

BICYCLING IN THE SWEETHEART CITY

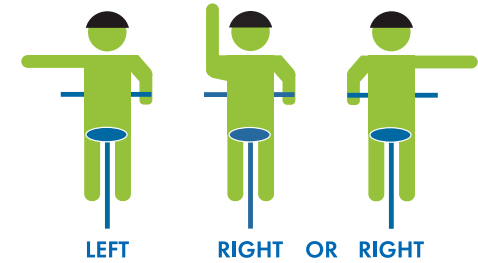
The City of Loveland recognizes that bicycling contributes to quality of life, playing an important role in improving air quality and developing a more balanced transportation system. Bicycling for transportation and recreation is encouraged by making it an increasingly safe, accessible, convenient, enjoyable mode of transportation.



LAWS & RULES OF THE ROAD

Colorado State Law: Bicyclists Rights & Duties

- Bicyclists have all the rights and duties that apply to drivers of any other vehicle, except those which by their nature cannot apply.
- Always ride in the right-hand lane, following the direction of traffic. When being overtaken by a vehicle, ride as far to the right as practicable.
- Ride with at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Signal your intent to turn or stop.



- When turning left, you may either turn as a car using the left-most lane, or turn as a pedestrian, moving to the far side of the intersection, then crossing in the new direction when the light is green or the signal indicates "walk."
- Use lights and reflectors at night.
- When riding/walking a bicycle in crosswalks or sidewalks, you have all the rights and duties as pedestrians. Give an audible signal when passing and yield as needed.
- In Loveland, bicycling or skateboarding is NOT allowed on sidewalks in zoned districts "Be" or "B" (downtown business area) or when posted.
- Ride on shoulder where paved shoulder exists. Exceptions:
 - When overtaking and passing another bicycle or other vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
 - Turning left at an intersection or driveway.
 - When reasonably necessary to avoid hazardous conditions, such as vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, etc.
- It is preferred that you ride single file. You may ride two abreast under these circumstances:
 - When riding will NOT impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.
 - When riding on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
 - Riding on a shoulder is permitted when all cyclists are on the shoulder.

BUFFERED BICYCLE LANES

A buffered bicycle lane is an enhanced bike lane with a painted buffer area separating the bicycle lane and the motor vehicle travel lane. Buffered bike lanes can increase safety and provide additional comfort for bicyclists.



SAFETY TIPS FOR ALL

Take responsibility for your own safety.

CYCLISTS

- Scan for hazards.
- Cross railroad tracks perpendicularly.
- Dress appropriately, wear reflective clothing.
- Be prepared for changing weather.
- Carry items in packs attached to your bike.
- Carry identification and emergency contact info.
- Always secure your bicycle with a good lock.

PEDESTRIANS

- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Cross the street at crosswalks.
- Be visible and stay alert.

MOTORISTS

- Obey the speed limit.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Keep your eye on cyclists and pedestrians.
- Keep a three foot distance when passing cyclists - IT'S THE LAW!

CYCLISTS – DON'T

- Weave in between parked cars.
- Wear headphones while riding.
- Ride in a right turn lane unless turning right.

PEDESTRIANS – DON'T

- Walk until traffic stops or be distracted.

MOTORISTS – DON'T

- Park or travel in bike-only lanes.
- Turn without using turn signal.

BIKE | PEDESTRIAN INFO: lovgov.org/bikeped

NAVIGATING ROUNDABOUTS

- Traffic already in the circle has the right-of-way.
- Traffic flows counterclockwise, even if turning left.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Cyclists merge to the center of the lane OR use sidewalks and cross like pedestrians.

KNOW THE LAW – DON'T GET FINED

Common violations that can result in a fine:

- Failing to ride in right-hand lane; disregarding stop signs and red lights; failure to give an audible signal to others on trail; and riding more than two abreast in lane.

BIKE | BUS CONNECTION

Bike racks are available on all Loveland COLT and Fort Collins Transfort buses. They attach to the front of the bus and hold two bicycles; first-come/first-served. Bikes are NOT permitted inside the bus.

City of Loveland Transit (COLT)

Bus Service Info Line.....970.962.2429
COLT Office.....970.962.2700
City of Fort Collins Transfort/Fox Trot.....970.221.6620

BIG THOMPSON RIVER TRAIL



LOVELAND PAVED RECREATION TRAIL SYSTEM

There are more than 26 miles of paved trail associated with Loveland's Recreation Trail System providing much diversity as it runs along the Big Thompson River, ditches, farm fields, lakes and natural areas. The trail is multi-use and accommodates a wide variety of user groups. It is divided by segments to help users better identify the trail location throughout town.

Trail Distances

Quarter-mile markers are located along the trail to measure the distances and provide reference locations in an emergency.



