CARLISLE PLEASANT BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TRAIL NETWORK MAP

1. LeTort Park (260 E. Pomfret Street)
LeTort Park serves as the trailhead for the LeTort Spring Run Nature Trail, a 2.2-mile trail meandering along the LeTort Spring Run. This 12-acre park is well suited for family enjoyment and includes a lighted tennis court, 2 lighted pickleball courts, a gravel volleyball court, a youth ball field, a spray pool in the summer months and Fort LeTort, an extensive playground area for young children open year-round. Barbecue grills and picnic tables are also available. Two pavilions are available for rent through Carlisle Parks and Recreation.

2. Goodyear Park (205 S. Bedford Street)
This 4-acre park is located on S. Bedford Street next to the LeTort Spring Run and the LeTort Elementary School. It connects to LeTort Park via the LeTort Spring Run Nature Trail. The park features a softball field, nature trail and ball field.

3. Seven Gables Park (3 Giant Lane)
Located off Rt. 74, this 25-acre passive park and nature center contains trees from all over the world. Best described as an arboretum, Seven Gables consists of a paved nature trail containing trees native to the area as well as many unique species of trees and shrubs found throughout the United States and abroad. Signs are posted at exceptional trees. Trails can be followed through the park. This park is maintained by South Middleton Township and policed by Carlisle Borough.

4. Spahr Tot Lot (231 Mulberry Avenue)
Spahr Tot Lot is a small, 1-acre neighborhood park along the LeTort Stream Run on the east end of Mulberry Avenue. A play area consists of swings, a slide and a climber appropriate for children ages 2-5 years old.

5. Biddle Mission Park (311 E. North Street)
Biddle Mission Park is a 5-acre park that offers a 0.75-mile walking and biking trail. The trail follows the street along the western side of the park and connects to Gettysburg College. Amenities within the park include playground equipment, picnic tables, benches, a basketball pad, exercise stations and a pavilion available for rent through Carlisle Parks and Recreation.

6. Heberling-Palmer Park (131 Lincoln Avenue)
This neighborhood park is 2.2 acres and can be accessed from A Street or N. West Street. Amenities within the park include playground equipment, a walking trail with interactive Born Learning stations for young children, a spray pool, a pavilion and a basketball pad. This park is owned and maintained by the Borough of Carlisle.

7. Memorial Park (151 W. Penn Street)
The 0.12-acre park is an older cultural site maintained into offices for the Hope Station Neighborhood Council. The park’s amenities include the Clyde George Washington lighted basketball court; a playground area, benches, a picnic site and a spray pool. Lincoln Cemetery sits at the east end of the park. An interpretive walk around the cemetery tells its history.

8. Butcher Family Tot Lot (46 Chestnut Road)
Butcher Tot Lot is a 1-acre neighborhood park located one block west of 1. Shawner Street. The park features playground equipment, swings, a basketball pool, picnic table and benches.

9. Thorold Park (550 Walnut Bottom Road)
The grounds of this beautiful 32-acre park contain spacious areas, forested areas, a garden, and an amphitheater. A 2.75-mile off-road trail links to Beholders Street and continues to Lambert's Mill Bridge. The road becomes the Mill Road, ending in a cul-de-sac.

10. Mooreland Athletic Area (300 block of Mooreland Avenue)
This 7-acre park is located behind Mooreland Elementary School on Mooreland Avenue. The park contains a softball field, a multipurpose field, tennis courts and playground equipment.

11. Stuart Community Center (415 Franklin Street)
The offices for the Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department are located at the Stuart Community Center. Health and Fitness programs and sports leagues are available for children, youth and adults. The facility offers air-conditioned meeting rooms, a program registration and rental of pavilions and parks.

12. Carlisle Community Pool (1256 Franklin Street)
Located at the north end of Franklin Street, the Carlisle Community Pool offers a 12,000 sq. ft. main pool complete with a diving board, giant floating slide, aqua cycling well and lap lanes. The test pool features a tea cup spray fountain for families with young children. Additional features include 2 large shade shelters, a concession stand, changing rooms, basketball court and volleyball courts, and a pavilion. Pool information may be obtained by calling the Carlisle Community Pool at (717) 245-6957. Off-season call (717) 245-2310.

13. Lindner Park (629 W. Louther Street)
Lindner Park is located on W. Louther Street between E. Park and W. Park Streets and is the oldest park in Carlisle Borough. The quiet 2-acre shaded park has playground equipment, a basketball court and park benches.

14. Dickson Hill Park (1240 Ritter Highway)
This park is owned and maintained by Dickinson College. As part of the Carlisle Borough Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Network, a 2.2-mile off-road trail links Dickson Hill Park with the Valley Meadows Park and Fort LeTort Parks. From start to finish, this trail offers a 3.5-mile off-road course suitable for bicyclists and pedestrians.

