

TIPS FOR CYCLING IN PITTSBURG

Go with the Flow:

Always ride on the right side of the street, with traffic, never on the left side against traffic.

Be Prepared to Stop:

Always stop at all red lights and stop signs. Obey all traffic laws.

Look, Signal, and Look Again:

Use hand signals to let drivers, other bicyclists, and pedestrians know where you're going. Look and make eye contact. Don't assume drivers will stop.

Act like a Car:

Drivers are used to the patterns of other drivers. Don't weave in and out of traffic. Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a lane marked "right-turn only." The more predictably you ride, the safer you are.

Stay Alert:

Check for traffic. Be aware of traffic around you. Also, keep a lookout for obstacles and road hazards in your path.

Don't Get Distracted:

Never wear headphones or use your phone while cycling.

Protect Pedestrians:

In Pittsburg it is against the law to ride on the sidewalk on Broadway in the downtown area, which is between Kansas and 14th.

When riding on the multi-use paths in town, always yield to pedestrians. Only pass pedestrians and slower cyclists on the left, and alert them that you are passing with a bell or by calling out, "On your left."

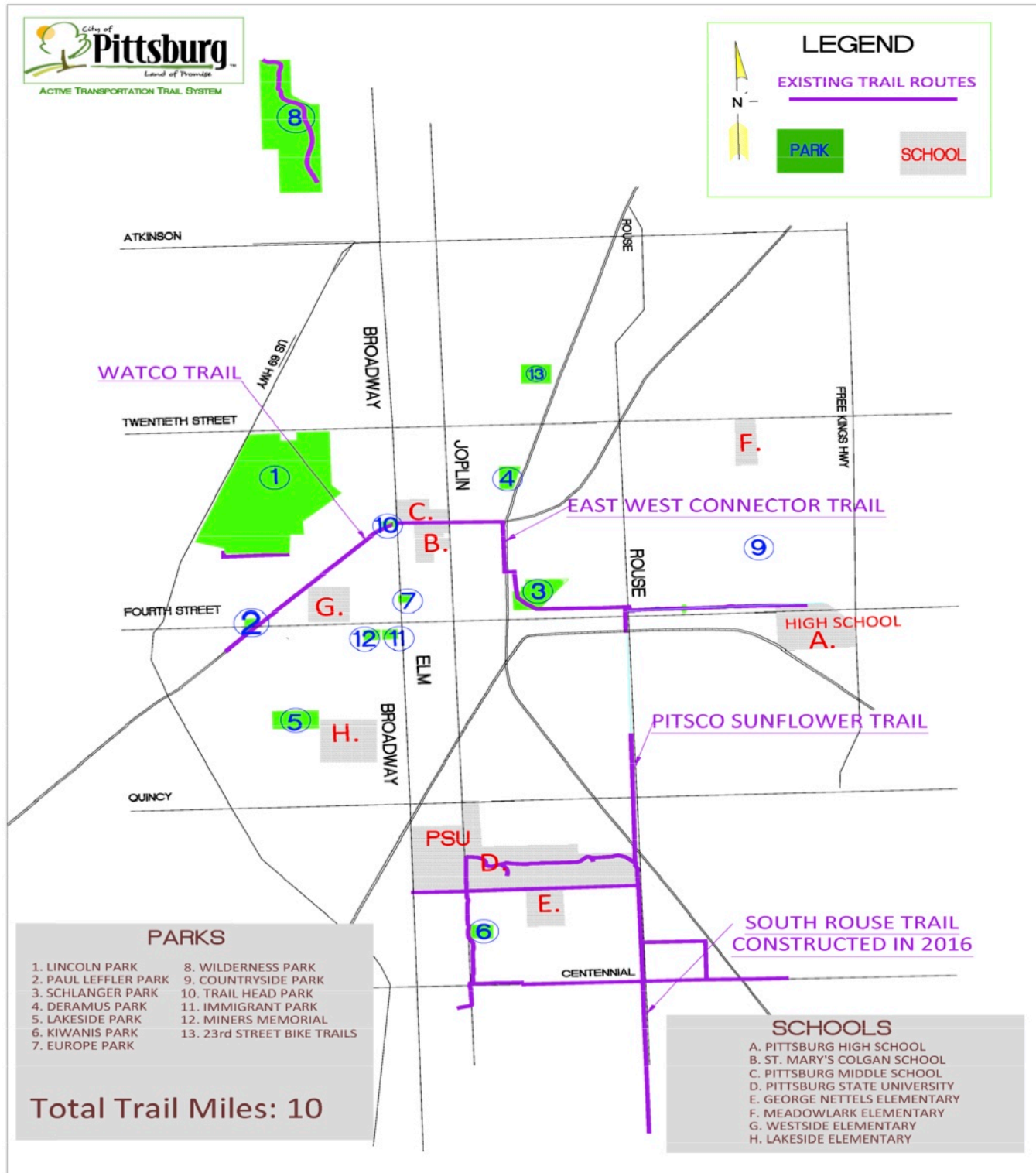
Stay Visible:

If drivers can see you, they are less likely to hit you. Use both a headlight and a taillight when biking at night or in low-light conditions.

Choose Safe Routes:

Avoid riding on Joplin Street north of Jefferson Street. Locust and Elm Streets are much safer. North of 9th Street, Grand and Michigan are good choices. Whenever possible, choose streets with less traffic.

Protect Your Head: Wear a helmet.



TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

Pavements:

(including any path along the side of a road) should be used if provided

If there is no trail or sidewalk:

Keep to the left hand side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic

Walk single file:

Especially on Narrow roads or in poor lighting conditions

Help others see you:

Wear or carry something light colored, bright, or fluorescent

Young children:

Should not be out alone on the pavement or road

Organized walk groups:

Should be in single file and have a look-out positioned at the front and back of the group

At crossings:

Always check that traffic has stopped before you cross

DO NOT:

Do not loiter in any type of crossing.

Cycle Lane:

Traffic may be moving faster than other lanes, take care when crossing these lanes

If you have to cross between parked vehicles, use the outside of the vehicle as if it were the curb

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