

# **BICYCLING ABOUT SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PARKS**

## **RECREATIONAL AND CONNECTIVITY ROUTES**

**Introduction.** This guide is a companion document to the 2016-2020 Shiawassee County Park Recreation and Open Space Plan. There are details about routes for road biking to and from County Parks. The ordinary rider safety precautions apply for country road cycling where there are no dedicated bike lanes or wider pavement roadways. Many of these roads have 24' pavement widths with narrow gravel shoulders. For the selected routes, that condition is offset by relatively lower traffic volumes. The routes suggested here are deemed appropriate for bicyclists 12 and over in age. The recreational benefits to that experience level offers rewarding and healthful outings as part of a park visit or transportation link to other open space areas.

Connectivity in this context means destination bicycle routes between county, state or local parks. Mileage information is provided. Recreation loop routes are bike loops starting and ending at a county park. The recreation routes are relatively shorter and designed intentionally as a supplemental park activity to a county park visit. Below, each park is featured with a number of bicycling options. It is recommended that, after review, revisions over time, and actual trial runs, that the eventual recommended routes are posted on an informational sign at the parking areas of the parks and the park system website.

**Kerby Road Park Bicycling.** Located near State Highway M-21, no routes advise use of that highway except for a few suggested crossings. There are two (2) recreational loop routes and three (3) connectivity routes. Ambitious bikers could add other destinations to the connectivity routes; the three listed in this plan have proximity to destinations where other routes might begin.

**Kerby Recreational Loop Ride #1:** *Country Scenic Loop north—Length is 6.2 miles*

North on N. Kerby Road at Park Entrance to Copas Road;  
West on Copas Road to Notnagle Road;  
North on Notnagle Road to Wilkinson Road;  
East on Wilkinson Road to N. Geeck Road;  
South on N. Geeck Road to Shipman Road;  
Southwest on Shipman Road to Kerby Park.



**Kerby Recreational Loop Ride #2: Country Scenic Loop south—Length is 7.8 miles**  
Northwest on Shipman Road from Park Entrance to Gilna Road;  
South on Gilna Road (proceed across M-21) to Serr Road;  
East on Serr Road to S. Geeck Road;  
South on S. Geeck Road to Lytle Road;  
East on Lytle Road (intermediate stop at Lytle Rd. Park) to Kerby Road;  
North on Kerby Road to Serr Road;  
East on Serr Road to Gilna Road;  
North on Gilna Road to Shipman Road;  
Southwest on Gilna Road to Kerby Park.



**Kerby Connectivity Destination Route #1:** *Corunna’s McCurdy Park (with link to Owosso Curwood Castle Park) Distance to Corunna is 3.31 miles*

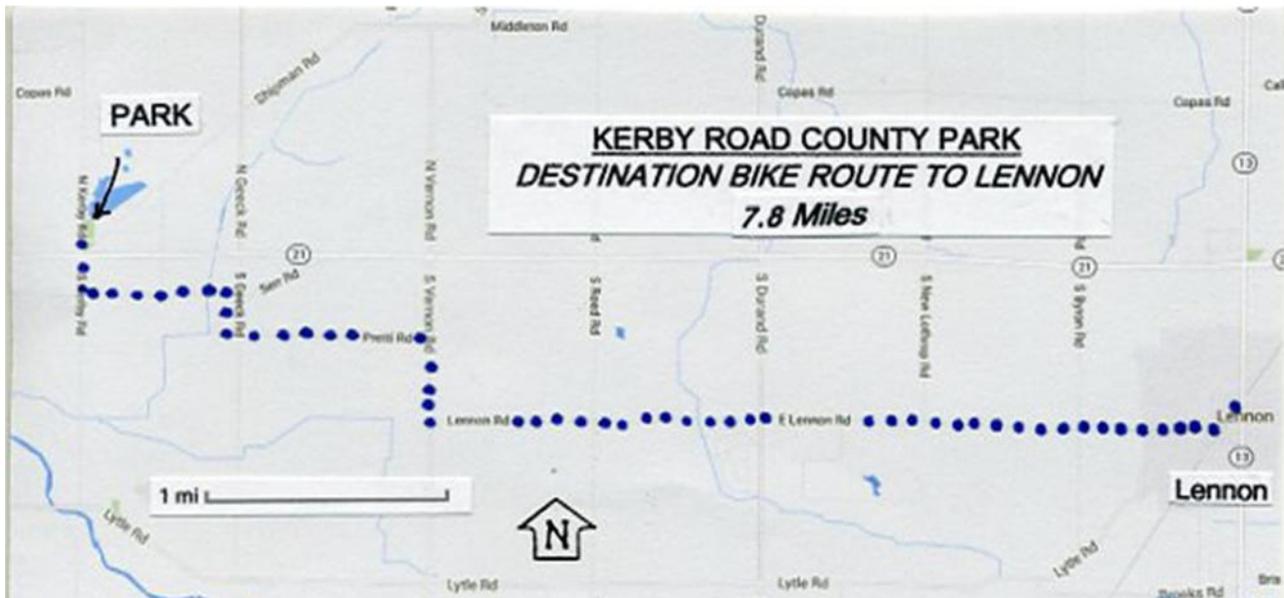
South on Kerby Road from Park Entrance (a crossing at M-21) & onto Serr Rd;  
 East on Serr Road to N. Shiawassee Street in Corunna;  
 South on Shiawassee Street’s dedicated lane or sidewalk to Pine Street;  
 East on Pine Street to Magnolia Street ;  
 South on Magnolia Street to Ferry Street;  
 East on Ferry Street to McCurdy Park footbridge. Optional Extension Ride:  
 West on James Miner Trail to Owosso’s Curwood Castle Park (+ 3.4 miles).