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LOVELAND TRAIL LOOP

Big Thompson River Trail <i>Rossum Dr. to South Hwy 287</i>	4.8 miles
Civic Center Trail <i>South Hwy 287 to Denver Ave.</i>	2.8 miles
Boyd Lake Trail <i>Denver Ave. to CR 11C</i>	4.6 miles
North Trail <i>CR 11C to N. Taft Ave.</i>	3.3 miles
Westside Trail <i>N. Taft Ave. to West Hwy 34</i>	5.0 miles

REGIONAL TRAILS

Colorado Front Range Trail <i>Along CR 11C and CR 30 to Trilby Rd. in Fort Collins</i>	2.2 miles
Long View Trail <i>57th St. and Taft Ave. at Sunset Vista Natural Area to Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area in Fort Collins</i>	4.0 miles



Support the Colorado Lottery and GOCO which give money to projects to help positively impact communities. Funds build trails, open recreation facilities, preserve view corridors, improve/expand river quality and access and conserve wildlife habitat.

TRAIL RULES & REGULATIONS

Hours Loveland trails can be used from 6:00A-10:30P, except Morey Wildlife Reserve, Prairie Ridge and Mariana Butte Trails (open sunrise to sunset). Overnight parking or camping are prohibited.

Biking Bicycling permitted on designated trails only. Bicycles are not permitted at Morey Wildlife Reserve or Mariana Butte Trails. Type I and II e-bikes are allowed where biking is allowed except at Prairie Ridge.

Pets Pets must be leashed and under human control at all times. Owners must pick up and remove pet waste. Pets are not permitted at Morey Wildlife Reserve or in environmentally sensitive areas.

Fishing Fishing is regulated by Colorado State Regulations. Site-specific regulations apply. All anglers age 16+ are required to have a Colorado Fishing License.

Horses Horses (except police) are not permitted on City of Loveland Open Lands & Trails.



TRAIL GUIDELINES

Ride Right Flow of traffic on the trail is similar to road traffic. Always ride or walk on the right side and warn others of your approach.

Single File Ride or walk single file when traffic is approaching from the opposite direction or when someone verbally signals they would like to pass.

Yield Bicyclists yield to other trail users.

Respect Please stay on the designated trail and respect the rights of adjacent property owners.

Equipment Bicyclists are encouraged to wear helmets, keep equipment properly maintained and use reflectors and lights for safety.

SOFT-SURFACE TRAILS

Loveland offers 30 miles of soft-surface trail opportunities at natural areas and parks throughout town.



TRAIL NAME LOCATION	AMENITIES REC OPPORTUNITIES						
Boedecker Bluff <i>4750 W. First St.</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓ fee
Boise Bend <i>1225 S. Boise Ave.</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓
Boyd Lake (State Parks Partnership) <i>6500 N. CR 11C</i>	✓ fee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cottonwood Run <i>Taft-Wilson along Big Thompson River at Wilson</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Devil's Backbone (County fee area) <i>1725 Hidden Valley Dr.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
King's Crossing <i>990 S. Lincoln Ave.</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓
Mariana Butte <i>701 Clubhouse Dr.</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	No bikes
Meadowbrook <i>2000 Cascade Ave.</i>				✓		✓	
Mehaffey Park <i>3285 W. 22nd St.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Morey Wildlife Reserve <i>5439 Cedar Valley Dr.</i>		✓		✓		✓	No bikes
Old St. Louis <i>1010 S. St. Louis Ave.</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Oxbow <i>1135 & 1140 Rossum Dr.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prairie Ridge <i>6400 N. Wilson Ave.</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	No e-bikes
River's Edge <i>960 W. First St.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Round Mountain <i>1211 W. Hwy 34</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunset Vista <i>1323 W. 57th St.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	No bikes

Electronic Personal Assistance Mobility Devices

The Parks & Recreation Department authorizes a person with a mobility disability to use an electronic personal assistance mobility device (EPAMD) in City parks and on hard & soft surface trails, sidewalks, outdoor recreation facilities and open lands maintained by the Department, subject to the following conditions:

Individuals with a mobility disability are allowed:

- Wheelchairs;
- Manually-powered mobility aids (e.g. walkers, crutches, canes, braces or similar devices);
- Other power-driven mobility devices that are EPAMDs and meet all conditions of this policy.



The following may NOT be used:

- Gas or fuel powered devices or internal combustion engine vehicles;
- Devices heavier than 500 pounds;
- Other power-driven mobility devices that exceed 32" in width (measured from outside of each tire).

Detailed rules: lovgov.org/PRrulesregs



Wear your helmet EVERY time!



PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

Stay on trail!



