

Priority Gravel Road Routes

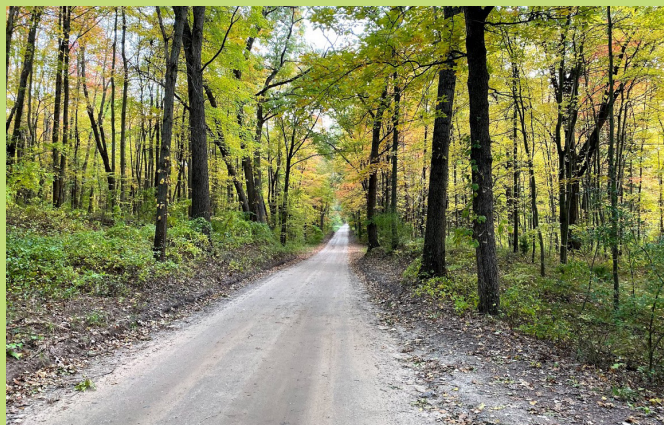
Some of the most scenic areas of Jackson County are best explored via gravel roads. In the northeast part of the county, Glenn, Maute, Green, Loveland, and McClure Roads provide a 10-mile east-west transect of the Waterloo State Recreation Area and on of the most beautiful stretches of road in Southeast Michigan. This route is already favored by gravel road riders and is part of the Waterloo Grit & Gravel Race which kicks off the Michigan Gravel Race Series. With the recent extension of the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park, existing gravel roads, and a few new single-track connections, it is possible to create an over 30-mile loop trail. This, in combination with the wildly popular DTE Energy Trail, will make this area of the county a destination for bicyclists.

In the southwest part of the county, gravel roads may be used in conjunction with the Falling Waters Trail to offer loop routes. In the southeast part of the county, gravel road routes in combination with trails along abandoned railroad corridors are proposed to provide a link between Brooklyn, Watkins Lake State Park, and Manchester. Along the eastern boundary with Washtenaw County, a gravel road route is proposed to connect Waterloo State Recreation Area, Sharonville State Wildlife Management Area, Watkins Lake State Park, and Hayes State Park.

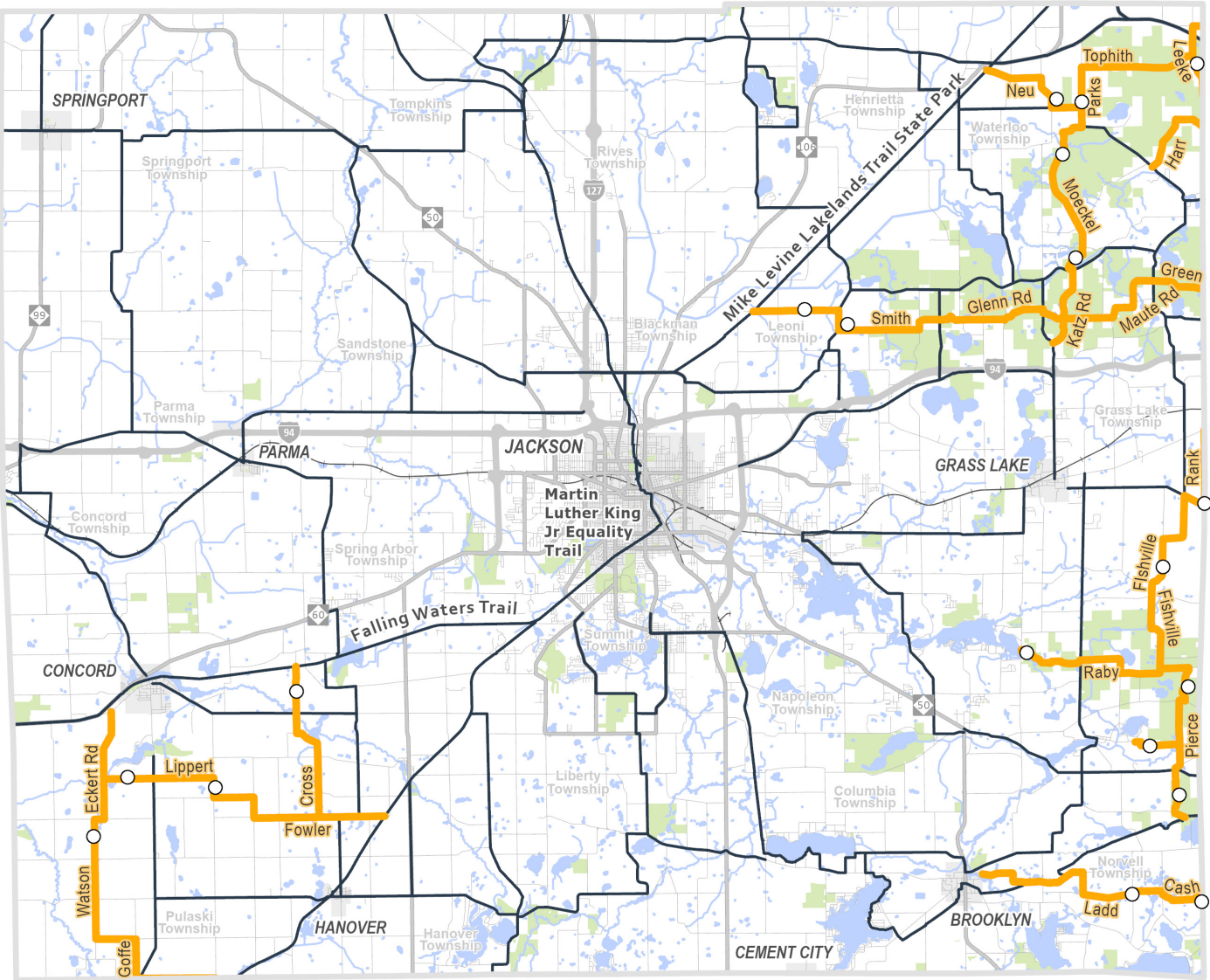
Hastings, Michigan, home to the Barry-Roubaix gravel road race that attracts thousands of riders each year is an excellent model of a community embracing gravel road riding. The County Road Commission installed permanent bike route signs marking the race routes as many bicyclists would come to train or just casually ride the routes.

Public Would Like to See Built First:

- + Connection to Falling Water Trail using North Cross Rd
- + Connection to Hayes State Park from Brooklyn (Waterman Rd, Bettis Rd, Ladd Rd, Owen Rd, Cash Rd, Mulvaney Road, Wellwood Rd, and Ayes Rd)
- + Gravel Road Route through Waterloo State Rec Area including multiple loops following in Jackson and Washington Counties (Tophith Rd, Leeke Rd, Harr Rd, Parks Rd)



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- Short Trail Connection Along Paved Road or Private Property