

**ABOUT THE OKI BIKE ROUTE GUIDES**

The OKI Bike Route Guides for Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties in Kentucky were prepared by OKI Regional Council of Governments with the assistance of area cyclists, including representatives from the Cincinnati Cycle Club, Inc. These bike route guides indicate roads actually used by area bicyclists and recommended to other adult cyclists for bicycle travel.

Most of the routes suggested are regular roads of the state and local roadway system and are used by motor vehicles, as well as bicycles. There are no special provisions for bicycle travel and cyclists should use appropriate safety precautions (described elsewhere on this map) while riding these roads. Roads in the rural areas of Northern Kentucky are typically narrow two lane roads without shoulders.

The recommended bicycle routes (blue) are the preferred routes. In some locations, the blue route is the best of several choices (such as Water Works Rd. in Ft Thomas). The alternate bicycle routes (yellow) require greater rider precaution because of either traffic or terrain. They may be the only suitable route in some corridors. Roads not recommended for bicycle travel (red) tend to have even more traffic, higher speeds and narrow pavement. These classifications reflect general conditions — not rush hour conditions. Most routes will have more traffic during weekday rush hours (7:00-9:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm) although it may be primarily in one direction. Also, expect roads leading to parks to be busier on weekends and holidays.

In general, the terrain in the OKI region is hilly, and the maps do not show all hills. Those noted as memorable hills are ones which local cyclists say they remember at the end of their rides.

Parks and recreation areas are shown as both destinations and staging areas for cycling rides. Selected public schools are also shown as potential ride staging areas. Two parks have developed off-road trails for mountain bike riding including Middle Creek Park in Boone County and Tower Park in Ft. Thomas, Campbell County. High schools and middle schools are also shown to facilitate access by students and staff.


In Northern Kentucky, bicyclists should expect steep hills on roads to and from KY 8, which follows the Ohio River valley, as well as roads along the Licking River valley.

**BICYCLE LAWS**

From the Kentucky Drivers Manual: Kentucky law (KRS Chapter 189) provides that cyclists shall be granted all the rights and be subject to all the duties applicable to drivers of any vehicle. A bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy, and, as such, must obey the traffic rules and regulations pertaining to all highway users. Motorists should regard bicycles as they would any other vehicle and assure safe clearance when passing.

Some cities have local traffic laws called ordinances. These may control the operation and parking of bicycles within city limits. As a driver, it is important for you to know what they are and to obey them at all times.

**RULES FOR BICYCLISTS**

- Never use Interstate and Parkway systems for cycling.
- Use hand signals to communicate your actions to other vehicles. 
- Obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals and signs. Stop at stop signs and for stop lights just like a motor vehicle.
- Operate a bicycle within posted speed limits or at a rate reasonable for existing conditions.
- Ride a bicycle on the right side of the road with traffic.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and on sidewalks. Give an audible signal (bell or horn) before passing pedestrians.
- When riding at night, operate the bike with a white light visible from the front and a red reflector or light visible from the rear.
- Reflector tape may be used for added visibility.
- All slower-moving vehicles, including bicycles, shall drive as close as practicable to the right-hand boundary of the highway. Extreme caution should be used when moving out into the center of the road to avoid road debris, to pass another vehicle, or to make a left turn.
- Do not ride on the sidewalk.
- Never park a bicycle on a sidewalk in such a way as to interfere with pedestrian traffic.
- Carry no more persons than the number for which the bicycle is designed and equipped.
- Never ride more than two abreast so as to interfere with the normal movement of traffic.

**RULES FOR MOTORISTS CONCERNING BICYCLISTS**

- Share the road with bicycles.
- Before passing a cyclist, look to see if there is loose debris on the pavement that might cause them to move into the center of the lane. Pass a cyclist only when it can be done safely, and give ample room (3 feet) between your car and the cyclist.
- Realize the air turbulence your vehicle can create at high speeds or in windy weather. Give the cyclist extra room if your vehicle has extended outside rearview mirrors. Return to the lane only when you are safely clear of the overtaken bicyclist.
- Look for cyclists. Because of their narrow profile you will need to develop your eye-scanning patterns to include bicyclists.
- When you are turning right after passing a cyclist, leave ample room so you don't cut him or her off when you slow for your turn.
- When opening your car door, check behind for cyclists.
- At night be extra alert, and don't use your high beams for they will temporarily blind oncoming cyclists.

