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Bicycle Indiana makes bike riding safe and equitable for all Hoosiers by educating bicyclists, motorists, and policymakers, and advocating for laws, policies, and infrastructure.

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We're excited to bring you this 2022 Bicycle Indiana Resource Guide, which is packed full of articles, Q&A's, and resources on all things cycling in our state. We hope you enjoy it and share it with your friends. Be sure to check out our calendar of funding rides: with so many fantastic events on the schedule for this year, we can't wait to travel those scenic miles alongside our community.

In 2021-2022, Bicycle Indiana continued our work educating Hoosiers on bike safety and the rules of the road. We provided a variety of educational materials to groups, classes, and individuals of all ages throughout Indiana. Thanks to the CIBA Foundation, we now offer our pocket bicycle law cards and our educational coloring books in four languages: Burmese, Chinese, English, and Spanish.

Our advocacy work continues. Over the past year, we have seen too many members of our cycling community struck by drivers and injured or killed. During the 2022 Indiana legislative session, we advocated for a statewide Vulnerable Road User Law. The goal of this legislation is to ensure that there are legal consequences available when reckless drivers seriously injure or kill cyclists, pedestrians, or other individuals who are considered vulnerable road users. A VRU bill was introduced by Senator JD Ford, and while the bill did not receive a vote this year, it has momentum and we plan to continue working to provide protections for cyclists and repercussions for dangerous driving. For additional information, read further on in this Resource Guide for a recap of our State House Day and Vulnerable Road User advocacy.

Our Pedal & Park program, a partnership with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), continues to provide bike parking equipment for events in Central Indiana and is currently open to new and continuing events in the area. This program makes it possible to travel by bike and know that your bicycle will be safe while you enjoy the event.

Our volunteers are what make us a strong organization, and will help us continue to grow in our effectiveness, our reach, and our impact.

To keep in touch with Bicycle Indiana all year long, be sure to sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram.

Thank you to our wonderful cycling community for all your support. We can't wait to keep it all going this year and beyond!

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Bicycle Indiana your statewide resource



Everything we do at Bicycle Indiana is centered around our belief that riding a bike should be safe for everyone. We're able to achieve this through education, influencing change, and promoting, building, and supporting partnerships in our community.

We are Indiana's premiere bicycle advocacy organization.

We have three pillars that drive our work and mission: Promote, Educate, and Advocate. Below are the programs that Bicycle Indiana offer as we strive to make Indiana a better place to ride and live.

BikeSmart Literature

Bicycle Indiana offers a variety of educational booklets and pamphlets with content for both children and adults free of charge. Visit our website and click the bikesmart link under the "Get Resources" section

Bicycle Friendly Communities

Bicycle Indiana believes that a better place to bike is a better place to live! We support the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly America program and offer seminars, consulting and educational programs to communities, businesses, and universities to teach about how to become Bicycle Friendly Communities, Universities, Businesses, and Drivers.

Legislative

The staff and board of Bicycle Indiana works to improve Indiana's laws and infrastructure at all levels of government, from local to federal. If you have a need in your community, please give us a call.

Bicycle Education

Bicycle Indiana works with League of American Bicyclists' Certified Instructors (LCI's) to offer programs and classes that teach bicycle skills and build confidence to ride for both children and adults.

Pedal & Park

Bicycle Indiana has a large supply of equipment for event-based valet bicycle parking. This is a great opportunity to promote bicycling as a form of transportation. You can learn more and inquire for your event at www.pedalandpark.org

Q&A: Gwen Sams "That Bike Mom" Riding as a Family

Interview by Anna Dragovich

Recent research demonstrates that women are under-represented as bicyclists in the United States. Despite the public health benefits and public investment in bicycling infrastructure, overall bicycling continues to lag behind other industrialized nations and the barriers to bicycling are particularly acute for women and women with children. The biggest reason women bike less than men: safety. With some patience, practice, and creative route planning, mom Gwen Sams and daughter Ruth, 5, have enjoyed biking for fun and transportation since Ruth was about 9 months old. The day before our interview, they had just finished their first 10-mile bike ride together - a distance that was completely initiated by Ruth.

AD: How old was Ruth when you first started biking with her?

GS: She was on the back of my bike from the time she was around 9 months old using a rear child bike seat attached to the rear rack. I managed that until Ruth got to be both too tall and too heavy. We then switched to the trailer and when she outgrew the trailer, we switched over to a Weehoo.

AD: That's one of those single-wheel trailers that mount to the bike's seat post, right?

GS: Yes, and they're great because she can practice balance and pedal along. She was already doing great with balance at that time because she was practicing on a balance bike. She hated training wheels but loved the balance bike. I highly recommend that anyone with a toddler get them a balance bike.

AD: Any tips for parents who are just starting?

GS: Be ready to learn. Start in a safe place that you feel confident riding whether that is a trail or an empty parking lot. Start small and don't overanalyze it. Before riding the route with your kids, try it out by yourself that way you know what it will be like with them. Don't have any expectations, be ready to call it and go home when no one is having fun anymore. Get them started practicing good riding etiquette and traffic skills early. Practice getting them to be aware and saying things like: "on your

left" and "clear" and using hand signals. If you start them young and socialize them to ride all the time and to see bikes not only as fun but as transportation they become resilient and ask to ride all the time.

AD: I'm seeing more e-bikes out there, how do you like yours?

GS: I highly recommend an e-bike or an e-cargo bike because they're serious kid haulers. I can climb a hill without worrying about who is behind me; I can keep up with traffic. I feel so much safer with Ruth when I'm using the e-bike. I've seen people carrying more than one kid and I've even seen some people strap a car seat into the back of a cargo bike to haul infants. Bullitt Bikes is one specific manufacturer that creates mounts for this use. I also follow a few bike parents in the Netherlands on social media and get a lot of my



inspiration from them.

AD: What kind of impact do you think bicycling has had on Ruth as she grows?

GS: There's something about giving a kid the chance to do things, to balance, and ride independently that has helped her so much. Even her teacher would say that bicycling has been impactful for Ruth. She's gained confidence and gross motor skills, learned about dedication through self-motivation and perseverance, and not being afraid to fall and to get back up.

You can follow Gwen and see her set up with Ruth at thatbikemom.com

2022 FUNDING RIDES

Bicycle Indiana would like to extend our thanks to these events around the state that have signed up to be Funding Rides. This designation means they will donate \$1 per rider to help support our mission. If you are interested in being a funding ride, please reach out to us so we can help spread the word about your event. Organizers should email their ride information to info@bicycleindiana.org.



Orchard Country Bicycle Tour, May 15

www.maplecitybicyclingclub.com

Departing and concluding at the La Porte County Fairgrounds on the southwest edge of La Porte, IN, these rides are designed especially for those “warming-up” for the bicycling season. Relax and tour the scenic areas of the city and county for approximately 16 miles, or pick up your pace and ride a 63 mile route. An intermediate ride of 32 miles also offered - or combine any routes you wish! \$25 preregistration/\$30 on-site - price changes May 8. Family group plan: \$50/\$60 day of ride. T-shirts available for \$20/\$24 XXL



Fat & Skinny Tire Fest, May 20-22

www.fatandskinnytirefest.com

Fat & Skinny Tire Fest is a fun-filled weekend of all-things-bicycling, centered on bringing enthusiasts, competitors, casual participants, and spectators together to share in the physical, social, and economic benefits of bicycling. The Wildman Business Group Countryside Tour & Century is a festive tour over rolling country roads during the Fest. Ride distances include 12, 19, 39, 63 and 101 mile routes. Support, SAG stops, refreshments, post-ride lunch, and a goodie bag for all registered riders. Starts at 8am!

Sundance Mountain Bike Skills Clinics, June 9

www.bikereg.com/sundance-coed-mountain-bike-skills-clinic



Your Sundance Coed “Newbies Only” Skills Clinic:

“I am new to mountain biking & want to learn the fundamental skills!” This Clinic will focus on learning these fundamental mountain bike skills. These skills help you get comfortable on your mountain bike, while learning how to survive riding on a trail.

Your Sundance Coed “Trail Progressions” Clinic:

This Clinic will expand on the fundamental mountain bike skills & help you step up your game with style with wheel lifts, cornering, manuals, drops & jumps, which will help you ride all the technical trails. You’ll gain confidence, step out of your comfort zone & have a blast!

SunStroke 74, July 4

www.breakaway.club/events/sunstroke-74

One of the BreakAway Bike Club’s annual favorite rides. This 74 mile ride passes through the beautiful countryside of North Central Indiana and past the scenic Mississinewa reservoir. 2 SAG stops along the way allow you to refuel and refresh. This is traditionally a very hot ride, so plan on drinking plenty of water!





Summit City Cycling Challenge, July 22-24

www.3rvs.com

3 days-3 ways to ride. Friday July 22 will be an evening city trail ride of approximately 8 miles through the downtown and neighborhoods of Fort Wayne. Saturday July 23 will be the road ride which will offer 20, 40, 62, and 100 mile routes through the countryside and backroads of Allen County and Sunday July 24 will be the gravel ride offering a 20 and 40 mile route. All rides will offer mechanical support and Saturday and Sunday rides will also offer SAG stops for refreshment and nutrition.



Sizzling Century August 20

www.breakaway.club/events/sizzling-century

Over 35 years and still rolling. Setting out from Kokomo, multiple bike event routes are available, including a 100-mile century bicycle tour. Several SAG stops to refresh and refuel along the way. Taking advantage of the best road conditions for the year, the road cycling routes cover gently rolling Indiana “hills” along lightly traveled roads and wooded creeks, between farmland and through some of the small towns of Howard County, Indiana.



