

TRAILS MAP IOWA CITY METRO AREA



The Iowa City Metro Area has more than 50 miles of off-street multi-use trails that contribute to an active transportation network. These trails, along with on-street facilities, such as bike lanes and sharrows, provide safe and efficient routes for commuting and recreation.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County (MPOJC) works with Johnson County communities and the University of Iowa to coordinate bicycle and pedestrian planning. MPOJC's Regional Trails and Bicycle Committee (RTBC) brings together representatives from Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty, University Heights, Tiffin, Johnson County, and the University of Iowa, along with members of local bicycle advocacy groups, to plan for improvements to the trail network and for other programs and policies to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety. MPOJC assesses member communities with grant applications for state and federal funds to extend and improve pedestrian and bike facilities and with applications to the League of American Cyclists for designations as Bike Friendly Communities.



TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Keep to the right; travel on the right side of the trail whether on wheels or on foot.

When in a group or with your pets, use no more than half the trail. Bicyclists may travel 2 abreast on trails and on roadways.

Pass on the left. Alert those you are passing by ringing your bell or simply saying "passing on your left" as you approach... before you actually pass.

Yield to slower and oncoming traffic.

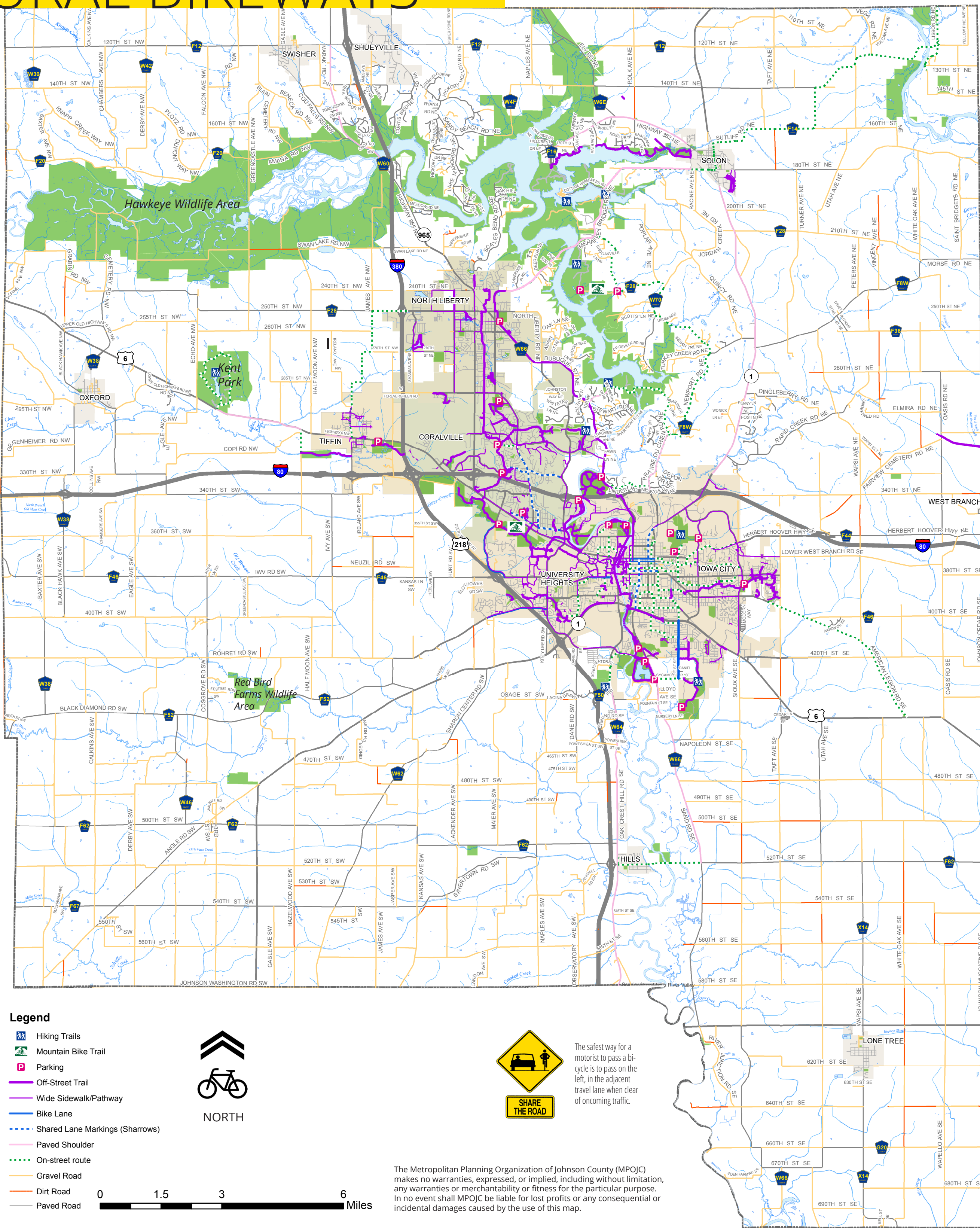
Ride at a reasonable speed.