Remember, bicyclists are not special and privileged. They have the same rights, rules, and responsibilities as all other highway users.

Source: Kentucky Drivers Manual

**BASIC PRINCIPLES OF TRAFFIC CYCLING**

Cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of vehicles.\*

Bicycles are legally considered vehicles in the Kentucky traffic regulations, as well as those of Ohio and Indiana. As these traffic laws provide for the orderly movement of vehicles (and pedestrians) within public roadways, it is in the cyclist's interest to abide by these rules.

Beyond a knowledge of these traffic laws, summarized on this map, there are five basic principles for safe cycling that promote an understanding of the laws and facilitate cooperative roadsharing with motorists.

- 1 Right side of the roadway -** Drive on the right side of the road with traffic, never against traffic and never on the sidewalk.
- 2 Yield to cross traffic -** When you reach a more important or larger road than the one you are on, yield to crossing traffic. (Yielding means looking forward and backward, and waiting to proceed until you see that no traffic is coming.)
- 3 Yield to new-lane traffic -** When you intend to change lanes or move laterally on the roadway, yield to traffic in the new lane or line of travel.

**Boone County – Park & Recreation Areas**

Note: These are public facilities with water (W) and restrooms (R) or port-o-lets (P) as marked.

1. Big Bone Lick State Park (WR)
2. Big Bone Landing (WR)
3. Boone County Fairgrounds (WR)
4. Boone Woods Park (WR)
5. Boone Links Golf Course (WR)
6. Camp Ernst Lake (P)
7. Central Park (WR)
8. Elks Club Park
9. England-Idlevild Park (WR)
10. Florence Nature Park (WR)
11. Limburg Park
12. Lincoln Woods Park (WR)
13. Middle Creek Park (P) (mountain bike trails)
14. River Park (Petersburg)
15. Rivershore Sports Complex (private)
16. South Fork Park
17. Walton Community Park (WR)









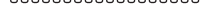



**Boone County – Public Schools**

1. Boone County High School
2. Conner – Goodridge Schools
3. Kelly Elementary School
4. North Pointe Elementary School
5. Ockerman Schools
6. Ryle High School
7. Walton-Verona High School

