

# NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL



## TRAILS:

- DESIGNATED ASPHALT BIKE TRAIL (NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL)
- DESIGNATED ROADWAY BIKE LANE (NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL)
- SHARED BIKE TRAIL/SIDEWALK (NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL)
- SHARED BIKE TRAIL/ROADWAY (NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL)
- LCMP PARK TRAIL

*(Details and descriptions of trail types on reverse side)*

## LAND COVER:

- WATER
- LORAIN COUNTY METRO PARK
- LOCAL/CITY PARK

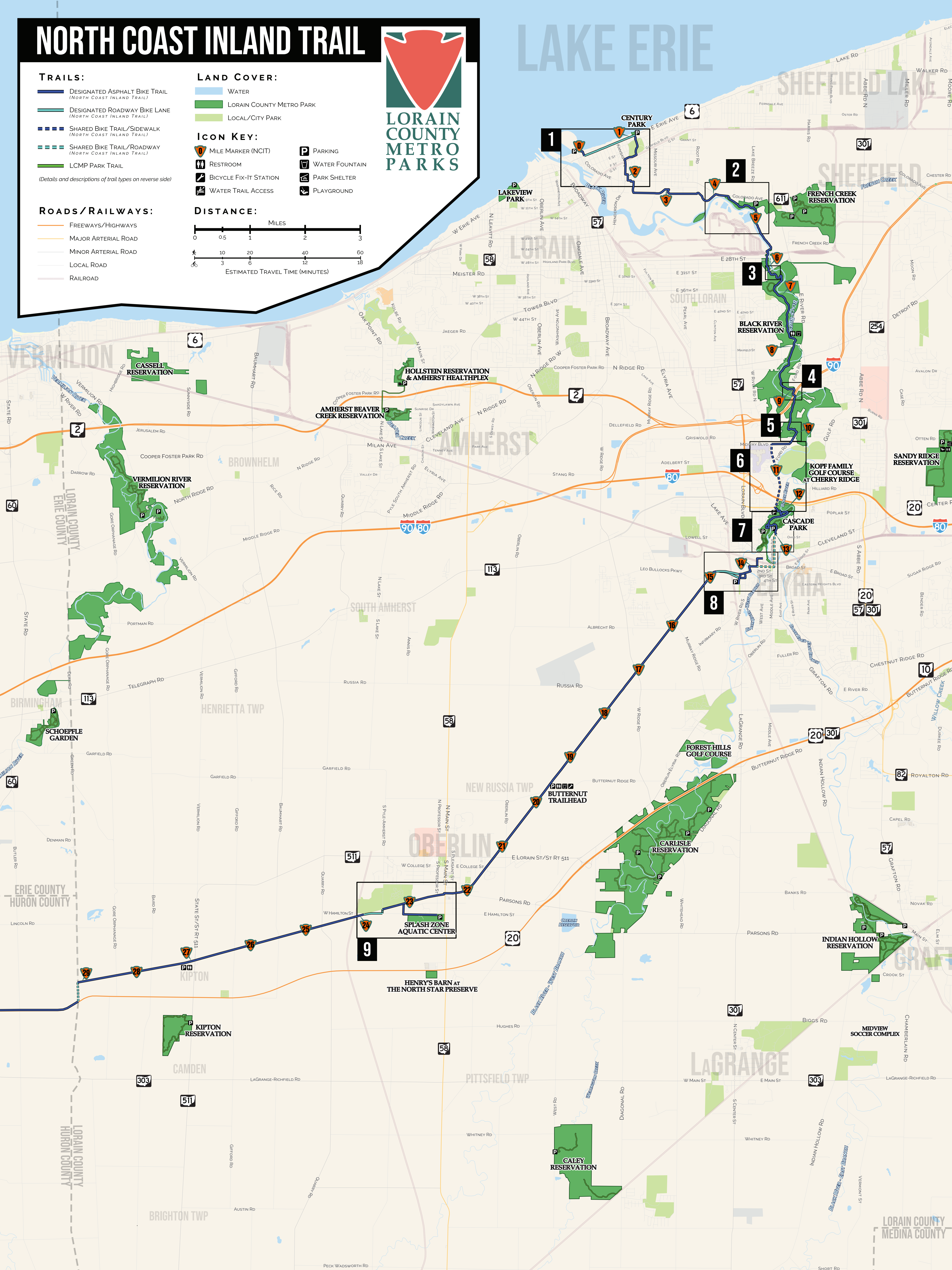
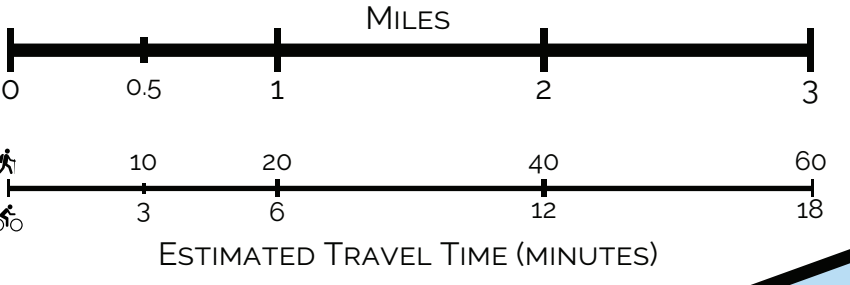
## ICON KEY:

