

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.

OHIO RIVER CROSSINGS

- **Clay Wade Bailey Bridge** (Kenton County)(Recommended) - Connects 4th Street in Covington, KY with 2nd and 3rd Streets in Cincinnati, OH. Three lane bridge with reversible center lane. 12' travel lanes with 2' shoulders on each side. Watch for parallel drainage grates in the shoulders. Sidewalk on the east side.
- **Roebling Suspension Bridge** (Kenton County) (Alternate) - Connects 3rd Street in Covington, KY with Theodore M. Berry Way in Cincinnati, OH. Narrow two lane bridge with steel grate surface. Cyclists should walk their bikes along the sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. The bridge is at grade on the Kentucky side. On the Ohio side, cyclists have three choices: 1) carry your bike down the stairway to Pete Rose Way, 2) use the ramps and follow signs to Theodore M. Berry Way, or 3) walk your bike to Vine and 3rd Streets using the sidewalks and marked crosswalks.
- **Taylor-Southgate (Central) Bridge** (Campbell County) (Recommended) - Connects 3rd Street in Newport, KY with Pete Rose Way in Cincinnati, OH. Two 12' travel lanes; 4' shoulders on both sides; 4' painted median; use caution crossing expansion joints; 8' sidewalks on both sides.
- **L & N Bridge** (Campbell County) - Connects 3rd Street in Newport, KY with Pete Rose Way in Cincinnati, OH. Closed for rehabilitation for exclusive bicycle and pedestrian use. The adjacent unused railroad portion of the bridge is being considered for transit use.
- **Anderson Ferry** (Boone County) (Recommended) - Provides access across the Ohio River between Constance, KY at KY 8 and Anderson Ferry Road in Hamilton County, OH, west of downtown Cincinnati.

Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 AM - 9:30 PM
Saturday and holidays 7:00 AM - 9:30 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

The ferry loads approximately every 15 minutes. From November through April, the ferry closes at 8:00 PM
Prices: Bicycle \$0.50, Auto \$3.00, Pedestrian \$0.25

LICKING RIVER CROSSINGS

(between Kenton and Campbell Counties, KY):

- **Fourth Street Bridge** - (Alternate) Connects Fourth St. in Covington with Fourth St. in Newport (KY 8). Two 11' travel lanes west bound and one lane east. Four ft. sidewalks both sides.
- **Twelfth Street Bridge** - (Recommended) Connects 12th Street in Covington with 11th Street in Newport. Four 12' travel lanes and a 3' shoulder on the north side. A 5' sidewalk on the south side.
- **Al Schneider Bridge** (Visalia) - (Recommended) Connects KY 177 near Visalia in Kenton County with Pond Creek Rd. in Campbell County (KY 536). Two 10' travel lanes and 10' shoulders both sides.