Wabash River Ride August 27

www.wrcc-in.org/page/wabash-river-ride

Celebrating 44 years of cycling along the Wabash River Corridor, join cyclists of all levels for well-organized and supported routes of 33, 47, 67, or 101 miles through Tippecanoe, Fountain, and Warren counties. Along the routes are scenes rarely thought of when considering North-Central Indiana’s landscape: views along the Wabash River and Big Pine Creek, iconic landmarks such as the Fountain County Church, Rob Roy Covered Bridge, and historic Williamsport Bridge, and rolling hills around the river valleys that make for a fun and challenging century ride.



Dam to Dam Century Ride September 11

www.visitwabashcounty.com/dam-to-dam/

The 13th Annual Dam to Dam Wabash County Century Ride is designed to take riders over the Salamonie and Mississinewa Dam and around the Stockdale Dam. Riders can choose between a 15-mile, 30-mile, 50-mile, 62-mile, 80-mile, 100-mile, or 150-mile route with full SAG support and catered rest stops. All of the routes are designed to showcase Wabash County’s rural beauty during the changing of the season. Riders experience 16 points of historic interest throughout the county. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and an event t-shirt.

22nd Annual Raintree Ride, September 24

www.hchcin.org

The 22nd annual Raintree Ride, sponsored by Healthy Communities of Henry County, is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 24, starting at the Henry County YMCA, 300 Wittenbraker Avenue in New Castle. Registration starts at 8 am and the Ride begins at 8:45 am.



The annual Raintree Ride features a 6, 30, and 60 mile scenic bicycle ride through Henry County and offers opportunities to see the beautiful Wilbur Wright Trail, Big Blue River Valley, Wilbur Wright Birthplace, and Knightstown's historic Hoosier Gym, featured in the 1986 movie, "Hoosiers." Homemade snacks and water will be offered at stops along the routes and also at the end of the ride.

A complimentary long sleeve t-shirt will be given to the first 40 participants who register by Sept. 17th. Registration fees are \$35. Cost for 2021 participants is \$25. Shirts-and in particular shirt sizes-are not guaranteed to participants who register after the 17th.

The Great Pumpkin Metric, October 2

www.evansvillebicycleclub.org/gpm



40th Annual Great Pumpkin Metric offering 25K, 50K, and 100K options. Live entertainment, pasta or chili to refuel, and beer at the finish line. Themed rest stops with decorations and costumes. Plenty of great snacks and drinks. Beautiful, rolling, lightly traveled routes. Very family friendly!

Hilly Hundred, October 21-23

www.hillyhundred.org/



Come spend a weekend with family and friends riding among the hills during the peak of fall colors. The Hilly Hundred is 100 miles of scenic roads over two days through the hills of Southern Indiana. Three rest stops each day with music give you a chance to sit back and relax with your friends before conquering Mount Tabor!

The Polar Bear Ride, January 1, 2023

www.breakaway.club/events/polar-bear-ride



Some people would call you crazy if you told them you were going to go on a 25 mile bike ride on January 1st. Others would call you a polar bear! This New Year's Day bicycle ride is the highlight of mid-winter since 1970. This is a Rain / Shine / Snow / Freeze event, but if you don't feel like riding, come enjoy the fire and start the year off right!



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Q&A:

Margaret Barawskas
NICA League Director,
GRiT Coordinator



Tell us about the GRiT program! How did it get started and what do you do?

MB: Founded in 2009, the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) develops interscholastic mountain biking programs for over 25,000 student-athletes across the United States. NICA is more than racing. NICA's mission is: "We build strong minds, bodies, character, and communities through cycling."

NICA's Vision is: "Every youth is empowered to be part of a thriving and engaged cycling community." Everyone gets to play and ride, there is no bench in NICA! NICA believes everyone should be able to participate in our programs and feel welcomed, respected, and supported.

The Indiana GRiT program started in 2018 when the League launched. The founding GRiT Coordinator, who is now our League Director, Margaret Barawskas, focused on recruiting female coaches. In 2019, Daniela Gehrls from the Region Composite Mountain Bike Team in Schererville, Indiana joined the Indiana NICA Team as the new GRiT Coordinator. Daniela has focused on creating fun and creative activities at our events to promote our mission, goals, and program.

Currently, girls represent 20% of NICA's overall national student-athlete participation. NICA GRiT (Girls Riding Together) seeks to increase that number significantly over the next five years. **The GRiT Program is NICA's effort to recruit and retain more girls and female coaches in NICA programs.** GRiT recognizes the need to get more girls on bikes. GRiT's goal is to empower female student-athletes to make their mark, on or off the bike. All NICA leagues have an GRiT Coordinator to implement programming.

My job as the League Director is to help support our GRiT coordinator, female student athletes, and coaches. We create activities that are focused on increasing girls' awareness of NICA programs by offering girls-only social and riding opportunities for girls, moms, friends, siblings, and female coaches.

As the Indiana League continues to grow, we hope to see more girls on bikes. To get more involved in our GRiT program, please contact the League today! Email: Margaret@indianamtb.org





How does the program impact its participants?

MB: Our GRiT program is making a concentrated effort to increase the number of girls and female coaches in the Indiana League by focusing on creating a more welcoming environment for girls to join through girls-only events, rides, camps, clinics and socializing opportunities.

The Indiana League has over 130 student athletes racing and participating in our programs. We have over 60 coaches across the state. We are always searching for more coaches. Skilled and dedicated NICA volunteers are the most important aspect of NICA interscholastic mountain bike teams. Our League currently has 26 female student athletes (19% of the total) and 12 female coaches.

The Indiana GRiT program creates a welcoming community with empowering experiences on and off the bike, and girls tend to thrive in NICA programs once they join. Where NICA wants to improve is in the recruiting and inviting of girls into our programs. NICA focuses on **equity** – giving girls and females the experiences and opportunities to ensure they feel welcome and invited to participate in NICA programs – in order to increase our overall female participation.

Nationally, NICA has 25,261 student athletes, of which 21% are female. Of the 13,000 coaches across the USA, 25% were female.

We are more than racing; we are using the bike as a tool to help teenagers learn lifelong skills on and off the bike. By creating a sense of community, camaraderie, and fun events for all our student athletes and coaches, the Indiana League will continue to impact our local Indiana communities and youth.

What will we see from you in 2022 and beyond?

MB: In 2022, the Indiana League has the goal to have over 250 student athletes racing and in our program. We hope to recruit more female coaches across the state. We will travel to areas in the state that do not have an established NICA team, and recruit volunteers. The Indiana League and GRiT will also focus on coach development and our fall races.

Can you tell us about a particularly memorable experience in the program?

One favorite memory from 2021 was an event at Brown County Bikes in Nashville, Indiana. We set up a tent during a community festival and we had a fun tie-dye activity planned for the community. We had t-shirts and bags to tie dye and we had over 40 participants. We were able to meet and recruit during this event, and also provided biking information even to families that did not have girls in 6th-12th grade. Empowering women at all ages!

How can people get involved?

As the Indiana League continues to grow, we hope to see more girls on bikes. To get more involved in our GRiT program, please contact the League today! Email: Margaret@indianamtb.org



GREG "THE MAYOR"

Indianapolis, IN

What do you love most about riding? I love being able to have the time to enjoy the scenery around me, as I love exploring new places. I'm not a power rider as I ride more for the pure enjoyment of it all.

Best Bicycle Story? When I was 13 years old my friends and I rode our bmx bikes with camping gear to Brown County State Park. We made it but it definitely took us forever and I called my dad the next day to pick us all up as we all decided we didn't want to ride back the next day as it was a lot to do in the first place. Let's just say there was a lot of walking up hills.

Why We Ride



ANNE

Indianapolis, IN

What do you love most about riding? I'm in my mid 60's and biking is a sport that is easy on my knees (I tore my ACL/MCL snow skiing a few years ago which I gave up for fear of re-injuring). Riding allows me to share a physical activity with my husband who loves to bike, it gets me outside and I get to explore and discover beauty in familiar and unfamiliar places. I love the feeling of empowerment it gives me. It helps me turn worry into wonder and gratitude.

Best Bicycle Story? I have a lot of fun cycling stories... but one that touches home recently is... early in the spring months of the 2020 Covid Pandemic my husband and I took our bikes into the country outside Indy and rode as the days were getting longer. I remember feeling the joy of getting outside again. I was grateful for our health and freedom. There were very few cars on the road, most people were still inside their homes. Things felt surreal but signs of renewal were everywhere. I felt hopeful and was so glad to be biking.

How long have you been riding? I've been riding a road bike on and off for the past 30+ years.

Our members are the reason we're here, and we love the opportunity to have them share why they ride their bikes. This ongoing series highlights just a few of our members who have responded. We want to support all riders across Indiana, and are working to ensure that they all have the opportunity to enjoy riding and have the opportunity to do so safely regardless of when, where, why or how they are riding.

LUCINDA DUNBAR

Batesville, IN

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT RIDING?

Traveling by bike to slow down and see things.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING?

All my life!

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO A FRIEND TO GET THEM TO RIDE A BICYCLE?

Don't be afraid to ride by yourself, just be smart and aware of where you are and what is going on around you. Listen to your gut feeling.

WHERE'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO RIDE?

Anywhere I have not ridden yet, and I've ridden across the northern route of the US, ridden all 50 states, for at least 100 miles, ridden in 36 countries and currently on the road in my Airstream for a 15 month US journey with 2 of my 3 bikes...



MEGAN

Greenwood, IN

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF RIDING FOR YOU?

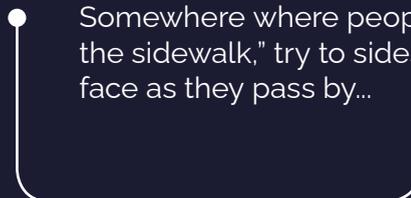
Freedom! The same freedom I enjoyed riding my bike as a kid. So many kids can't even get anywhere unless someone drives them there. It's so sad.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING?