- MILE MARKER (NCIT)
- RESTROOM
- BICYCLE FIX-IT STATION
- WATER TRAIL ACCESS
- PARKING
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- PARK SHELTER
- PLAYGROUND

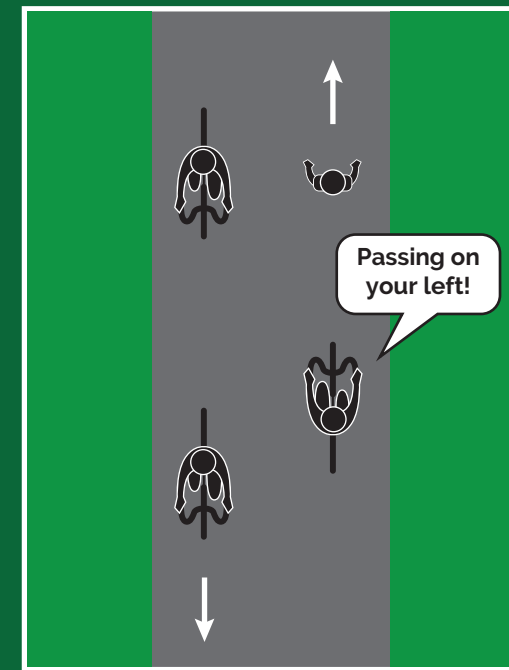
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- FREEWAYS/HIGHWAYS
- MAJOR ARTERIAL ROAD
- MINOR ARTERIAL ROAD
- LOCAL ROAD
- RAILROAD

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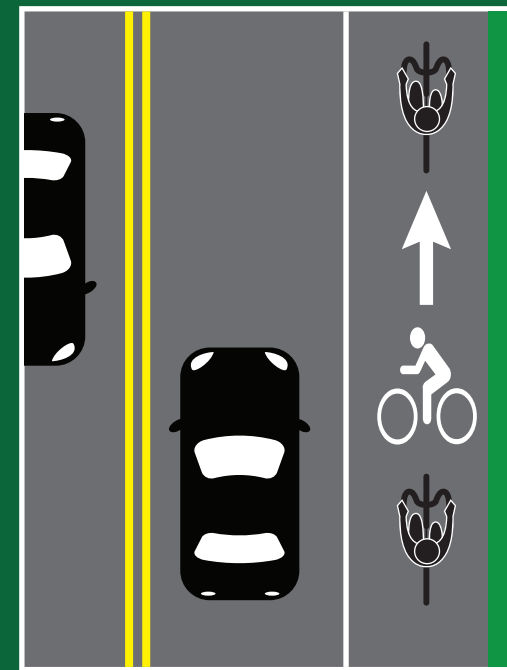


# BICYCLE PATH TYPES:



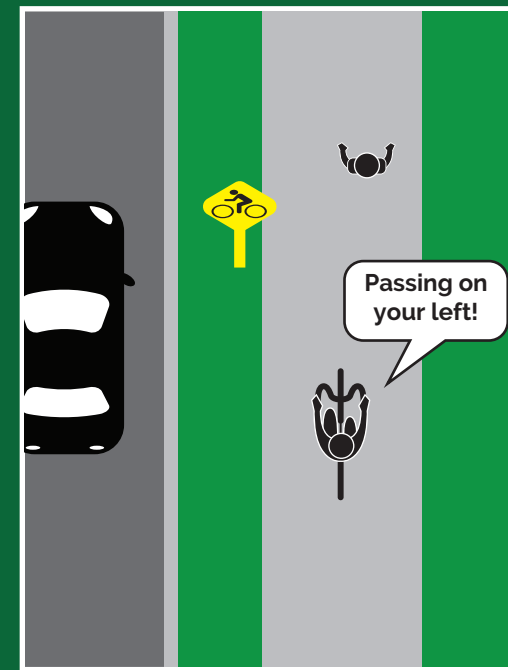
**DESIGNATED ASPHALT BIKE TRAIL**  
(North Coast Inland Trail)

These designated bike paths are paved and are designed specifically for pedestrians and bicyclists. Cyclists should yield to pedestrians and announce when passing. No vehicles are allowed on these trails.