**Kerby Park Connectivity Destination Route #1 (continued):**



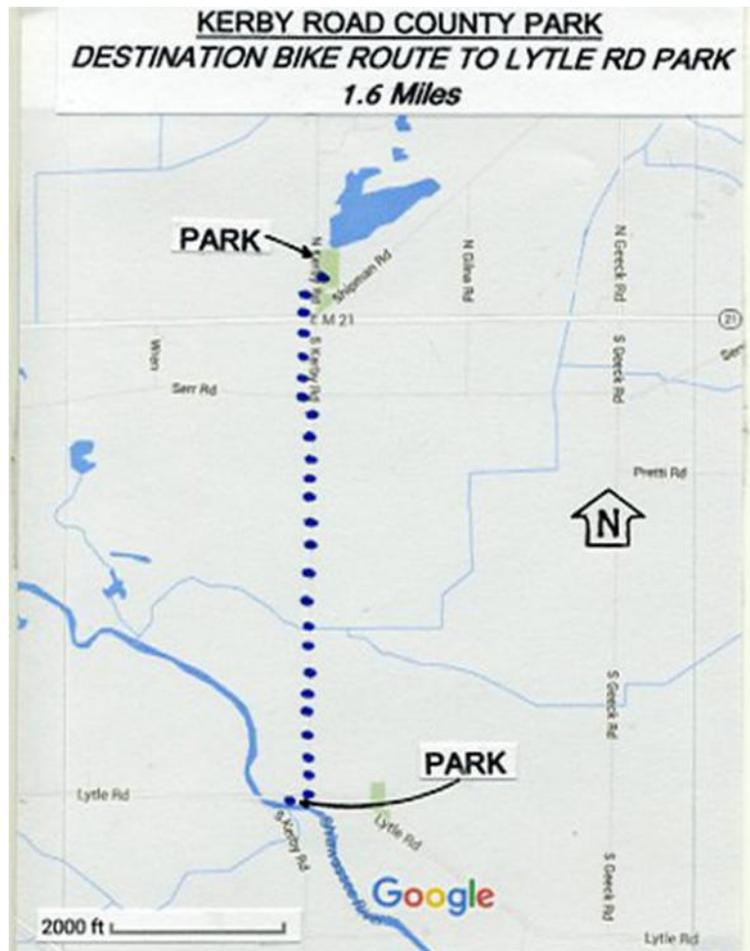
**Kerby Connectivity Destination Route #2:** Kerby Rd. Park to Village of Lennon at County Line and M-13) Distance is 7.9 miles

- South on Kerby Road to Serr Road;
- East on Serr Road to Geeck Road;
- South on Geeck Road to Petti Road;
- East on Petti Road to Vernon Road;
- South on Vernon Road to Lennon Road;
- East on Lennon Road to the Village (this section is 5 miles long).



**Kerby Connectivity Destination Route #3:** *Kerby Road County Park to Lytle Road County Park;*  
*Distance is 1.6 miles*

South on Kerby Road to Lytle Road and coincidental park entrance drive.

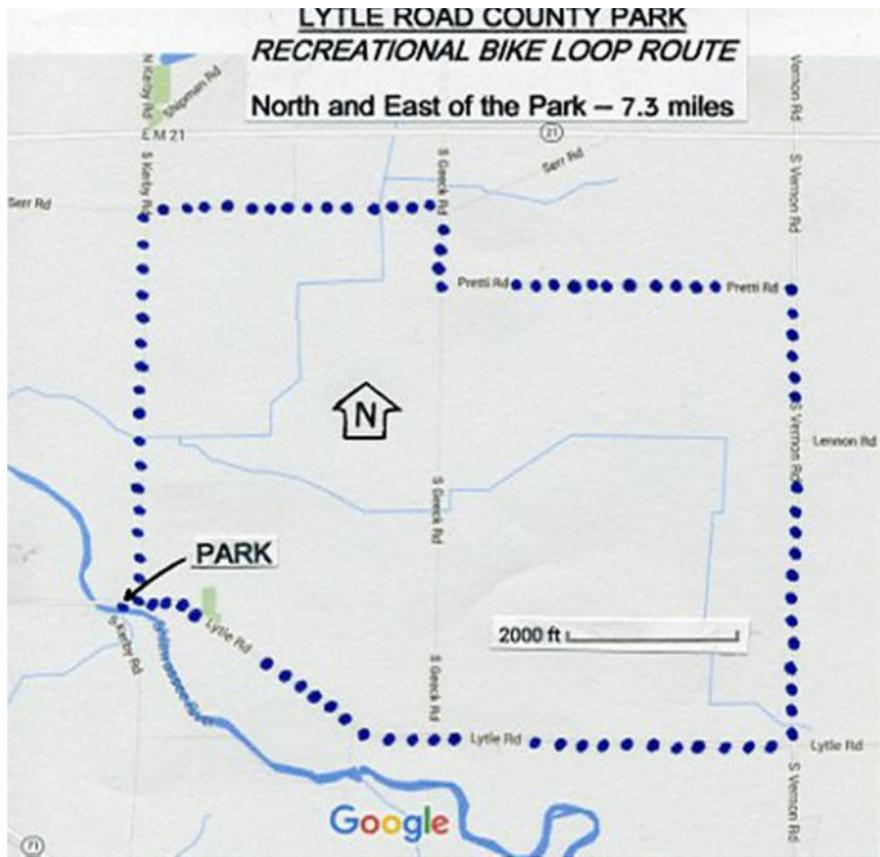


**Lytle Road Park Bicycling.** Lytle Road Park is on the Shiawassee River. The connection to Kerby Road Park is a single roadway described above for the Kerby Road Park Destination Route #3. Other routes offer connectivity travel links to Lennon, Corunna, Durand, and Shiatown Park. One recreational loop route is offered.

