off-Road Biking and Hiking Trails

Bloomington's off-road trails offer commuter, recreational and fitness opportunities for the whole family. The majority of the trails are multiple use; bikers, hikers, roller bladers, dog walkers and other enthusiasts share the trails. *The multiple-use trails are shown in orange on the maps. A select number of trails are pedestrian only; they are shown in green. Paved trails are shown with a solid line, unpaved trails are shown with a dotted line.*

Make sure to confirm designated uses for each trail when planning your visit.

Bloomington Ferry Road and Veness Road

Coordinates A2 - A3.

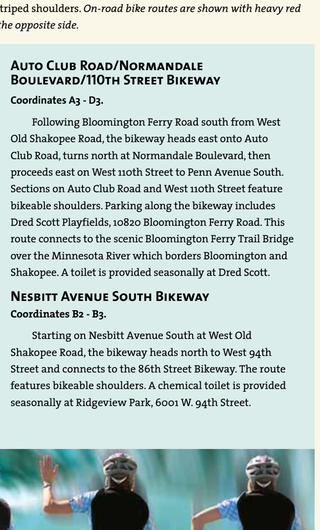
This 2.4 mile trail runs north from West 106th Street along Bloomington Ferry Road, then northeast on Veness Road to West Bush Lake Road. With the songs of birds as background music, the trail travels by neighborhoods and wetlands. Owned and operated by the City of Bloomington, portions of these trails were reconstructed in 2010 with additional segments scheduled to be reconstructed in 2011. Most trails are eight feet wide, bituminous and designated for multiple use.

Bush Lake Park Biking and Hiking Trails

Coordinates A2.

The trails around Bush Lake are owned and operated by the City of Bloomington. The majority will be reconstructed in 2011. Most trails are 10 feet wide, bituminous and designated for multiple use. Some trails wind up and down through forests; others pass playground equipment and fishing piers. Access points with parking are Bush Lake Beach, 9140 East Bush Lake Road, and West Bush Lake Park, 9401 West Bush Lake Road. Restrooms are provided seasonally at Bush Lake Beach and West Bush Lake Park.

* **NOTE ON TRESPASSING: Nine private properties are located on the shores of Bush Lake and its northeast bay. It is not possible to walk all the way around the lake without trespassing on private property. Note where private properties are located and do not cross them when visiting Bush Lake Park.**



Central and Moir Parks Hiking Trails

Coordinates D3 - D4.

The trails in Central and Moir Parks are owned and operated by the City of Bloomington. Most are 8- to 10-feet wide with a bituminous surface and restricted to pedestrians. Trails south of West 106th Street are natural surfaced. While Nine Mile Creek is 15 miles long and winds through neighboring cities, the trails south of West Old Shakopee Road are set in a beautiful ravine landscape. The length of your hike depends on your access point; approximate mile markers are located along the trails. Access points with parking include: Harrison Picnic Grounds, 1701 W. 100th Street; Moir Park, 10320 Morgan Avenue S.; and a car park area at West 106th Street near Morgan Avenue South. The access near the Minnesota River at West 112th Street and Queen Avenue South is not shown. Toilet facilities are provided seasonally at Moir Park.

Girard Lake Park Hiking Trail

Coordinates C1.

The trail around Girard Lake, that is owned and operated by the City of Bloomington, is 10 feet wide and 1.08 miles long with a cushioned, wood-chip surface. As the trail loops gently around the lake, you will have ample opportunities to view nature. Parking is available on West 84th Street just east of France Avenue South.

Hyland Lake Park Reserve Trails

Coordinates B1 to B3.

The trails in Hyland Lake Park Reserve are owned and operated by Three Rivers Park District. These destination trails traverse the picturesque reserve and connect on the south, north and east ends to City trails. Both bituminous and natural surface trails are available. Biking and hiking are permitted on the paved trails, *pictured as solid orange lines*, while the natural surface trails, *pictured as dotted green lines*, are restricted to pedestrians. Access points are: West 94th Street at Colorado Road; West 105th Street at Hampshire Avenue South; Richardson Nature Center, 8737 E. Bush Lake Road; and Hyland Visitor Center, 10145 E. Bush Lake Road. Parking and restrooms are available along the trails, including the Hyland Visitor Center and Richardson Nature Center.

