

# Little Traverse Wheelway

## OVERALL MILEAGE

From Charlevoix at the bridge to downtown Harbor Springs is 26.65 miles. Trail mileage only is 23.4.

For your reference of distances, please see the chart below and keep the following in mind:

- When referring to "Charlevoix" that means Waller Road.
- When referring to "Petoskey" that means Bayfront Park.
- When referring to Harbor Springs that means Hoyt Street.

### Point-to-Point on trail miles

Charlevoix to Harbor Springs	23.4
Charlevoix to Petoskey	14.4
Petoskey to Harbor Springs	9.0

### Charlevoix County Segment

Charlevoix to Bay Shore	7.3
Charlevoix to MDOT Park	3.0
MDOT Park to Bay Shore	4.3
MDOT Park to MDOT Overlook	2.5
MDOT Overlook to Bay Shore	1.8

### City of Petoskey West Trail Segment (including Bay Harbor)

Bay Shore to City of Petoskey	7.1
Bay Shore to East Park Entrance	4.85
East Park to Magnus Park	1.25
Magnus Park to City of Petoskey	1.0
Quarry Trail, Bay Harbor to East Park	0.8

### City of Petoskey East Trail Segment (including Bay View)

City of Petoskey to Spring Lake Park	3.15
City of Petoskey to Tannery Creek Trailhead (at overlook)	2.5
Tannery Creek Trailhead to Spring Lake Park	0.65

### Harbor Springs Segment

Spring Lake Park to Harbor Springs	5.8
Spring Lake Park to Petoskey State Park	1.0
Spring Lake Park to Little Traverse Township Park	2.8
Petoskey State Park to Little Traverse Township Park	1.8
Petoskey State Park to Harbor Springs	4.9
Little Traverse Township Park to Harbor Springs	3.0



## About the Wheelway

The Wheelway is a re-establishment of a turn of the century railway that goes from Waller Road in Charlevoix to Hoyt Street in Harbor Springs. The trail itself is 23.4 miles and is surfaced with 8' to 10' wide asphalt or a 6' wide concrete sidewalk and is open to non-motorized uses only. On road connections extend into downtowns, for a total of 26.65 miles.

### Charlevoix County Segment

The Wheelway starts at Waller Road in Charlevoix and extends to Bay Shore. The trail traverses a wetland on 2/3 of a mile boardwalk before it meets and runs adjacent to Little Traverse Bay. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) roadside/ waterside picnic facilities are available for trail users. Parking is available at Shanahan Park on Waller Road, MDOT Roadside Park and West Park in Bay Shore.



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and crossing of the highway to connect with Spring Lake Park and the North Western State Trail (that runs north to Alanson). Parking is available at Bayfront Park, Tannery Creek Trailhead (behind Glen's) and Spring Lake Park.

### Harbor Springs Segment

From Spring Lake Park intersection to Harbor Springs the Wheelway runs primarily along M-119. It passes by the entrance to the Petoskey State Park; if you are looking for a beach, take a detour! The trail runs adjacent to the Harbor Springs Airport before crossing the highway at Little Traverse Township Park (great views!). After a short boardwalk the trail curves away from the highway to a midblock crossing into the Harbor Spring's Kosequat Park. Parking is available at Spring Lake Park, Little Traverse Township Park and Kosequat Park.

### Little Traverse Conservancy Nature Preserves

Scattered along the Wheelway are various nature preserves protected through the Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC). These beautiful properties are open to explore but please be mindful of the environment. For more information, visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org), call 231.347.0991, or download the LTC app for your smart device.

### City of Petoskey West Segment

From Bay Shore the Wheelway runs parallel to the highway along the Bay Harbor development before dropping down to East Park and running along a bluff into the Petoskey's Bayfront Park. The trail runs primarily on the former rail road corridor, includes a tunnel, many parks and spectacular views of the bay. The Quarry Trail, a spur, connects East Park and Bay Harbor. Parking and facilities are available at West Park, Bay Harbor, East Park and Bayfront Park.

