

**APPENDIX C: Map of Benton County Bike Routes**

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### RECREATIONAL BIKE ROUTES

Benton County extends westward into the evergreen forests of the Coast Range from fertile croplands along the Willamette River. A network of paved roads stretches out from Corvallis and from US 20 and Oregon Highways 99W and 34. An early community bicycling group, the Benton Road Club, founded in 1898, promoted the welfare of cyclists and assisted in road development and improvement. Today cyclists travel all these roads.

There are day rides, 15 to 40 miles in length, through rolling farm lands between Corvallis and Decker Road to the south, and between Corvallis and Spring Hill Drive to the northeast. In the mountains to the west, routes can be long and hilly. Two especially challenging rides that originate in Corvallis are the 65-mile loop to Alesia Falls Recreational Site, and the 52-mile ride to the top of Mary's Peak and back. The view is spectacular from the peak's summit, the highest point in the Coast Range.

A favorite tour for area cyclists is the Kings Valley loop: from Corvallis to Philomath, Wren, Kings Valley, then through southern Polk County, returning south to Corvallis on Oregon 99W. Depending on options chosen in Polk County, this route can vary in length from 47 to over 60 miles.

There are country stores at sites indicated on the map, but it is wise to carry extra food and water, since some stores may not be open every day.

### BIKE THEFT PREVENTION

Here are some things you can do to help protect your bike:

- Always secure it to a permanent object, with a high quality lock. Secure the frame and both wheels, if possible, preferably to a bike rack. Lock your bike in a visible, lighted location, where you or others can see it.

- Engrave a driver's license number on the bike. The number can be yours or belong to a parent, guardian, or another person related to you. Driver's license numbers make it easier to locate the owner, when a bicycle is lost, stolen or recovered. If a driver's license number is not available to you, use your social security number. The Corvallis Police Department loans engravers, for free.

- Those affiliated with OSU should register their bicycle with OSU Security. The Security Services office number is 737-3010.

- Keeping a record of the make model and serial number of your bicycle, is also recommended.
- Insure your bike. Home owners and renters insurance policies generally cover bike theft.

Consider using an inexpensive, unattractive, expendable bike, when you don't need your good one.

### WARRANTY AND DISCLAIMER

No warranty is made or intended as to the safety or fitness of any routes, streets, roads, highways, paths, bike lanes, or bikeways for bicycle travel shown on this map for Corvallis or Benton County. The state, counties, cities and their officers and employees disclaim responsibility and shall not be answerable or held accountable in any manner for loss, damage or injury that may be suffered by bicyclists who travel along any highways, streets, roads, paths, bike lanes, bikeways or routes in Corvallis or Benton County.

### CAMPING

Seasonal overnight camping is allowed at many of the parks shown on this map. For information call:  
 Benton County 541-766-6871  
 U.S. Forest Service 541-750-7000  
 Bureau of Land Management 503-375-5646  
 Corvallis Parks & Rec. 541-766-6918