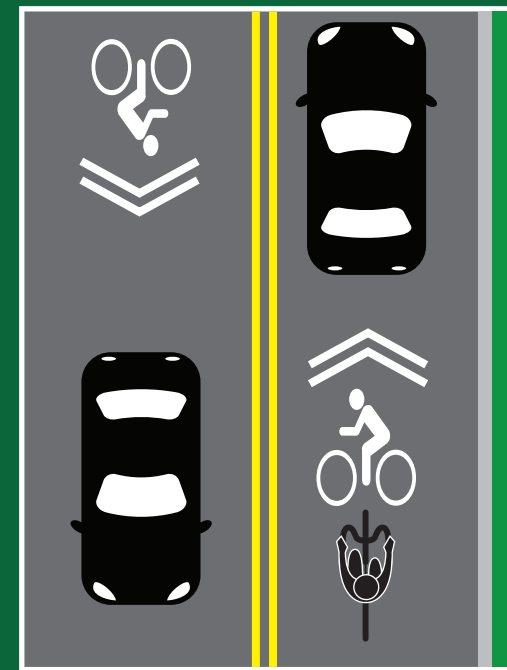
**DESIGNATED ROADWAY BIKE LANE**  
(North Coast Inland Trail)

These paths are conventional bike lanes in roadways. Cyclists ride on the roadway, however the bicycle lane is distinguished from vehicle traffic by a single white line. Cyclists should stay on the side of the road that follows the painted arrows (typically the direction of traffic).



**SHARED BIKE TRAIL/SIDEWALK**  
(North Coast Inland Trail)

These paths are conventional sidewalks, but are also designated bikeways. Cyclists should yield to pedestrians and announce when passing. Cyclists should stay on the side of the road that follows the direction of traffic.



**SHARED BIKE TRAIL/ROADWAY**  
(North Coast Inland Trail)

These paths are sometimes called "sharrows" and are a shared bicycle lane of traffic between motorists and cyclists. Bicycle rider icons with arrows are painted on the roadway in these sections to remind motorists to share the roadway with cyclists. Cyclists should stay on the side of the road that follows the painted arrows (typically the direction of traffic).

