Bike MS Great Lakes Breakaway
Late May/Early June - Start and finish in Holland; overnight at Hope College. 1 and 2 day events: 30, 50, 75, or 100 miles each day. (248) 351-2190; www.bikeMSmi.org

Canadian Century Rides
Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day Rides 100K through Grand River Valley, breakfast in Allendale, return before noon for family activities. (616) 846-2800 or (616) 796-0010 www.rocknroadcycle.com

Grand Haven Triathlon
July - Tri-Cities Family YMCA; 4-race format includes a duathlon, sprint triathlon and Olympic triathlon. (616) 842-7051; www.grandaventri.com

Holland Hundred Tour
July - Holland Christian High School 18, 26, 67 or 100 mile tour through West Michigan, includes historic sites. (269) 857-7648; www.macatawacyclingclub.org

Michigander Bicycle Tour
July - 2 or 7 day bike tour. Experienced and beginner cyclists of all ages will enjoy this adventure on rail trails and back roads. One overnight in Holland. (517) 485-6022; www.michigantrails.org

Coast Guard Festival Bicycle Tour
July - Routes for all levels including 33, 62 and 100 mile routes. Tour will take cyclists of all ability levels through beautiful Grand Haven heading southwest along Grand River and on to scenic Lakeshore Drive. (616) 847-1980; www.loosespokes.com

Shoreline West Bicycle Tour
August - 3, 6 or 9 day options. Follows the entire western shoreline of Lake Michigan from New Buffalo to Mackinac Island, visiting historic lighthouses, orchards, farms and sugar-sand beaches. (888) 642-4537; www.lmb.org

Macatawa Cycling Club
Weekly rides from Holland Aquatic Center, Monday at 6:30 pm, 3 groups. Weekly ride from West Ottawa High School to Grand Haven, Monday at 8am. Stop for sweet rolls, then ride back; easy pace. www.macatawacyclingclub.org

Rock ‘n’ Road Cycle
Weekly ride from Grand Haven store Thursday at 6pm, 5 groups. Weekly ride from Holland store Wednesday at 6pm, 2 groups. www.rocknroadcycle.com

Velo City Cycles
Weekly rides from Downtown Holland, including one named a top-50 Shop Ride in the U.S. by Bicycling Magazine. www.velo-citycycles.com
Stretching for 30 miles along the coast of Lake Michigan, Ottawa County’s extensive network of bike paths offers a wide range of cycling opportunities. Routes include miles of shoreline, sand dunes, quiet rural roads, woodlands, farms and unique area attractions. Whether you’re looking for a rigorous workout or a leisurely ride, Ottawa County has the perfect route for you.

Safety First
The Ottawa County bike path network may be used by walkers, joggers and cyclists of all ages and abilities. However, avid riders may prefer to ride on the roadway. If you opt to share the road, keep in mind that cyclists have the rights – and responsibilities – held by all other vehicles. If you have questions about specific paths, please contact the Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission at 616-738-4810.

Mountain Biking in Western Ottawa County
Several area parks offer opportunities for mountain bikers. The 1,665 acre Bass River Recreation Area has six miles of trail. Directions: Take 104th Avenue north from M-45 and watch for the trailhead between Sleeper and Johnson Streets. Call Michigan State Parks at 231-798-3711 for more information. Two Ottawa County Parks, Pigeon Creek Park (410 acres) and Riley Trails (300 acres) allow mountain bikes on designated park trails. For information and maps visit www.miottawa.org/parks.

Lakeshore Connector Path Between Grand Haven and Holland
This path runs for nearly 20 miles along the shoreline between downtown Grand Haven and Holland State Park, and is a favorite of bicycling enthusiasts. There are several beachfront parks along the way including Grand Haven State Park, Rosy Mound Natural Area, Kirk Park and Tunnel Park. Camping is available at both state parks; however, reservations should be made well in advance (1-800-44 PARKS). Lake Michigan can also be accessed at James Street and Riley Street. This path is used for many forms of recreation during peak periods, so cyclists are urged to ride with caution.

The Musketawa Trail is a 26-mile linear park that runs from Marine in eastern Ottawa County to Muskegon. This 12-foot wide asphalt path is also popular with hikers and rollerbladers, so please use caution on the trail.