15. Valley Meadows Park (203 Meadow Boulevard)
A 3.1-mile trail winds around the perimeter of this 10-acre park. The trail connects to the Dickinson College Park trail, Fort LeTort, and the West End Trail. Park amenities include 2 multi-purpose fields, a ball field, playground equipment, a basketball court, and a pavilion available for rent through Carlisle Parks and Recreation.

16. Forbes Path (203 Meadow Boulevard, rear)
Forming a 3-mile meandering playground and bike trail, this linear path has access at River Road. This path is located between River Road and N. Loutcher Street. This trail is maintained by the Borough of Carlisle Borough. The path offers access to residential properties abutting warehouses on the west end of town. It also provides Valley Meadows residents with a safe route into town by foot or bike without the need to travel River Highway.

17. Shaffer Park (164 S. Spring Road)
Located in North Middleton Township, this park is owned and maintained by Carlisle Borough. Shaffer Colusa, a unique meeting place for parties or family get-togethers, is available for your event through the Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department. The park is home to the Carlisle area dog park. Contact the Carlisle Area Bagel Shop at www.carlisleareabagelshop.com for details on membership.

18. LeTort Spring Run Trail (260 E. Pomfret Street, rear)
Owned and maintained by the LeTort Borough Authority, this trail runs along the south side of the park and continues to Lamberton Middle School via an on-road section. This park is maintained by South Middleton Township and policed by Carlisle Borough.

20. Cumberland Valley Rail Trail (200 block of Allen Road)
The trail for the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail’s Extension from Carlisle to Neaville begins at Allen Road. This 1-mile on-road trail and several smaller trails, were constructed in 2017. Future expansion is anticipated. For more information, visit https://cvtc.org/2017railtrail.
How to use a Bike Rack

A cable works better than a "U" lock to allow securing the frame and both wheels. It would be advisable to run a cable through the seat as well.

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- Assist bicyclists with positioning in lanes that are too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to travel side by side within the same traffic lane;
- Alert motorists that bicyclists are likely to occupy the same lane;
- Encourage safe passing of bicyclists by motorists; and
- Reduce the incidence of wrong-way bicycling.

Bicycling Safety on Roads and Trails

- Always wear a helmet: Pennsylvania law requires all cyclists under age 12 to wear an approved bicycle helmet. Helmets are recommended for all riders.
- When riding a bicycle on a roadway, the bicycle is considered a vehicle and must obey all traffic laws. Ride with the flow of traffic. Obey stop signs and traffic lights. Hand signals are required.
- You can ride a bicycle either on the shoulder or the roadway itself, depending on conditions.
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- A bicyclist must yield to pedestrians on roads and trails.
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- When using your bike at night, it must be equipped with a front lamp, rear reflectors and side signs and markings.

Example of Wayside Marker

Carlisle’s Wayside Markers

The Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania was founded in 1753. Throughout the colonial period, Carlisle was the major jumping-off point for travel west to the Ohio Valley. It was George Washington’s choice for his army’s first arsenal and school. Carlisle was also home to the Carlisle Industrial Indian School, a school for American Indians, of which Olympic champion Jim Thorpe is an alum. The location of the Carlisle Industrial Indian School now houses the U.S. Army War College. Carlisle is also home to Dickinson College, which was chartered at the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783 — the first college to be chartered after the Treaty of Paris. In 2002, Historic Carlisle, Inc. and the Borough of Carlisle partnered to initiate the Carlisle Wayside Marker Project using interpretive signage to honor and preserve Carlisle’s rich heritage for the enjoyment and education of Carlisle’s residents and visitors alike. The Wayside Markers tell the story of Carlisle’s people, buildings and historic sites and events.

In the map below assist you on a self-guided walking and/or biking tour of the Wayside Markers. The Historic District is indicated by a Bold Red Line. The Square is indicated by the green box.

Park and Trail Guidelines

Please do not litter. There are no trash receptacles on the bike trails. Pack it in, pack it out!

Carlisle Borough parks and trails are alcohol-free and smoke-free. The Borough participates in the Young Lungs at Play program.

Off-road trails and parks are open from dawn to dusk.

Dogs are permitted as long as they are kept on a 6’ leash and dog waste is bagged and properly disposed of.

Hand and Arm Signals

How to signal a left turn: extend your left hand and arm upward.

To signal a right turn: extend your left hand and arm downward.

To signal a stop or decrease in speed: extend the left hand and arm downward.

Handy tips for bicycling

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- Follow all traffic rules, use crosswalks and watch for traffic as you visit each site to learn more about the history of Carlisle.

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Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department
Smart Community Center
415 Franklin Street
Carlisle, PA 17013
717-243-3318
www.carlislepa.org

Borough of Carlisle
Bicycle and Pedestrian Network

Dickinson Trail

Thornwald Park

Kiosk at West End Trail

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- Like all road users, slower vehicles should keep to the right and ride single file.
- Left turns should be made from the left side of the driving lane or from a designated left turn lane.
- A bicyclist must yield to pedestrians on roads and trails.
- You are not permitted to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk in a business district.
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