When stopping, move as far to the right as you can or off the trail where appropriate.

Obey all traffic signs and signals.

Be cautious when crossing driveways, streets, sidewalks, or trails.

RURAL BIKEWAYS



- Legend**
- Hiking Trails
 - Mountain Bike Trail
 - Parking
 - Off-Street Trail
 - Wide Sidewalk/Pathway
 - Bike Lane
 - Shared Lane Markings (Sharrows)
 - Paved Shoulder
 - On-street route
 - Gravel Road
 - Dirt Road
 - Paved Road

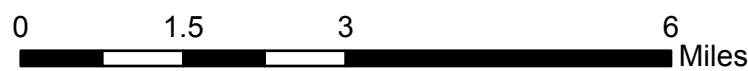


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The safest way for a motorist to pass a bicyclist is to pass on the left, in the adjacent travel lane when clear of oncoming traffic.

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BICYCLE FACILITIES

Off-Street Trail: A paved multi-use path. Off-street trails typically provide routes with a reduced number of street crossings or encounters with motor vehicle traffic. Trails are shared by bicyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized uses.

Wide Sidewalk/Pathway: A paved multi-use path that is part of the street right-of-way. Many new arterial streets include wide sidewalks on one side of the street. For the purpose of this map, we also include in this classification short trails (<800 feet) in areas where street connectivity is lacking, such as at the end of a cul-de-sac or looped street. Wide sidewalks/pathways are shared by bicycles, pedestrians, and other non-motorized uses.

Bike Lane: A marked portion of a roadway that has been designated for exclusive use by bicyclists. Metro area bike lanes are for one-way travel only.

Marked Shared Lane (Sharrow): A roadway that includes pavement markings to indicate the appropriate position for bicyclists using a travel lane that is shared by motor vehicles and bicycles. While bicyclists have the right to use the full travel lane, a sharrow alerts motorists to the presence of bicyclists along particular routes that are commonly used by bicyclists but where there is not adequate space for a bike lane.

Paved Shoulder: Roadways with areas of pavement just outside the regular travel lane. Paved shoulders may be used by bicyclists similar to a bike lane but may also accommodate stopped vehicles, emergency use, and pedestrians. For the purpose of this map, paved shoulders are indicated only along roadways that do not have curb and gutter (i.e. rural roadways).

On-Street Route: Convenient or efficient routes for commuters or recreational riders. These routes are popular among experienced bicyclists, but do not include special facilities such as bike lanes or shared lane markings (sharrows) or paved shoulders. Outside city limits, on-street routes include directional signs with distances at key intersections.



MARKED SHARED LANE "SHARROWS"

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

IOWA RIVER TRAIL

12.5 miles
Iowa City-Coralville-North Liberty (north-south)

End Points: Terry Trueblood Recreation Area in south Iowa City to Mehaffey Bridge Road, southwest of Lake McBride Recreation Area.

Destinations: Terry Trueblood Rec Area, University of Iowa Campus, City Park, Waterworks Park, Lake McBride State Park.

Links: Connects with Hwy 6 Trail. Short on-street route connects to North Ridge Trail.