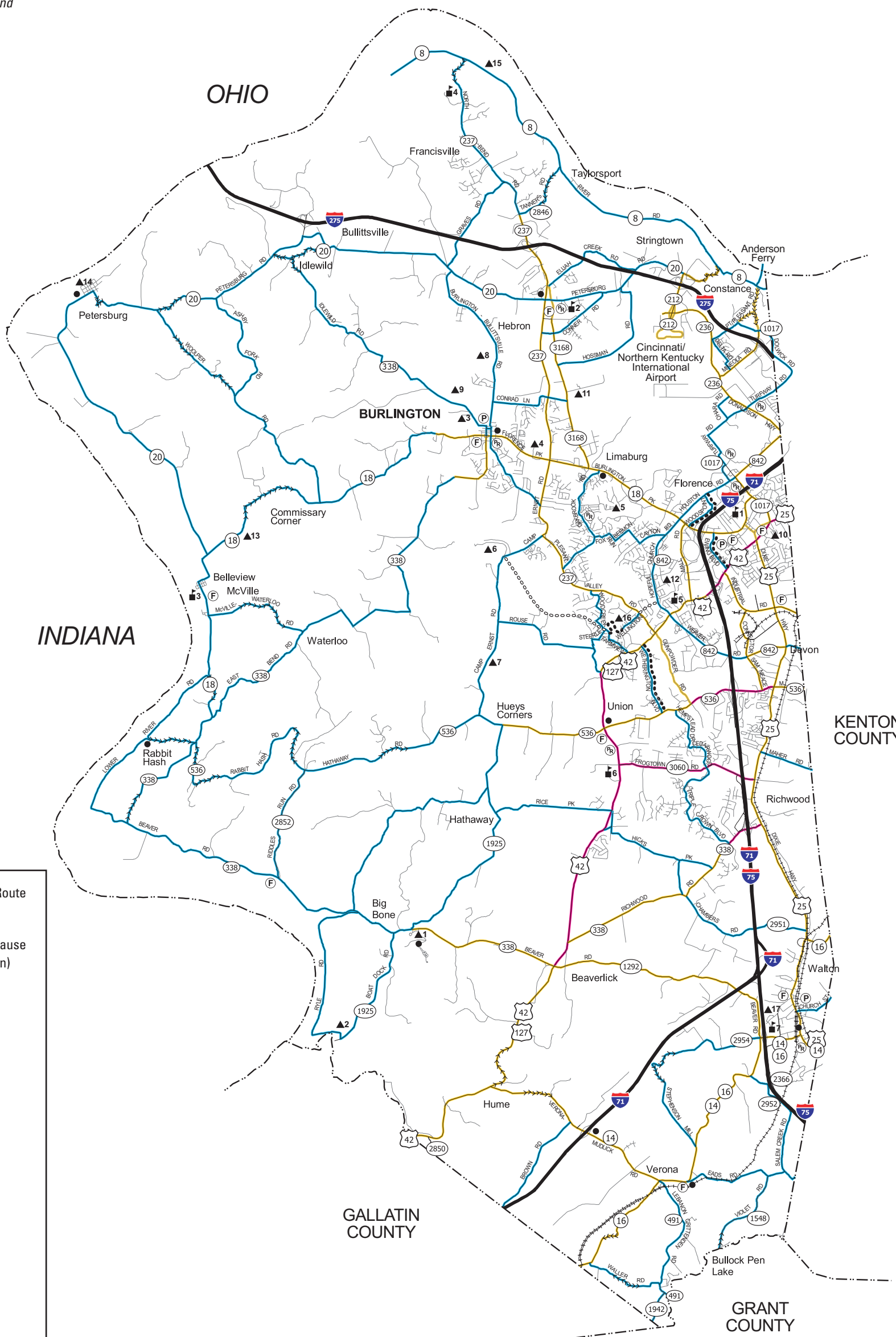
**Park & Ride Locations**

Note: The following park & ride lots are accessible to bicyclists and some are served by the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky. Although bicycle lockers are not available, these locations can serve as access to transit or staging areas for bicycling.

- Hebron Lutheran Church
- Mary Queen of Heaven Church
- Turfway Park
- Turfway Rd
- Oakbrook
- Burlington
- Union Presbyterian Church
- Walton First Baptist Church

	Recommended Bike Route
	Alternate Bike Route (use with caution because of traffic and/or terrain)
	Not Recommended for Bicycle Travel
	Memorable Hills (arrows point uphill)
	Bike Path – Existing
	Bike Path – Proposed
	Parks & Recreation
	Schools
	Police
	Fire
	Park & Ride
	Stores

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Source: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

**4 Destination positioning -** When approaching an intersection, position yourself with respect to your destination direction; right turners on the right, left-turners to the left near the centerline, and straight-through riders between those positions.

**5 Speed positioning -** Between intersections, position yourself according to your speed relative to other traffic; slower traffic is near the curb and faster traffic is nearer the centerline.

By recognizing and following these principles from the moment you leave your driveway, you can cycle safely while gaining the experience to understand and practice more advanced habits and maneuvers.

\*For additional information describing all aspects of cycling, and vehicular cycling in particular, see the book Effective Cycling by John Forester (Sixth Edition, MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts). For local training that can increase the enjoyment, confidence and safety of cycling, contact the League of American Bicyclists about its "Bike Ed" program and local instructors at 202-822-1333, or www.bikeleague.org.

**CARRY EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Be sure to carry emergency information with you in your pocket or bike bag for identification in case of an accident. Include your name, address, emergency contact person, your doctor's name and phone number, insurance information, and any other pertinent data. Also carry 35 cents in case you need to make a phone call.

**CALL  
911  
EMERGENCY**

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Division of Multimodal Programs  
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
125 Holmes Street  
Frankfort, KY 40622  
502-564-7686  
www.kytc.state.ky.us/Multimodal/

State Parks Information 1-800-255-PARK  
www.kystateparks.com  
www.kytourism.com

Bicycle Coalition of Kentucky  
P.O. Box 176475  
Covington, KY 41017-6475

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**BOONE COUNTY  
KENTUCKY**



**USE YOUR HEAD...WEAR A HELMET!**