## DETAILED TEXT DIRECTIONS:

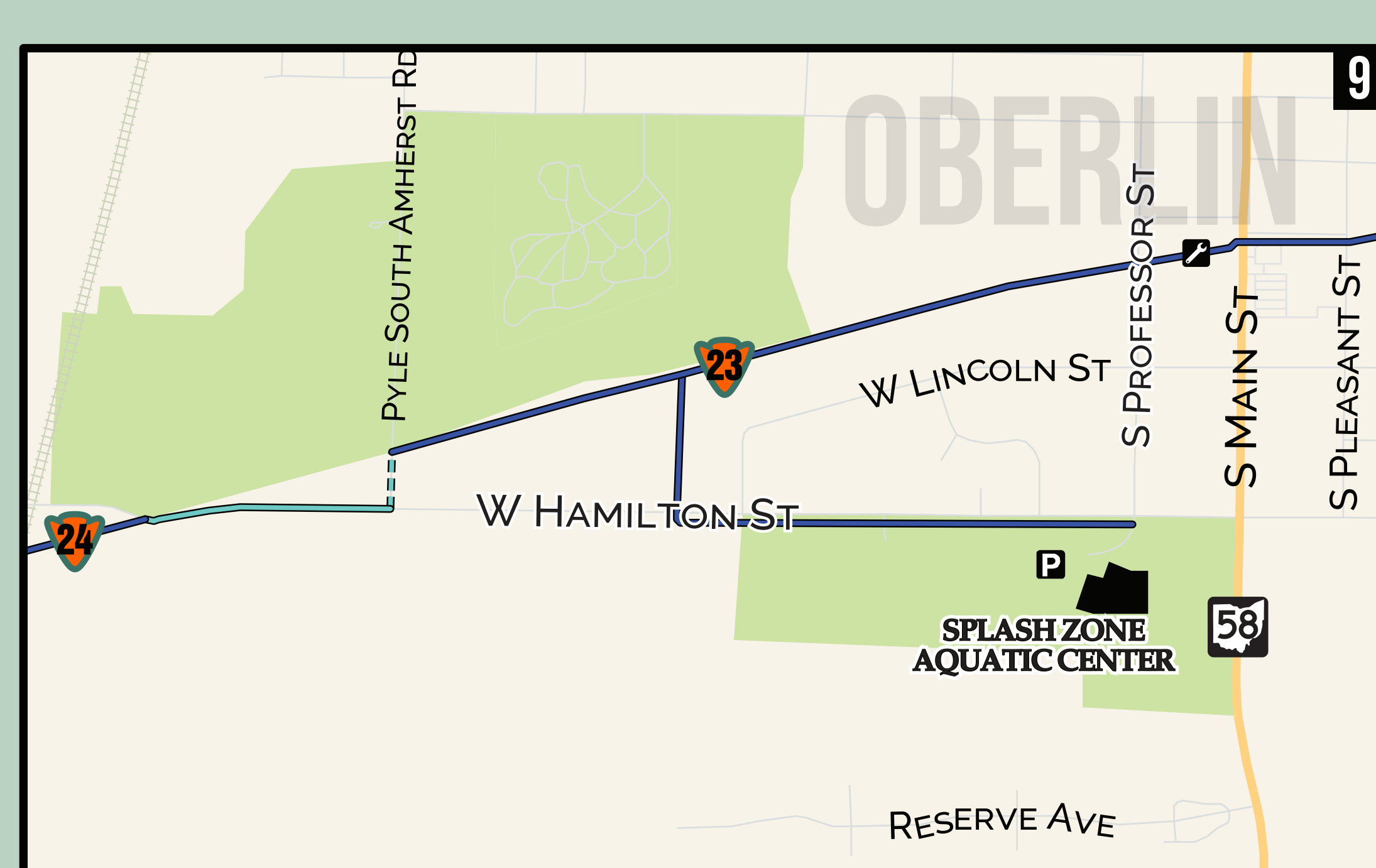
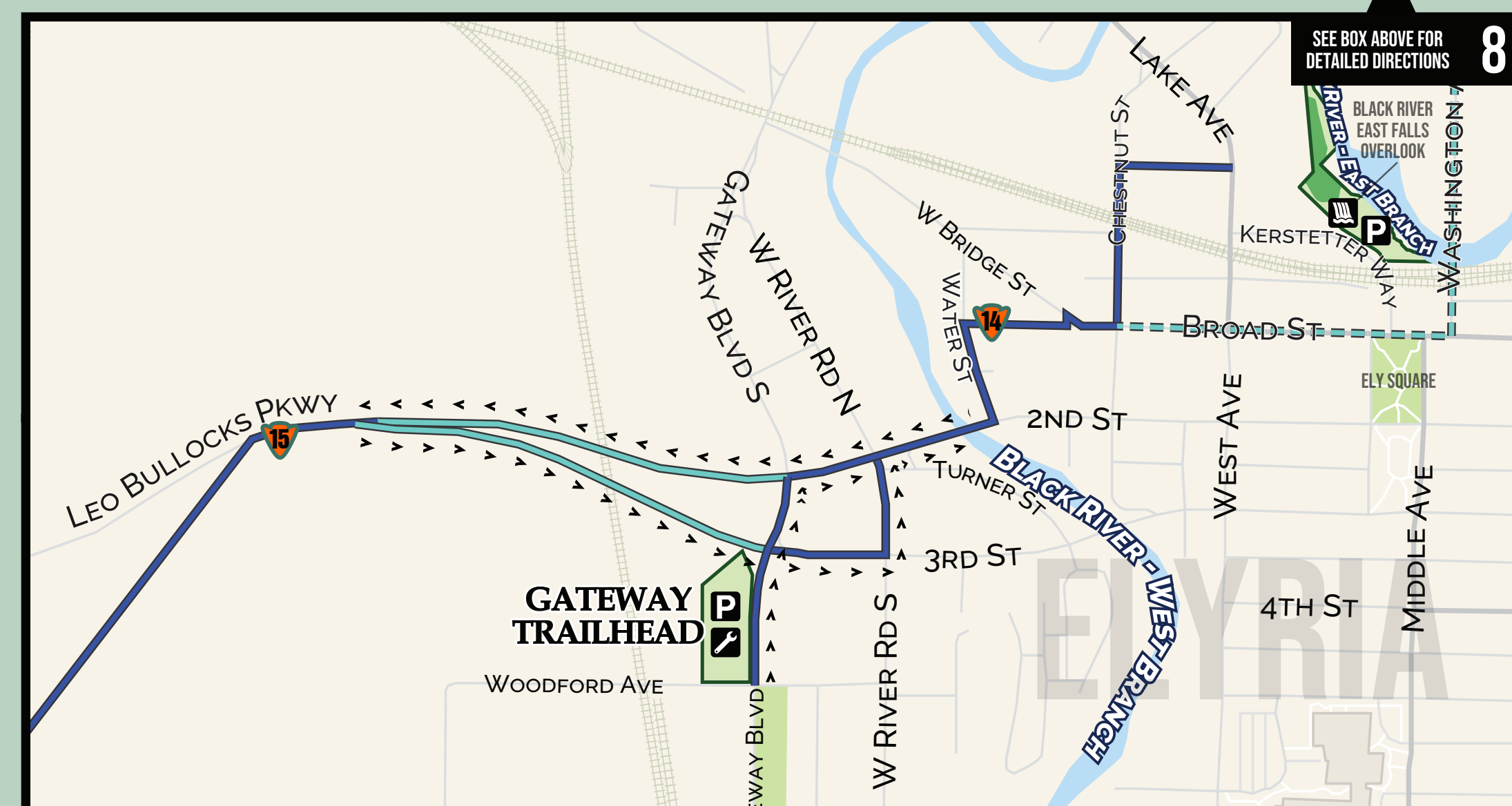
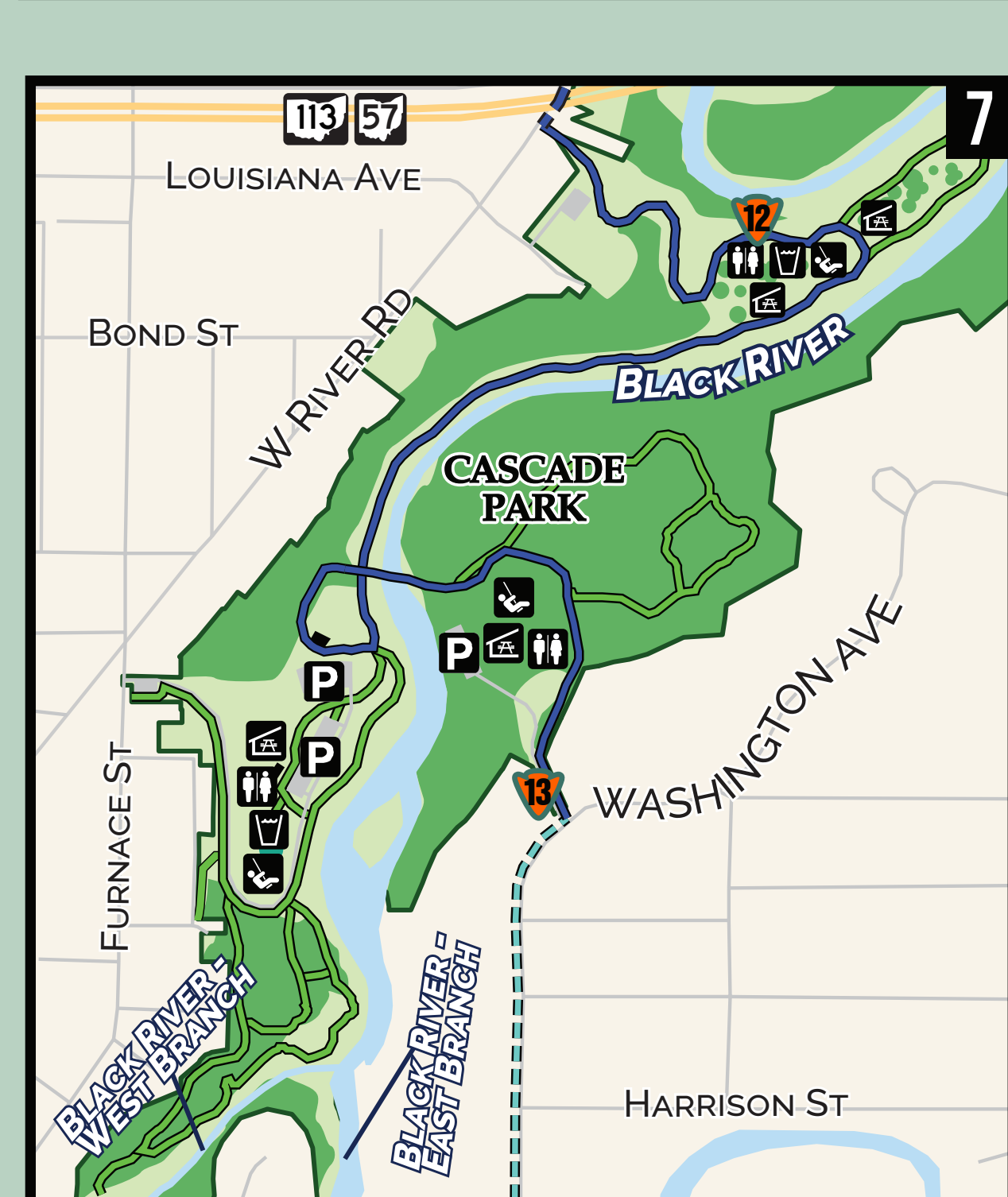
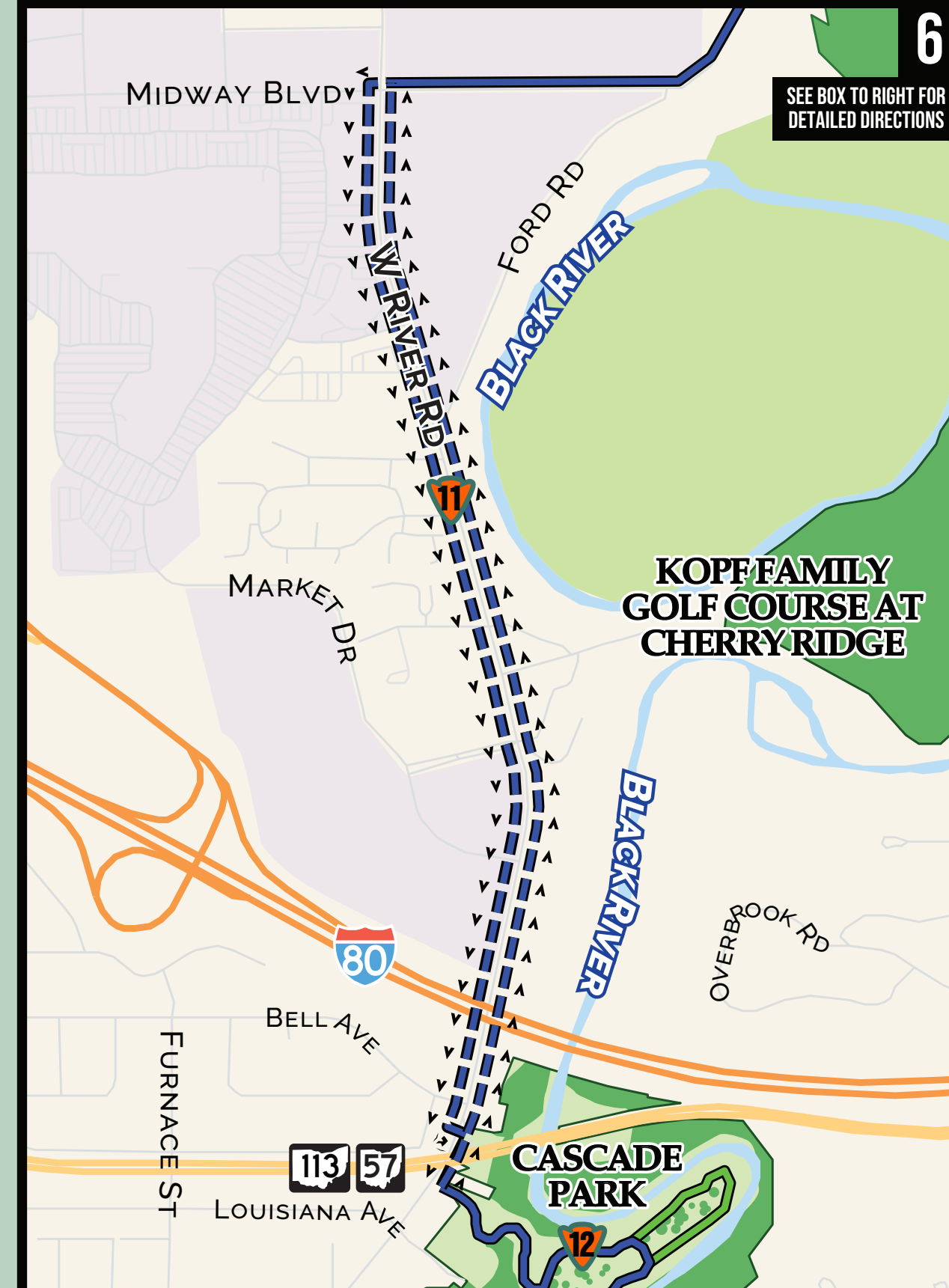
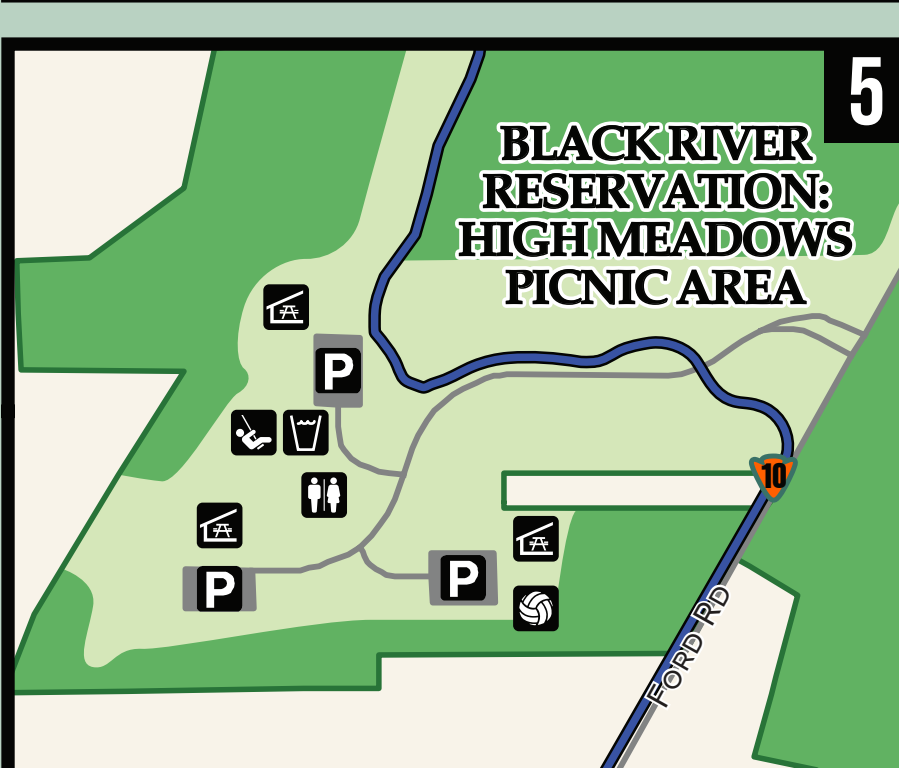
