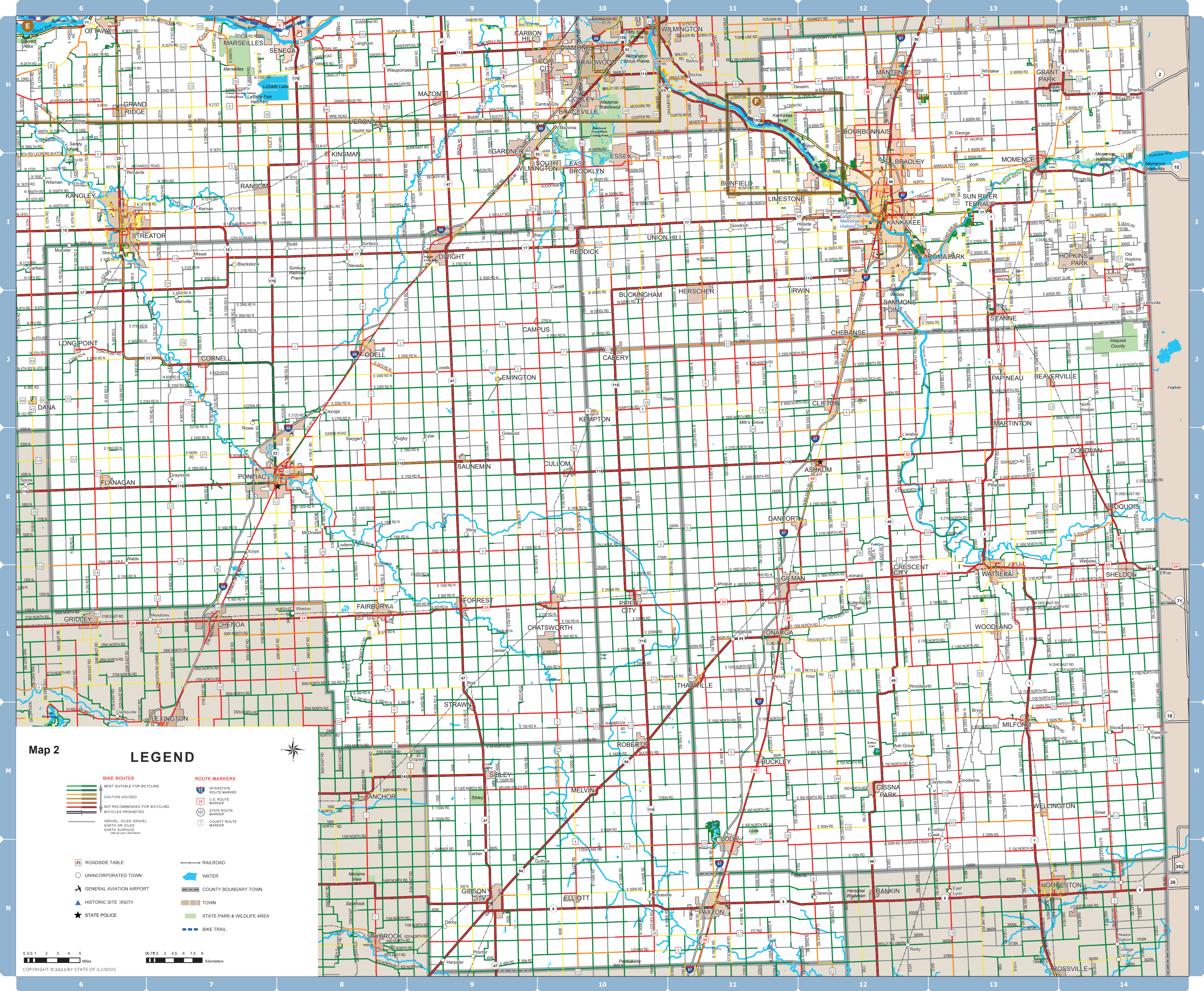




Important Addresses and Phone Numbers Emergencies - Dial 911

■ Amtrak

1-800-US-RAIL www.amtrak.com

■ Bicycle Clubs, Literature, and Advocacy Groups

National Center for Bicycling & Walking (NCBW)
NCBW is a resident program at Project for Public Spaces, Inc. NCBW's mission is to create bicycle-friendly and walkable communities. www.bikewalk.org
email: info@bikewalk.org

Active Transportation Alliance, 35 E. Wacker Dr, Suite 1782, Chicago, IL 60601, 312-427-3325. The mission of Active Transportation Alliance is to advocate for walking, bicycling, and public transit to create healthy, sustainable and equitable communities.
www.activetrans.org

League of America Bicyclists, 1612 K Street NW, Suite 1102, Washington, DC 20006, 202-822-1333. Mission: To lead the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. As leaders, our commitment is to listen and learn, define standards and share best practices to engage diverse communities and build a powerful, unified voice for change. www.bikeusa.org

Ride Illinois, 815 Leicester Rd #314, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, 630-216-6282. The statewide bike advocacy organization works for bike-friendly roads and trails, for favorable legislation, and to educate cyclists and motorists.
www.rideillinois.org

■ Bus Service

Greyhound, 800-231-2222. www.greyhound.com/

■ Campgrounds, Public

Office of Public Services, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, 217-782-6302 www.dnr.illinois.gov email: dnr.parksadmin@illinois.gov

■ Department of Natural Resources (State Parks and Recreation Areas)

Office of Public Services, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, 217-782-6302. www.dnr.illinois.gov

■ Hiking Opportunities

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Public Services, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, 217-782-6302. www.dnr.illinois.gov

■ Historic Agencies/Organizations

Preservation Services, 1 Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507, (217) 782-4836. www.illinoishistory.org

■ Road Conditions (Winter) Road Construction (Spring/Summer/Fall)

1-800-452-4368. www.gettingaroundillinois.com/winterroadconditions/

■ Secretary of State (Bicycle education/safety)

Illinois Secretary of State, Driver Services Division, Traffic Safety Division, 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62723, 217-782-6212. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

■ State Agencies

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Public Services, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, 217-782-6302. www.dnr.illinois.gov

Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62764, 217-782-7820. www.idot.state.il.us

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507, (217) 782-4836. www.illinoishistory.org

Illinois State Police, 801 South Seventh Street, (Indicate Division or Office), 801 S. Seventh St., (Indicate Suite Number), Springfield, IL 62794-9461. www.isp.state.il.us email: asksp@isp.state.il.us

Illinois Secretary of State, Driver Services Division, Traffic Safety Division, 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62723, 217-782-6212. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

■ State Police

District 2-(DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry Counties) 777 S. State St. Elgin, Illinois 60123, 847-931-2405. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

District 5-(Grundys, Kendall, Will Counties) 1668 S. Broadway, Lockport, IL 60441, 815-726-6377. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

District 6-(DeWitt, Livingston, McLean Counties) 800 Old Airport Rd. Pontiac, IL 61764, 815-844-1500. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

District 8-(Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Woodford Counties) 1265 Lourdes Rd., Metamora, IL 61548, 309-383-2133. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

District 17-(Bureau, La Salle, Putnam Counties) 2971 E. 350th Rd., LaSalle, IL 61301, 815-224-1171. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

District 21-(Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee Counties) P.O. Box 147 Ashkum, IL 60911, 815-609-2393. www.cvhqdnrillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/bike/safety.html

■ Tourism Bureaus

Illinois Tourism Bureau, 1-800-2CONNECT, www.enjoyillinois.com

Central Illinois Tourism Council, 700 East Adams, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-525-7980. www.visitcentralillinois.com

email: webinfo@visitcentralillinois.com

DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, 164 E. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115, 815-756-6306. www.dekalb.org

Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitors Bureau, 15701 Independence Blvd., Romeoville, IL 60446, 800-926-CANAL. www.heritagecorridorcvb.com email: info@heritagecorridorcvb.com

■ Welcome to Northeast Central Illinois

This map is one of nine bicycle maps for the State of Illinois. It covers a region from Pontiac north to DeKalb-Sycamore and from the Illinois River east to the Indiana border. Counties covered are Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, Livingston, and portions of adjacent counties. We hope you will find it helpful in planning your bicycle trip in this region. And while you are cycling, we invite you to stop and take in many of the scenic and historic wonders of this region.

Enjoy your trip in our beautiful state!

■ The I & M Canal

History

The Illinois and Michigan Canal (I & M) was built as a waterway connection between Chicago and the Illinois River. Construction started in 1836 and continued for 12 years until 1848. The canal stretched for over 100 miles. During the first years of operation, the canal was important in helping open up commerce to the then wilderness area of northern Illinois and spurring the growth of Chicago; however, not long after the canal opened railroads soon took the place of the canal for moving goods and people. But the canal still lives on as an outdoor museum of the history of commerce, transportation, and the lives of Illinois' early pioneers.