40+ years since I got my first bike, but riding much more in my late 40s and early 50s (now)

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM RIDE?

A virtually traffic free piece of smooth pavement, out in the middle of nowhere away from cities and people. Somewhere where people don't yell at you to "ride on the sidewalk," try to sideswipe you or roll coal in your face as they pass by...





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Learning to Ride is Just the Beginning

Connie Szabo Schmucker
Advocacy Director
Bicycle Garage Indy



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Everyone knows how to ride a bike, right? You'd be surprised how many adults have never learned. And how many kids have trouble learning this skill.

As Advocacy Director, I often get inquiries about teaching people how to ride bikes. My training as a League Cycling Instructor and materials about how to bicycle safely is written with the assumption that someone already knows how to bicycle, so it was a new process I had to learn. I had to do research to find methods because there are inherent differences between teaching adults and children!

Thankfully I was able to successfully teach my first adult student in 2009. After a pause in 2020 due to the pandemic, in 2021 I taught more than 60 people of all ages how to bicycle for the first time. Hoping to continue that trend going into this year!

So how do you teach someone how to ride a bike?

The first step is to turn the bike into a balance bike by taking off the pedals. Working on balance by having them push off on a slight downhill and coast. There are several safety measures: lower the seat so the student can place their feet flat on the ground. Have a bike with hand brakes so they can stop the bike without having pedals. Remind the student to look forward, not down. And most of all be patient!

Once that critical step is achieved, pedaling is easy. The next steps involve adding one pedal at a time and then learning starting and stopping. Once pedaling is mastered, we work on bike handling, turning, controlled stops, and start raising the seat and work on starting without being on the seat.

Over the winter of 2021 I co-wrote a booklet for parents or caregivers about how to teach a child to bicycle. The steps outlined in that book are the same that I use for adults. I also did an online webinar, created a slide show, Learn-to-Ride Skills Checklist and added resources to the Learn-to-Ride page: www.bgindy.com/for/StreetWise



If you'd like to add this ability of teaching others the joys of bicycling, contact me at cschmucker@bgindy.com. I'd love to share my knowledge and help develop other learn-to-ride teachers. It is so rewarding to see the joy students have when the pedal for the first time!

Exploring by Bike

Once someone has learned how to bicycle, the next question is where can I ride my bike? People for Bikes Ride Spot is a great resource to find bike rides near where you live (and where you might want to travel). Ride Spot also has resources and short videos to answer the basic question most new and returning bicyclists have such as fixing flat tires, turn signals for bicyclists, and basic bike maintenance.

Bicycle Garage Indy has curated many Ride Spot routes in Central Indiana, 5-15 miles in length, aimed at the new or returning



bicyclist. The routes use multi-use paved trails or low traffic roadways. Some of the routes have themes like Mural Ride (going by several murals in downtown Indianapolis). There are even challenges where you can earn rewards just by riding your bike. Check it out at www.bgindy.com/for/ridespot



Bicycle Indiana State House Day

the joy of riding as I do and this VRU bill is a critical step in protecting those that ride and shifting road safety to all users.”

Bill Watts spoke of our cycling community and the dangers we face:

In our tight-knit cycling community, we have many sayings. Some of our sayings are light-hearted and jocular. We say “tailwinds” to one another, wishing our fellow cyclists the impossible joy of always having the wind at their back and never in their face. We say, “keep the rubber side down,” a playful way of saying, “Take care not to crash. Keep your wheels on the road.”

But many of our sayings are also dark, and point to the need for new laws. We say, “there are two kinds of cyclists: those who have been hit by a car, and those who will be hit.” (I belong to the former group, who have already been hit.)

Most alarmingly, we say, “If you want to murder someone and get away with it, get the victim on a bicycle.” Unfortunately, it’s an all-too-true scenario that’s played out time and time again across the state; if a motorist kills a cyclist, no matter how irresponsible their driving, they will not suffer any consequences, so long as they pass a drug and alcohol test.

Bill spoke of three cyclists who have been killed in Indianapolis while riding:

In April of 2014, 23-year-old Neil Kelty was riding in a bike lane on Westlane, commuting to work, when a bus turning onto Ditch Road plowed into him and killed him. There were no consequences for the bus driver.

Neil was a new and enthusiastic bicycle commuter. He kept a blog recounting each new discovery and each accomplishment. The last line of the last entry in his blog, before he was killed, reads, “If you see me out there, please don’t hit me with your car.” Tragically, this modest and reasonable request was not honored.

In July of 2018, 64-year-old Jack Robinson was killed when crossing 38th Street at Cold Spring Road. Two witnesses stated that the motorist who killed Jack sped through a red light, and the crash report lists “disregard



Senator Greg Taylor (left) and Senator Greg Walker (right)

Cyclists from around Indiana gathered on February 17 at the Indiana State House to advocate for safer roads and riding conditions. During this year’s session, Senator JD Ford introduced a Vulnerable Road User bill, supported by Bicycle Indiana, that would enact legal consequences for reckless drivers that kill or seriously injure cyclists, pedestrians, or other individuals considered vulnerable road users. Consequences could potentially include a prison sentence, fines, and/or the loss of the driver’s license.

Indiana senators and representatives attended our State House Day to speak with attendees and express their support, including Senator JD Ford, bill co-author Senator Rodney Pol, Senators Michael Crider, Greg Taylor, and Greg Walker, and Representatives Carey Hamilton and Blake Johnson, among others.

Longtime cyclists Bill Watts and Logan Lane spoke about their experiences riding on our roads and the reasons they support a Vulnerable Road User law.

Logan shared that even as an experienced bike commuter, he has been struck by motorists while riding in Indianapolis three times in the last four years, even while riding in a protected bike lane. “No one should have to fear getting hit by a car when they hop on a bike,” Logan said. “I want everyone from all ages to experience

[of] signal” as the primary cause of the accident. One witness stated that Jack was thrown 25 feet into the air after being struck.

The motorist who killed Jack had an extensive criminal record, and at least three prior moving violations, including the failure to stop or yield at an intersection. Yet the killing of Jack did not even result in a traffic citation for this motorist, and he was left free to go on to endanger more cyclists and pedestrians.

Most recently, 69-year-old Frank Radaker was killed while crossing 86th Street on the Monon Trail. Like Neil Kelty, eight years earlier, he was riding his bicycle to work. Three witnesses state that the motorist who killed Frank ran a red light. Frank was hit so hard that his tennis shoe remained in the middle of the road after his body was taken away.

Like the motorist who killed Jack Robinson, the motorist who killed Frank had a record of criminal and traffic violations, including at least three instances of speeding and two of driving with a suspended license. Yet she, too, was not even cited for killing a cyclist, and was allowed to go free and potentially kill more people.

These cyclists are three of the over 150 cyclists struck and killed in Indiana over the past ten years. A Vulnerable Road User law is only one piece of the necessary puzzle we need to assemble to protect cyclists, along with better bicycle and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure and education for drivers and cyclists alike. However, it is a necessary piece, as all



too often, there are no consequences for reckless driving, even when it results in the death of a cyclist or pedestrian who is traveling on our shared public roads.

While the Vulnerable Road User bill did not receive a vote this year, it gained momentum during the session. At this time of the Bicycle Indiana Resource Guide’s publication, we are advocating that vulnerable road user protections be selected by the Legislative Council to receive a summer study and continue toward a new bill being considered in the 2023 legislative session. Several representatives signed a letter requesting this summer study, including Senators Mike Crider, JD Ford, and Greg Taylor and Representatives Carey Hamilton, Blake Johnson, Bob Behning, and John Young.

To learn more about a Vulnerable Road User Law and how you can advocate, visit www.bicycleindiana.org/mobilize.



Representative Carey Hamilton with Bicycle Indiana staff, board, and committee members

Q&A:

Damon Richards
& Lane Wolf
Bike Indianapolis



Jarron@BikeIndianapolis.org. All that we ask is that they document when, where, and a brief description of who they deliver lights to in order to collect data about this program's effectiveness and reach to secure funding needed to maintain a bike light program. -L.W.

This year Bike Indianapolis is hosting a national gathering of Major Taylor Cycling Clubs. What should we expect from that event?

This will be the first ever national gathering of Major Taylor Cycling Clubs. We will need LOTS of volunteers to make this national event the kind of success that Indianapolis is known for producing. -D.R.

[The Major Taylor Invitational](#) will take place June 17-19. The event includes several group rides through Indianapolis, a demonstration race at Major Taylor Velodrome, reception at the Indiana State Museum with a viewing of the Major Taylor exhibit, historic walking tour of Indiana Avenue, and much more. Registration is required.



[Bike Indianapolis](#) focuses on creating safer streets to accommodate more bike riders in the Circle City through their three-pronged approach of advocacy, education, and ride programming. We caught up with their Executive Director, Damon Richards, and their Director of Communications, Lane Wolf, to learn more about their programs and their plans for 2022.

What should people know about Bike Indianapolis?

We are the organization that works to get more people riding bikes in central Indiana. Our goal is to make bike riding safe and fun for everyone. We work with government and private organizations to build better bicycle infrastructure, including bike parking. We provide training to riders and motorists on sharing the road with one another. We promote and create opportunities for people to ride together. Our organization is twelve years old and our capacity to perform our mission continues to grow each year. -D.R.

Distributing Bike Lights in Indy

The [Bike Indianapolis x Bike Lane Uprising bike light program](#) is a collaborative project spearheaded by Jarron Burdine, one of our Advocacy Committee members, and the folks at Bike Lane Uprising in Chicago. Indianapolis residents helped raise \$7,000 to secure 700 sets of bike lights (300 for NYC, 200 for DC, and 200 for Indy.) Will Hazen and other Indianapolis Bike Twitter folks raised the bulk of these funds, making Indianapolis the largest contributor to this project. Bike Indianapolis members can request lights by emailing

Photos Provided by Bike Indianapolis and Major Taylor Cycling Club of Indiana





opportunity to meet neighbors and learn more about your neighborhood while riding in a small group at a comfortable pace. -D.R.