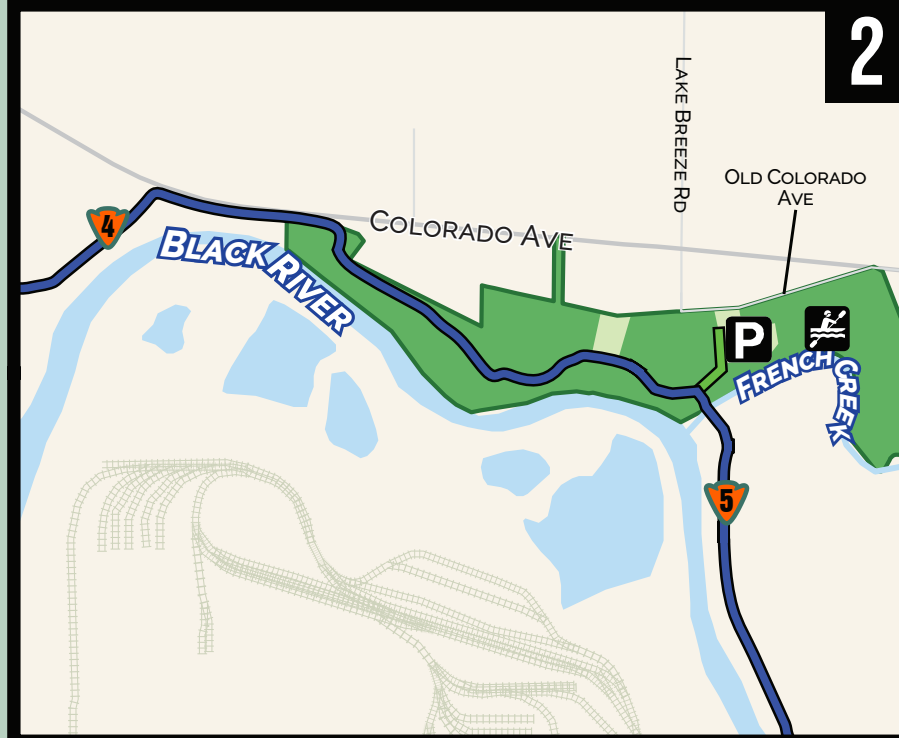
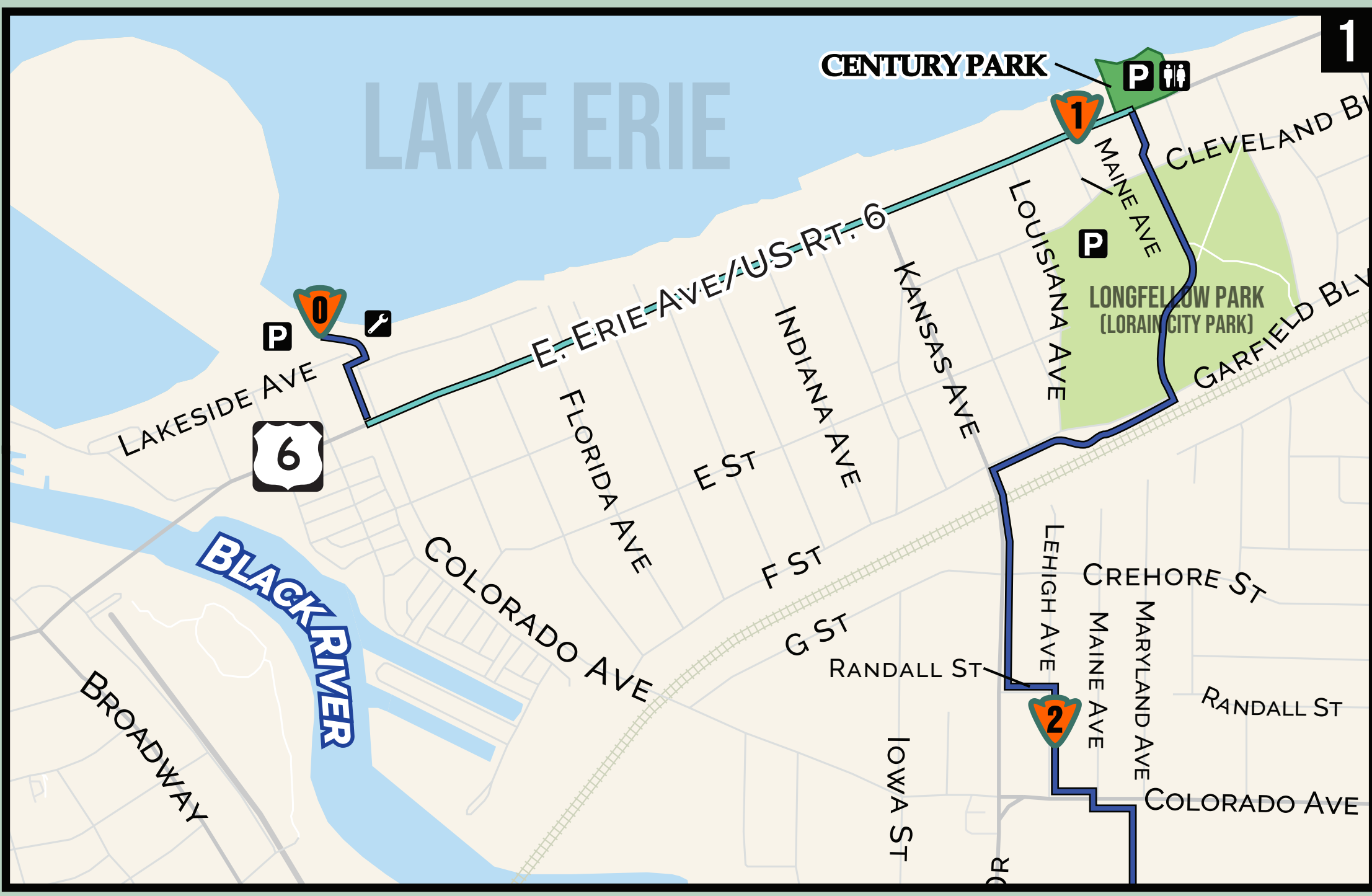
**6 BIKERS/HIKERS TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND:** Continue on Midway Blvd. until reaching W River Rd. Using caution, cross to the right (western) side of the road and turn left (south) onto W River Rd. Continue using the designated trail until reaching the St Rt 57 intersection. Using caution, cross to the eastern side of the road. Then continue south by crossing St Rt 57 and turn left (east) into Cascade Park at the "19 Acres Trailhead" and follow the remainder of the trail using the map shown in inset #6 to left.