Water/restrooms: Terry Trueblood Recreation Area and City Park.

Future Extensions: A future trail extension will follow along Mehaffey Bridge Rd to Solon. A future link to Ely will connect to the Hoover Nature Trail, a 118-mile continuous trail to Cedar Falls.

NORTH RIDGE - NORTH LIBERTY TRAIL

6.6 miles
Coralville-North Liberty (north-south)

End Points: Highway 6 in Coralville north to Penn Street in North Liberty.

Destinations: Coral Ridge Mall, North Ridge Park, Oakdale Research Park, North Liberty Community Center.

Links: Connects with Muddy Creek Trail and Clear Creek Trail. A short on-street route connects with Iowa River Trail at Mehaffey Bridge Rd.

Water/restrooms: North Ridge Park.

COURT HILL TRAIL

2.25 miles
East Iowa City (east-west)

End Points: Seventh Avenue Court to Windsor Ridge Neighborhood.

Destinations: Creekside, Court Hill, and Scott Parks.

Water/Restrooms: Court Hill Park south of Friendship Street and west of Brookside Drive.

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL

4.17 miles
West Iowa City-Coralville (east-west)

End Points: Mormon Handcart Park and UI Rec Fields off Mormon Trek Blvd to Deer Creek Rd, just south of the I-80/I-380 interchange. Tiffin Section: Hwy 218 to the Tiffin Baseball, Softball, Soccer Complex.

Destinations: Clear Creek, Mormon Handcart Park, UI Rec Fields and Graduate Housing, Coral Ridge Mall.

Links: Connects with North Ridge Trail. A short on-street connection leads to Mormon Trek/Coralville Strip Nature Trail. Trail spurs lead through Mormon Handcart Park and to 12th Ave in Coralville. Singletrack, natural surface trails are located east of the Trailhead on Camp Cardinal Boulevard.

Water/Restrooms: Tom Harkin Trailhead located off Camp Cardinal Boulevard.

Future Extensions: Plans include a westward connection under I-80 & Hwy 218 to connect with existing trail segments in Tiffin. The trail will then extend west to Kent Park and on to the county line. A spur at the east end will bring the trail north across 1st Avenue to Central Park in Coralville.

WILLOW CREEK TRAIL

2.0 miles
West Iowa City (east-west)

End Points: Melrose Ave to Willow Creek Dr/Hwy 1.

Destinations: UI Recreation Fields, West High, Willow Creek Park, Kiwanis Park.

Links: Connects with Clear Creek Trail and the Hwy 1 Trail at Sunset Street.

Water/Restrooms: Willow Creek Park.

Future Extensions: Plans for Willow Creek Trail include an extension under Hwy 218 to Hunters Run Park.

SYCAMORE GREENWAY TRAIL

2.0 miles
Southeast Iowa City (north-south)

End Points: Lakeside Drive to Kickers Soccer Park.

Destinations: Wood Elementary, Alexander Elementary, Fair Meadows Park, Kickers Soccer Park, Sycamore Greenway Wetlands.

Water/Restrooms: Kickers Soccer Park (seasonal weekends only).

MUDDY CREEK TRAIL

1.75 miles
Coralville (east-west)

Destinations: Wickham Elementary, Coralville Youth Sports Complex, Oakdale Campus.

Links: Connects with North Ridge Trail.

Water/restrooms: Coralville Youth Sports Complex.

