

2010 MTGA MICHIGANDER XIX

Welcome to the 19th annual Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance Michigander rail-trail and back roads bicycling tour. Your six day tour totals about 250 miles. This year's tour will include several different sections of the Top of Michigan Trails system. The remainder is on a combination of paved and unpaved roads as well as other non-motorized trails. We will also be in close proximity to a few other trails that you may want to check out if time permits.

The tour is about seeing the sights off the beaten path, challenging your riding skills on the trails of yesteryear, and stirring the imagination about transforming almost 1400 miles of Michigan's abandoned rail corridors into an interconnected system of barrier-free trails suited for bicycling, roller-blading, walking, and many other outdoor activities.

FOR YOUR BICYCLING SAFETY:

- You **MUST** wear a helmet
- Be predictable-signal all turns and stops
- Obey all traffic laws
- Warn other cyclists of hazards that you are passing
- Be courteous and helpful-to other cyclists as well as the locals
- Yield to passing traffic and other bicycles by moving right
- Move off the road or trail when stopped
- Move off the road or trail to use your cell phone
- Do not wear headphone devices while riding
- Do not ride more than two abreast
- Carry and use an ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WATER

-IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM TAP YOUR HELMET WHEN YOU SEE A MICHIGANDER STAFF PERSON OR VOLUNTEER-

MICHIGAN TRAILS & GREENWAYS ALLIANCE

The Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance (MTGA) is a statewide, 501(c)(3) non-profit, membership organization. The mission of MTGA is to enhance Michigan's communities and countryside by converting thousands of miles of abandoned rail corridors, and other linear corridors, into a statewide network of public trails. If you are not already a member of the MTGA, we invite you to join. MTGA does not advocate railroad abandonment, but rather promotes preservation of unused rail corridors for public use. MTGA recently entered into an exciting partnership with the Michigan Fitness Foundation. MTGA's board of directors and staff continues to address their mission to develop a statewide interconnected system of trails and greenways, while the Michigan Fitness Foundation assumed responsibility for administrative operations. The Fitness Foundation's goal, "to get Michigan moving" is more realistically achieved with a connected system of Michigan's trails on the ground. MTGA also works closely with the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. The MTGA Staff consists of Director Nancy Krupiarz (nancy@michigantrails.org) and Assistant Director Barry Culham (barry@michigantrails.org). Many other individuals assist through contract or volunteer work. For more information contact the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance:

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The Michigander is a primary funding source for MTGA and could not be accomplished without a dedicated group of members and volunteers. MTGA wishes to thank everyone who helped put the 2010 Michigander together and everyone who signed up for this year's trip to help support the vision of rail-trail development in Michigan. We hope you enjoy yourself and join us again on future Michiganders and bring a friend!

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Also - Thanks to all our SAG stop workers, Ham Radio operators and truck drivers who volunteer during the week. Thanks to everyone else, not listed here, who chips in to help make this ride a success.

- L - Left Turn
- R - Right Turn
- S - Straight
- X - Cross

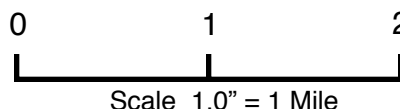
 - North Arrow-remember this always points to the top of the map so you may have to turn the map sideways to get the correct view.

2.1 R Lakeview Rd (27.2)
3.0 S Gill Rd (30.2)






1st number listed is the distance since the previous instruction.
Letter is the instruction for the location listed behind it.
2nd number is the distance traveled for the day. (Mileages may be rounded)
Detours may occur due to construction, weather, trail conditions etc. since this map was printed.
Watch for announcements each morning.

MAP KEY


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White marks on map border are 1 scale mile apart

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Restroom / port-a-john
many restaurants, stores and parks will also have facilities
(PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE A MESS)  Restaurant  Grocery / Convenience store | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Bank / ATM  Post Office / Mailbox |
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Not all services are shown on the map due to space constraints. Keep your eyes open and you'll be surprised at what you can find.

 **SAG** Designated locations manned by Michigander Volunteers where water will be available. They will not be open before the time listed. SAGs generally will remain open 3 to 5 hours. Locations are approximate. Most will be Ham Radio or cell phone equipped. Many staff cyclists will also have Ham Radios or cell phones. The last SAG will close by 5pm.

-  -paved road
-  -unpaved road
-  -rail trail / bike path