**BIKERS/HIKERS TRAVELLING NORTHBOUND:** Continue north on W River Rd using the right (eastern) side of the road until reaching Midway Blvd. Using caution, cross Midway Blvd. to reach the north side of the road and turn right (east) along Midway Blvd. and follow the remainder of the trail using the map shown in inset #6 to left.

**8 BIKERS/HIKERS TRAVELLING WESTBOUND FROM DOWNTOWN ELYRIA:** Continue west on 2nd Street until it becomes Leo Bullocks Pkwy. Using caution, cross to the south side of the road near 745 Leo Bullocks Pkwy to continue going westbound along the paved trail.

**BIKERS/HIKERS TRAVELLING WESTBOUND FROM GATEWAY TRAILHEAD:** Travel north on Gateway Blvd until reaching 3rd St. Using caution, cross to the east side of the street at 3rd St., but continue north on Gateway Blvd. Turn left (west) at 2nd St/Leo Bullocks Pkwy. Using caution, cross to the south side of the road near 745 Leo Bullocks Pkwy to continue going westbound along the paved trail.

**ALL BIKERS/HIKERS TRAVELLING EASTBOUND:** Travel east on 3rd St until reaching W River Rd. Turn left (north) on W River Rd. and follow on the eastern side of the street until reaching 2nd St. Using caution, cross the street to reach the north side of the street and turn right (east) on 2nd St. Turn left (north) onto Water St. and follow the remainder of the trail using the map shown in inset #8 below.



## NOTABLE TRAIL ACCESS POINTS IN LORAIN COUNTY (NORTH EAST TO SOUTH WEST):

- MILE 0.0:** Lakeside Landing, 401 Lakeside Ave., Lorain, OH 44052\*
- MILE 1.1:** Century Park, 1955 East Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44052
- MILE 6.4:** Black River Reservation (Day's Dam Picnic Area), 2720 East 31st St., Lorain, OH 44055
- MILE 9:** Black River Reservation (Bur Oak Picnic Area), 6150 Ford Rd., Elyria, OH 44035
- MILE 10:** Black River Reservation (High Meadows Picnic Area), 1750 Ford Rd., Elyria, OH 44035
- MILE 12.5:** Cascade Park, 387 Furnace St., Elyria, OH 44035
- MILE 14.3:** Gateway Trailhead, 6302 Gateway Blvd., Elyria, OH 44035
- MILE 19.7:** Butternut Ridge Trailhead, 44342 Butternut Ridge Rd., Oberlin, OH 44074
- MILE 22.5:** Access to the NCIT is available near 265 South Main St., Oberlin, OH 44074\*
- MILE 27:** Access to the NCIT is available near the Kipton Community Park, 57 Rosa St., Kipton, OH 44049\*

\*These locations with asterisks are not owned by the Lorain County Metro Parks, thus visitors should park at their own risk.



# BIKE MAP

NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL

• LORAIN COUNTY SECTION - MILES 0-19 •

**WHAT IS THE NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL?**

The North Coast Inland Trail (NCIT) is an all-purpose trail built over an abandoned Toledo, Norwalk, and Cleveland Railroad line connecting the rural fields of western Lorain County to the bustling streets of Elyria and Lorain. The NCIT spans nearly 100 miles across northern Ohio, from Lorain to the Toledo area. The Lorain County Metro Parks' portion is a completely paved path and is from Lake Erie in Lorain to the county line in Wakemah.

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### HISTORY

The Toledo, Norwalk, and Cleveland Railroad was constructed in 1853 and was a vital link between Chicago and Cleveland. This rail line led to the founding of several small villages, including Kipton. In 1866, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad built a line from Elyria to Oberlin, which continued west using the Toledo, Norwalk, and Cleveland Railway. These railways allowed for the expansion of businesses, agricultural interests, and several cities along its route, including Oberlin and Elyria. The railroad hauled freight, lumber, coal, produce, and passengers to and from the rich farmlands of this region until its abandonment in 1975.

The North Coast Inland Trail was created in 1992 when seven park districts agreed to develop a system connecting trails in northwest Ohio. On August 15, 1998, the Lorain County Metro Parks opened a section of the trail measuring 148 acres.