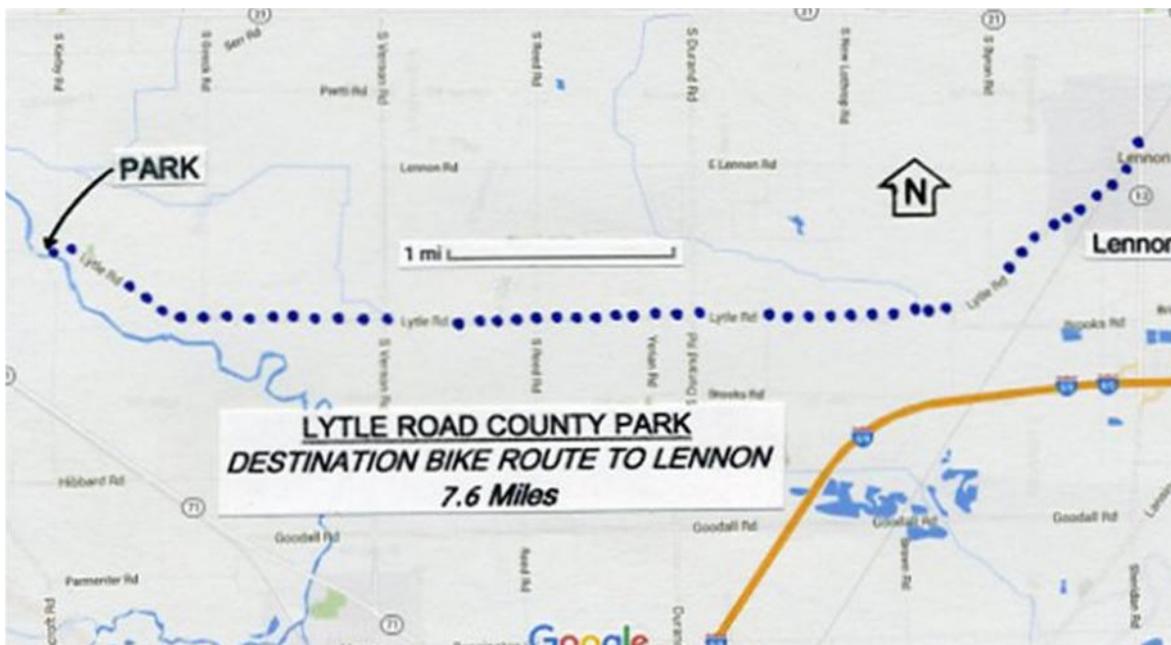
**Lytle Recreational Loop Ride #1:** *Country Scenic Loop North and East; Length is 7.3 miles.*

North on Kerby Road to Serr Road;  
East on Serr Road to Geck Road;  
South on Geck Road to Pretti Road;  
East on Pretti Road to Vernon Road;  
South on Vernon Road to Lytle Road;  
West on Lytle Road back to Kerby Road Park.

**Lytle Road Park Recreational Bike Route #1 (continued)**



**Lytle Road Connectivity Destination Route #1: *To Village of Lennon and County Line; 7.6 miles.***  
East on Lytle Road to Village of Lennon and County Line at M-13.



**Lytle Road Park Connectivity Destination Route #2: To Downtown Durand, Union Station Museum, & Amtrak Station; Distance is 8.4 miles**

East on Lytle Road to Vernon Road;  
South on Vernon Road to Vernon Village at Bennington Road;  
Continue South on Vernon Road to Newburg Road;  
East on Newburg Road to Downtown Durand.



**Lytle Road Park Connectivity Destination Route #3: To Down'tn Corunna and McCurdy Park; Distance is 3 miles.**

West on Lytle Road to State Hwy M-71 junction;  
Continue West on M-71 to Dutcher Street;  
North on Dutcher Street to E. McArthur Street;  
West on McArthur Street to Shiawassee Street and downtown Corunna;  
Continue West on McArthur Street to Norton Street;  
North on Norton Street, crossing M-71 to the Park;  
(Extension Route to Owosso's Curwood Castle Park via James Miner Trail an additional 3.4 miles).

**Lytle Road Park Connectivity Route #3 (continued)**



**Lytle Park Connectivity Destination Route #4: To Shiatown Park (also canoe landing); 4 miles.**

West on Lytle Road from Park & canoe landing to Kerby Road;  
 South on Kerby Road to M-71 crossing and onto Hibbard Road;  
 West on Hibbard Road to Parmenter Road;  
 South on Parmenter Road to junction with Bancroft Road;  
 Continue South on Bancroft Road to Bennington Road and Shiatown Park.



**Shiatown County Park Bicycling.** Shiatown Park is on the River and is among the most historic places in the County. Many routes are possible both for recreational rides and connections to other open spaces and communities with open spaces and cultural features. The connectivity route to Lytle Rd Park, the downstream canoe landing, is provided immediately above in the Lytle Road Park section.

**Shiatown Recreational Loop Route #1:** *Country Scenic Loop East of Park; Length is 5 miles.*

North from Newberry Rd Parking Lot to Bennington Road;  
 East on Bennington Road to Vernon Road in Vernon Village;  
 South on Vernon Road to Garrison Road;  
 West on Garrison Road to Newberry Road;  
 N/NW on Newberry Road to Parking Lot;  
 (Optional longer ride, S on Vernon Road to Newberg Road, thence W to Newberry Rd, thence NW to Parking Lot).



