

The Portage 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 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.

How are Portage Bikeways Designated?

Bikeway signs 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 bikeway signs 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 Department of Public Safety, 7810 Shaver Road. Registration is simple, free and important in locating lost or stolen bicycles.

For further information regarding The Portage Bikeway System or general parks and recreation opportunities, please contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Services at 329-4522.

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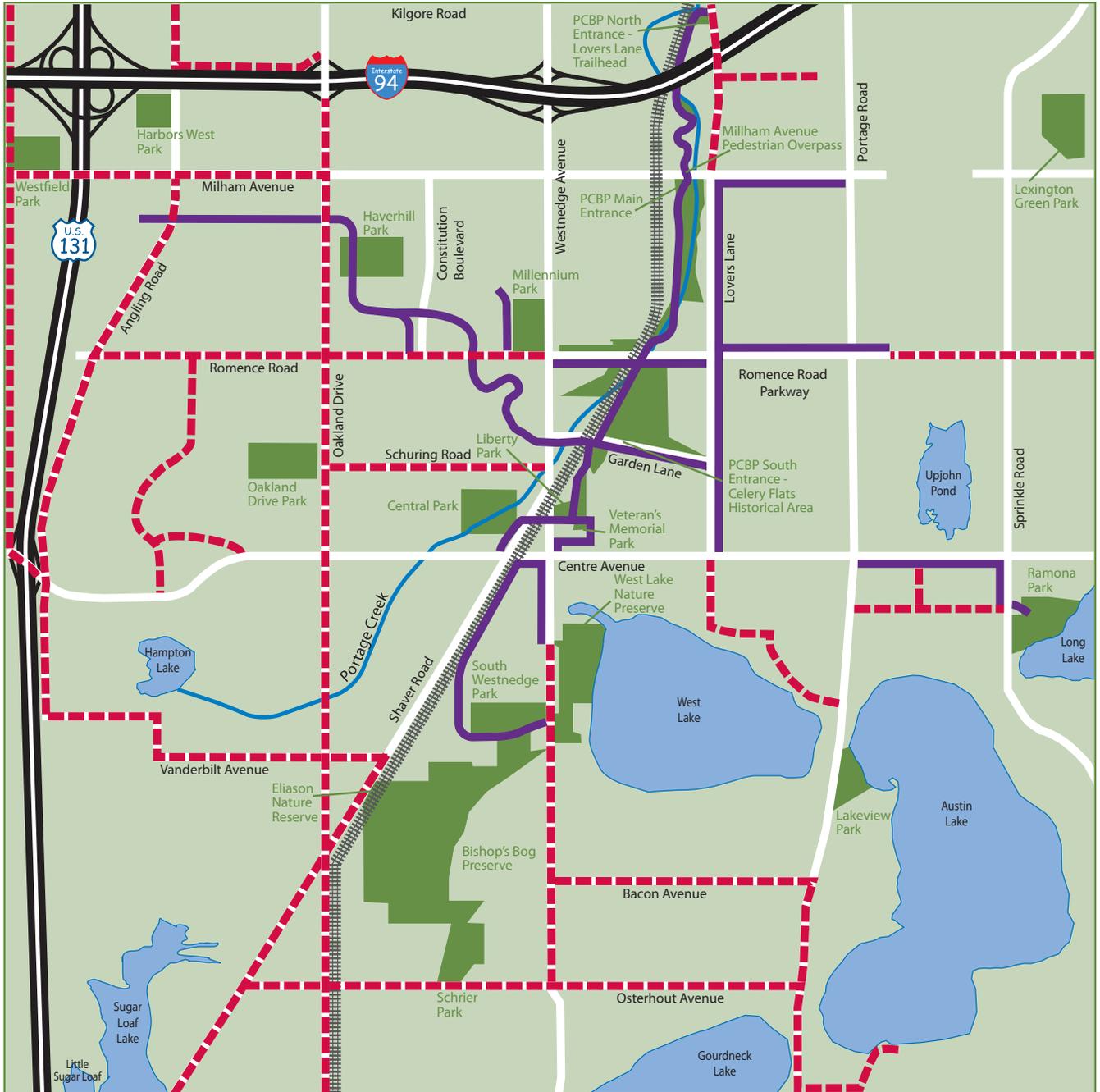


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