The Ottawa County Tourism Council would like to thank the following local units of government for constructing and maintaining Ottawa County’s extensive network of bike paths:
- City of Ferrysburg
- City of Grand Haven
- City of Holland
- City of Zeeland
- Village of Spring Lake
- Grand Haven Township
- Holland Township
- Park Township
- Port Sheldon Township
- Spring Lake Township
- Zeeland Township

Ottawa County Bike Trails

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Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission
12220 Fillmore
West Olive, Michigan 49460
616-738-4810
www.miottawa.org/parks
Hollands bike path network includes several looped routes incorporating some of the area’s most popular parks. Winstrom Park features a bike path with picnic areas, hiking trails and excellent wetland views. Dunton Park also has picnic areas and waterfront boardwalks. Window on the Waterfront has staging areas at both ends of its one-mile trail and offers a scenic pathway along the Macatawa River. A view of “DeZwaan,” Hollands landmark windmill, also adds to its charm. Other popular staging areas include Tunnel Park and Holland State Park, both on Lake Michigan; Wendt Park and the Ottawa County Fairgrounds.
Gearing up in the Grand Haven Area

Grand Haven’s spectacular waterfront can be accessed from the south via Lake Avenue or Grand Avenue through Duncan Park. Please be aware that pedestrian traffic can be heavy along the waterfront, especially in the summer.

A recently constructed path along the US-31 bascule bridge allows cyclists to travel safely over the Grand River between Grand Haven, Ferrysburg, and Spring Lake.

Popular bicycle routes on the north side of the river include the Lakeside Trail, a picturesque 15-mile path around Spring Lake, and North Shore Road, with widened shoulders on both sides of the road that lead to North Beach Park on Lake Michigan. Paths through the Village of Spring Lake also lead to the Leonard Road bike path, which has scenic views of the Grand River. Some Spring Lake loops require riding short sections of M-104 (Cleveland Street). This roadway has a widened shoulder but is busy with fast moving traffic and is not recommended for children.

Phase 1 of the North Bank Trail is complete. The 3.3 mile trail stretches from Fruitport Road to 130th Avenue, extending the existing Lakeside Trail in The Village of Spring Lake to a total of almost 5 miles. This separated bike path is not adjacent to the roadway and offers access to parks, wetland overlooks and quiet open spaces.

The North Bank Trail has proven to be very popular with area residents, especially families, since there are limited road crossings. For your convenience, a trailhead parking lot is located at 144th Avenue about one-quarter mile north of M-104.
Grand Haven Area Accommodations

Best Western Beacon Inn ........................................ (616) 842-4720
www.bestwestern.com/beaconinn

Blue Water Inn .................................................. (616) 846-7431
www.bluewatergrandhavenn.com

Bayden House B&B ............................................. (616) 846-3538
www.baydenhouse.com

Courtesy Motel .................................................. (616) 842-3420
www.courtesymotel.net

Days Inn .......................................................... (616) 842-1999
www.daysinn.com

Harbor House Inn .............................................. (616) 846-0610
www.harborthousegh.com

Holiday Inn ....................................................... (616) 846-1000
www.higrandhaven.com

Khardomah Lodge .............................................. (616) 842-2990
www.khardomahlodge.com

Lake Michigan Cottages ...................................... (616) 772-5007
www.LakeM.com

Lakeshore Inn ................................................... (616) 844-2697
www.bbonline.com/mi/lakeshore

Looking Glass Inn B&B ...................................... (616) 842-7150
www.lookingglassinnm.com

Pigeon Creek Inn ............................................... (616) 836-4088
www.pigeoncreekinn.com

Rodeway Inn - Coopersville .................................. (616) 837-8100
www.rodewayinn.com

Rodeway Inn - Grand Haven ................................ (616) 846-1800
www.rodewayinn.com

Serendipity Resort .............................................. (616) 842-2761
www.serendipityresorts.com

Sleep Inn & Suites .............................................. (616) 892-8000
www.sleepinnallendale.com

Washington Street Inn ...................................... (616) 842-1075
www.bbonline.com/mi/washinn

Grand Haven Area Bike Shops

Breakaway Bicycles – Sales & Repairs
215 N. Ferry St., Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 844-1199 • www.breakawaybicycles.com

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