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Bass Ponds INSET

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center INSET

* **NOTE ON TRESPASSING:**
Two private properties are located on the shores of the Minnesota River in southwestern Bloomington. *See map on the opposite side.* **We ask that you note where private properties are located and do not cross these properties when visiting the Minnesota River trails.**

Minnesota River Biking and Hiking Trails

Coordinates A4 to G1.

A number of natural surface trails in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge are owned and operated by the City of Bloomington and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. These trails are popular for mountain bikers, hikers and nature lovers. Certain segments of the trails are designated for pedestrians only, and are *identified with dotted green lines on the maps*. Access points with parking facilities: Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 3815 American Boulevard East; Bloomington Bass Ponds, 2501 86th Street East; Old Cedar Avenue Trailhead, 9500 Old Cedar Avenue; Parker's Picnic Grounds, 101401 Columbus Road; Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 East 104th Street; Russell A. Sorenson Landing, 11135 Lyndale Avenue South; and Bloomington Ferry Trailhead, 11255 Bloomington Ferry Road, *pictured on the opposite side*. Restroom facilities are available at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. **Be aware that the segment of trail along the river between the Russell A. Sorensen Landing and Cedar Avenue South is a primitive trail subject to seasonal flooding. Also note that the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge crossing Long Meadow Lake is closed.**

Smith Park Biking and Hiking Trails

Coordinates E1.

The trails in Smith Park are owned and operated by the City of Bloomington. Most are 10-feet wide, lighted, bituminous and designated for multiple use. A total of more than one mile of trails encompasses a loop around Smith Pond. Access points with parking include: East 82nd Street at Park Avenue South; Chicago Avenue South, north of East 82nd Street; and East 82nd Street at 10th Avenue South. Restrooms are available seasonally near the Chicago Avenue parking lot.

Legend for Maps

Scale varies

Trails	Symbols
On-Road Bike	Biking Trail
Off-Road Paved	Hiking Trail
Off-Road Unpaved	Parking
Off-Road Paved Pedestrian Only	Pedestrian Bridge
Off-Road Unpaved Pedestrian Only	Seasonal Restroom
Distance in Miles between Markers	Underpass
	Visitor/Nature Center

NORTH

The City of Bloomington *Active Living Biking and Hiking Guide* is provided as a service to the public and is designed to show the general location of properties. This map does not reflect legal property lines.

Photo Credits

This side
- Existing bike routes: Bigstock.com
- Smith Park: Faye Roy
- Cover 1: Three Rivers Park District
- Biking etiquette: bigstockphoto.com; Concept credit: Three Rivers Park District
- Kids hiking: Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Opposite side
- Biker: stock.xchng (http://www.sxc.hu)
- Woman and dog: Bigstock.com

All others: City of Bloomington

City of Bloomington Minnesota

Active Living Biking and Hiking Guide

Explore Bloomington's Parks, Streets and Trails using Pedal and Foot Power!

Whether you're in the mood for a hike, an easy walk with the family, a leisurely bike ride, a challenging all-terrain trail, walking your dog or commuting to work on your bike, you can find a path to follow in Bloomington. With nearly 9,000 acres of parkland and recreational spaces, the Minnesota River, lakes, wide streets and well-lit sidewalks, being active is easy.

The trails showcased here are special. Tiny jewels, such as Girard Lake Park, feel secluded and restful – you can get close to nature while traveling the short trail. If you like drama with your hike, visit the Central and Moir Parks trails; you will traverse ravines and cross bridges that span the rock-strewn Nine Mile Creek as it bubbles down to the Minnesota River. Like to watch people and nature? Hyland Lake Park Reserve is always busy; there's lots to do and see. Finally, if you like fresh air and exercise and want to get from point A to point B, take Bloomington's on-road bikeways.