Damon mentioned a lot of our ride programming for 2022, but I also want to provide an update on one of our biggest advocacy endeavors. We're still exploring options with the City-County Council and DPW to create a Fatal Crash Response team similar to the recently established team in NYC that will examine the infrastructure surrounding fatal bike/ped crash sites and make recommendations to prevent future crashes and fatalities. -L.W.

How can cyclists in Central Indiana get involved with Bike Indianapolis?

Riders can join Bike Indianapolis at bikeindianapolis.org/join, which provides financial support as well as advocacy clout. They can ask their employer to become a corporate sponsor at bikeindianapolis.org/sponsor. They can volunteer to help out in many ways at bikeindianapolis.org/volunteer.

About the Major Taylor Cycling Club of Central Indiana

The MTCCIN is one of the more than 70 clubs around the world (one in Kenya and one in the UK) dedicated to honoring the legacy and humanity of Major Taylor. It is the progeny of The Indianapolis Marshalls, an earlier Major Taylor Club in Indianapolis that had gone dormant. It is open to all riders. The club started last year and held rides around central Indiana throughout the riding season. This year, we are asking riders to become members, which allows us to provide insurance coverage and other things. All 2022 members will receive a pair of MTCCIN socks as a thank you gift. Those who join MTCCIN and Bike Indianapolis at the same time will receive a discount on each and will be entered into a drawing for a copy of "The World's Fastest Man" by Michael Kranish. This year's rides will begin in May. Anyone interested can join at mtccin.org. -D.R.

novice riders to help the new rider build the skill and knowledge to ride on city streets successfully. The volunteer riders must attend a training session before they are paired with their buddy. The second is our Community Ride program. We work with neighborhood institutions to establish regular weekly rides targeted at riders who live in that neighborhood. It's an

What other programs or events is Bike Indianapolis focused on for 2022?

We hope to expand two programs that we started last year. First is our Bike Buddies program where we partner experienced riders with



Bloomington Celebrates Completion of 7-Line

The City of Bloomington and community members celebrated the completion of the new 7-Line protected bike lane in November 2021. The east-west bicycle lane provides a connection to the B-Line, downtown, and the Indiana University campus.

The project provides a physical separation between bicyclists and automobiles to provide comfort and safety to people on bikes. Future phases of the 7-Line will continue east of the IU campus connecting east side neighborhoods.

Thanks to Top Shot for this great view of the 7-Line!





Bicycle Indiana produces educational materials for all ages and cycling abilities.

Thanks to a grant from CIBA Foundation, we were able to expand the reach of educational materials by translating them into multiple languages, to help make sure that many more riders in Indiana can have access to their rights on the road. Our wallet-sized bicycle law cards are available in English, Burmese, Chinese, and Spanish. Carry a list with you of Indiana laws that apply to cycling so that you're always prepared and knowledgeable.

But the grant also helped us with a project that's a little more fun, a coloring book that helps teach kids about safe cycling. "Bicycling for Fun and Safety" is also now available in English, Burmese, Chinese, and Spanish, as we hope to be able to include as many potential riders across Indiana in our mission to make bike riding safe and equitable for all Hoosiers

Materials are provided free of charge for educational purposes throughout Indiana.

To request materials, visit www.bicycleindiana.org/education.

Looking to the Future of Griffin Bike Park

Rich Moore
Park Manager



As Griffin Bike Park continues to mature, we are constantly planning for changes in programming, events and changes in the mountain bike riding styles. We have recently added the Freedom Trail, an adaptive bike friendly trail that serves as a connector to the entire trail system and a great wide, easy loop for everyone to enjoy. Another new trail that connects to the Freedom Trail is the AWOL trail and AWOL is a technical riders dream. Designed by pro rider Jeff Lenosky, AWOL contains jumps, drops, skinnies and a wall ride you have to see to believe. Double Black Diamond expert level riders love AWOL.

But we aren't done with adding new trails. The new Heroes trail will connect Griffin Bike Park and our sister park Fowler together. You will now be able to camp out at Fowler and then ride directly to GBP with only short on-road crossings. Perfect for those multi-day getaways. Also under construction is RECON trail, another Expert level trail this time designed by Redbull Rampage rider Tyler McCaul. Look for big drops, step ups and fast flowy sections throughout this trail. And last but not least is FUBAR trail. With design input from pro trials rider Ryan Leech, FUBAR will be a slower speed, highly technical trail featuring one of the longest skinny log rides in the Midwest. These trails are scheduled to be open in May of 2022.

But that is not the end of the trail... We have plans for 3 more trails in the park as well: Buffalo will be an intermediate level trail, Foxtrot will be advanced level, and the Lake trail will finish out our trail systems with an intermediate level trail around Stryker Lake. Also planned is a new restroom facility, and utility upgrades throughout the park.

We are also exploring the option of paving our pump tracks and adding a more weather resistant surface to our jump lines. Rebuild of the little kids jump line will begin this spring and will include 3-foot wooden lip jumps embedded into the landings so the little ones can get a safe and smooth feel for launching off our larger wooden jumps.

We will be continuing with many of our existing events such as Pump Track, Short Track and Dual Slalom series racing. Each series has 5 races per series and run from May through September, with our series finals at Bike-A-Palooza the second weekend of September. And speaking of Bike-A-Palooza: It is our fall festival where we do Movie in the Park on Friday night, Race Series finales all weekend, Bike Poker runs, guided rides, camp fires, cook-outs and other fun events for all ages. 3 days of all things bikes.

We are bringing back our Garbage Mountain Gravel Grinder ride/race for 2022. It goes on April 16th. And the much-asked-for HARDLINE race returns in an Enduro





format this year. The last event for 2022 is our 12 hour ENDurance race on October 29th celebrating the end of our event season at the park.

Casual Friday rides will be every second and fourth Friday of the month starting in May. We ride as fast or as slow as the last rider in our group that evening. Starts as a one lap 6 mile tour of the park, then you can decide to continue on or call it a night after that.

We host a monthly ride at the Wabashiki Wetlands at Dewey Point in West Terre Haute, a 6 or 12 mile ride around the wetlands at 8 pm at night. In November we do a special Black Friday Opt Outside ride. And December is our Christmas Lights ride, decorate your bike in the holiday spirit for a bright ride in the dark.

Trips for Kids Griffin Bike Park returns with rides available for youth groups that would like to try our mountain biking and wouldn't otherwise have a chance. Bikes, a snack and an educational component are included in these fun events. We can accommodate 20 riders per group and the kids will be worn out and have had a blast by the end of the day. It's a great way to experience the park for the first time.

The Griffin Bike Park Youth Team returns as well. With room for 50 riders (and its normally full) we offer weekly coaching and training for mountain bikers based on age and skill level from ages 6-18, meeting every Wednesday in the park from May through September.

All our events are made possible by the Friends of Griffin Bike Park who volunteer countless hours to ensure our events are staffed and ran as smoothly as possible. The Friends of Griffin Bike Park also assist the Park Manager with maintenance throughout the year.

The continued construction of Griffin Bike Park is funded and contracted through the Shepherds of Griffin Bike Park who seek out donations and grants as well as procuring professional and volunteer builders to help finish out the park.

We are always looking for new ways to spread the gospel of two wheels. On dirt, gravel, or pavement, we are always looking for ways to promote our sport and bring new riders in. We hope to see you at the park some time and if you make it out be sure to stop in and say hello!



All Photos Provided by Griffin Bike Park

Q&A:

Amy Wally & Jennifer Hamelman Adventure Cycling

Once a state DOT determines it wishes to designate a U.S. Bicycle Route, a route is drafted and outreach begins to each of the agencies responsible for the maintenance of these stretches of pavement. Each of the agencies or

jurisdictions have to agree to designation. In order to create the best route, they may request it be moved to different facilities (roads, trails, paths) within their authority. Once agreement has been secured for the entire route, the DOT submits an application to AASHTO (American Association of State & Highway Transportation Officials). There is an opportunity to do so twice a year, once in Spring and once in Fall.

Adventure Cycling is a national nonprofit organization that works to align the people, places, and infrastructure needed for meaningful bicycle travel, whether that's a short local ride or a months-long journey. They are the only organization that dedicates staff time to coordinating the development of the [U.S. Bicycle Route System](#). They work with state and local departments of transportation (DOT), community volunteers, and nonprofit organizations to navigate the detailed federal process of designating U.S. Bicycle Routes across the country.

Today, nearly 18,000 miles of U.S. Bicycle Routes are designated in 31 states and Washington, D.C. -J.H.

With new routes being added in Indiana and beyond, we wanted to find out more. We spoke with Amy Wally, Cartographer and GIS Specialist, and Jennifer Hamelman, USBRS Program Manager.

What is the U.S. Bicycle Route System?

The US Bicycle Route System (USBRS) is a developing national network of bicycle routes connecting urban and rural communities via signed roads and trails. Created with public input, USBRS direct bicyclists to a preferred route through a city, county, or state - creating opportunities for people everywhere to bicycle for travel, transportation, and recreation. Currently, nearly 18,000 miles are established in 31 states and Washington DC. - A.W.

How are new routes added?

The USBRS is a national bicycle network that connects two or more states, a state and an international border, or one or more U.S. Bicycle Routes through urban, suburban and rural areas on existing facilities appropriate for cycling. The routes are designated on a state by state basis and are based on the [National Corridor Plan](#).



USBR 235 was announced last year. How did that come about? What will riders of that route experience?

USBR 235 is the most recent addition to the Indiana USBRS routes. It is a scenic alternate to USBR 35 between Seymour and Indianapolis, mostly all on scenic country roads. It passes through Nashville, home of mountain bike haven Brown County State Park. There is a short spur into Bloomington, Indiana's only Gold Level League of American Bicyclists bike friendly city. The route passes by the Indiana State Capitol before heading to Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis where the route ends. -J.H.

All Photos Provided by Adventure Cycling



For those wanting to plan rides in off-the-beaten-path parts of Indiana, what would you recommend?

Indiana has some really great rail trails, some that are used on our routes and some that are not. Our [Chicago to New York City Route](#) was released in 2017, which uses portions of the North Judson Erie Trail, Nickel Plate Trail, Monon Trail, Sweetser Switch Trail, and the Cardinal Greenway. -A.W.

Indiana [has over 700 miles of designated USBRS routes](#) across 5 different routes.

What else do you want people to know about Adventure Cycling?

Adventure Cycling is for everybody! Not just for extreme athletes that ride across the entire continent as fast as possible. We are very welcoming to beginners, and have many resources for folks who are just getting started and trying to learn what bicycle touring is all about. -A.W.

Learn more about Adventure Cycling, and the U.S. Bicycling Route System at adventurecycling.org.



Arboretum full-time in 2010, moving to Richmond, Indiana from Baltimore, Maryland where I had been working as a Landscape Architect.

How did your mountain bike trails come about?

The mountain bike trails have been a great experience. The idea was presented to our Foundation Board in 2011 by a local group of mountain bike riders. The group proposed a network of shared trails—for mountain bike riders and hikers—that they would construct and maintain.

The trails were mindfully planned and created in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources Recreation Division (DNR) and the

Hoosier Mountain Bike Association (HMBA). Many amazing volunteers and partner organizations have helped in the success of the trails. Recent improvements include an enlarged trailhead parking area supported by Wayne County Foundation, a trail entrance improvement supported by CIBA Foundation, and trail counters and signage supported by Reid Health Community Benefit.

How long are your mountain bike trails and what features should riders expect?

The total distance of mountain bike trails is 7.5 miles. The trail is a loop, beginning and ending at the trailhead parking lot, if riders complete all trail segments (Blue, Yellow, Orange, and Red). There are 26 features for

We asked Stephen Hayes Jr., the Executive Director of [Hayes Arboretum](#), a few questions about this beautiful natural space in Richmond, Indiana. It's a spot mountain bikers in particular will want to visit!

How long have you been involved with Hayes Arboretum?

I have been involved with Hayes Arboretum to some degree since a very young age. The Arboretum was once the estate of my great grandfather, Stanley W. Hayes. He had a sincere appreciation for our natural world and reforestation with native tree species was his passion.

Hayes Arboretum began serving the community as a private operating foundation following the passing of Stanley W. Hayes in 1963. The mission of the Arboretum is to provide nature and recreation related education to its visitors through instruction, experiences and amenities.

I began visiting the Arboretum as a child, often on summer vacations. My family lived in Atlanta, Georgia, and I always enjoyed the trip to visit the Arboretum and the time spent in the woods. In 2003, I graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Landscape Architecture and I started to become more involved with the operations of the Arboretum. I began working at Hayes



riders to enjoy including 11 wooden features, 11 bridges, and 4 log stacks. A one-time waiver is required for all riders and can be downloaded at hayesarb.org. Trail status can be checked on the “[Hayes Arb Mountain Bike Trails](#)” Facebook page.

What is the difficulty level of the trails?

The mountain bike trails offer a variety of difficulties. The Blue trail is considered Beginner (1.6 miles). The Yellow and Orange trails are considered Intermediate (2.0 miles & 1.4 miles). The Red trail is considered Advanced (2.5 miles). The trails occasionally intersect with service roads, allowing the trails to be ridden independently or as an entire loop. A map is available for download on hayesarb.org.



What else would you like people to know about Hayes Arboretum?

Hayes Arboretum offers a variety of ways for people to interact with our natural world and helps to foster environmental stewardship. The Arboretum continues to grow, evolve, and offer new and exciting ways for our community to enjoy, appreciate, and better understand the world around us. Thank you to everyone who helps to support the mission of Hayes Arboretum. Please feel free to visit hayesarb.org if you would like to connect and support Hayes Arboretum or follow us on our social media pages ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), & [Twitter](#)).

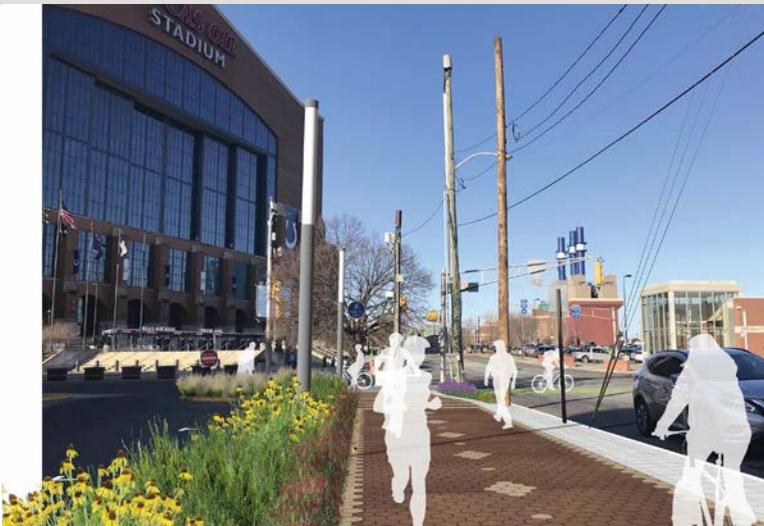


Overview:

Cultural Trail Expansion



The expansion of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail is a major capital project that is expanding the Cultural Trail in two distinct areas: Indiana Ave and South Street for a total distance of almost 2 miles. The expansion is designed to the same high standards and quality that encompasses the existing Cultural Trail including botanical gardens and a public art program. The expansion also includes funding for the Cultural Trail's maintenance endowment and additions to the Trail's public art collection and program along the two segments.



SOUTH ST. EXPANSION
Location: South St. at Capitol Ave. intersection



INDIANA AVENUE EXPANSION
Location: Indiana Ave. at Walker Theatre

The South Street expansion will bring the Indianapolis Cultural Trail from New Jersey Street to Capitol Avenue, improving access in a thriving stretch of downtown that includes Lucas Oil Stadium, the Indiana Convention Center and a growing residential hub anchored by CityWay. The new section will also create a beautiful connection between downtown and near Southside neighborhoods and Stadium Village area.

The Indiana Avenue expansion will begin at the Walker Legacy Center on Indiana Avenue and continue north to 10th Street. It will then head west on 10th Street to the planned bridge leading to the 16 Tech Innovation district.

Importantly, this segment will tie in historically and culturally significant neighborhoods and cultural destinations that have been disconnected from downtown and better unify Indianapolis' hospital and university campuses with the heart of the city.



Marquette Greenway Q&A:

Mitch Barloga
Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Imagine this adventure: Camping and hiking at the Indiana Dunes National Park, then hopping on your bike and riding through rural areas, small towns, and larger cities, all the way to Chicago to the west or New Buffalo to the east. In the next few years, this will all be possible on the Marquette Greenway, a sixty mile-long, uninterrupted trail for cyclists and pedestrians connecting Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

We talked to Mitch Barloga, Active Transportation Manager at the [Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission](#), to find out more about this exciting project.

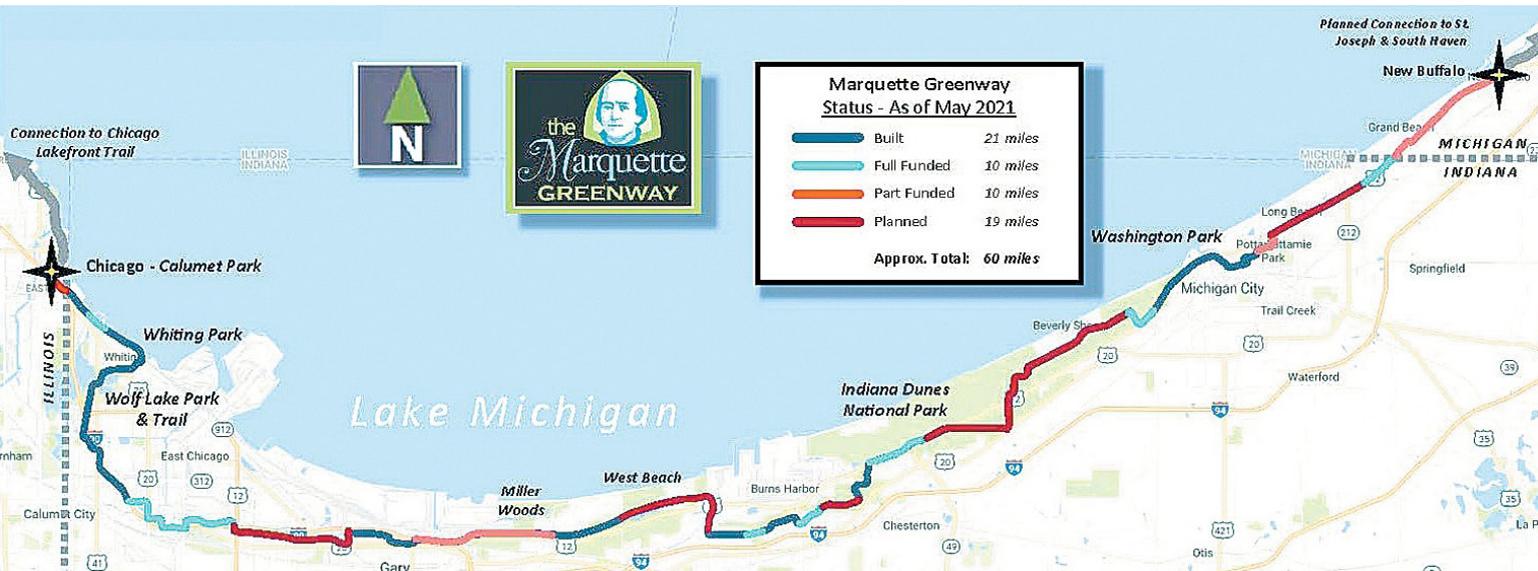
What will people see and experience as they travel the Greenway?

