

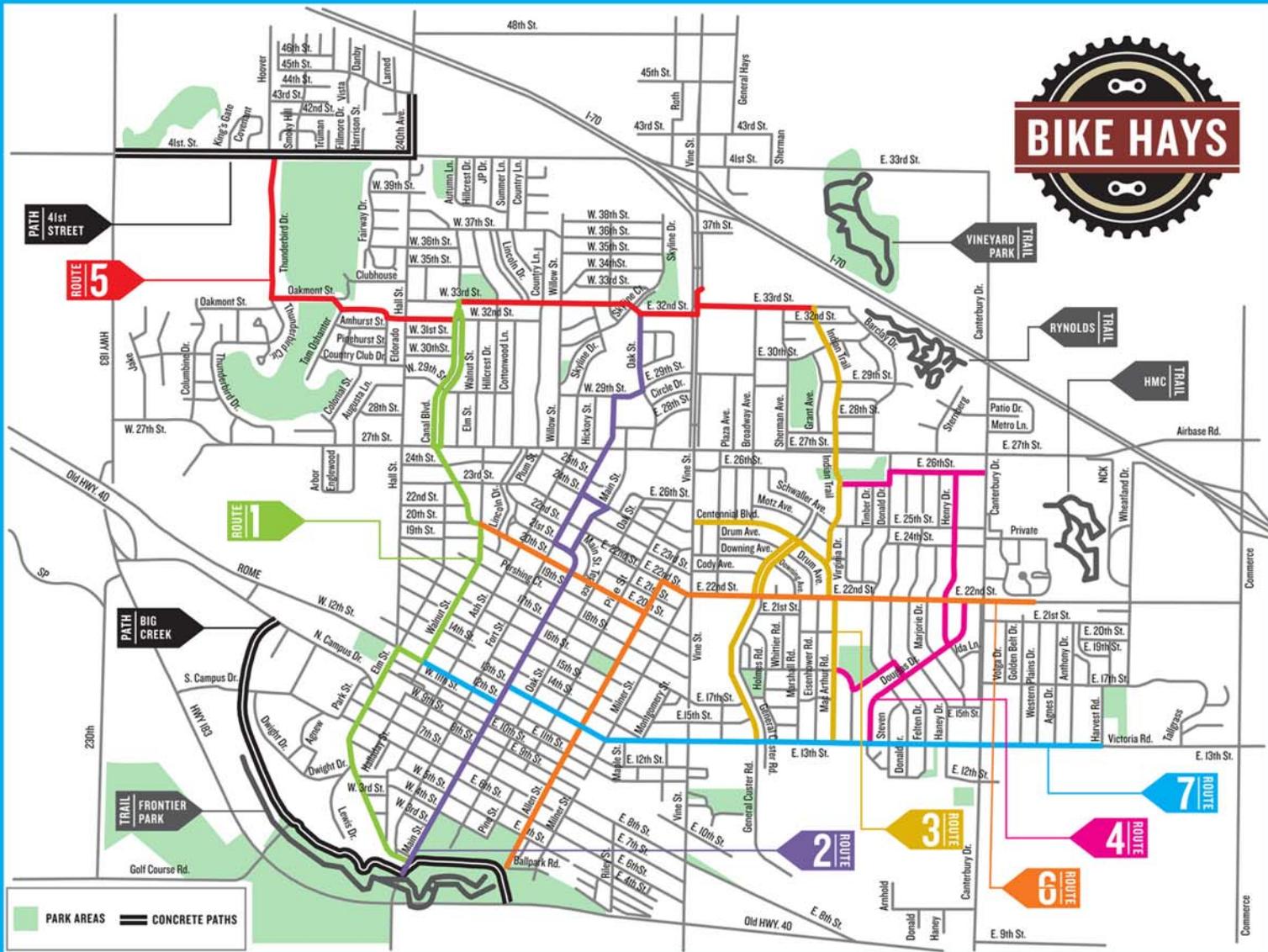
# BIKE HAYS

# BIKING GUIDE

## ROUTES & PATHS

Places of interest

- ROUTE 1** ▶ **2.82 miles** | Seven Hills Park, 27th & Hall Commerce District, FHSU Campus, Aquatic Park, North Central Kansas Tech Big Creek Campus, Municipal Park.
- ROUTE 2** ▶ **2.53 miles** | Daniel Rupp Park/Skyline, Public Schools, Wilson Pool, Boot Hill, City Hall, Library, Downtown Commerce District, Hays Arts Council, Historical Society, Aquatic Park, Municipal Park, Frontier Park.
- ROUTE 3** ▶ **3.04 miles** | Auel Bickle Park in Proximity 27th & Indian Trail Commerce District, Elizabeth Polly Park, Vine & Centennial Commerce District, Public School, Sunrise Park, Ekey Park.
- ROUTE 4** ▶ **2.15 miles** | Elizabeth Polly Park, Hickcock Park, Medical District, Sternberg Museum in Proximity, Howard Rynolds Trail in Proximity, Sunrise Park.
- ROUTE 5** ▶ **2.48 miles** | 41st Street Trail, Smoky Hill Country Club, Seven Hills Park, Daniel Rupp Park/Skyline, Vine Commerce District.
- ROUTE 6** ▶ **3.03 miles** | 22nd Vine Commerce District, Medical District, Hays Medical Center, HMC Trail, Massey Park, Larks Park, Pratt Optimist Soccer Park, Dusty Glassman Ball fields, Frontier Park, Big Creek Trail.
- ROUTE 7** ▶ **2.34 miles** | County Court, Library, Downtown Commerce District, 13th & Vine Commerce District, Hays Recreation Commission in Proximity, Hays High School
- PATH 41st STREET** ▶ **1.25 miles** | Multipurpose Paths, 41st Street Trail - Hwy 183 Bypass to Hall, Rolling Hills Disc Golf Course in Proximity
- PATH BIG CREEK** ▶ **1.70 miles** | Big Creek Trail - Old Hwy 40 to 183 Bypass, Fort Hays state University Campus, Buffalo Frontier Park, Municipal Park, Larks Park, Pratt Optimist Soccer Park, Dusty Glassman Ball fields, Frontier Disc Golf & Buffalo