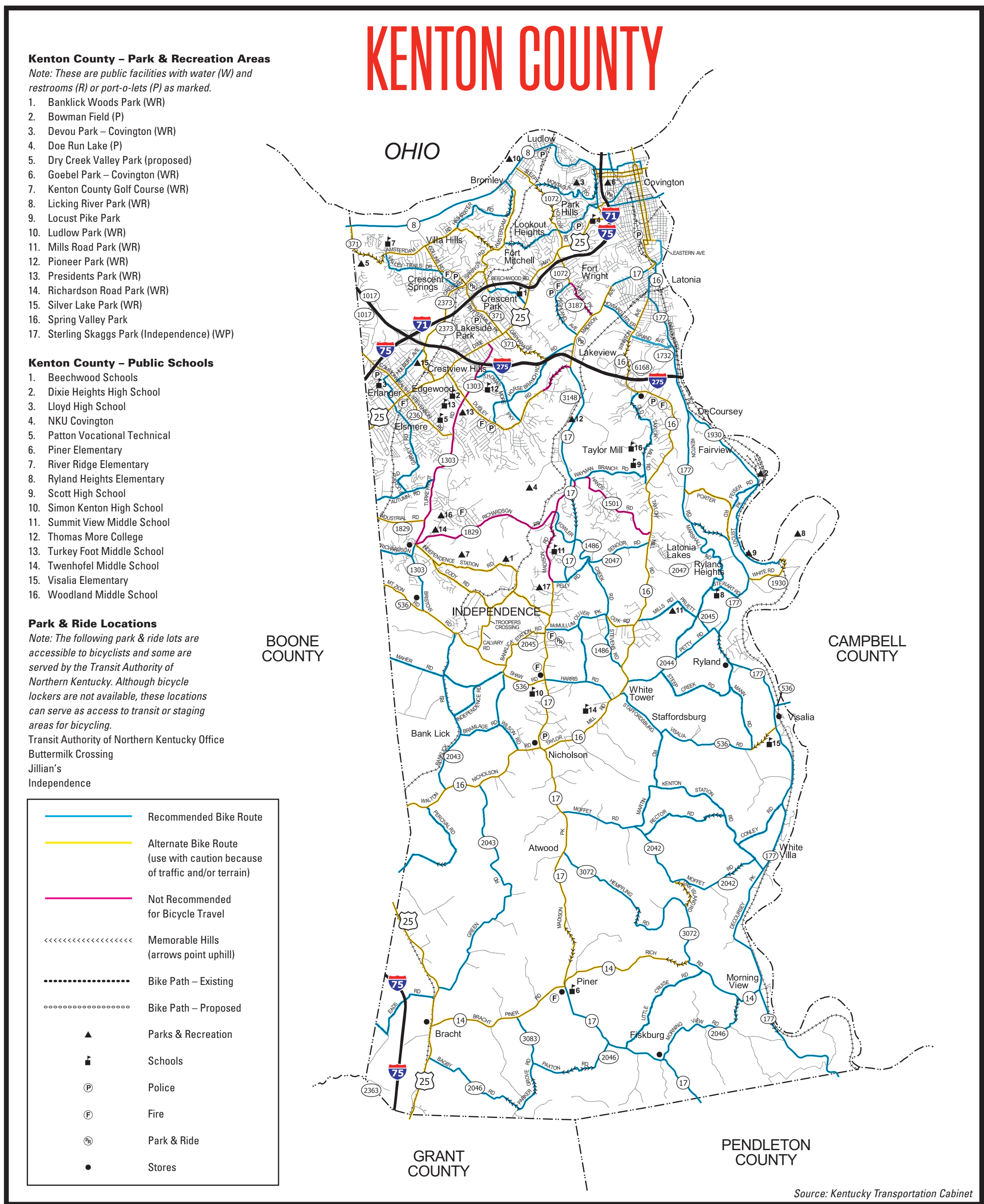
BICYCLE LAWS

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.



CALL 911 EMERGENCY

FURTHER INFORMATION

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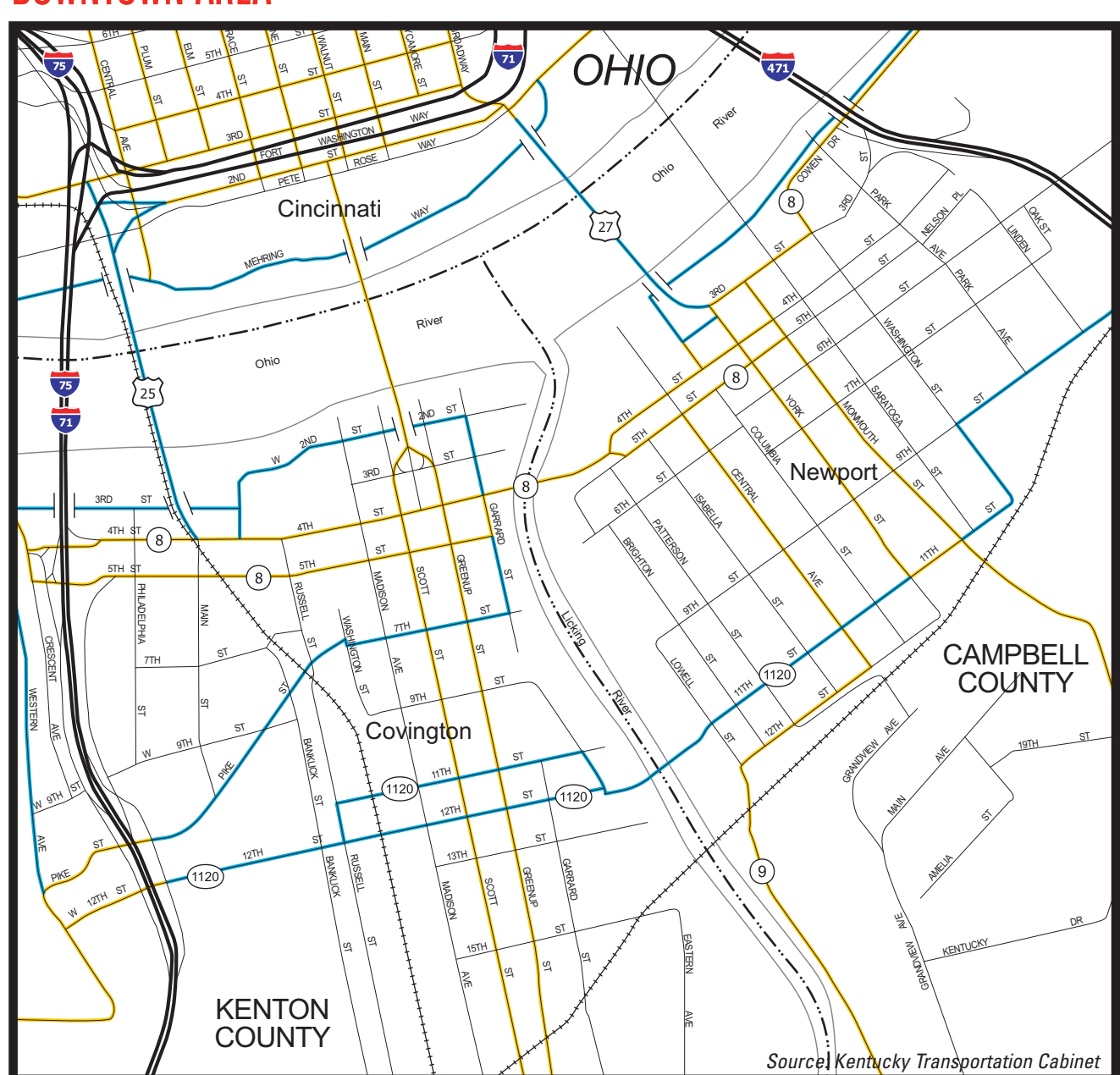
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 District 6 Office (Crescent Park)
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 Covington, KY 41017
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 Division of Multimodal Programs
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 125 Holmes Street
 Frankfort, KY 40622
 502-564-7686
 www.kytc.state.ky.us/Multimodal/

Cincinnati Cycle Club, Inc.
 P. O. Box 8371
 Cincinnati, OH 45208
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State Parks Information 1-800-255-PAK
 www.kystateparks.com
 www.kytourism.com

DOWNTOWN AREA



USE YOUR HEAD...WEAR A HELMET!

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