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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 Alsea 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.

Those affiliated with OSU should register their bicycle with OSU Public Safety.
<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/security/contact-us>

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, expendable bike, for short trips when you don't need your good one.

Fort Hoskins Historic Park



Fort Hoskins Historic Park offers educational interpretive displays and self-guided trails that allow users to appreciate the park's varied history, vegetation and views.

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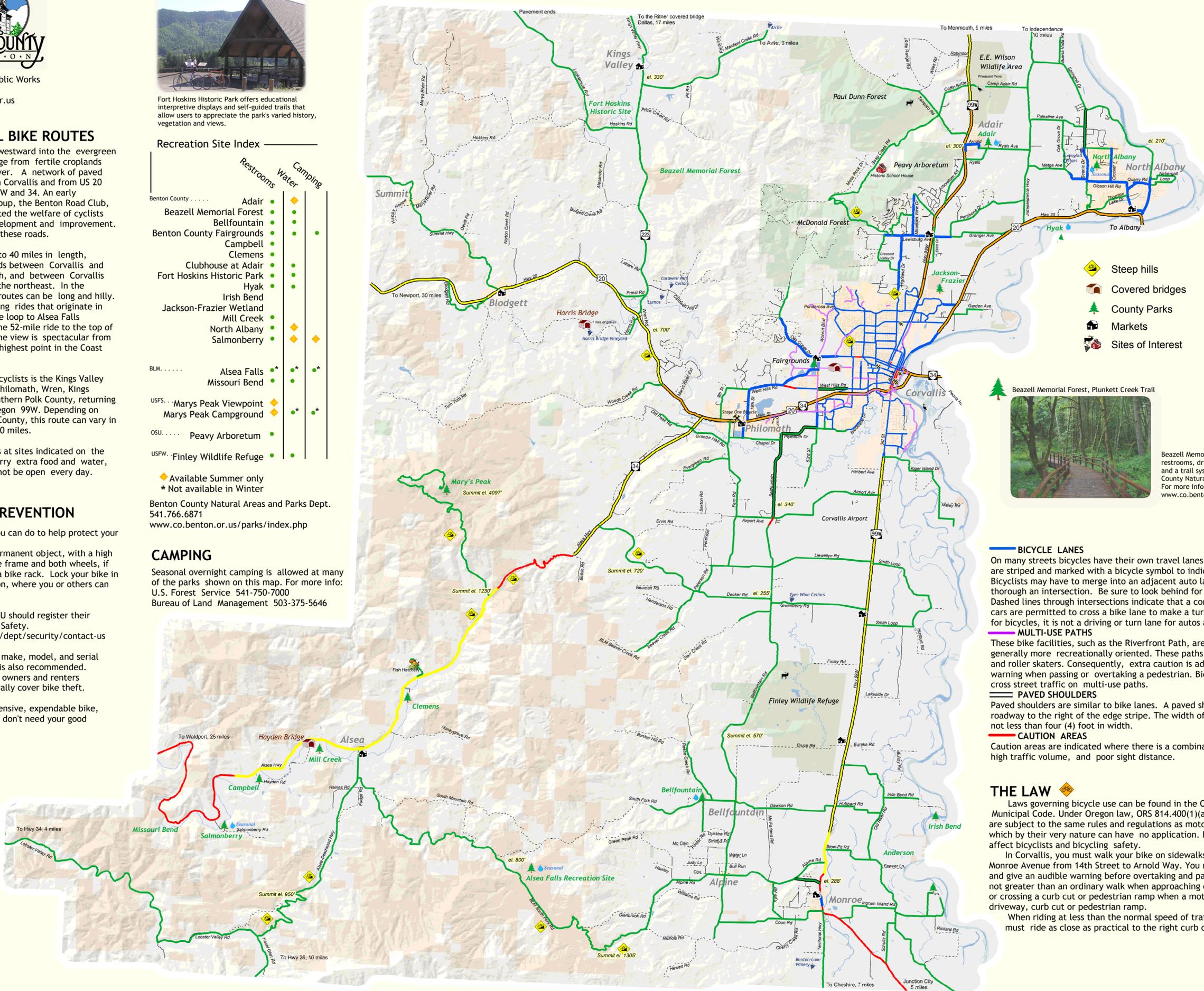
	Restrooms	Water	Camping
Benton County	Adair	●	●
	Bezell Memorial Forest	●	●
	Bellfountain	●	●
Benton County Fairgrounds	●	●	●
	Campbell	●	●
	Clemens	●	●
	Clubhouse at Adair	●	●
	Fort Hoskins Historic Park	●	●
	Hyak	●	●
	Irish Bend	●	●
	Jackson-Frazier Wetland	●	●
	Mill Creek	●	●
	North Albany	●	●
	Salmonberry	●	●
BLM	Alsea Falls	●*	●*
	Missouri Bend	●	●
USFS	Marys Peak Viewpoint	●*	●*
	Marys Peak Campground	●*	●*
OSU	Peavy Arboretum	●	●
USFW	Finley Wildlife Refuge	●	●

◆ Available Summer only
* Not available in Winter

Benton County Natural Areas and Parks Dept.
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www.co.benton.or.us/parks/index.php

CAMPING

Seasonal overnight camping is allowed at many of the parks shown on this map. For more info:
U.S. Forest Service 541-750-7000
Bureau of Land Management 503-375-5646



North



- Multi-use Path
- Bike Lane
- Low Traffic
- Medium Traffic
- High Traffic
- Caution Areas
- Paved Shoulders

- Steep hills
- Covered bridges
- County Parks
- Markets
- Sites of Interest
- Drinking Water
- Gravel roads
- State, County, BLM & USFS Lands
- ODFW, USFWS & OSU Lands

Bezell Memorial Forest, Plunkett Creek Trail



Bezell Memorial Forest offers accessible restrooms, drinking water, picnicking facilities, and a trail system. Managed by Benton County Natural Areas & Parks Department. For more information call 541.766.6871 or see www.co.benton.or.us/parks

BIKE LINES

On many streets bicycles have their own travel lanes, designated as bike lanes. Bike lanes are striped and marked with a bicycle symbol to indicate preferential use by bicyclists. Bicyclists may have to merge into an adjacent auto lane to make a turn or proceed through an intersection. Be sure to look behind for traffic and signal before merging. Dashed lines through intersections indicate that a conflict area is approaching where cars are permitted to cross a bike lane to make a turn. The bike lane is a travel lane for bicycles, it is not a driving or turn lane for autos and parking is not allowed in bike lanes.

MULTI-USE PATHS

These bike facilities, such as the Riverfront Path, are separated from the roadway and are generally more recreationally oriented. These paths are also used by pedestrians, joggers, and roller skaters. Consequently, extra caution is advised. A bicyclist should give an audible warning when passing or overtaking a pedestrian. Bicycles must yield to all other users and cross street traffic on multi-use paths.

PAVED SHOULDERS

Paved shoulders are similar to bike lanes. A paved shoulder is the paved portion of the roadway to the right of the edge stripe. The width of the shoulders may vary, but generally not less than four (4) foot in width.

CAUTION AREAS

Caution areas are indicated where there is a combination of narrow road width, no bike lanes, high traffic volume, and poor sight distance.

THE LAW

Laws governing bicycle use can be found in the Oregon Vehicle Code and in the Corvallis Municipal Code. Under Oregon law, ORS 814.400(1)(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. Below are the laws that most frequently affect bicyclists and bicycling safety.

In Corvallis, you must walk your bike on sidewalks in the downtown area and also on Monroe Avenue from 14th Street to Arnold Way. You must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians 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 or 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.

WARRANTY AND DISCLAIMER

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