# BIKE HAYS

## The quality of life in Hays is exceptional

The community has long desired a hike and bike system. In 2015 approx. 2.75+ miles of concrete path and 18 miles of on-street segments will be implemented to create the Bike Hays System.

The plan enhances amenities by utilizing current street infrastructure, environmental and open spaces to minimize hazards and improve safety for all transportation modes. The cost effective design allows neighborhoods and visitors connectivity to any park, commercial district, multiple nature trails or other points of interest safely while enjoying the natural beauty of the Hays Community.



### LINKS TO VISIT

[www.bikehays.com](http://www.bikehays.com)

[www.haysusa.net](http://www.haysusa.net)

[www.downtownhays.com](http://www.downtownhays.com)

## VISITOR INFO

Hike and Bike Nature / Educational Trails



### DR. HOWARD REYNOLDS NATURE TRAIL

Approximately 2 miles of nature trails provides a natural environmental setting with an amphitheater, footbridge and native trees, ponds, flowers and shrubs



### DOWNTOWN FITNESS WALK

In the heart of Hays the trail is approximately ¾ mile south from Boot Hill to downtown past the 25 bronze markers and adjacent to many unique businesses.



### FRONTIER PARK TRAIL

The 1.5 mile trail provides interpretive information of wildlife and identifies trees, shrubs, grasses and historical points of interest.



### HAYS MEDICAL CENTER TRAIL

The hard surface trail is .75 miles and features several fitness stations to help increase agility and conditioning.



### VINYARD PARK TRAIL

A scenic 1.1-mile main trail with varying degrees of inclines, water crossings, and fishing pond. Various wildlife and marked native plants may be viewed along the trail.

More trails and information found at [www.haysusa.net](http://www.haysusa.net)

## BICYCLE SAFETY AND RULES

### BICYCLIST Road Safety



Always ride in the same direction as car traffic. On one-way streets, try to ride in the outside lanes and never ride the wrong way.

Ride as far to the right and if necessary use any part of the traffic lane for safety.



Ride in a straight line, single file. Ride no more than two side-by-side on the roadway. Be courteous to following traffic.



Signal whenever you intend to turn, merge into another travel lane, change positions in your current travel lane or stop.

Obey traffic lights, signs and lane markings. Signal when you change lanes.



Be aware of the traffic around you. Ride defensively, stay focused, alert and be predictable. Using headphones or a cell phone is distracting and limits your ability to hear traffic. Wear bright, reflective clothing. You may also want to add reflective tape to your helmet or fenders.



In business districts, do not ride on sidewalks.



In low light conditions, the law requires the use of a solid white light on the front and a red reflector or light on the rear. Using a flashing red light in the rear will significantly increase your visibility to motorists.

### USING SHARROWS



Sharrow pavement markings indicate where travel lanes are shared by both motorists and bicyclists.

Merge carefully and use hand signals whenever you share a lane. Assert yourself and ride in the center of the travel lane.

Always obey traffic signals and signs when sharing a lane.

### USING BIKELANES



A bike lane is a striped, signed lane marked with a large white bicycle stencil on the pavement. The lane is restricted to bicycle travel with certain exceptions.

### ADULT / CHILD USE

Children nine years of age and younger are not able to identify and adjust to many dangerous traffic situations, and therefore, should not be allowed to ride in the street unsupervised. Children who are permitted to ride in the street without supervision should have the necessary skills to safely follow the "rules of the road."

### MOTORIST Road Safety

Bicycles are considered vehicles on the road and bicyclists must follow traffic laws that apply to motor vehicles.

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers of cars.

Motorists should always expect to see a bicyclist in the bike lane, and yield before crossing over the bike lane.

Motorist should slow down and be prepared to stop in the presence of bicyclists.

When nearing an intersection, do not pass a bicyclist who is ahead of you in order to turn right. Instead, slow down and merge behind the cyclist.

When overtaking a bicyclist in a bike lane, give at least 3' clearance. If it is not possible to do so without moving into another lane of traffic, travel behind the bicyclist until it is safe to pass with enough clearance.

Before getting out of a car, check behind you for approaching bicyclists before opening the door.

It is illegal for motorists to drive or park in bike lanes, except in instances where you need to turn, enter or leave the roadway, or park in a lane adjacent to the bike lane.

Safety Information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - [www.bikehays.com](http://www.bikehays.com)

### BIKE SHOPS TO VISIT

**Precision Valley**  
[www.precisionvalley.com](http://www.precisionvalley.com)  
(785) 625-4900

**Boldra's Firearms, Archery, & Bicycle Repair**  
(785) 259-5278