2022-2023

City of Loveland



BIKEWAYS & TRAILS
Loveland



RESOURCES

REPORT A CRASH OR OTHER INCIDENT

EMERGENCY.....	911
Loveland Police	
Non-emergency assistance.....	970.667.2151
Animal Control.....	970.226.3647 x7
Larimer County Sheriff	
Non-emergency assistance.....	970.416.1985
General Information.....	970.498.5100

REPORT ON-STREET HAZARDS

City of Loveland Public Works	970.962.2524
Report-A-Concern Website	lovgov.org/services/public-works/report-a-concern
Larimer Cty Roads/Bridges	970.498.5650

REPORT RECREATION TRAIL HAZARDS

City of Loveland Parks & Recreation	
Administration Office.....	970.962.2727
Recreation Trail Planning.....	970.962.2451
	lovgov.org/parksrecreation
	lovgov.org/trails

WILDLIFE

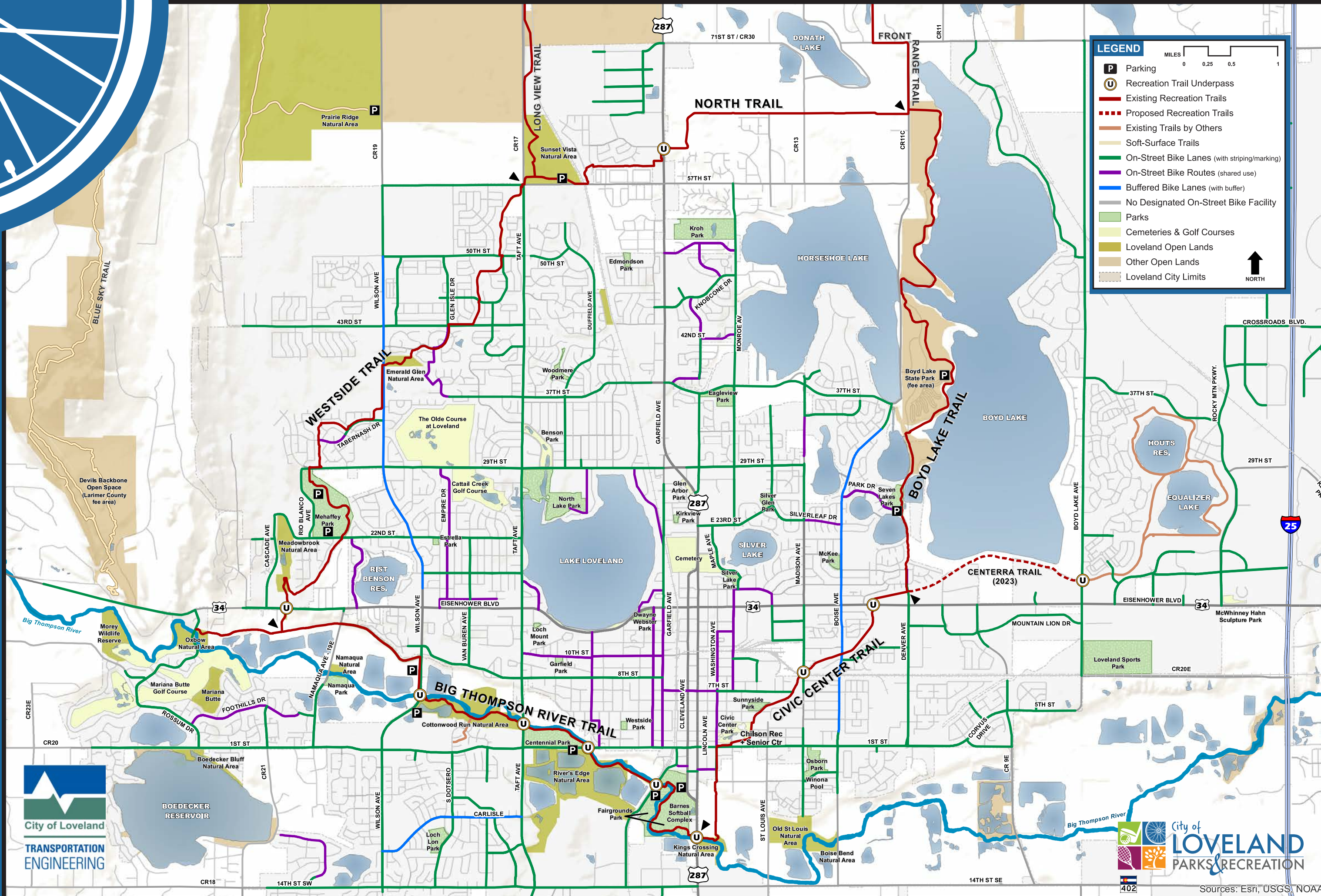
Colorado Parks & Wildlife.....970.472.4300
cpw.state.co.us



Check for trail closures on COTREX at trails.colorado.gov

Stay safe!

LOVELAND BIKEWAYS & TRAILS



LEGEND

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- P** Parking
- U** Recreation Trail Underpass
- Existing Recreation Trails
- Proposed Recreation Trails
- Existing Trails by Others
- Soft-Surface Trails
- On-Street Bike Lanes (with striping/markings)
- On-Street Bike Routes (shared use)
- Buffered Bike Lanes (with buffer)
- No Designated On-Street Bike Facility
- Parks
- Cemeteries & Golf Courses
- Loveland Open Lands
- Other Open Lands
- Loveland City Limits

NORTH ↑



Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA