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Ohio Becomes Nation's Top State for Bicycle Routes

Scenic cycling, hiking and water trails make Ohio a top travel destination

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Sept. 30, 2021) — For Ohio, which prides itself in offering whatever you are looking for, add bicycle routes — and lots of them — to the list of things that visitors and residents can find here in Ohio.

The [Adventure Cycling Association](#) recently announced 18 new U.S. Bicycle Routes in five states, adding 2,903 miles to the U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS). Six of those trails totaling 1,177 miles were officially designated in Ohio, bringing the state's total number of U.S. Bicycle Route miles to 1,523, the most of any state in the U.S. The USBRS is a national network of bike routes connecting communities through designated roads and trails, similar to the U.S. Interstate System.

“Ohio is home to some of the most scenic biking, hiking and water trails you'll find anywhere,” said Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine. “We are proud to offer the country's most expansive network of bike trails for cyclists and nature lovers alike.”

The news comes as the [latest travel research](#) shows that 90% of American travelers have travel plans within the next six months. But as concerns persist over the current state of the pandemic, half of travelers plan to take to the highways this fall travel season. Many of them will spend a lot of their time outdoors.

“With more trails than any other state, Ohio will be a top destination choice for in-state and out-of-state cyclists who hit the road this year,” said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Department of Development. “We saw this biking trend take off during the pandemic as individuals and families looked for ways to get out and enjoy the outdoors, and we expect that to continue.”

Biking, Hiking and Paddling

If hiking, horseback riding, or kayaking is what you desire, you also can find it here in Ohio. Ohio has over 5,000 miles of trails. This includes hiking, biking, horseback riding, motorized vehicle and water trails.

Ohio. Find It Here. and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) teamed up and released the new [2021 Scenic Trails video](#), which highlights the state's wide variety of trails for hikers, riders and paddlers.

Tools and Resources to Explore Ohio Trails

One cool tool for bikers and hikers is the [DETOUR Trails App](#) launched by ODNR earlier this year. The app is like having a personal trails guide in your pocket. It provides information on trails across Ohio and shows users which trails are closest to them, as well as difficulty levels.



ODNR's [Storybook Trails](#), spread out across Ohio, let families walk through some of Ohio's most picturesque trails while learning about different aspects of nature from authors who were inspired by it.

Ohio. Find It Here. offers biking inspiration in two blogs: [Pedaling into Ohio's Fall Season](#) and [Discover Ohio by Mountain Bike](#). Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day, celebrated annually, takes place this year on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The six new U.S. Bicycle Routes complement and support Ohio's [state bicycle route network](#).

- **USBR 21** (366.9 miles): Starting at Edgewater Park in Cleveland, USBR 21 follows the [Ohio to Erie Trail](#) through Akron, Massillon, and Columbus to Cincinnati, then continues along the Ohio River to Aberdeen, with nearly three-quarters of the route on off-street trails.
- **USBR 25** (308.2 miles): USBR 25 starts at the Michigan border and passes through Toledo, Lima and Dayton along segments of the Great Miami River Trail, reaches Cincinnati and continues along the Ohio River to Aberdeen.
- **USBR 225** (2.3 miles): USBR 225 is an alternate route through Piqua along the opposite bank of the Great Miami River.
- **USBR 30** (225.6 miles): USBR 30 travels from Ohio's border with Pennsylvania to its border with Michigan. The route starts near Ashtabula and passes through Cleveland and Toledo, following the shore of Lake Erie and the North Coast Inland Trail.
- **USBR 230** (78.1 miles): USBR 230 is a scenic alternative that continues along the shore of Lake Erie from west of Cleveland through Lorain and Sandusky before rejoining USBR 30.
- **USBR 44** (196.1 miles): USBR 44 follows the Ohio to Erie Trail out of Massillon, crosses Charles Mill Lake on the way into Mansfield, passes through Bucyrus and outside Lima, and reaches its end at the Indiana border.

You can download a copy of the [Ohio Bikeways map](#) from the Ohio Department of Transportation to discover even more biking adventures!

For more [cycling](#) travel ideas and inspiration, visit [Ohio.org](#). Follow @OhioFindItHere on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and don't forget to share your fall adventures with #FallinOhio and #OhioFindItHere.

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