

TRAIL MAP

# LITTLE TRAVERSE WHEELWAY

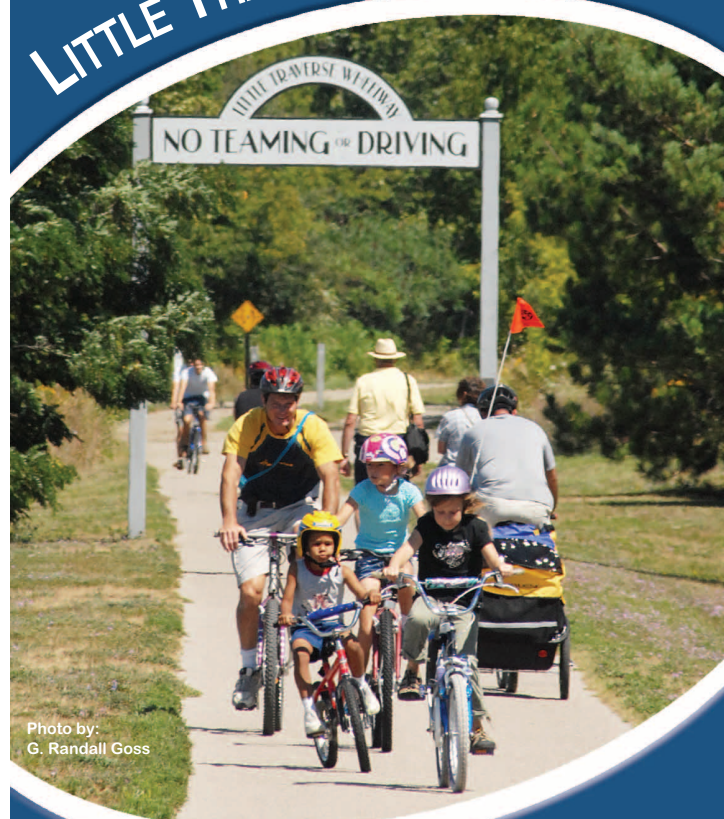



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**26 mile trail**  
 Charlevoix  
 Bay Harbor  
 Petoskey  
 Harbor Springs



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### Wheelway Etiquette

- T.** Use the right side of the Trail except when otherwise designated.
- R.** Pedestrians always have the Right of way.
- A.** Always pass on the left.
- I.** Don't Inhibit your ability to hear those around you by listening to loud music.
- L.** When passing, announce your presence with a bell or by saying "On the Left".
- S.** Always maintain proper Speed so that you are always in control.

**Always wear a helmet when biking.**

**Please do not litter!**

Treat the trails as if it were your own front yard.

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## Little Traverse Wheelway

The re-establishment of a turn of the century trail-way goes from Waller Road in Charlevoix Township to Lake Street in Harbor Springs. There are local connecting sidewalks and bike routes to link downtown Charlevoix (at the bridge) to downtown Harbor Springs (at State Street) for a total of 26.65 miles. The trail itself is 23.25 miles and is surfaced with 8' to 10' wide asphalt or 6' wide concrete sidewalk and is open for non-motorized use only; cyclists, hikers, runners, walkers and inline skaters may share this "quiet" trail year round.

### Charlevoix County Segment

The official trail starts as Waller Road in Charlevoix Township and goes Bay Shore. The trail traverses a wetland along a boardwalk two-thirds of a mile long before it meets Little Traverse Bay. The views are outstanding and Petoskey stone hunting even better! MDOT roadside facilities are available for trail users including water and picnic areas. Parking is available at Shanahan Park on Waller Road in Charlevoix, MDOT Roadside Park and West Park in Bay Shore.

### City of Petoskey West Segment

From Bay Shore the trail runs along the entire length (5 miles) of Bay Harbor, partly along the former rail corridor. This segment offers spectacular views of Little Traverse Bay and includes an under-road tunnel. Drop into the Village at Bay Harbor to experience the exclusive 21st century community. From Resort Township's East Park to the City of Petoskey's Magnus Park the trail runs along a magnificent bluff that is not to be missed. From Magnus Park the trail passes by the Historic Mission Church before it crosses the Bear River at Bayfront Park. There is much to see and do at this waterfront park. Parking and facilities are available at Bayfront Park, East Park, Bay Harbor, and West Park.

If you're in need of food, drinks, or some shopping, head into historic downtown Petoskey, just through the pedestrian tunnel in Bayfront Park.

