Sharing the Resource

The Cass River Greenway attracts many different types of recreational users including hikers, bikers, bird watchers, and cyclists. It is important that all recreational users understand and abide by a few simple guidelines:

- Know the boundaries of public and private lands. Respect public as well as private property – please be considerate of the privacy and rights of landowners and do not enter private land unless you have prior permission from the property owner.

- Respect wildlife and learn through quiet observation. Do not disturb wildlife or plants just for a “better look”. Observe wildlife from a distance so they are not scared or forced to flee. Large groups often cause more damage to the environment and can disturb wildlife so keep your group small.

- Be courteous and respectful of others. Respect their SPACE, PRIVACY, and SOLITUDE while on the river. In camp, on hikes and at boat ramps. Respect anglers’ water – boaters should look ahead for anglers, both on the shore and in the water, and give them a wide berth, passing by quietly.

Rediscovering the Cass River

In 1621, Alex de Scouzens, a reporter for a Paris newspaper, was sent to America, to write about the edge of civilization. “The last on earth,” wherein his travels brought him to Saginaw, Michigan. On that trip he wrote his impressions of the Cass River:

“A surfless point projecting above the river in the shade of great trees, turned us into a habitation with a view of the river whose waters clear as crystal, invited through the woods.”

Wouldn’t it be great to see the Cass River crystal clear again? That is part of what motivated the establishment of the Cass River Greenway.

The Cass River Greenway is an effort organized by a group of local volunteers, assisted by professional resources and municipal leaders, working to enhance recreational opportunities and the environmental well-being of the Cass River Corridor.

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The Water Trail

The Cass River Water Trail is a series of new canoe/kayak launch sites to be built on public property in Vassar, Tuscola and Frankenmuth. In addition to the launch sites, the water trail project includes parking and restroom facilities, along with promotional material and informative signage along the river. Construction of the project is ongoing. download a Water Trail Guide and an inventory of the project to your right, and join us on the Cass!

Downloads

- Cass River Water Trail Inventory
- Lower Greenway Water Trail Guide
- Water Trail Press Release
Cass River Greenway

- City of Frankenmuth
- City of Vassar
- Bridgeport Township
- Tuscola Township
- Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce and CVB
- Frankenmuth River Place
- Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge
- Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network
- University of Michigan – Flint Community Outreach
- Saginaw Bay RC&D
- Saginaw County Conservation District
- Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy
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Regional Bike Routes

This map offers a range of bicycling options for commuting and recreational activities including off-street and multi-use path options. Choose the route that is best for you, depending on the purpose of your trip, your riding ability, comfort, weather conditions and time of day.

This map covers the Cass River Greenway from Bridgeport to Vassar and shows all on-street bike routes, striped bike lanes, and off-street trails. It also lists some streets preferred by area bicyclists, but without any special accommodations.

Multi-Use Paths, Pedestrians and Bikes

Multi-use paths are great places to walk and bike without having to worry about cars, trucks or buses. But, please do think about the other path users, and remember these guidelines:
- Slower traffic has the right of way
- Use a reasonable speed on paths, especially around slower users
- Keep right, except when passing
- Watch for a group, allow room for others to pass
- When biking use an audible warning when passing a pedestrian (likewise "ping" a bell or a cheerful "beep"
- Obey all traffic and road signs, and use care where city streets intersect with paths

Sidewalks and Bikes

Many people consider sidewalks a safe place to ride a bicycle. Unfortunately, sidewalks aren’t all that safe. Trees, parked cars and buildings can create blind spots, pedestrians can step into the street suddenly, a child or animal can run into your path. And cars do weave sidewalks — at every cross street and driveway. If you must ride slowly on sidewalks and watch for the speed of pedestrians. Please pay special attention to local ordinances as it is illegal to ride on the sidewalk in many Michigan communities.

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Bicycling Tips

- Obey All Signs & Traffic Lights
  Bicycles must be driven like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists. Never ride against traffic.
- Use Hand Signals
  Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. For turn signals, point in the direction of your turn. Signal as a matter of courtesy and safety and as required by law.
- Ride Correctly
  Ride as close to the right side as practical. Exceptions: when traveling at the normal speed of traffic, avoiding hazardous conditions, preparing to make a left turn, or using a one-way street.
- Choose the Best Way to Turn Left
  There are two ways to make a left turn. 1) Like an auto look back, signal, move into the left lane, turn left. 2) Like a pedestrian ride straight to the far side crosswalk, then walk your bike across, or across up in the traffic lane.
- Stop Caution When Passing
  Motorists may not see you on their right, so step out of the driver’s blind spot. Be very careful when overtaking cars while in a bike lane; drivers don’t always signal when turning. Also be alert for other e-bikes opening/flashing out of side streets or driveways.
- Avoid Road Hazards
  Watch for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. For better control as you move across bumps and other hazards, stand up on your pedals.
- Ride a Well-Equipped Bike
  Outfit your bike with a good bike lock, tool kit, reflectors, and bike bags. You should use a strong headlight (addable from 180°F) and rear reflector (addable from 180°F) at night and when visibility is poor.
- Dress Appropriately
  Wear a hard-shell helmet whenever you ride. Wear lightweight, colorful clothes at night. Make yourself visible as possible.
- Go Slow on Sidewalks
  Pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks. You must give an audible warning when you pass. Cross driveways and intersections at a walker’s pace and look carefully for traffic. Cyclists are not allowed to ride on sidewalks in many Michigan communities.

In Case of Emergency...

For all emergencies (Food, Forestry, Fire, Arson, Water, Cyanide) call 911. In order to get emergency information to locate you, please be prepared to locate you, please be prepared to provide: 
- Names of all vehicles
- Predominant colors
- License plate numbers
- Type of vehicle
- Major physical characteristics (such as damage or collision)
- Lighted emergency sign on right or left side of vehicle
- Any evidence of recent accidents or breaks in traffic

For other non-emergencies at the time of your request, please provide:
- Names of all vehicles
- Predominant colors
- License plate numbers
- Type of vehicle
- Major physical characteristics (such as damage or collision)
- Lighted emergency sign on right or left side of vehicle
- Any evidence of recent accidents or breaks in traffic

The above make it much easier and quicker for dispatchers to reach the appropriate responders to your location.