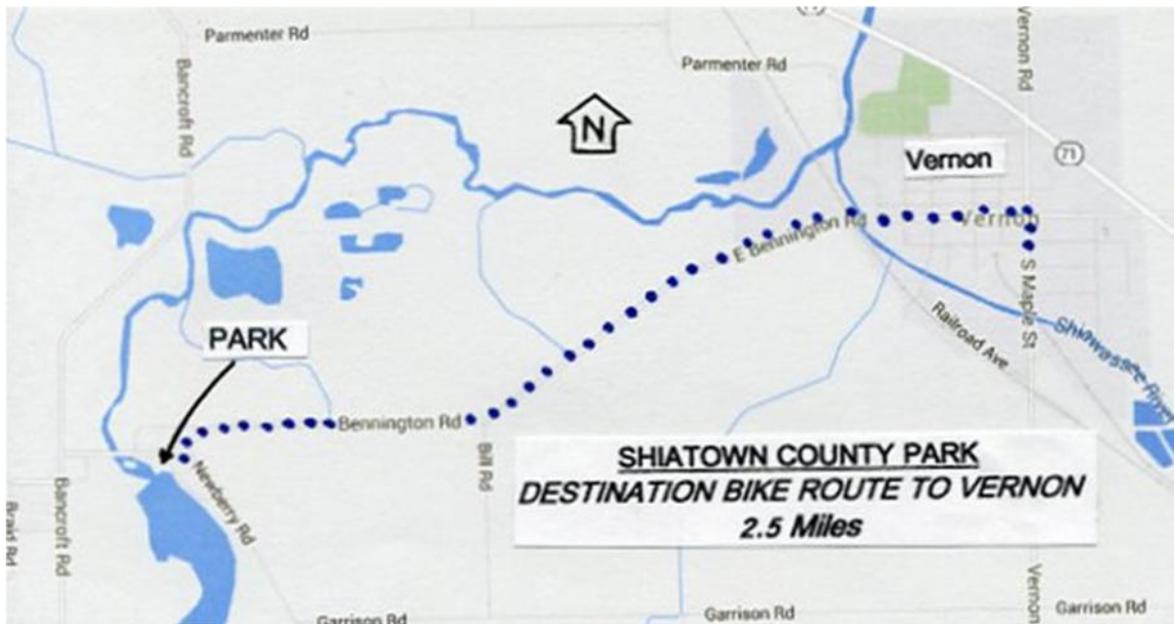
**Shiatown Recreational Loop Route #2:** *Country Scenic Loop West of Park; Length is 5 miles.*

North from Newberry Rd. Parking Lot to Bennington Road;  
 West on Bennington Road to Bancroft Road;  
 South on Bancroft Road to Bennington Road;  
 West on Bennington Road to Scribner Road;  
 South on Scribner Road to Garrison Road.  
 East on Garrison Road to Braid Road;  
 N/NE on Braid Road to Bennington Road;  
 East on Bennington Road to West Park Parking Lot or onto Newberry Road Parking Lot.

**Shiatown Recreational Loop Route #2 (continued)**



**Shiatown Connectivity Destination Route #1:** *To Village of Vernon's Downtown; 2.2 miles*  
North from Parking Lot on Newberry Road to Bennington Road;  
East on Bennington Road to Downtown Vernon.



**Shiatown Connectivity Destination Route #2:** *To City of Durand's Downtown; 5.3 miles.*

S/SE from Parking Lot on Newberry Road to Newberg Road;  
East on Newberg Road to Saginaw Street in Downtown Durand.



**Shiatown Connectivity Destination Route #3:** *From Shiatown Park's Canoe Launch to Geeck Road County Park's Canoe Launch; Distance is 4.3 miles.*

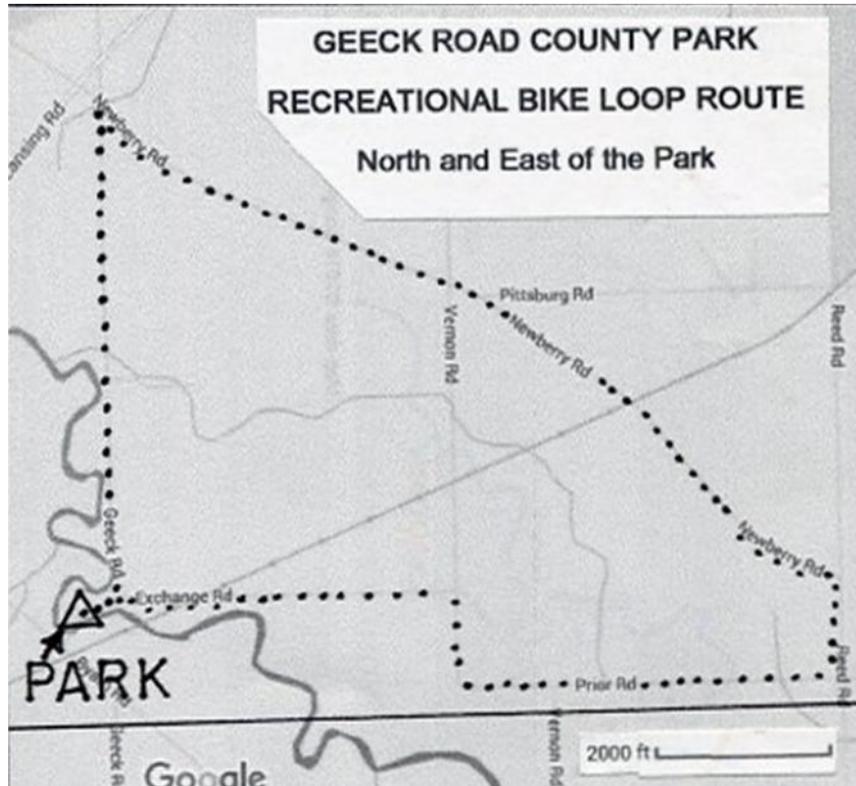
East on Bennington Road from Canoe Launch to Newberry Road;  
S/SE on Newberry Road to Newburg Road;  
East on Newburg Road to Geeck Road; South on Geeck Rd to Exchange Rd;  
West on Exchange Road to Geeck Rd Park and Canoe Launch.



**Geeck Road County Park Bicycling.** See connectivity route #10 above to find directions to the canoe launch at Shiatown. Geeck Road Park's launch is also related to Walnut Hills Campground upstream and is described at the Connectivity Route #4 below.

