

# Hagerstown City Center

**Bike Routes**

- Hub City Bike Loop
- State Highway/Existing Bike Route
- Suggested Bike Friendly Route
- Existing Multi-Use Path
- Existing Bike Lane
- US Bicycle Route 11

**Points of Interest**

- Hagerstown-Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Hagerstown Police Department
- Washington County Bus Transfer Center
- Discovery Station
- University Systems of Maryland-Hagerstown
- Barbara Ingram School for the Arts
- Farmer's Market
- Pangborn Park
- Fairgrounds Park and Hagerstown Ice & Sports Complex
- Hagerstown BMX
- Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
- Washington County Free Library
- Hager Park
- Municipal Stadium
- Claude M. Potterfield Swimming Pool
- Memorial Park

## Bike Rack Locations

Bike racks come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. Look for racks at the locations listed below. The bike rack locations, represented by the "●" icon on the map are approximate.

**City Center Locations:**

- Lower level A&E Parking Deck near office
- Parking lot side at entrance to Elizabeth Hager Center
- SW quadrant of Public Square at Professional Arts Building
- NW quadrant of Public Square
- Front of County Courthouse
- University Plaza in alcove near HPD office entrance
- Rear of the Bus Transfer Center
- Library entrance on Potomac
- Library entrance rear lower level
- Alcove off N. Potomac at University District Parking Deck
- Front of United States Post Office
- Front of Department of Social Services
- Parking lot side of Farmers Market
- Front of the Robert W. Johnson Community Center
- Front of the Martin Luther King Community Center

**City Park Locations:**

- In front of Museum of Fine Arts
- Opposite end of parking lot from the 911 Memorial
- Near concession stand

**Fairgrounds Park Locations:**

- Front door of Ice and Sports Complex
- South end of outdoor hockey rink
- Near northern playground equipment

**Pangborn Park Location:**

- Near restroom

**Potterfield Pool/Staley Park Location:**

- At rear of upper parking lot

**Municipal Stadium Location:**

- In parking lot near ticket booth

**National Road Park Location:**

- Inside front gate

## Secure Your Bike

Bike theft is an unfortunate reality. While bicycle theft is not uncommon, it is preventable. Follow these simple rules to help secure your bike:

- Register your bike with the National Bike Registry online and with the Hagerstown Police Department. Registration forms are available at police precincts, bike shops, and libraries.
- Mark your bike with a unique identifier—write your name under the seat, on the tire side of rims, or on paper inside the handlebars.
- Insure your bike against theft. Bikes may be included on a homeowners or renter's insurance policy.
- Store your bike inside when possible, and never leave your bike unattended—even if it's "just for a minute."
- Park your bike in a well-lit area where it can be seen from inside buildings.
- Never leave your bike locked in a public location for an extended period of time, especially overnight.
- Avoid using the same locking location on a daily basis.
- Use a bike rack whenever possible—parking bikes together improves security for all.
- If bike racks are not available, lock your bike to a fixture that is firmly secured to the ground. Avoid locking to trees as they are easily damaged.
- Use a secure lock that is resistant to cutting. Multiple, small U-Locks are generally best. Cables, chains, and pad locks are easily cut with bolt cutters.
- Do not use a larger lock than necessary as the extra space may be used as leverage by potential thieves.
- Follow the **3-POINT LOCKING RULE**, lock the:
  - 1 - Frame,
  - 2 - Front Wheel,
  - 3 - Back Wheel

**Secure front wheel and back wheel with section of frame to the rack.**

**Remove front wheel and secure to rack with rear wheel and frame.**

**HOLD THE DATE**  
**TOUR OF WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**City Center Hagerstown Criterium Race**  
**SECOND FRIDAY OF JUNE (Every year!)**  
 Call 301.739.8577 x125 for more information.

**Hub City Bike Loop**

Scan here to watch a video of the Hub City Bike Loop. The 10-mile loop around the City starts and ends in Fairgrounds Park and uses both on-street bike lanes and multi-use paths.

**Hagerstown Cultural Trail**

**See Other Side for REGIONAL MAP**

Wish you many miles of safe rides around Hagerstown!

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—Mayor Robert E. Bruchey, II

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# Take a BIKE! RIDE in Hagerstown

**Message from the Mayor**

Thanks for choosing cycling to get around Hagerstown. Not only is biking a quick, fun, and sustainable way to travel—it helps you get to know Hagerstown on a local level. Biking through our many neighborhoods gives a more intimate feel to our wonderful city.

Biking is a great way to get exercise, whether during your commute or out on the weekends. The average bike commuter loses 13 pounds during the first year. Cycling helps fight heart disease, obesity, and diabetes. Biking is also good for the environment: it has a minimal carbon footprint and helps to reduce traffic congestion, and air and noise pollution.

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## Helmet & Clothing Safety

**BIKE SMART—WEAR A HELMET!** In Maryland it's the law for those under the age of 16. Here are a few tips to help you avoid some common bicycle helmet mistakes:

- Wear a bright-colored helmet to ensure that drivers and other cyclists can see you.
- Choose a helmet with a seal of approval from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), American National Standards (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation.
- Replace your helmet if you hit a hard surface while wearing it—helmets lose their capacity to absorb shock after taking serious hits.
- Never wear a bicycle helmet as protection for other activities since most helmets are made for a specific sport. For example, there are special helmets made for inline skating, baseball, and snowmobiling.
- Teach kids to remove bicycle helmets when playing—especially before climbing on playground equipment or trees. There is a risk of strangulation from the chin strap during these types of activities.
- Examine your helmet often for signs of damage, such as dents, cracks or scrapes.

For added safety, consider these tips on what to wear when riding your bike:

- Avoid dark-colored clothes, especially during at night. It's best to wear reflective or bright-colored clothes to be more visible on the road.
- Lightweight clothes help avoid getting overheated.
- Avoid loose-fitting or flared pant legs—they can get caught up in the chain while riding.
- Choose shoes that grip the bike's pedals. Cleats, shoes with heels, or flip-flops can create problems while riding. Never ride barefoot!

## Rules of the Road

When riding a bike in traffic, you're a driver. Follow the rules of the road, give signals, obey signs and lights, yield the right of way, and keep a sharp look-out for danger.

- Obey all traffic signs and signals and yield to pedestrians.
- Ride in the same direction as cars—never against traffic.
- Use bike lanes or designated bike routes, not sidewalks! (It's often more dangerous than riding on the road.)
- Avoid the "door zone" (doors can open suddenly!) by riding at least 4' away from parked cars.
- Use a head light and a tail light when riding at dusk or in the dark.
- When passing other bikers or pedestrians, pass to their left. Alert them by sounding a bell or horn, or calling-out "on your left!"
- When passing vehicles, use caution and stay out of the motorist's blind spot. Drivers don't always signal their intentions and they may not see you on their right.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and following traffic signals.
- Wear a bicycle helmet—they are required for everyone under the age of 16.
- Don't ride with more than two bicycles side by side. It's safer to ride single file.
- Never "hitch a ride" on a moving vehicle.
- Never wear headphones while biking—you need to be able to hear what is going on at all times.
- Wear bright-colored clothing for safety.
- Avoid road hazards such as sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, gravel and ice.

## Hand Signals

Use the uniform code of hand signals to communicate your turns and stops—failure to do so can result in collisions with other riders and accidents with motorists sharing the road.

**LEFT TURN SIGNAL:** After checking behind you, hold your arm straight out to the left and ride forward slowly.

**STOP OR SLOW SIGNAL:** After checking behind you, bend your elbow, pointing your arm downward in an upside down "L" shape and come to a stop.

**RIGHT TURN SIGNAL:** After checking behind you, bend your elbow, holding your arm up in an "L" shape, and ride forward slowly. OR, hold your right arm straight out from your side.

Scan here to watch the City of Hagerstown's bicycle safety video that includes recommendations on how to ride safely on public streets.

## Markings, Signs and Signals for Safe Cycling

**BIKE LANES**

- 5' to 6' wide section of street reserved for bike use.
- Usually found on high traffic streets.
- Special pavement markings and signs identify the lanes.

**MARKED SHARED LANES**

- Cars and bikes share the street, usually with lots of traffic but too narrow for bike lanes.
- Be aware of the "door zone."
- Signs and markings encourage cars to share the lane with bicyclists.

**SIGNED BIKE ROUTES**

- Parked cars share the lane with cars and bikes.
- Signed route signs must have directional arrow and distance to destinations.
- Bike routes are usually streets not wide enough for bike lanes, but are good streets for biking.

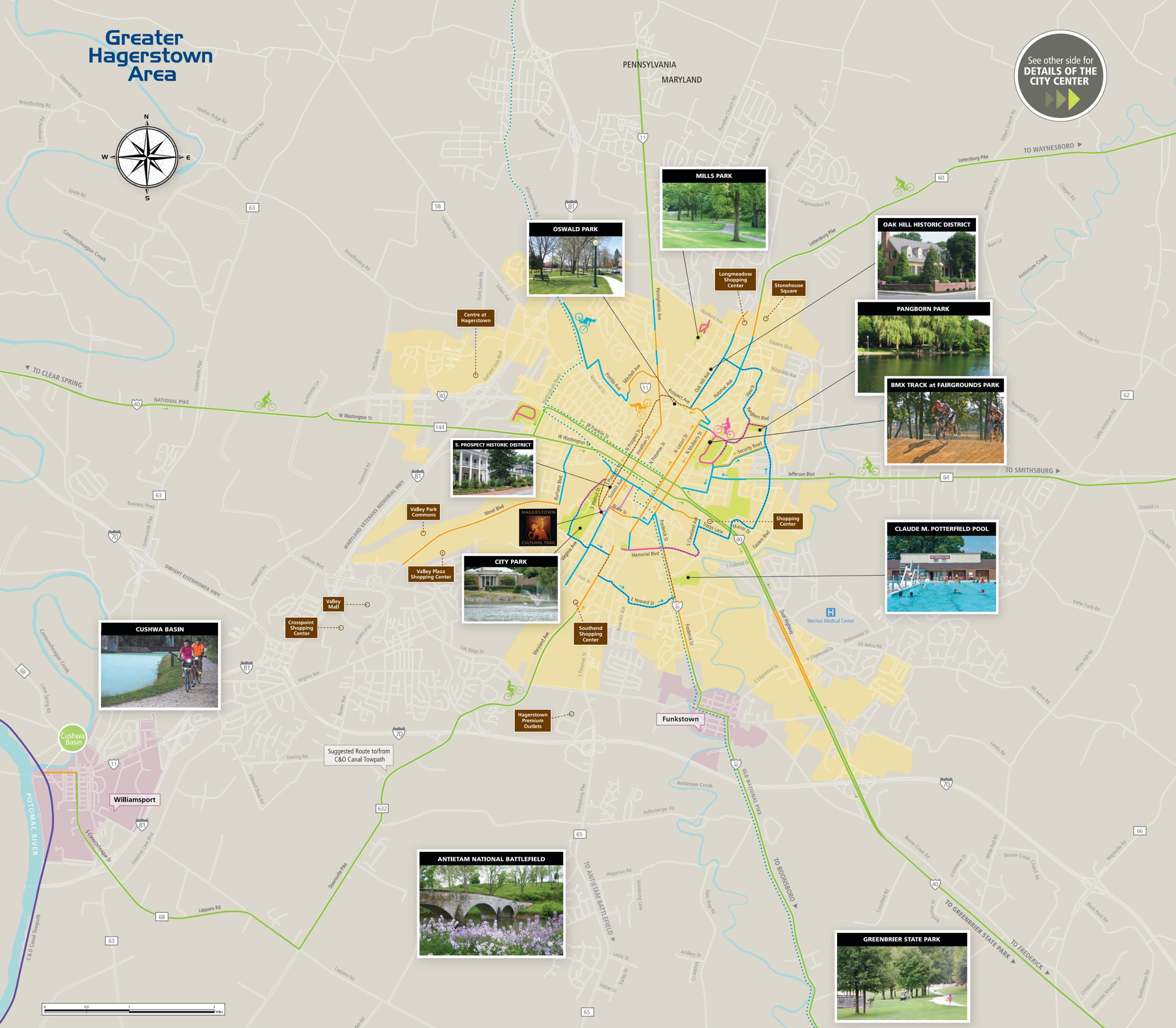
**MULTI-USE TRAILS**

- Separated from the road for bicycles, walkers, runners, and in-line skaters.
- All users keep to the right of the trail unless passing.
- Yield to pedestrians and equestrians.
- Slow down when traffic increases.
- Warn others when passing with a bell, horn, or call-out.

# Greater Hagerstown Area



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ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD



GREENBRIER STATE PARK

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## City of Hagerstown Parks

<b>Bloom Park</b> . . . . . 346 North Potomac Street	<b>Hellane Park</b> . . . . . 156 Park Avenue	<b>Oswald Park</b> . . . . . 221 Prospect Avenue
<b>City Park</b> . . . . . 501 Virginia Avenue	<b>Memorial Park</b> . . . . . 561 South Potomac Street	<b>Rotary Club of Long Meadows Park</b> . . . . . 325 Northern Avenue
<b>Fairgrounds Park*</b> . . . . . 351 North Cleveland Avenue	<b>Mills Park</b> . . . . . 519 Northern Avenue (northern entrance)	<b>Staley Park</b> . . . . . 726 Frederick Street (Behind Claude M. Potterfield Public Swimming Pool)
<b>Funkhouser Park</b> . . . . . 570 Jefferson Street	<b>National Road Park</b> . . . . . 806 West Washington Street	
<b>Greenwalt Park</b> . . . . . 101 East Avenue		
<b>Hager Park</b> . . . . . 276 East Memorial Boulevard		
	<b>Pangborn Park</b> . . . . . 591 Pangborn Boulevard	
	<b>Wheaton Park</b> . . . . . 449 Sumans Avenue	

\* Hagerstown BMX (HBMX) is located within Fairgrounds Park. Visit HBMX at [www.hagerstownbmx.com](http://www.hagerstownbmx.com)

## CVCC – AVC



**Cumberland Valley Cycling Club (CVCC)**, based in Hagerstown since 1983, is a recreational bicycling club. CVCC is affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists, a national bicycle information and advocacy organization. Visit CVCC at: [www.bikecvcc.com](http://www.bikecvcc.com)



**Antietam Velo Club (AVC)** is a competitive cycling club. AVC is affiliated with USA Cycling, the governing body of amateur cycling in the United States, and sponsors several Mid-Atlantic District Championship races each year. Visit AVC at: [www.avcracing.com](http://www.avcracing.com)