I think it's going to be an amazing and well-used facility. There are approximately 130,000 people who live within a half mile of the trail. It goes through some of the most popular destinations in the region, if not the entire state. Three million people visit the Dunes each year. Now people will be able



to camp here, use it as a launching pad, and ride themselves silly.

It will be an off-road, multi-use trail, with minor small pockets on-street, such as in the city of Gary for a few hundred feet on a quiet street. The National Park is building their own part of the trail, utilizing some drop-dead gorgeous portions of park land that many people never see.



This trail connects to Chicago’s Lakefront Trail by a bike lane, which is used by millions of people per year. There are destinations up and down the Greenway, such as Whiting Lakefront Park, Marquette Park in Gary, Michigan City, and New Buffalo. It gives people an incredible opportunity to venture out up and down the trail.

When will the full greenway be completed?

Thirty-four miles are funded or complete at this time, with 21 miles open to the public. The goal is to complete the trail by 2026 at the latest.

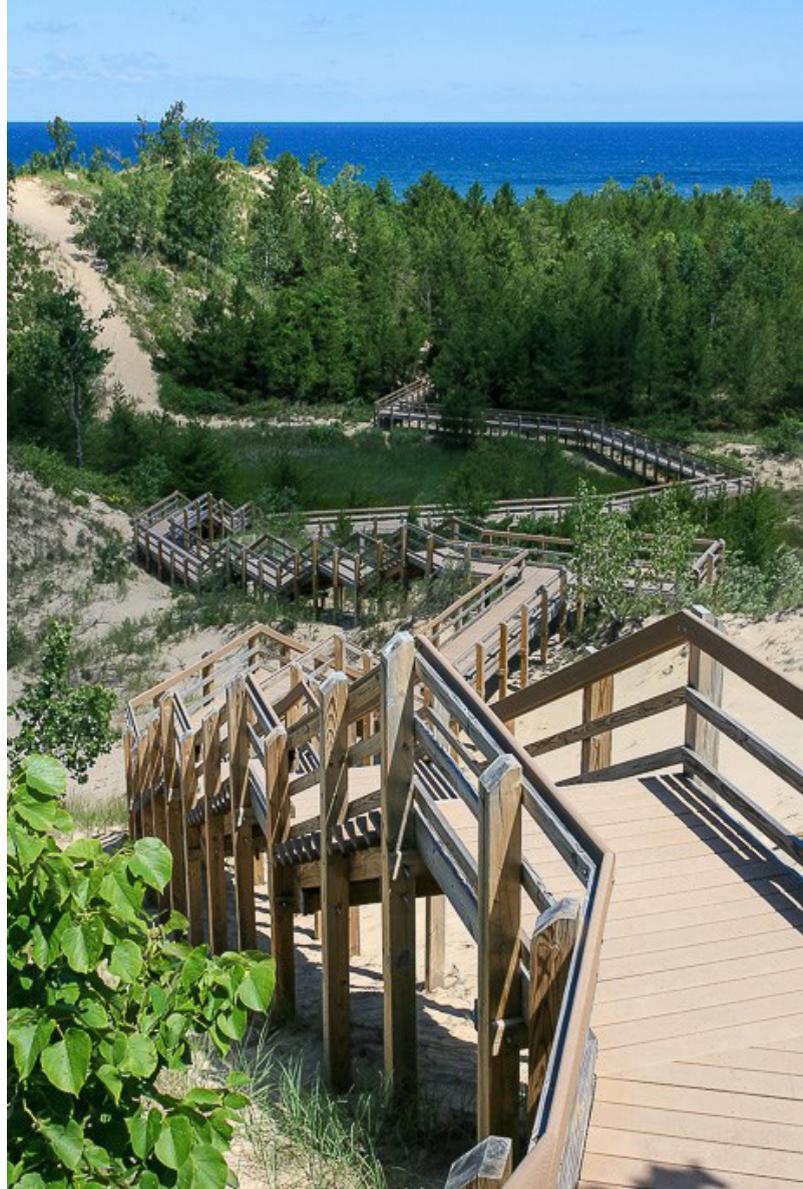
What is the status of funding for completing the Marquette Greenway?

We received almost \$18 million for the Greenway through the [RAISE grant program](#) in 2021. Another \$3 million in READI money is from American Rescue Plan funds. This provides over \$20 million to invest in this project, which will pretty much finish the trail.

What do you expect the economic impact of the Marquette Greenway to be?

It’s going to open up a wealth of tourism opportunities and reduce isolation. Many cities like Chestertown are near the trail. Downtown Hammond has great attractions. The town of Porter has a charming downtown. We expect an increase in the number of people visiting these areas. We’re hoping this trail will lead Gary back to economic vitality.

Trails are the one community asset that will always produce a positive return.



To read more about the Marquette Greenway visit:

- [Marquette Greenway Poster Plan](#)
- [Marquette Action Plan](#)
- [RAISE Grant application \(https://nirpc.org/raise-grant/\)](https://nirpc.org/raise-grant/)

Q&A:

Kisha Tandy
Curator,
Indiana State Museum



Major Taylor: Fastest Cyclist in the World

There is no cyclist better known or more revered in Hoosier history than Major Taylor. The Indianapolis-born cyclist traveled the world, winning races and setting records, in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

The Indiana State Museum brings us an interactive insight into his life in their new exhibit: [Major Taylor: Fastest Cyclist in the World](#). In this exhibit, we can learn about Taylor's life and family, his races and the challenges he faced as a Black competitor, and his long-lasting impact.

Curator Kisha Tandy gave us an inside look at what we'll see at the Major Taylor exhibit, which runs through October 23, 2022.

The Life of Major Taylor

Major's father, Gilbert, worked for Albert B. Southard. Mr. Southard had a son, Daniel. Taylor's father would take him to work with him and Taylor writes in his autobiography that they became playmates and companions. He received his first bike from that family.

He learned how to ride the bike and he also had different opportunities being there with the Southard family. He talks about being in Indianapolis and wanting to go to the YMCA and not having the opportunity to join because of his color. Major Taylor talks about

how he had to deal with "that dreadful monster prejudice" in his autobiography and that's something he talks about in his career.

He would stay here in Indianapolis until 1895, earning a job in a bike shop after impressing the owner with a trick on his bike. Louis "Birdie" Munger had experience as a cyclist and was building bikes in Indianapolis. Munger saw the potential in Taylor, telling his friends that when Major returned, he would return as a champion cyclist.

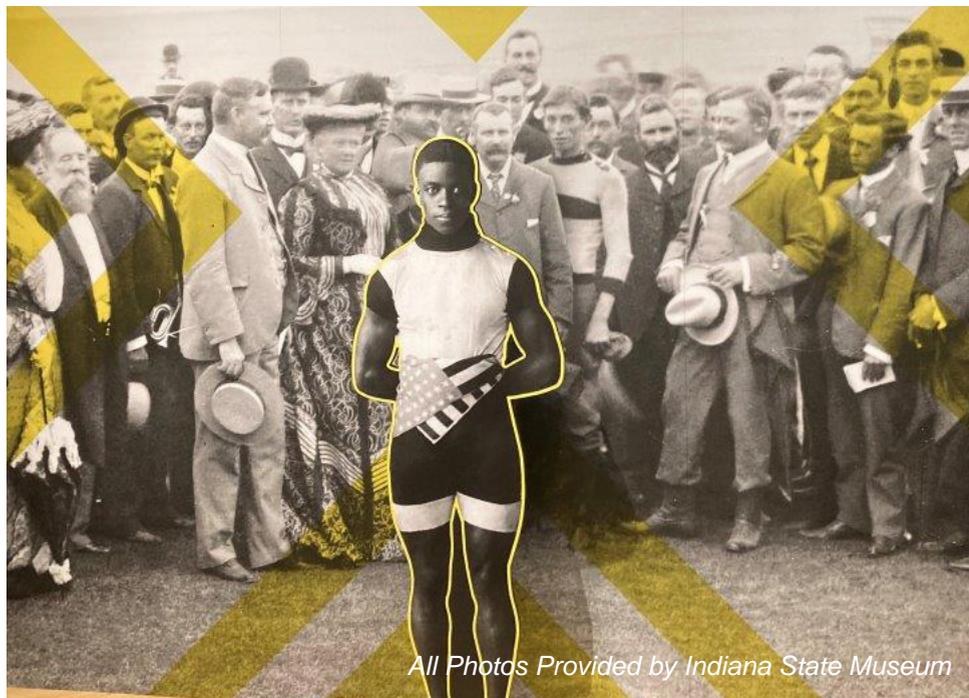
In 1896 he would become a professional cyclist. He made his debut at Madison Square Garden in a 6-day race where he placed 8th.