HWY 6 AND HWY 1 TRAILS

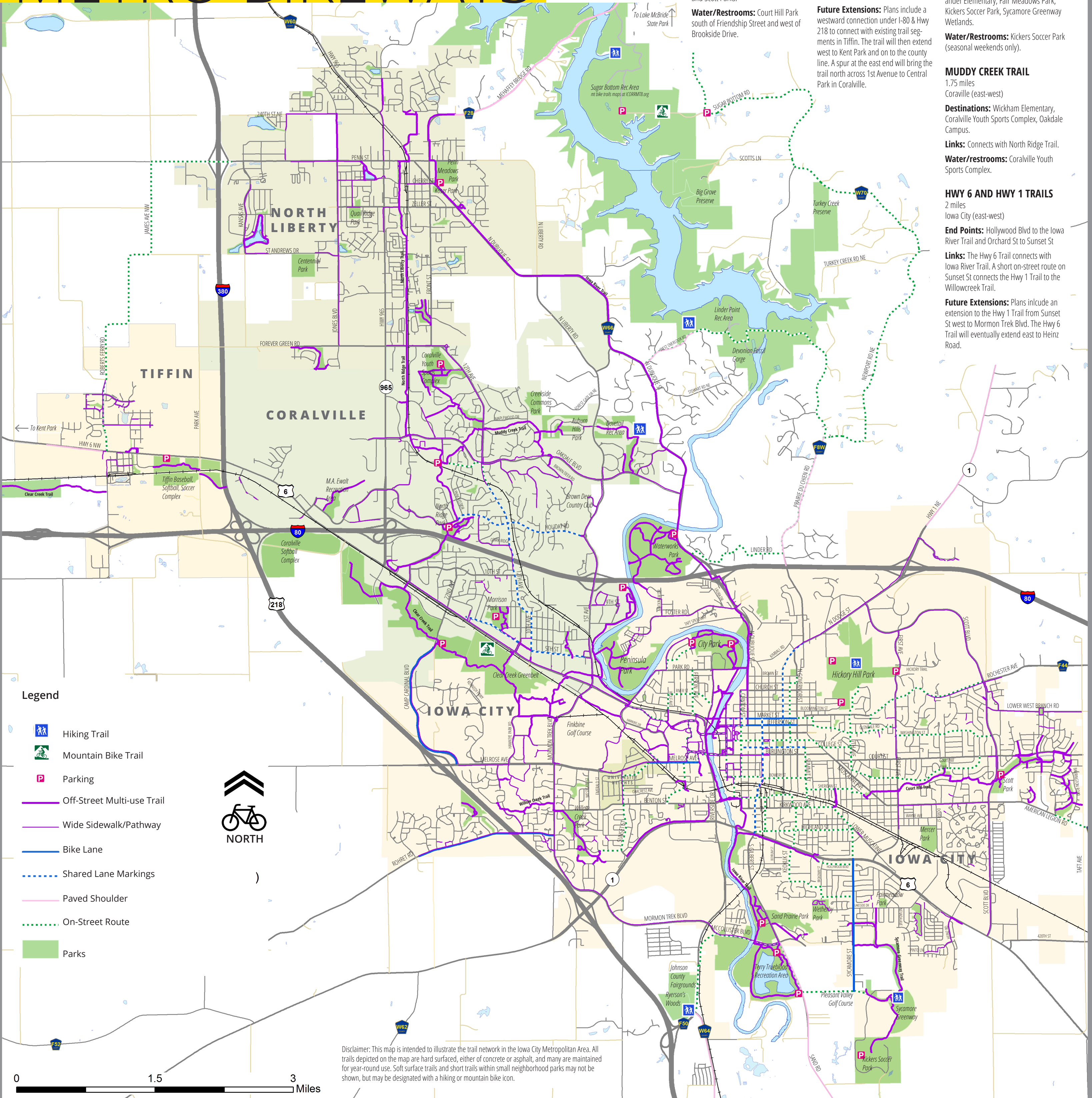
2 miles
Iowa City (east-west)

End Points: Hollywood Blvd to the Iowa River Trail and Orchard St to Sunset St

Links: The Hwy 6 Trail connects with Iowa River Trail. A short on-street route on Sunset St connects the Hwy 1 Trail to the Willow Creek Trail.

Future Extensions: Plans include an extension to the Hwy 1 Trail from Sunset St west to Mormon Trek Blvd. The Hwy 6 Trail will eventually extend east to Heinz Road.

METRO BIKEWAYS



Disclaimer: This map is intended to illustrate the trail network in the Iowa City Metropolitan Area. All trails depicted on the map are hard surfaced, either of concrete or asphalt, and many are maintained for year-round use. Soft surface trails and short trails within small neighborhood parks may not be shown, but may be designated with a hiking or mountain bike icon.