

2013 Wisconsin Urban Bicycle Maps

Wisconsin has long been considered a premier state for outdoor recreational activities, including bicycling. This new series of urban maps is a complement to the Wisconsin State Bicycle Map, which provides bicycling conditions in rural areas. The urban maps help bicyclists travel around and through Wisconsin's larger cities. The maps display traffic volumes on major urban roads, and indicate locations with wide outer lanes. Also shown are signed bike routes, locations of bike lanes, and bike trails/paths.

DISCLAIMER

The user of this map bears full responsibility for his or her safety. The bicyclist assumes the risks encountered and is advised to use good judgment and obey traffic laws on all roads, regardless of the classification depicted on this map. The State, counties, cities, villages and their officers and employees shall not be answerable or held accountable in any manner for loss, damage or injury that may be suffered by bicyclists who use this map.

Rural Areas

Town Roads

This is the most extensive system of local roads in the state. Most are likely to have narrow pavements with no paved shoulders and low volumes of traffic. Traffic volumes are likely to be heavier when traveling these roads into cities.

Best Conditions for Bicycling

These county and state highways will have light volumes of traffic and may have many other favorable factors such as good sight distance and minimal truck traffic. This classification also includes highways approaching a moderate level of traffic but with 3-foot paved shoulders.

Moderate Conditions for Bicycling

These roadways have moderate traffic volumes for the amount of pavement width present. This classification may also include county highways and state highways with 3-foot paved shoulders, but more traffic. Due to moderate traffic volumes, less experienced cyclists should use care on these segments.

Higher Volume, Wider Paved Shoulders

These roadways have moderately-high car and/or truck volumes, but have wider paved shoulders (generally 4 or 5 feet). This classification also includes a select number of 4-lane highways that have wide paved shoulders and moderate levels of traffic. Due to traffic volumes, less experienced cyclists should use care on these segments.

High Volume, Undesirable Conditions

These roadways have moderately-high traffic volumes with no paved shoulders, or high traffic volumes with narrow paved shoulders, and many have moderate to high truck traffic. This classification could also include some moderate volume roadways, but with an assortment of negative factors for bicycling. Bicyclists should try to plan around these roads and/or use considerable caution when using them. Bicyclists should have appropriate amounts of expertise with these types of riding conditions if choosing these highways.

Rural and Urban Areas

Bicycle Trail or Path

These are bicycling trails that include state, regional, and local trails. The state trails are often a finely screened limestone. These trails are excellent for use with hybrid and mountain bikes and most are also suitable for road bikes. Most of the trails are paved in urban areas. Many of these trails are particularly good for children and inexperienced cyclists.

Bike Lanes

These roadways have bike lanes that include pavement markings of a bike symbol or the words "BIKE LANE"

Bike Route

These roadways are regional or local designated routes recommended for bicycling.

Bicyclists Prohibited

These roadways are 4-lane Interstates and freeways posted as "pedestrians and other non-motorized traffic, motor bicycles, power-driven cyclists prohibited." There are some 4-lane divide highways that will permit bicycling, but pay close attention to how they are rated on the map.

Bridge

Interchange

Urban Areas

Local Roads

Most local roads have narrow travel lanes and low traffic volumes.

Roadways classified as Arterials or Collectors have been assigned a color indicating traffic volume per lane. Locations where these roads have a wide outside lane conducive for bicycling is shown with a wider line. A white center line indicates where there are 4 or more travel lanes.

Low Volume

Moderate Volume

High Volume

