



The Heart of Ohio Hikers Welcomes You to Bike Columbus, Ohio Metro Area



Ohio counties:

Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, Union

About the Columbus Metro Area Bike

The Columbus, Ohio Metro area has a vast network of inter-connected bike trails. Many of these trails are already open and new sections are being added constantly. The trails are (with few exceptions) off road, 10 feet wide or greater, open to bicyclists and paved.

Bike Registration:

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Bike Completion and Bike Credit:

Once you have physically completed the bike event, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your bike event as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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Taking a bike ride in the Columbus Metro Area:

Start Point / Driving Directions / Special Programs and Restrooms will vary depending on which trail you decide to bike. Due to the fact new trails are being added and improved upon constantly it is impractical to provide a document that is up to date on the many trails.

Once you have decided where you want to bike, I suggest you do the following in order:

- If you subscribe to www.traillink.com use this as your source. TrailLink provides maps, driving directions to access points, parking, restroom locations, drinking fountains, etc."
- If you are not subscribed to TrailLink.com you can download the application and download one trail for free. To download additional trails there is a \$29.99 annual fee.
- Do a Google search on the trail to get specific info such as maps / trailheads / restrooms / current biking conditions etc.

For IVV Event and Distance Credit, bike any trail, 10 km on up, either one-way or out-and-back (round trip). These event directions include links for specific start and finish points, and turnaround points (for the out-and-back segments). The start, finish and turnaround points for bike events are entirely up to you to decide. The advantage of out-and-back trails, of course, is that you return to your parked car. For 1-Way trails, you might arrange a two-car team, with one car parked at the finish and another driven to the start. To do this for biking, both cars will need to accommodate all of the cyclists and their bicycles.

Note of Caution:

The Columbus Metro Area Bike plan is a dynamic set of trails. Before riding always check the reference sources mentioned in this document to obtain the latest conditions. You may encounter any of the following while biking: incomplete trail segments, damaged trail segments, trail segments that are under construction and signage to avoid these using roadways, The goal is for this to be an off road experience. If you encounter a situation that you do not feel is safe immediately turn around and find another route.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me **Dave Brown, 610-906-6252, ocmdbreeze@aol.com**. I am a Buckeye that spends much time in Ohio even though I have lived in the Philadelphia area for the past 40 years. I am the POC and I am familiar with most of these trails.

<p>These bike directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.</p>
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Some suggestions:

Alum Creek Greenway Trail

<https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/trails/Alum-Creek-Trail/>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/alum-creek-greenway-trail/>

Big Walnut Trail

<http://centralohiogreenways.com/trails/big-walnut-trail/>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/big-walnut-trail/>

Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail

<https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/trails/Blacklick-Creek-Trail/>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/blacklick-creek-greenway-trail/>

Camp Chase Trail

<http://centralohiogreenways.com/trails/camp-chase-trail/>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/camp-chase-trail/>

Ohio to Erie Trail

<https://www.ohioerietrail.org>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/ohio-to-erie-trail/>

Olentangy Trail

<https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/trails/olentangy-trail/>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/olentangy-trail/>

Scioto Greenway Trail

<https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/trails/Scioto-Trail/>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/scioto-greenway-trail/>

T. J. Evans Trail

<http://centralohiogreenways.com/trails/tj-evans-trail/>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/t-j-evans-trail/>

Westerville B&W Trail

<https://parks.westerville.org/parks-trails/trails>
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/westerville-bw/>

Emergency Numbers:

	In case of Emergency: Dial 911 Event related assistance POC: Dave Brown cell: 610-906-6252 ocmdbreeze@aol.com
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Links to Columbus Metro Area Bike Maps

<https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/columbus-metro-bike-map/>

https://www.morpc.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/1.MORPC_2016_Bikemap-1.pdf

<https://morpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9b540174fd89443eacee778a1275952c>

<http://centralohiogreenways.com>

<http://touringohio.com/central/franklin/columbus/columbus-bike-trails.html>