### City of Petoskey East Segment

Petoskey's Bayfront Park to M-119 runs along and through history. The segment starts at the Little Traverse Bay History Museum which is housed in an historic depot building and then runs along the original location of a late 1800's trail-way between Petoskey and Harbor Springs. You'll go under a "gate" at the east end of Bayfront Park that replicates the original gate from that era. The trail then exits the park along US-31 going through historic Bay View (salmon colored sidewalk) where you can see the historic Victorian cottages. The trail then goes back along the railroad line through a residential community before it reaches the edge of the water once again. The Tannery Creek Trailhead features a painted mural that depicts transportation along the Wheelway corridor at various times through history. The trail then reaches M-119 and a well placed drinking fountain. Parking is available at Bayfront Park, Tannery Creek Trailhead (behind Glen's North) and Spring Lake Park.

### Harbor Springs Segment

This segment runs along a largely commercial area on M-119 and passes by the Petoskey State Park. If you're in need of a dip in the lake, take a detour and enjoy the park's sweeping sand dunes and lovely swimming beach. The trail then passes beside the Harbor Spring Airport where if your lucky you will get to see a small plane in action. The trail leaves the airport into Little Traverse Township Park where there are nice views of the Bay before it crosses the highway and continues into Harbor Springs on the north side of M-119. Parking is available at Spring Lake Park, Little Traverse Township Park, and the Hoyt Street Community Park in Harbor Springs.

### LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY NATURE PRESERVES

More than 200 nature preserves have been created by members and supporters of the Little Traverse Conservancy since 1972, some located along the Wheelway. We welcome you to explore and enjoy these beautiful properties, keeping in mind that you (are a temporary visitor to the homes of many plants and animals. Please visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) or call 231.347.0991 for more information.

## Little Traverse Wheelway

### OVERALL MILEAGE

From Charlevoix at the bridge to downtown Harbor Springs at State Street is 26.65 miles.

For your reference of distances, please see the following chart and keep the following in mind:

- When referring to "Charlevoix" that means Waller Road
- When referring to "Petoskey" that mean Bayfront Park entrance between City Hall and the Historic Museum.
- When referring to "Harbor Springs" that means Lake Street at M-119.

Point to Point on Trail	Miles
Charlevoix to Harbor Springs	23.25
Charlevoix to Petoskey	14.4
Petoskey to Harbor Springs	8.85
<b>Charlevoix County Segment</b>	
Charlevoix to Bay Shore	7.3
Charlevoix to MDOT Park	3.0
MDOT Park to Bay Shore	4.3
MDOT Park to MDOT Overlook	2.5
MDOT Overlook to Bay Shore	1.8
<b>City of Petoskey West Trail Segment (including Bay Harbor)</b>	
Bay Shore to City of Petoskey	7.1
Bay Shore to Bay Harbor Main Entrance	3.95
Bay Shore to East Park Entrance	4.85
Bay Harbor Main Entrance to East Park	.9
Bay Harbor Main Entrance to City of Petoskey	3.15
East Park to Magnus Park	1.25
Magnus Park to City of Petoskey	1.0
<b>City of Petoskey East Trail Segment (including Bay View)</b>	
City of Petoskey to Spring Lake Park (at water fountain)	3.15
City of Petoskey to Tannery Creek Trailhead (at overlook)	2.5
City of Petoskey to Petoskey State Park Rd.	4.15
Tannery Creek Trailhead to Spring Lake Park	.65
<b>Harbor Springs Segment</b>	
Spring Lake Park to Harbor Springs	5.7
Spring Lake Park to Petoskey State Park	1.0
Spring Lake Park to Little Traverse Township Park	2.8
Petoskey State Park to Little Traverse Township Park	1.8
Petoskey State Park to Harbor Springs	4.7
Little Traverse Township Park to Harbor Springs	2.9







### Emergency Contact Numbers

	Charlevoix County	Emmet County
Police, Fire, and Ambulance:	9-1-1	9-1-1
Hospital:	(231) 547-4024	(231) 487-4000
Poison Center:	(800) 764-7661	(800) 764-7661

- Picnic Area
- Drinking Fountain
- Trash Receptical
- Modern Restroom
- Outhouse
- Parking
- Covered Shelter
- Camping

<b>Overall Trail - 26.65 miles</b> Charlevoix at the bridge downtown to Harbor Springs at State Street.	<b>Charlevoix to Bay Shore - 7.3 miles</b>				<b>Bay Shore to Petoskey - 7.1 miles</b>			<b>Petoskey to Harbor Springs - 8.85</b>			
	To Downtown Charlevoix - 2.5	Charlevoix to MDOT Park - 3.0	MDOT Park to MDOT Overlook - 2.5	MDOT Overlook to Bayshore - 1.8	Bayshore to East Park - 4.85	East Part to Bayfront Part - 2.25	Bayfront Park to Spring Lake Park - 3.15	Spring Lake Park to Harbor Springs - 5.7	To Downtown Harbor Springs - 1.9		

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