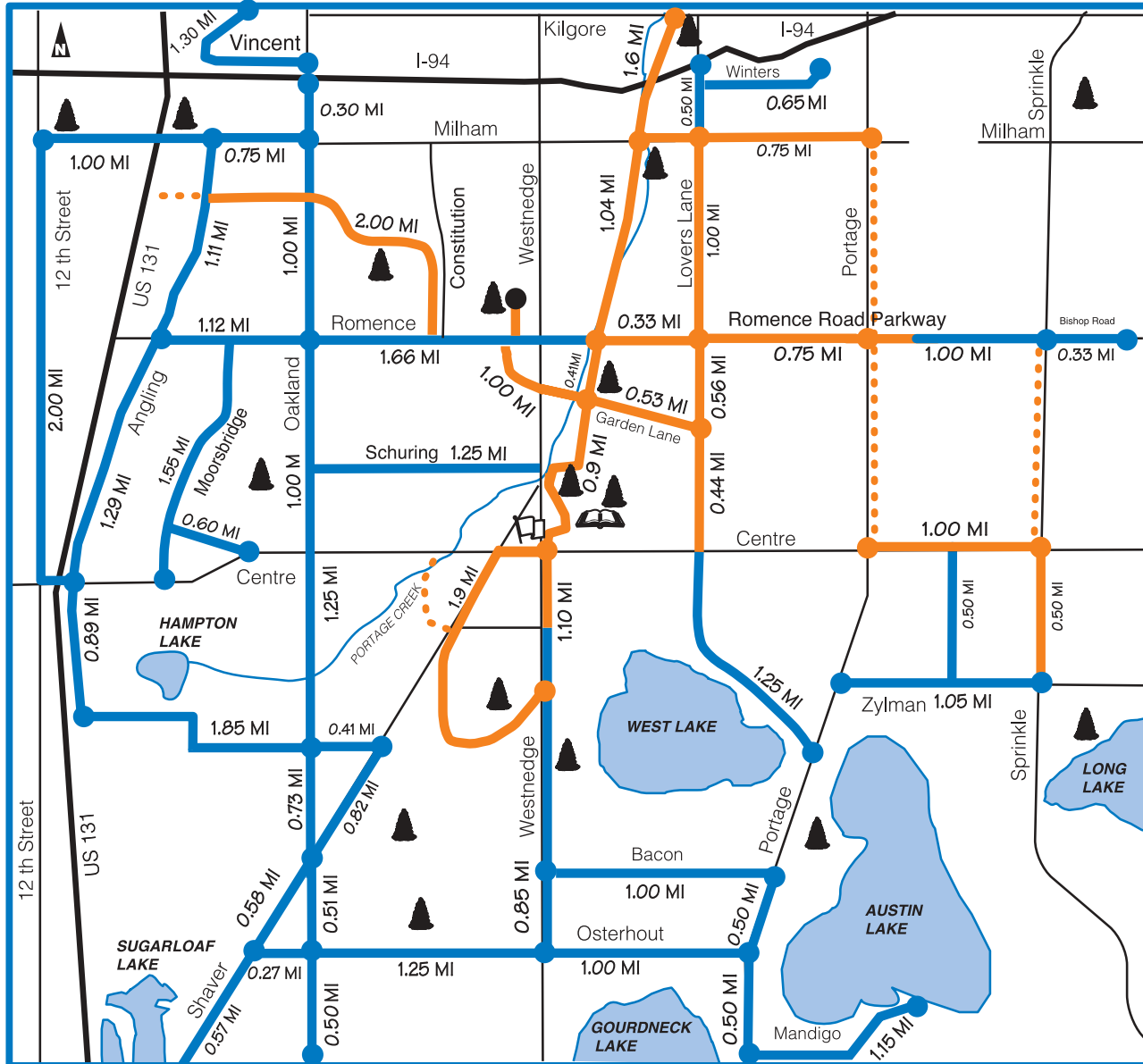




The Portage Bikeway



Bikeway System



The popularity of the bicycle as both a recreational vehicle and a means of non-motorized transportation has grown immensely in recent years. To provide for biking in Portage, an implementation plan to develop a bikeway system was established in 1989. These bikeways connect neighborhoods, shopping areas, City parks, schools, businesses and other points of interest. The Portage Bikeway map (left) identifies approximately 55 miles of bikeway and additional segments are planned for development.

What Is A Bikeway?

A bikeway is any paved surface specifically designated for bicycle travel. Portage bikeways are of two varieties:

- A separate off-road trail or pathway for joint bicycle/pedestrian use as found in Portage Creek Bicentennial Park.
- A designated bicycle lane/paved shoulder adjacent to a City street striped and signed for use by bicyclists.

Map Key

-  Paved Shoulder Bikeway
-  Off-Road Paved Bikeway
-  Proposed Off-Road Paved Bikeway
-  PARK
-  LIBRARY
-  CITY HALL

How are Bikeways Designated?

The front cover of this pamphlet highlights the attractive orange and blue signs that have been placed along established bikeways in Portage. Additional bikeway information may be found on each sign identifying direction changes, lane usage and end points.

The designation of bikeways in Portage with bright blue and orange signage draws attention of motorists to the fact that these areas are for the use of non-motorized vehicles. However, bicyclists should exercise proper safety precautions when using the bikeways — including being cautious of motorized vehicles entering these areas.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION is strongly encouraged. Portage residents can register bicycles at the Portage Police Department, 7810 Shaver Road. Registration is simple, free and important in locating lost or stolen bicycles.

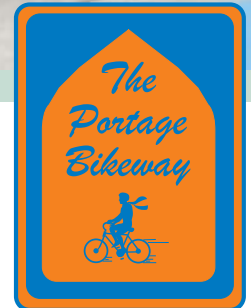
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION regarding Portage bikeway or general parks and recreation opportunities, please contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Property Management at 329-4522.



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