### THE LAW

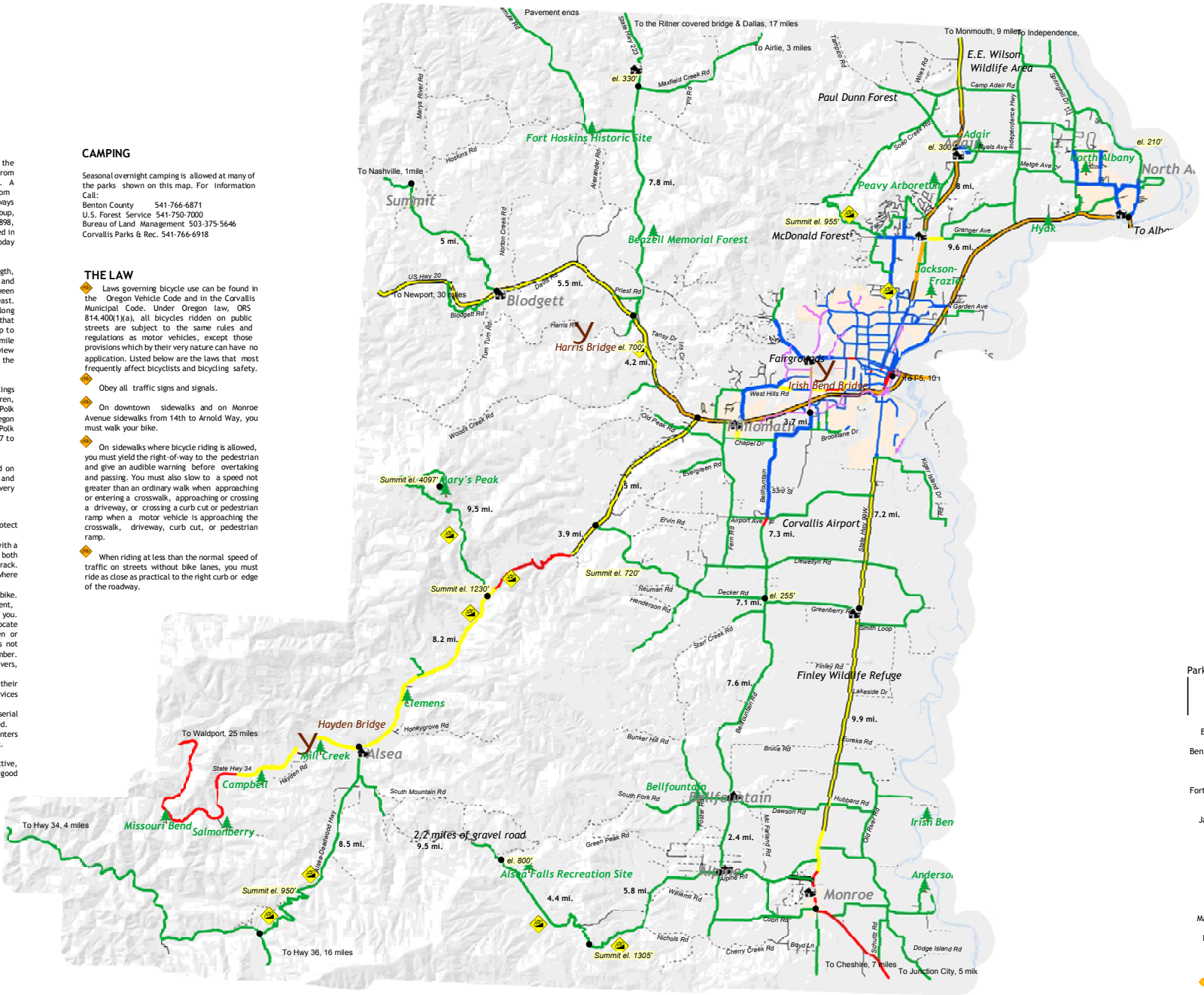
- Laws governing bicycle use can be found in the Oregon Vehicle Code and in the Corvallis Municipal Code. Under Oregon law, ORS 814.4001(a), all bicycles ridden on public streets are subject to the same rules and regulations as motor vehicles, except those provisions which by their very nature can have no application. Listed below are the laws that most frequently affect bicyclists and bicycling safety.

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.

- On downtown sidewalks and on Monroe Avenue sidewalks from 14th to Arnold Way, you must walk your bike.

- On sidewalks where bicycle riding is allowed, you must yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian and give an audible warning before overtaking and passing. You must also slow to a speed not greater than an ordinary walk when approaching or entering a crosswalk, approaching or crossing a driveway, or crossing a curb cut or pedestrian ramp when a motor vehicle is approaching the crosswalk, driveway, curb cut, or pedestrian ramp.

- When riding at less than the normal speed of traffic on streets without bike lanes, you must ride as close as practical to the right curb or edge of the roadway.



North  
not to scale

- Multi-use Path
- Bike Lane
- Low Traffic
- Medium Traffic
- High Traffic
- Caution Areas
- Roads with shoulders
- ◆ Steep hills
- Y Covered bridges
- ⌵ Parks in the county
- 🏠 Markets
- 0 1.9 Distance in miles
- - - Gravel roads

### Parks Facility Index

	Restrooms	Water	Camping
Adair	•	•	•
Bezell Memorial Forest	•	•	•
Bellfountain	•	•	•
Benton County Fairgrounds	•	•	•
Campbell	•	•	•
Clemens	•	•	•
Clubhouse at Adair	•	•	•
Fort Hoskins Historical Site	•	•	•
Hyak	•	•	•
Irish Bend	•	•	•
Jackson-Frazier Wetland	•	•	•
Mill Creek	•	•	•
North Albany	•	•	•
Salmonberry	•	•	•
Alesia Falls	•	•	•
Missouri Bend	•	•	•
Mary's Peak Viewpoint	•	•	•
Mary's Peak Campground	•	•	•
Peavy Arboretum (OSU)	•	•	•
Finley Wildlife Refuge	•	•	•

◆ Available Summer only