About The Collection

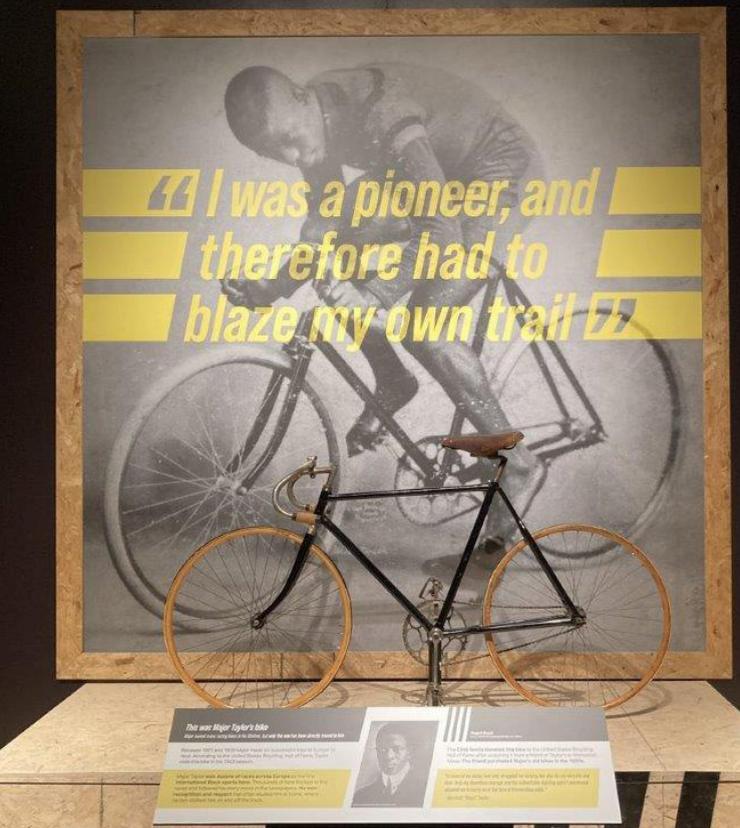
This collection was donated to the museum in 1988 by his daughter, Rita Taylor Sidney Brown, because she wanted the materials here in Indiana.

The collection contains nine scrapbooks and they are truly amazing. They contain numerous articles chronicling his career, telling the story of his cycling history, his competition, his travels, his life. We also have two trophies and a collection of postcards, letters, and photographs in addition to his ledgers and diaries.

Within those letters and diaries he wrote about his races and he put the placement of who won, if he was first, if



All Photos Provided by Indiana State Museum



he won money, where he won money. There's also a bible; he was very religious. He would say a prayer before every race.

The letters help us to see Major discussing his need to train and part of his training regimen. Those letters are from 1909, near the end of his career but his training was still extremely important.

Local artists featured in the exhibit

When you come into the exhibit, we introduce you to Major Taylor through an artistic presentation. You see the work of local Indianapolis artist Walter Lobyn Hamilton. On one side you have newspaper articles about what was happening with Major Taylor, you see his competitors, and you see some of the teams that he's been involved with. You get to see some places where he raced. On the opposite side, you see different postcards and letters that he sent to his wife and daughter. One significant image is Taylor in his bowler hat. We usually see Taylor in a suit or in his racing gear.

You get to hear local poet Januarie York recite her poem, "A Major Deal". She wrote this specifically for this exhibit. Both artists used this collection to create their pieces.

Interactive pieces & activities

[In the bike shop] you can learn how a bike works. You can see the bike components. On our back wall, we have a space where you can put together Infento bikes, and we have easy, medium, and hard. There are manuals that can help you put them together.

There is a track where individuals can ride some of the Infento bikes that have been put together. Next to that is the time trials. We know that Major Taylor set world records and in the time trials area you can actually get on a bike, or use the hand crank bike, and you can race against Major Taylor. You can see different records from different races in different years of his life.

Visitors can also learn how to fix a flat tire. This is done with video and it's step by step. You also have a flat tire and the different things you would need to fix a flat tire.

There is also an opportunity for visitors to leave notes about cycling in Indianapolis and ways to improve, things they would like to see. There also is a piece about Trailblazers, people who ride their bikes every day.

There is a photo op where you can stand next to Major Taylor, who is true to size. In the international travel exhibit, listen to [actor Dominique Shelby](#) perform Taylor's letters. He brings life to Taylor's letters and postcards.

Major Taylor's Legacy

There is a legacy of Major Taylor [display], where riders talk about how Taylor influenced their lives. They relay their stories and the impact of Major Taylor on themselves and on cycling.

On the website we have a tour of places associated with Major Taylor. These include places where he visited when he was here and also places that now highlight his legacy.

Major Taylor said, "I always played the game fairly and tried my hardest." I think that's a wonderful way to remember Major Taylor, playing fairly and trying hard.

To learn more about Major Taylor and this exhibit at the Indiana State Museum, visit indianamuseum.org.

Indiana Bike Shop Directory

Your local bike shop is an integral part of the cycling community, being a resource for riders new and seasoned, and should be a partner as we all work together to make cycling safer for all Hoosiers who want to ride a bike.

If your shop isn't listed here, or there are errors in our listings, please email info@bicycleindiana.org with the subject line "Bike Shop Listings."

A1 Cycle Center

1407 W. Lincoln Hwy
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.a1cyclecenter.com
(219) 736-8364

Adventures Recreation And Gear

204 E 3rd St
Jasper, IN 47546-3303
<http://adventuresrecreation.com>
(812) 482-3757

Al's Bike Shop

9149 N State Road 19
Etna Green, IN 46524-9447
(219) 646-3503

Albrights Cycling & Fitness

2720 Lincolnway West
Mishawaka, IN 46544
<https://albrights.bike>
(574) 255-8988

All About Cycling And Fitness

401 E Jackson Blvd
Elkhart, IN 46516-3510
(574) 294-7243

Arnold's Mobile Bike Repair

9890 Forest St
Dyer, IN 46311-2895
www.arnoldsmobile.com
(219) 713-1463

Art Werks Bike Shop

1910 Bluffton Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46809
(260) 310-0224

Bicycle Center By Tom Lantz

2715 N Post Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 899-1130

Bicycle Doctor

8551 W Gardner Rd
Bloomington, IN 47403-9276
www.bicycledoctorusa.com
(812) 825-5050

Bicycle Garage Bloomington

507 E Kirkwood Ave
Bloomington, IN 47408-4060
www.bikegarage.com
(812) 339-3461

Bicycle Garage Indy Downtown

242 E. Market Street, Ste 101
Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.bgindy.com
(317) 612-3099

Bicycle Garage Indy North

4340 East 82nd St
Indianapolis, IN 46256
www.bgindy.com
(317) 842-4140

Bicycle Garage Indy South

997 East County Line Rd, Ste A
Greenwood, IN 46143
www.bgindy.com
(317) 885-7194

Bicycle Hospital

3702 Dr Martin Luther King Jr St
Indianapolis, IN 46208
www.thebicyclehospital.com
(317) 926-1641

Bicycle Outfitters Indy

1309 S High School Road
Indianapolis, IN 46234
www.boibike.com
(317) 879-5031

Bicycle Station

1201 Washington Street
Columbus, IN 47201
www.thebicyclestation.com
(812) 379-9005

Bike And Soul

120 N Public Square
Angola, IN 46703
www.bikeandsoulangola.com
(260) 665-8356

Bike Line

6520 Cornell Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46220
www.thebikeline.com
(317) 253-2611

Bike Stop

609 E Us Highway 20
Michigan City, IN 46360-7419
bikestopcycling@yahoo.com
(219) 872-9228

Bikesmiths

112 S College Ave
Bloomington, IN 47404-5165
bikesmiths.net
(812) 339-9970

Bluegrass Bicycle Company

10929 E County Road 750 N
Brownsburg, IN 46112-9609
www.bluegrassbicyclecompany.com
(317) 513-3017

Bontrager Bike Shop

9699 W1050 N
Nappanee, IN 46550
<https://bontragerbikeshop.com>
(574) 646-2072

Breakaway Bike & Fitness Shop

8 South Wabash St
Peru, IN 46970
www.breakawaybike.com
(765) 473-3848

Brown County Bikes

4946 Gene Ln
Nashville, IN 47448-9286
www.browncountybikes.com
812-200-1115

Buck's Bike Shop

610 Silhavy Rd
Valparaiso, IN 46383-4442
www.bicyclesindiana.com
(219) 462-3411

Buckskin Bikes

517 W 11Th St
Anderson, IN 46016
www.buckskinbikes.com
(765) 393-1409

Burlington Bike Shop

831 2Nd B Rd.
Nappanee, IN 46550
(312) 664-8800

Carmel Cyclery

230 W Carmel Dr
Carmel, IN 46032
www.carmelcyclery.com (317)
575-8588

Chain Reaction Bike Center

190 W 300 N
Decatur, IN 46733
(260) 692-1400

Chesterton Bicycle Station

116 S 4Th St
Chesterton, IN 46304
www.chestertonbicycle.com
(219) 926-1112

Clarksville Schwinn

111 W Lewis And Clark Pkwy
Clarksville, IN 47129-1731
www.clarksvilleschwinn.net
(812) 948-2453

Columbus Cycling & Fitness

833 16Th St
Columbus, IN 47201
www.columbus-cycling.com
(812) 372-7486

Countryside Bike

7403 Griffith Rd
Worthington, IN 47471-6201
(812) 875-3344

Crossroads Cyclery

1102 Ohio St
Terre Haute, IN 47807-3818
www.crossroadscyclery.com
(812) 242-2453

Curfman's Cyclery & Fitness

426 N Washington St
Marion, IN 46952
www.facebook.com/curfmanscyclery
(765) 662-6068

Cycling And Fitness Warehouse

213 N 3rd St
Richmond, IN 47374
(765) 935-5047

Cycling Solutions

7766 Fruitwood Ln Ste C-2
Newburgh, IN 47630-8094
www.cyclingsolutionsmbs.com
(812) 518-2720

Ed's Sports Plus

13809 Morse
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
<https://edsbicycleshop.com>
(219) 374-5722

Family Bike Center

3410 S Main St
Elkhart, IN 46517-3124
<http://familybicyclecenter.com>
(574) 219-2865

Family Bike Chain Greenfield

109 E. Main St
Greenfield, IN 46140
www.familybikechain.com
(317) 462-6008

Fat Bikes

1119 Wabash Ave
Terre Haute, IN 47807-3211
(812) 242-2453

Fizz'z Bike Shop

312 W Main St
Madison, IN 47250-3716
www.facebook.com/fizzzbikeshop
(812) 273-3499

Fort Wayne Outfitters & Bike Depot

1004 Cass St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
<https://fwoutfitters.com>
(260) 420-3962

Freewheelin Community Bikes

3355 Central Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46205
www.freewheelinbikes.org
(317) 926-5440

Gear Up Cyclery

124 W Main St
Plainfield, IN 46168-1132
www.gearupcyclery.com
(317) 203-5045

Goldman's Bike Shop

9310 E Jackson St
Selma, IN 47383
<http://d.bicycle.tripod.com>
(765) 282-2453

Gray Goat Sports

3850 E Southport Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46237-3221
<https://graygoatsports.com>
(317) 780-4828