Whoever you are – a commuter, a solitary traveler or someone looking to exercise with friends and family – explore Bloomington's biking and hiking trails. Get active! It's great for your body. And the fresh air and nature will soothe your mind and spirit.

Additional on-road bikeways and off-road hiking and biking trails are planned. For more information, check out the City's *Alternative Transportation Plan* on the City's website, www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: "Alternative transportation plan."

The coordinates on this page refer to the large map on the opposite side.

Biking and Hiking Etiquette

Be Predictable
Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing position on the trail.

Don't Block the Trail
When in a group, avoid using more than half the trail.

Control Dogs
Keep your dog under control and on a six foot non-retractable leash.

Keep Right
For safety, stay to the right of the trail, except when passing another user.

Pass on the Left
Pass others going in your direction on their left. Faster traffic must yield to slower and oncoming traffic.

Give Audible Signals
When passing, use a warning such as..."PASSING ON YOUR LEFT." Give a clear warning by voice, bell or horn.

Wear Helmets
Bicyclists, skaters and skateboarders should always wear a properly fitted helmet.

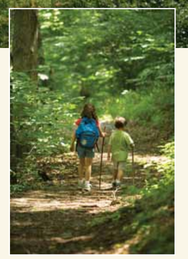
Stop Means Stop

Biking Equipment Checklist

- ❑ Wear a helmet – always. This inexpensive investment prevents head injuries and can save you thousands of dollars later on.
- ❑ Bring water. Staying hydrated helps with long distances and makes rides enjoyable.
- ❑ Use sunglasses. Protect your eyes from the sun, gravel and bugs.
- ❑ Check bike tires for proper inflation. On rides, carry a spare tube, a patch kit and a pump.
- ❑ Make sure your bike is the proper height.
- ❑ Check brakes. You want brakes that skid on dry pavement but don't send you hurtling over the top of the handlebars. Using rear brakes helps prevent this.

Hiking Equipment Checklist

- ❑ Wear comfortable shoes that fit.
- ❑ Bring water. This is a definite must for longer walks and, even, for short ones on very warm days.
- ❑ Use sunglasses all year round to protect your eyes from the sun and bugs.
- ❑ Bring bag(s) to carry out what you carry in.
- ❑ Be prepared for weather changes.



City of Bloomington Minnesota

Active Living Biking and Hiking Guide

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON MINNESOTA

Active Living Biking and Hiking Guide

LEGEND

- Parkland
- City Facility
- School
- Miscellaneous Facility
- Water Body

TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

- Major Highway
- Major Street
- Local Street
- Railroad Track
- Hiawatha LRT (Light Rail Transit) Line

TRAILS

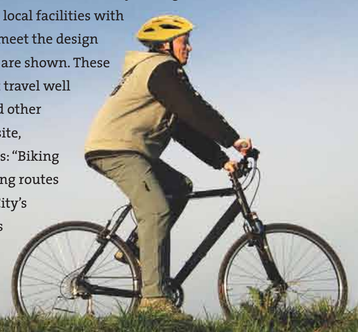
- On-Road Bike
- Off-Road Paved
- Off-Road Unpaved
- Off-Road Paved Pedestrian Only
- Off-Road Unpaved Pedestrian Only

SYMBOLS

- LRT Station
- Park and Ride
- Fire Station
- Parking
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Underpass
- Visitor/Nature Center

The City of Bloomington *Active Living Biking and Hiking Guide* is provided as a service to the public and is designed to show the general location of properties. This map does not reflect legal property lines.

This *Active Living Biking and Hiking Guide* shows a portion of the many hiking trails, sidewalks and bikeways that thread their way through our beautiful city. State, regional, county and local facilities with city-wide significance and trails that meet the design guidelines of the City of Bloomington are shown. These routes connect to other segments that travel well beyond our borders. Find this map and other bicycle information on the City's website, www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: "Biking and hiking guide." Plans for more biking routes and hiking trails are available in the City's *Alternative Transportation Plan* that is also on our website, keywords: "Alternative transportation plan."