To help preserve this legacy, local groups worked with the National Park Service to form the nation's first National Heritage Corridor: the I & M Canal. The corridor stretches from downtown Chicago to Peru, with southeastern branch preserving the Calumet Sag Channel. Many important structures are preserved, with many more funded for repairs and rehabilitation, primarily through transportation enhancement funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Historic Sites

Sites are listed below in order from northeast to southwest.

Gaylord Building (Mile 28) Location: Lockport

Historic Canal warehouse in Lockport, now restored and housing a visitors center, a gallery, and a restaurant.

Locktender's House (Mile 45) Location: Channahon

The only remaining of its kind on the I & M Canal, this building is now used as a home for the T & M Canal State Trail Park Ranger.

Dresden Village Site (Mile 50) Location: Three miles east of Aux Sable Aqueduct off Cemetery Road.

Only the mule barn, former tavern, and cemetery stand as silent evidence of this ghost town's past existence.

Aux Sable Aqueduct (Mile 53) Location: Approximately halfway between Morris and Channahon near Tabler Rd.

Built to carry the canal over the Aux Sable Creek, this restored aqueduct is nestled in a tranquil grove away from the road.

Nettle Creek Aqueduct (Mile 59) Location: Morris

Seneca Grain Elevator (Mile 69) Location: Seneca near the Grundy-LaSalle County line

Fox River Aqueduct (Mile 81) Location: East side of Ottawa over the Fox River

This aqueduct is being restored to its former appearance by the Department of Natural Resources.

Toll House (Mile 81) Location: Downtown Ottawa

Original frame structure where tolls were collected during the canal's heyday.

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Shelter (Mile 82) Location: Ottawa

A reminder of the Depression era of the 1930's when the CCC created jobs for the unemployed by building many public projects.

Old Sulphur Springs Hotel (Halfway House) (Mile 88) Location: Just west of Buffalo Rock State Park off Dec Bennet Road

This historic structure, a landmark on the I & M Canal, is scheduled for restoration.

LaSalle County Historical Society Museum (Mile 91) Location: Downtown Utica

The restored structure dates back to the canal days and contains a number of pioneer-era artifacts from LaSalle County's early days.