Gray Goat Sports Fountain Square

1201 Prospect St Unit B
Indianapolis, IN 46203
<https://graygoatsports.com>
(317) 780-4628

Gray Goat Sports Franklin

25 E Court St
Franklin, IN 46131
<https://graygoatsports.com>
(317) 494-6967

Gray Goat Sports North

W 106Th St Ste 900
Carmel, IN 46032
<https://graygoatsports.com>
(317) 780-4628

Greenpower Pedal N Pull

9871 W Hepton Rd
Nappanee, IN 46550
<https://greenpowerpedalnpull.com>
(574) 733-9307

Greenway 500 Bike Shop

5551 E Cr 500 S
Muncie, IN 47302
www.greenway500.com
(765) 744-3414

Hardin's Bike Shop

1725 S Walnut St
Muncie, IN 47302
www.facebook.com/hardinsbikeshop
(765) 289-6495

Heartland Bike Shop

6235 S 600 W
Topeka, IN 46571-9808
www.heartlandbikeshop.com
(260) 768-8127

Hodson's Bay Company

360 Brown Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906
<http://hodsonsbay.com>
(765) 743-3506

Ike's Bicycle Shop

111 S 6Th St
Richmond, IN 47374
www.ikesbikesrichmond.com
(765) 962-5480

Indy Cycle Specialist

5804 E Washington St
Indianapolis, IN 46219-6524
<https://indycyclespecialist.com>
(317) 356-4585

Inrush Bicycle Shop

3204 Crescent Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
<https://inrushbicycles.com>
(260) 471-4454

J's Bikes

164 W Honey Creek Pkwy
Terre Haute, IN 47802-4114
www.jaysbikes.com
(812) 234-1969

Kirk's Bicycle Shop

124 S Walnut St
Muncie, IN 47305-2812
www.bkbikes.com
(765) 282-6389

Kokomo Cycling & Fitness

1500 East Boulevard
Kokomo, IN 46902
www.kokomocycling.com
(765) 452-7110

Leo's Mobile Bicycle Service

53 Willow St
Valparaiso, IN 46383-4222
www.leosmobile.com
(219) 531-2453

Lincoln Avenue Cycling

430 W Lincoln Ave
Goshen, IN 46526-2413
www.lincolnavenuecycling.com
(574) 533-7425

Matthews Bicycles

7272 Pendleton Pike
Indianapolis, IN 46226
<https://matthewsbikes.com>
(317) 547-3456

Motion Cycling & Fitness

9530 E 126Th St
Fishers, IN 46038
www.motioncycling.com
(317) 813-7433

Outpost Sports

3602 Grape Rd
Mishawaka, IN 46545-2711
<https://outpostsports.com>
(574) 259-1000

Pedego Electric Bikes Carmel

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Pro Wrench 51

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Indianapolis, IN 46220-3527
www.facebook.com/ProWrench51
(317) 400-2155

Proform Bike Shop

2202 S Bend Ave
South Bend, IN 46635-1672
www.proformbike.com
(574) 272-0129

Pumpkinvine Cyclery

413 N Main St
Middlebury, IN 46540-9218
www.pumpkinvinecyclery.com
(574) 825-2252

REM Bicycle & Fitness

804 Main St
Jasper, IN 47546-3043
<https://rembicycleandfitness.com>
(812) 634-1454

Revolution Bike & Bean

401 E 10th St
Bloomington, IN 47408-3604
www.revolutionbikeandbean.com
(812) 336-0241

Rick's Bike Shop

209 W Jefferson St
Decatur, IN 46733
(260) 724-2705

Ridge Cyclery, Inc

3731 Ridge Rd
Highland, IN 46322-2055
www.ridgecycle.com
(219) 923-2555

Rotten Robbie's Cycle Sports

100 E North St
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
www.rottenrobbies.com
(765) 359-1039

Scheller's Cycling And Fitness

1000 Veterans Parkway
Clarksville, IN 47129
www.schellers.com
(812) 288-6100

Scheller's Cycling And Fitness

5701 Vogel Rd
Evansville, IN 47715
www.schellers.com
(812) 402-4950

Spicer Cycles

3319 Lincoln Ave
Evansville, IN 47714-0145
www.spicercycles.com
(812) 473-4104

Spin Zone Cycling Outitters

51345 Bittersweet Rd
Granger, IN 46530
https://spinzonecycling.com
(574) 243-4994

Spoke Easy

921 E Main St
Richmond, IN 47374-4317
www.spokeeasyllc.com
(765) 239-9199

STS Custom Bikes

597 E Us Highway 52 Rushville,
IN 46173-7917
https://stscustombikes.com
(765) 938-4412

Trek Bicycle Fort Wayne

3801 Lima Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46805
trek-bikes.com/en_US/retail/Fort_Weayne
(260) 484-0182

The Avenue Bicycle Station

2716 Mishawaka Ave
South Bend, IN 46615
facebook.com/avenuebicyclestation
(574) 855-2453

The Cycle Fix

6215 Meridian Street West Dr
Indianapolis, IN 46260-4237
www.thecyclefix.com
(463) 204-2453

Trailblazer's Bike Barn

11 N Hobart Ave
Hobart, IN 46342
https://trailblazersbikebarn.com
(219) 940-3477

Trailhouse Village Bicycles

1001 E Canal St
Winona Lake, IN 46590
www.trailhousevillagebicycle.com
(574) 267-2223

Trailyard

202 Andover Dr
Valparaiso, IN 46383-1390
https://trailyardvalpo.com
(219) 405-2498

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651 East US 30
Schererville, IN 46375
trek-bikes.com/en_US/retail/Schererville
(219) 322-2453

Trek Store Granger

7225 Heritage Square Dr Suite 260
Elkhart, IN 46516
trek-bikes.com/en_US/retail/Granger
(574) 703-3610

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301 E Morgan St
Kokomo, IN 46901-2359
www.victorytrikeshop.com
(765) 452-9717

Virtuous Cycles

215 N 10Th St
Lafayette, IN 47901
http://virtuouscycles.us
(765) 807-6557

Wana Ride

350 In-5
Shipshewana, IN 46565
(260) 768-7064
Weber Sports
238 Main St
Aurora, IN 47001-1357
www.weber-sports.com
(812) 926 1200

Westfield Cycle Sports

18128 Market Ct
Westfield, IN 46074
www.westfieldcyclesports.com
(317) 867-4422



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These are some of the organizations around the state who work directly or indirectly with cycling in our state. This is not an exhaustive listing, and we are hopeful that if we have missed organizations, our members can let us know so we can help connect connect with them.

If your organization isn't listed here, or there are errors in our listings, please email info@bicycleindiana.org with the subject line "Resource Listings."

Bicycle Friendly Fort Wayne

<https://bffw.org>

Evansville Trails Coalition

www.walkbikeevv.org

Bike Elkhart

<https://bikeelkhart.org>

Fort Wayne Trails

<https://fwtrails.org>

Bike Index

<https://bikeindex.org>

Freewheelin' Community Bikes

www.freewheelinbikes.org

Bike Michiana Coalition

www.bikemichiana.org

Greenways Foundation

www.greenwaysfoundation.org

Bike Muncie

<https://bikemuncie.wordpress.com>

Hayes Arboreteum

www.hayesarboretum.org

Bloomington Bike Project

<https://btownbikeproject.org>

Health by Design

www.healthbydesignonline.org

Cardinal Greenway

<https://cardinalgreenways.org>

Hoosier Mountain Bike Association

www.hmba.org

Chain Reaction Bicycle Project

<https://chainreactionbike.wordpress.com>

Hoosier Rails to Trails Council

www.indianatrails.net

CIBA Foundation

www.cibafoundation.org

IN DNR

www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor-recreation/trails/bike

Columbus Bicycle Co-Op

www.bikeco-op.org

Indiana Trails Fund

www.indianatrails.org

Cycling Savvy

<https://cyclingsavvy.org>

Indianapolis Cultural Trail

<https://indyculturaltrail.org>

Indiana Pacers Bikeshare

www.pacersbikeshare.org

Indy Cycloplex/Major Taylor Velodrome

<https://indycycloplex.com>

Mid Indiana Trails (MINT)

<https://midindianatrails.wordpress.com>

Mountain Bike Indiana

<https://mtbindiana.org>

Nickle Plate Trail

[hwww.nickelplatetrail.org](http://www.nickelplatetrail.org)

Nine13 Sports

<https://nine13sports.org>

Pedal & Park

www.pedalandpark.org

Prairie Creek Trails

<https://prairiecreektrails.wordpress.com>

Riley - Racing For Safety

<https://racingforsafety.pediatrics.iu.edu>

Safe Kids Indiana

www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-indiana

Safe Routes

www.saferoutesinfo.org

South Shore Trails

<https://southshoretrails.com>

Westwood Park

www.visitwestwood.com



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