

**For More Information on
Bicycling in Eau Claire:**

Eau Claire is fortunate to have a number of excellent specialty bicycle dealers who can provide riders with information and service. Sales and trails, repairs and rentals, clubs and competitions are just a few of the cyclists' needs that can be met by these shops.

Bicycle Shops & Repairs:

- Anybody's Bike Shop (715) 833-7100
411 Water Street
- Bike Doctor (715) 835-4812
215 N Barstow Street
- Eau Claire Bike & Sport (715) 832-6149
403 Water Street
- Riverside Bike & Skate (715) 835-0088
937 Water Street
- Scheels All Sports (715) 833-1886
4710 Golf Road

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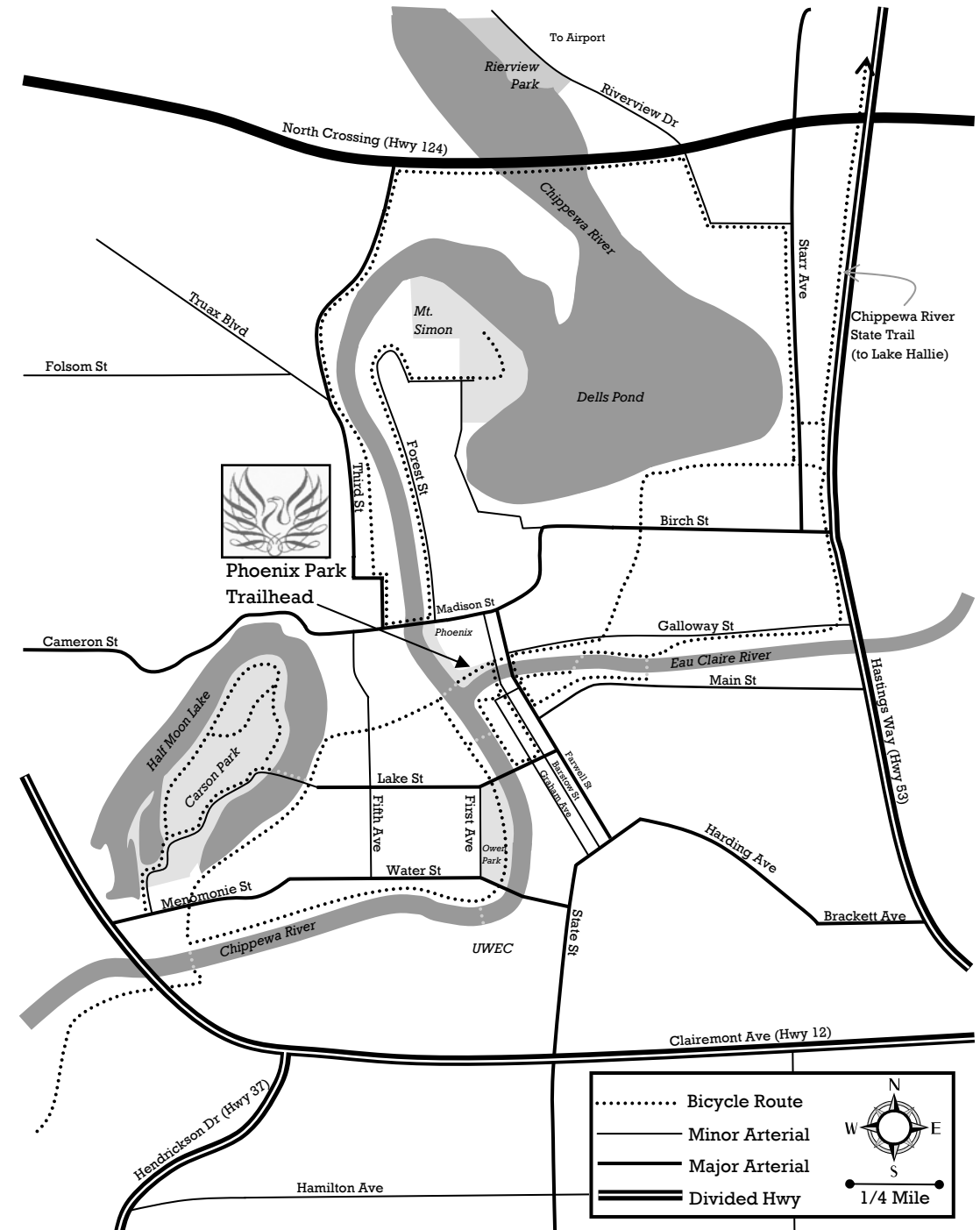
Please be sure to obey all traffic rules, wear a helmet, and exercise trail etiquette while cycling.



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**Bicycle Riding
in Eau Claire**
some suggested loops & routes



Shorter Family Recreational Loops (Under 3 miles— Mostly Trails)

Owen Park Loop: Exit park west over bridge, take immediate left (south) on bike trail. • Proceed south on the trail through Owen Park to tennis courts. • Make short loop on tennis court parking area and retrace route back to Phoenix Park.

Lakeshore Loop: Exit the park west over bridge. • Go straight ahead cross First Ave. and Oxford Avenue (*exercise cross traffic cautions*). • Go under Fifth Ave. in a tunnel and up to Fulton St. • Proceed west across Whipple St. • Take the on-ramp to bike trail (left-south). • Follow the bike trail along Half Moon Lake to the Menomonie St. Dairy Queen. • Take a sidewalk loop around the Dairy Queen, and return to Phoenix Park by the same Route.

Carson Park Scenic Alternative Loop : Follow the directions for the *Lakeshore Loop* until the intersection of the bike trail and Grand Ave. • At Grand Ave. make a right turn onto the short causeway to Carson Park. • Proceed up the steep grade after the stone park entrance markers and at the top of the hill make a sharp right turn (baseball stadium will be in view). • Follow this perimeter paved road past the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum with statues of Paul and Babe, on past the Chippewa Valley Museum (both make great tourist stops). • This scenic perimeter road will take you to the south park exit at the Dairy Queen, where you can pickup the *Lakeshore Loop* bike trail and head back north east to Phoenix Park. *Add distance to the ride by taking internal roads in Carson Park then using the perimeter road to exit and/or picking up the *River Ride* back to Phoenix Park (see longer scenic loops).

Boyd Park Loop: Exit park through tunnel under Barstow St. • Proceed east to Dewey St. and

cross to the east sidewalk. • Go south over bridge to trail entrance at end of the bridge. • Turn left (east) on trail along south bank of Eau Claire River (note historic marker on south end of “S” bridge). • Cross the bridge and proceed on the north side of the river to a footbridge over the Eau Claire River. • Cross this bridge to Boyd Park. • Return to Phoenix Park by retracing the same route *or* go west on Grand Avenue (first street south of the Eau Claire River). • From Grand Ave. turn right on Dewey St. in front of the fire station. • Cross the bridge then make your way back to Phoenix Park.

Mt Simon Loop: (Caution—Hills and City Streets) Take the Forest St. exit from Phoenix Park (*dangerous intersection with Madison St. at exit—use caution!*). • Proceed north on Forest St. past the city shops, under a railroad trestle, and through a busy and dangerous paper mill area. • Go under another railroad overpass on a steep uphill grade to Addison Ave. • Follow this avenue east bearing right to a lovely overlook of the Dells Pond *or* go down a twisting hill road to an interesting Mt. Simon Park with disc golf course, boat launch, picnic shelters and other amenities. • Return by same route with extra caution for safe riding on downhill city streets.

Downtown Business Loop: (Caution City Traffic) Exit Phoenix Park east. • At Phoenix Park sign make a right turn on to Barstow St. • Go south on Barstow St. to Eau Claire St. • Make a right turn to the Hay Market parking lot (The junction of the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers and RCU office building are in full view.). • Near the back of the lot by the rivers, you will find a bike path leading south. • Follow the path to the Riverside Apartments where it exits onto Lake St. • At Lake St. go east cautiously across Graham Ave. to Barstow St. • On Barstow St. turn left and slowly return to Phoenix Park taking time to savor the many shops and services that fill the six blocks of downtown Eau Claire.

Longer Scenic Rides (5-10 Miles)

River Ride (5 miles): Start on the *Lakeshore Loop* ride to the Dairy Queen on Menomonie St. • Cross Menomonie Street (*caution for traffic danger*). • Go south to the railroad bridge but don't cross it, follow the trail underneath it. • Follow the trail along the Chippewa River and into Owen Park where the Trail takes you back to Phoenix Park.

River Ride with Carson Park Loop (8-10 miles): Follow *River Ride* start. • At Grand Ave. take a loop through the Carson Park trails and add 3-5 miles more to the *River Ride*. • Exit the park at Dairy Queen. • Cross Menomonie St. (*caution for traffic danger*) and pick up *River Ride* trail. • Follow the trail back through Owen Park to Phoenix Park.

East Loop: Exit Phoenix Park east. • Follow directions for *Boyd Park Loop*, but do not cross footbridge to Boyd Park. • At this point, continue east on Galloway St. to the YMCA Tennis Court building and make a sharp left. • After the driveway to the Market and Johnson headquarters building, there will be a gate to the Chippewa River State Trail on your right. • Follow this trail ¼ mile. • Take left exit ramp to Omaha St. • Go west for approximately a mile on Omaha Street (*caution at all intersections*). • Take a left on Putnam St. • Ride Putnam St. (*use caution crossing Birch St.*) and go down a large hill to Galloway St. (Banbury Place will be on your left.) • On Galloway St. turn right (west) and proceed to Barstow St. • At the Post Office, take driveway back to Phoenix Park trailhead.

North East Longer Ride: Exit the park north to Madison St. • Using the north sidewalk, cross the Madison St. bridge. • Turn right (north) on Oxford Avenue (*caution for traffic*). • Take left onto Platt St. and follow one block west. • Then turn right on First St. • Proceed north (up hill and over tracks) until it intersects with Old

Wells Rd. • Take Old Wells Rd. over bridge to bike trail on the south side of the North Crossing (Hwy 124). • Go east on this trail along the North Crossing to Riverview Ln. • Proceed south on Riverview Ln. to Redwood Ave. • Proceed on Redwood Ave. to the VFW Club on Starr Ave. • Turn right on to Starr Ave. and continue south to Seymour Rd. • Turn left onto Seymour Rd. until Hwy 53 is in sight. • Then turn right (south) on the Chippewa River State Trail. • Take a left onto Bellevue Ave. (you leave the trail), and take a short jog left to Galloway St. • Follow Galloway St. west to Barstow St. and then south (left) to the Phoenix Park trailhead.



Creative Bicycle Route Planning:

Pick a destination in Eau Claire (for example Fairfax Pool, Oakwood Mall, Lowes Creek Park, airport, etc.). Plan a route and take city streets and an expanding trail system to reach your goal (caution for traffic dangers).

Connecting with State Trails for Longer Rides:

Riding south on the Chippewa River State Trail (to Downsville and Menomonie) or riding north to the Old Abe Trail (to Chippewa Falls and Cornell) can all be accessed from the Phoenix Park trailhead. Brochures and maps available at the trailhead or local bicycle shops. There are over 79 miles of scenic trails.