Split Rock (Mile 93) Location: Half way between Utica and LaSalle

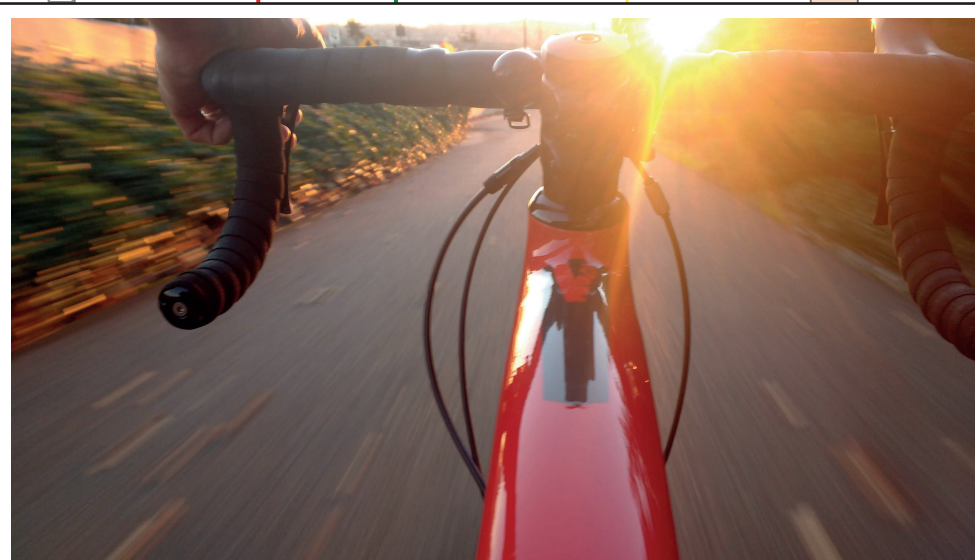
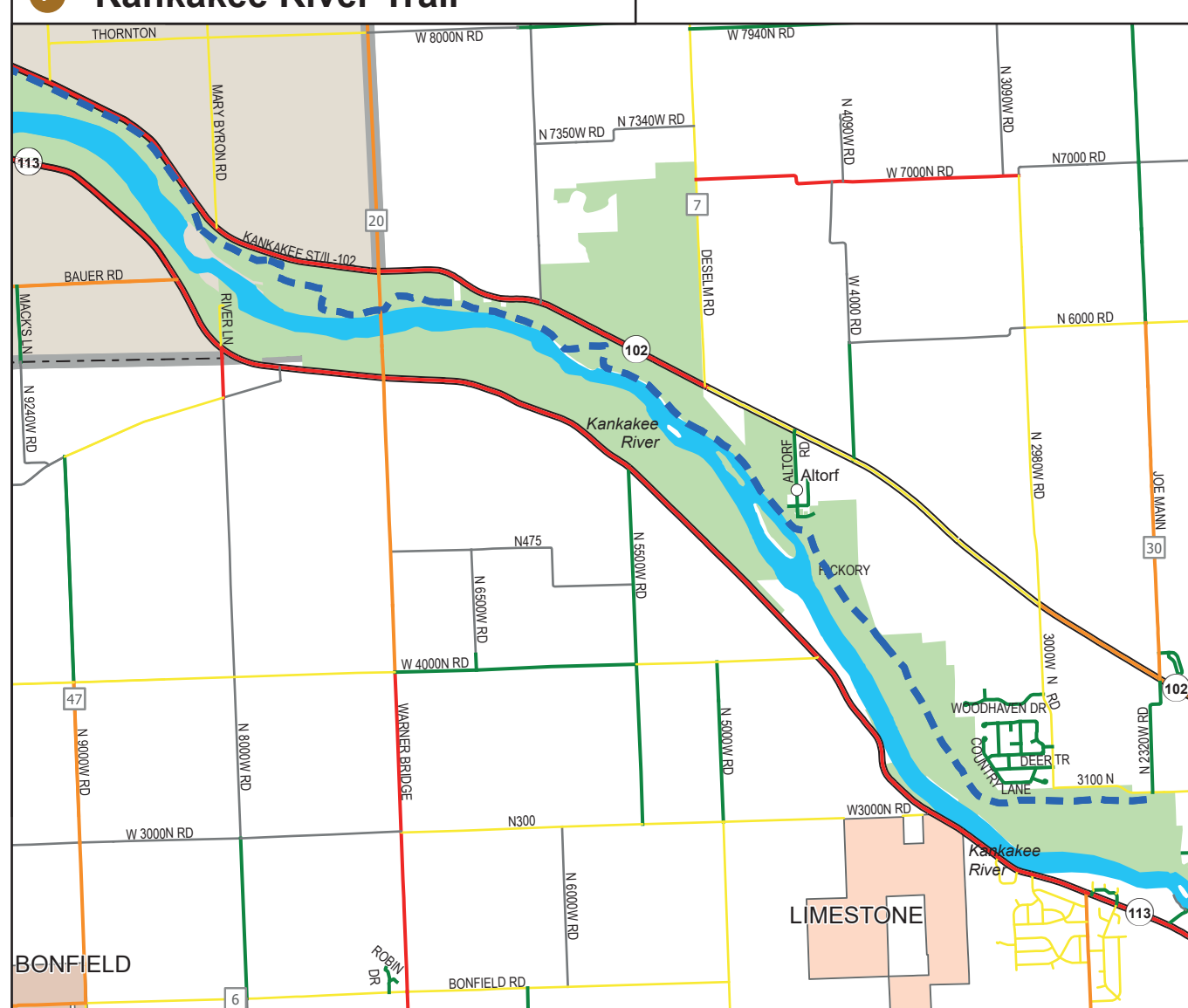
An old railroad tunnel through a rock escarpment adjacent to the canal.

Little Vermilion Aqueduct (Mile 95) Location: East of LaSalle

Lock#14 (Mile 96) Location: LaSalle

One of the best preserved locks on the canal, near its west terminus.

Kankakee River Trail



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Helmet...
...one piece of equipment you can live with.

Be Prepared
Studies have shown that a cyclist wearing a helmet is between two and three times more likely to suffer a head injury on a crash than one who is not wearing a helmet. The League of American Cyclists recommends that cyclists frequently check their helmets for wear and damage and replace the helmet every five years and/or in the event of a crash, in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

Buy the Right Helmet
The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends that you only purchase helmets that have been manufactured in accordance with recognized safety standards, ASTM. Look for a sticker indicating this safety standard on the inside of the helmet.

Please...
...to prevent injuries, wear a helmet. You can live with it.

Continuum of On-Street Marked Bikeways

I & M Canal Trail