**Geeck Recreational Loop Route #1:** *Country Scenic Loop North/East of the Park; Length is 6 miles.*

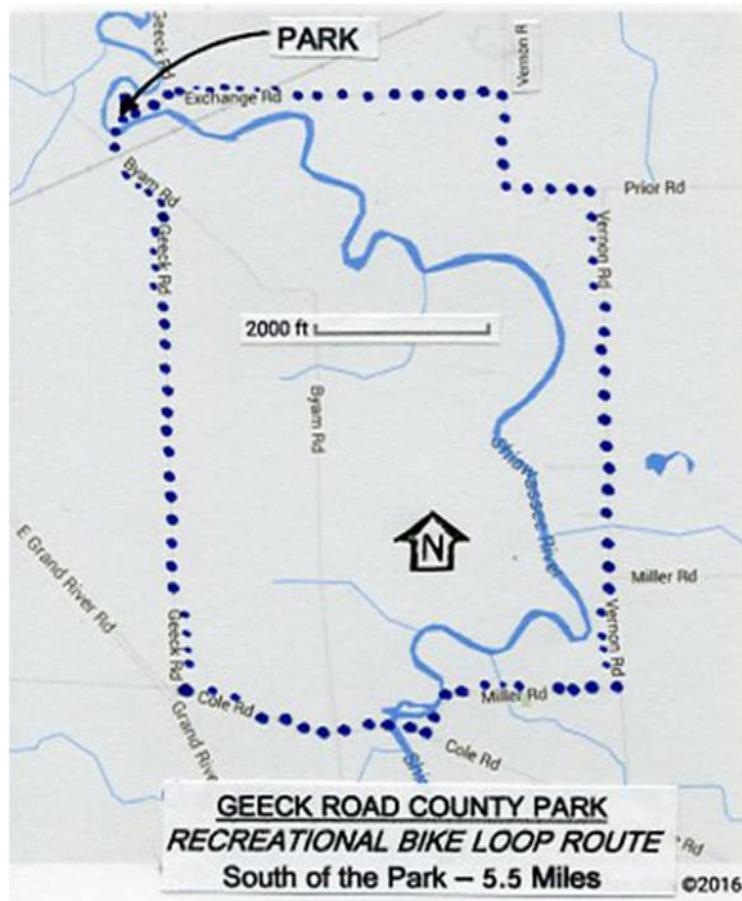
East from Park on Exchange Road to Geeck Road;  
North on Geeck Road to Newberry Road;  
Northwest on Newberry Road to Pittsburg Rd;  
Southwest on Pittsburg Rd to Vernon Rd;  
Southwest on Vernon Rd to Prior Rd;  
South on Prior Rd to Exchange Rd;  
West on Exchange Rd to Park.



**Geeck Recreational Loop Route #2:** *Country Scenic Loop South of the Park; Length is 5.5 miles.*

West on Exchange Road from Park to Byam Road;  
South on Byam Road to Geeck Road;  
South on Geeck Road to Cole Road;  
East on Cole Road to Miller Road;  
East/NE on Miller Road to Vernon Road;  
North on Vernon Road to Prior Road;  
West on Prior Road to Vernon Road;  
North on Vernon Road to Exchange Road;  
West on Exchange Road to Park.

## Geeck Recreational Loop Route #2 (continued)



### **Geeck Recreational Loop Route #3:** *Country Scenic Loop West of the Park; Length is 5.8 miles.*

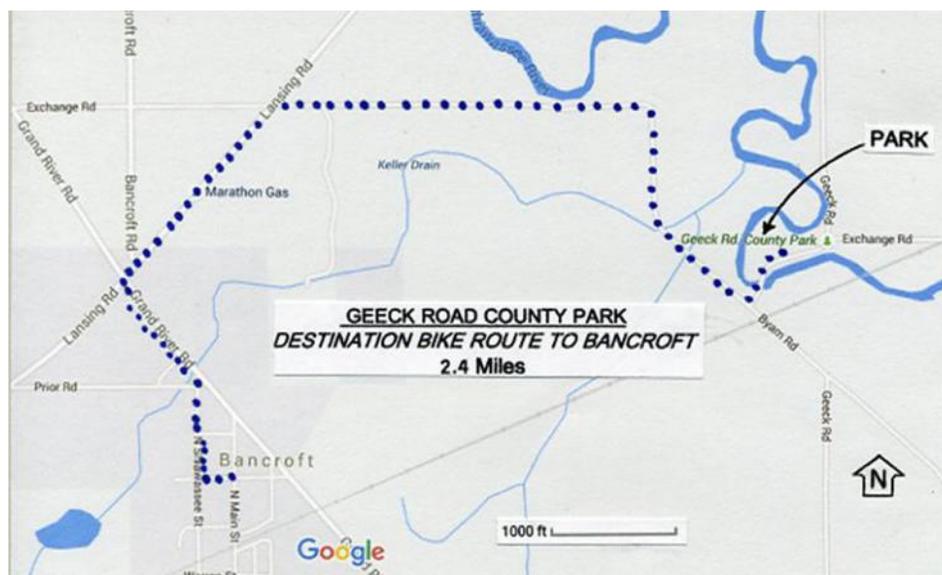
West on Exchange Road from Park to Intersection with Byam Road;  
South on Byam Road to Geeck Road;  
South on Geeck Road to Cole Road;  
West on Cole Road to Bancroft Road;  
North on Bancroft Road to Village, then on to Warren Street;  
West on Warren Street to N. Shiawassee Street in Village;  
North on N. Shiawassee Street to Grand River Road in Village;  
NW on Grand River Road to Lansing Road (Five Points);  
NE on Lansing Road to Exchange Road;  
East on Exchange Road where Exchange turns South at YMCA Camp;  
South on Exchange Road to where Exchange Road turns East;  
East on Exchange Road to Park.

**Geeck Recreational Loop Route #3 (continued)**



**Geeck Connectivity Destination Route #1:** *West To Convenience Store on Lansing Road and Village of Bancroft; Distance is 1.6 miles to 'Five Points' store & 2.4 miles to Village center.*

- West on Exchange Road to intersection with Byam Road;
- North on Exchange Road to YMCA camp and where Exchange Rd turns west;
- West on Exchange Road to Lansing Road;
- SW on Lansing Road to convenience store at 'Five Points' and Grand River Rd;
- SE on Grand River Rd to N. Shiawassee St;
- South on N. Shiawassee St. to Warren St.; E on Warren St. to Vill. Center

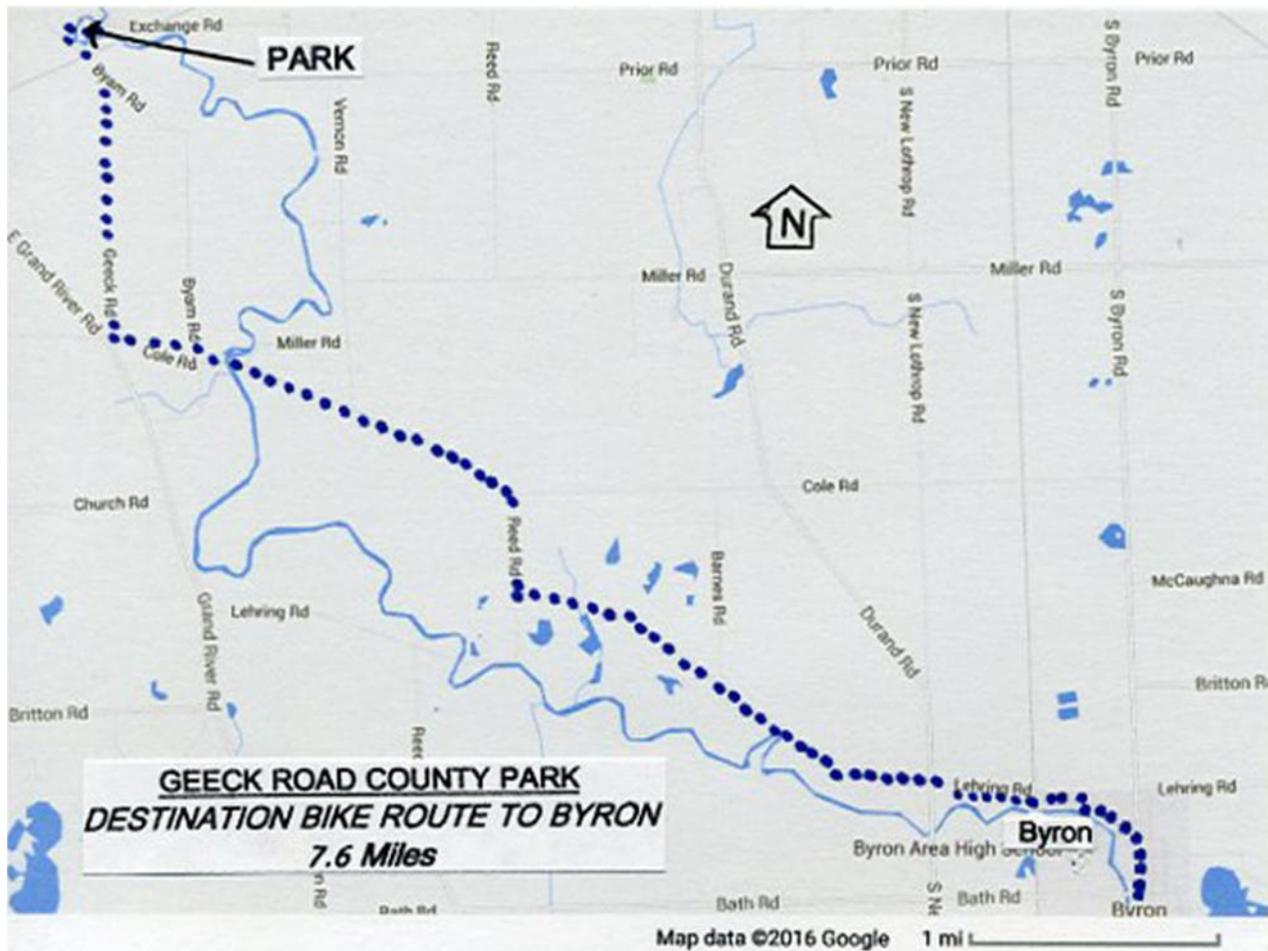


**Geeck Connectivity Destination Route #2:** *East to City of Durand and its downtown; 4.5 miles.:*  
 East from Park drive entrance on Exchange Road to Geeck Road;  
 North on Geeck Road to Newburg Road;  
 East on Newburg Road to N. Saginaw Street and downtown Durand  
 (also Railroad Museum and Amtrak Station).



**Geeck Connectivity Destination Route #3:** *Southeast to Village of Byron; Distance is 7.6 miles.*  
 West on Exchange Rd from Park to Byam Road;  
 South on Byam Road to Cole Road;  
 East/Southeast on Cole Road to Reed Road;  
 South on Reed Road to Lahring Road;  
 East on Lahring Road and N. Saginaw Street in the Village;  
 South on N. Saginaw Street to Village center at Bath Road/Maple Street  
 (This route ends across the river from the Byron Schools canoe launch).

### Geek Connectivity Destination Route #3 (continued)



**Geek Connectivity Destination Route #4: From Geek Road Park Canoe Launch to Walnut Hills Campground Canoe Launch (public); Distance is 4.5 miles.**

West on Exchange Road at Park to Byam Road;  
South on Byam Road to Cole Road;  
East/Southeast on Cole Road to Reed Road;  
South on Reed Road to end of Reed Road at Lahring Road;  
West on Lahring Road to Walnut Hills Campground.

## Geeck Connectivity Destination Route #4 (continued)

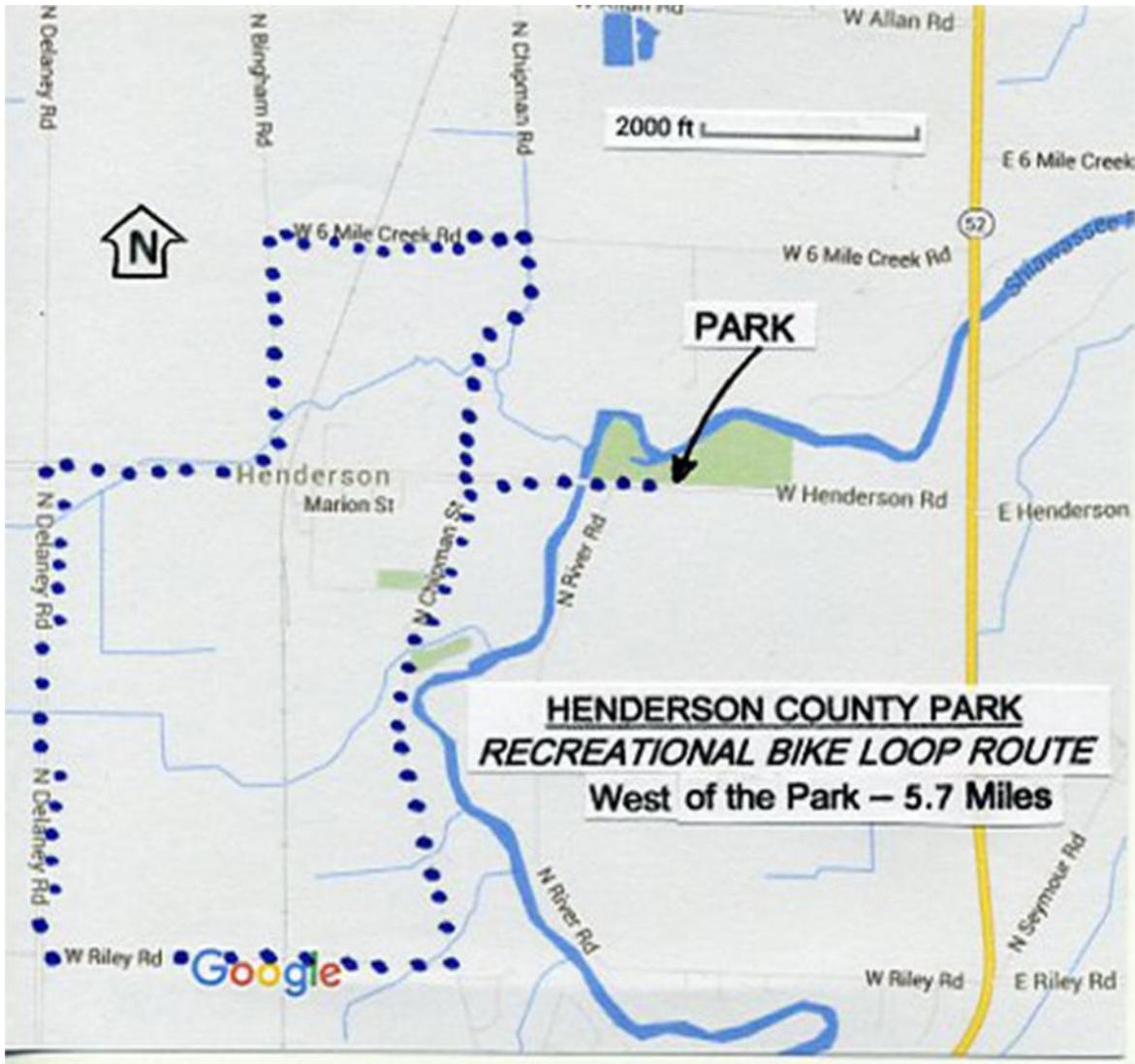


**Henderson County Park Bicycling.** Bicycling to and from Henderson Park offers the most route choices in the County Park system, especially the Connectivity Routes. Henderson Park is also a canoe launch site; therefore two of the Connectivity Routes connect to canoe launches/landings north and downstream to Parshallburg (east of Oakley) and south and upstream to Harmon Patridge Park in Owosso. An intermediate canoe landing with nature study, trails and a spacious wooden riverside dock is at DeVries Nature Conservancy.

### **Henderson Recreational Loop Route #1:** *Country Scenic Loop West and North of Park; 5.7 miles.*

West on Henderson Park to Chipman Road;  
South on Chipman Road to Riley Road;  
West on Riley Road to Delaney Road;  
North on Delaney Road to Henderson Road;  
East on Henderson Road to Bingham Road;  
North on Bingham Road to 6 Mile Creek Road;  
East on 6 Mile Creek Road to Chipman Road;  
South on Chipman Road to Henderson Road;  
East on Henderson Road to Park Entrance.

## Henderson Recreational Loop Route #1 (continued)



**Henderson Recreational Loop Route #2:** *Country Scenic Circle Route Around the Park; Length is 6.4 miles.*

NOTE: THIS TRAIL SECTION IS NOT OPERATIONAL UNTIL 6 MILE CREEK BRIDGE REOPENS

- West on Henderson Road from Park entrance to River Road;
- South on River Road to Riley Road;
- East on Riley Road (also across M-52) to Seymour Road;
- Northeast on Seymour Road to 6 Mile Creek Road;
- West on Six Mile Creek Road (also crossing iron bridge) to State Hwy M-52;
- South on State Hwy M-52 900 feet to Six Mile Creek Road;
- West on Six Mile Creek Road to Chipman Road;
- South on Chipman Road to Henderson Road;
- East on Henderson Road to Park Entrance.

**Henderson Recreation Loop Route #2 (cont'd) NOTE: THIS ROUTE IS NOT OPERATIONAL UNTIL 6 MILE CREEK BRIDGE REOPENS**



**Henderson Recreational Loop Route #3: Country Scenic Loop East and North of Park; 8 miles.**  
East on Henderson Road from Park Entrance, across M-52, onto Seymour Rd;  
North on Seymour Road to Easton Road;  
East on Easton Road to merge with Hill Road;  
East on Hill Road to McGaffrey Road;  
South on McGaffrey Road to 6 Mile Creek Road;  
West on 6 Mile Creek Road to Seymour Road;  
South on Seymour Road to Henderson Road;  
West on Henderson Road, across M-52, and onto Henderson Park Entrance.