City of Bloomington Facilities

Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd.
- D3 Center for the Arts, north section of Civic Plaza.
- D3 City Hall, center section of Civic Plaza.
- D3 Police Department, south section of Civic Plaza.

D3 Animal Shelter, 9920 Logan Ave. S.
D3 Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S.
D3 Motor Vehicle Registration, 9930 Logan Ave. S.
D3 Public Health Center, 1900 W. Old Shakopee Rd.
D2 Public Works, 1700 W. 98th St.

Private Schools

C2 Bethany Academy, 4300 W. 98th St.
A3 Bloomington Lutheran, 10600 Bloomington Ferry Rd.
D3 Nativity of Mary, 9901 E. Bloomington Freeway.

Bloomington Schools

D1 Community Education Center, 2575 W. 88th St.
D3 Educational Service Center, 1350 W. 106th St.
D2 Hillcrest Elementary, 9301 Thomas Road
E2 Indian Mounds Elementary, 9801 11th Ave. S.
C3 Jefferson Sr. High, 4001 W. 102nd St.
E2 Kennedy Sr. High, 9701 Nicollet Ave. S.
C2 Normandale Community College, 9700 France Ave. S.
B2 Normandale Hills Elementary, 9501 Toledo Ave. S.
D1 Northwestern Health Sciences Univ., 2501 W. 84th St.
D3 Oak Grove Elementary, 1301 W. 104th St.
D3 Oak Grove Middle, 1300 W. 106th St.
C3 Olson Elementary, 4501 W. 102nd St.
C3 Olson Middle, 4551 W. 102nd St.
E2 Pond Center, 9600 3rd Ave. S.
C1 Poplar Bridge Elementary, 8401 Palmer Rd.
B2 Ridgeview Elementary, 9400 Nesbitt Rd.
C4 Southwood Center, 4901 W. 112th St.
E1 Valley View Elementary, 351 E. 88th St.
E1 Valley View Middle, 8900 Portland Ave. S.
C1 Washburn Elementary, 8401 Xerxes Ave. S.
C3 Westwood Elementary, 3701 W. 108th St.

Miscellaneous Facilities

Business Districts:
- B1 Normandale Lake District.
- D1 Penn American District.
- F1 - G1, F2 - G2 South Loop District.

Hennepin County Libraries:
- D2 Penn Lake Library, 8800 Penn Ave. S.
- E2 Oxboro Library, 8801 Portland Ave. S.

F1 Mall of America, 8100 24th Ave. S.
G1 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, 3815 American Blvd. E.
C2 National Guard Armory, 3000 W. 98th St.
C2 Normandale Community College, 9700 France Ave. S.
D1 Northwestern Health Sciences University, 2501 W. 84th St.

More Information

- Commuter Services, *www.494corridor.org/*
- Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, *www.bikemn.org*
- Bike Walk Twin Cities, *www.bikewalktwincities.org*
- City of Bloomington, *www.ci.bloomington.mn.us*, keywords "alternative transportation plan."
- Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), *www.co.hennepin.mn.us*
- League of American Cyclists, *www.bikeleague.org/resources/better/index.php*
- Minnesota Complete Streets Coalition, *www.mncompletestreets.org/*
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, *www.dnr.state.mn.us*
- Minnesota Dept. of Transportation Bicycle Information, *www.sharetheroadmn.org*
- Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists (MORC), *www.morcmtb.org*
- Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, *www.fws.gov/Midwest/MinnesotaValley*
- Three Rivers Park District, *www.threeriversparks.org*
- Transit for Livable Communities, *www.tlcminnesota.org/index.php*

MINNESOTA'S VISION — A Better State of Health

Statewide Health Improvement Program | SHIP

The City of Bloomington does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. The City has designated coordinators to facilitate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as required by Section 35.107 of the U.S. Department of Justice regulations, and to coordinate compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as mandated by Section 8.53 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. For information, contact the Human Services Division, City of Bloomington, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3096; 952-563-8733 (Voice); 952-563-8740 (TTY).

Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or computer disk.