

New Map Makes It Easier For Bicyclists To Get Around Wheeling

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Getting around Wheeling should be easier for cyclists this summer thanks to a new map released this weekend highlighting the safest trails to all Wheeling Park District locations.

Extending from Chevy Chase Country Club on the north down to the Prospect Heights Metra Station at its south end, the map connects existing bicycle paths with neighborhood streets and sidewalks on busier streets to create the easiest way to wheel through the village.

Routes include the Prospect Heights Bike Path, Northgate Parkway and Dundee Road, which links up with the Des Plaines River Trail, a 56-mile path that follows the Des Plaines River.

“What we’re really trying to do is promote the benefits of cycling,” said Matt Wehby, deputy director of the Wheeling Park District. “You don’t have to drive.”

He said the map was part of a partnership with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to identify safe ways to rise bicycles in the village. “It’s a product we’re excited about,” Wehby said.

Residents got their first glimpse of the map during the park district’s Earth Day celebration over the weekend.

This summer, residents will have an extra reason to get out to the parks on their bikes, with community events held at each of the 13 parks or facilities in the district from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. A schedule of the events should be up on the district website within the week, Wehby said.