## Henderson Recreational Loop Route #3 (continued)



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## Henderson Connectivity Destination Routes #1 & 2 (one map):

**Route #1:** *Henderson Park to Downtown Owosso and James Miner Bikeway; Distance is 7 miles.*

West on Henderson Road from Park Entrance to Chipman Road;  
South on Chipman Road to Oliver Street in the City of Owosso;  
East on Oliver Street, across M-52, and onto Pine Street;  
South on Pine Street to Williams Street;  
East on Williams Street 150' to Entrance of James Miner Bikeway and  
North line of Downtown Owosso.

## **Henderson Connectivity Destination Routes #1 &2 (continued)**

**Route #2:** *To Harmon Patridge Park and Launch; 7.7 Miles.*

East on Henderson Road to Hintz Road;  
South on Hintz Road to Wildermuth Road;  
West on Wildermuth Road to Hickory Road;  
South on Hickory Road to Wilkinson Road;  
West on Wilkinson Road to Harmon Patridge Park North End;  
South on Pathway to park exit and proceed south on Chippewa Lane to Launch.



**Henderson Connectivity Destination Routes #3, #4 & #5 (one map):**

**Route #3:** *Henderson Park to the Village of Oakley; 5.4 miles.*

West on Henderson Road at Park Entrance to Chipman Road;  
 North on Chipman Road to Johnstone Road;  
 East on Johnstone Road 150 feet to Fordney Road;  
 North on Fordney Road to Ridge Road;  
 East on Ridge Road to State Hwy M-52 and Village of Oakley center.

**Route #4:** Henderson Park to Parshallburg Paddleboat Landing; 6.2 miles

East on Henderson Road to Seymour Road;  
North on Seymour Road to Johnstone Road;  
*Note: On Seymour Road at 6 Mile Creek Road is Historic West Haven.*  
East on Johnstone Road to Niver Road;  
North on Niver Road and West on Ditch Road to Park.

**Route #5:** Henderson Park to Pine Grove Park; 4.4 miles.

West on Henderson Road to Chipman Road;  
North on Chipman Road to Johnstone Road;  
East on Johnstone Road to Park.



**Henderson Connectivity Destination Route #6:** Henderson Park to Devries Nature Conservancy; Distance is 4.3 miles.

West on Henderson Road from Park Entrance to Chipman Road;  
South on Chipman Road to Juddville Road;  
East on Juddville Road to State Hwy M-52;  
South on M-52 to Devries Entrance Driveway (signed);  
*Note: This is also a canoe landing site.*



**Pine Grove County Park Bicycling Routes.**

This Park is on the County line and Connectivity Destination Routes are used to bike to Henderson Park, Oakley and Chesaning. Recreational Loop Routes also go to Parshalburg together with a country scenic loop ride based on 6 Mile Creek and the historic unincorporated settlement of New Haven. Riding recommendations on State Highway M-52 are included in some routes where the highway has 4'+ bike lanes.

**Pine Grove Recreational Loop Route #1: *Pine Grove Park South and West; Length is 9 miles.***

**NOTE: THIS ROUTE IS NOT OPERATIONAL UNTIL 6 MILE CREEK RD BRIDGE REOPENS.**

- North from Park Pavilion to Johnstone Road;
- East on Johnstone Road to Seymour Road;
- South on Seymour Road to 6 Mile Creek Road;
- West on 6 Mile Creek Road to State Hwy M-52;
- North on St Hwy M-52 to Allan Road;
- West on Allan Road to Chipman Road;
- North on Chipman Road to Johnstone Road;

Johnstone Road, across M-52, to Park Driveway;  
South on Park Driveway to Picnic Pavilion.



**Pine Grove Recreational Loop Route #2:** *Pine Grove Park East and North Loop; Length is 7.2 miles.*  
North on M-52, through Oakley & to Sharon Road;  
Northeast on Sharon Road to merge with Ditch Road;  
East on Ditch Road to Niver Road;  
South on Niver Road to Havanna Road;  
West on Havanna Road to Frandsche Road;  
South on Frandsche Road to Johnstone Road;  
West on Johnstone Road to Pine Grove Park Driveway.



**Pine Grove Connectivity Destination Routes #1 & #2:**

**Route #1 to Oakley:** *Pine Grove Park to Oakley Village Center; 1 mile.*

North from Pine Grove Park Pavilion to Johnstone Road/M-52;  
North on M-52 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in downtown Oakley Village.

**Route #2 to Chesaning:** *Pine Grove Park to Chesaning's Downtown, Saginaw County Fairgrounds and Showboat Park; Distance to Downtown Chesaning is 6.2 miles.*

North from Pine Grove Park Pavilion to Johnstone Rd/M-52;  
North on M-52 to Sharon Road;  
Northeast on Sharon Road to Frandsche Road;  
North on Frandsche Road to Peet Road;  
East on Peet Road 3200 feet to Saginaw County Fairgrounds;  
East on Peet Road from Fairgrounds to Front Street;  
North 2000 feet on Front Street to Showboat Park Entrance and canoe landing (Parshallburg landing is upstream from here);  
North on Front Street from Showboat Park Entrance to Broad Street in downtown Chesaning.

Pine Grove Connectivity Destination Routes #1 & #2 (continued)



**Pine Grove Connectivity Destination Route #3: Pine Grove County Park to Henderson County Park;**  
*Distance is 4.4 miles.*

West on Johnstone Park from north driveway entrance to park to Chipman Road;  
South on Chipman Road to Henderson Road;  
East on Henderson Road to Henderson Park Entrance Drive.



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