### City of Petoskey East Segment

Starting at Little Traverse History Museum the Wheelway runs through Bayfront Park along the original location of the late 1800's railway; signs saying "No Teaming or Driving" are replicas from the original trail. The trail then uses a sidewalk through historic Bay View before it turns back to align with the former railroad corridor along the Bay. The trail meets M-119 where there is an intersection

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TRAIL MAP

Little Traverse Wheelway



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26 mile trail

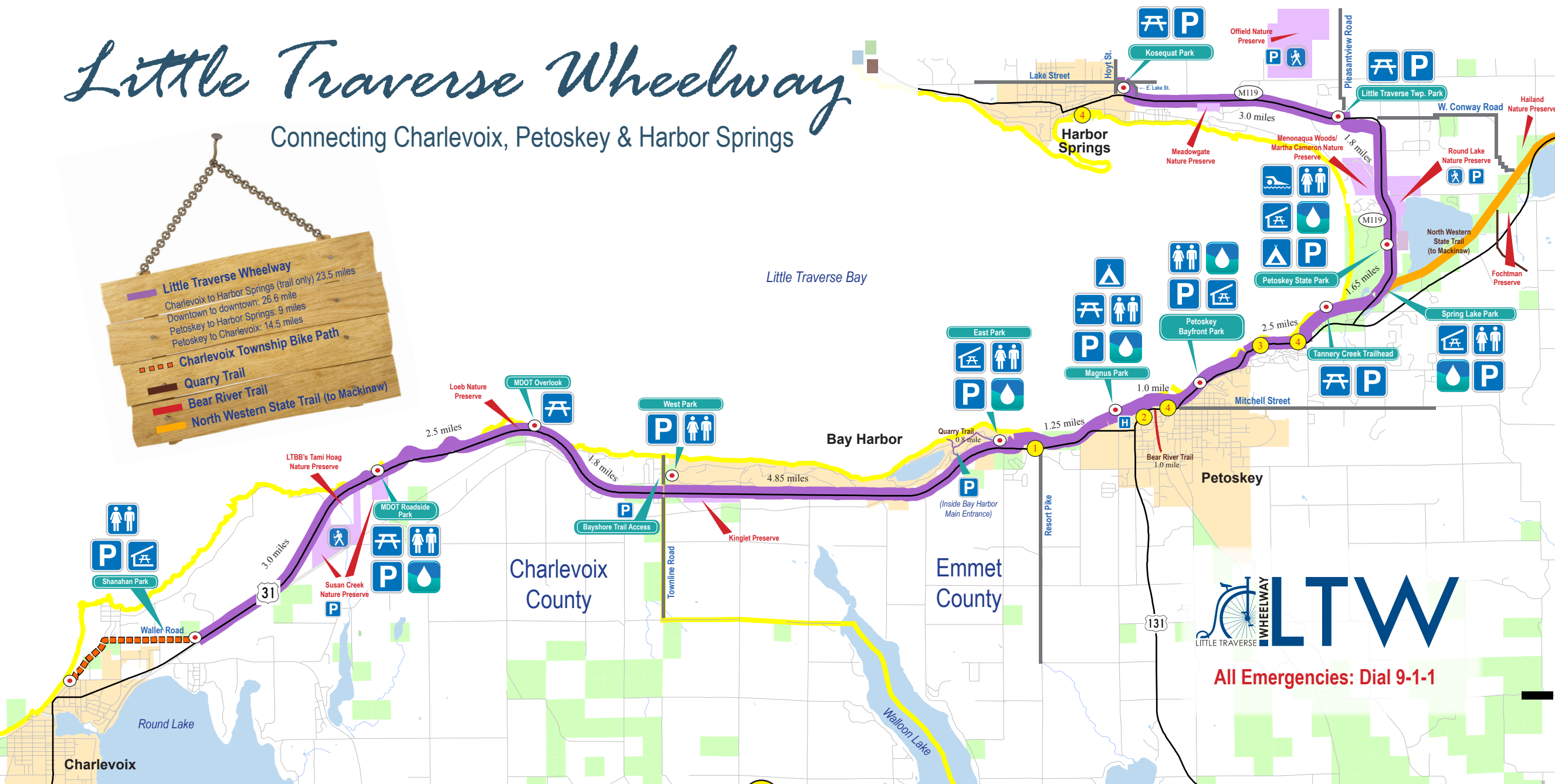
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Connecting Charlevoix, Petoskey & Harbor Springs



## Wheelway Etiquette

- Obey traffic signs.
- Stop, look & listen for motor traffic before crossing.
- This is a multi-use trail; be respectful and share the path.
- Always stay to the right side of the trail except to pass.
- When passing, announce your presence with a bell or by saying, "on your left."
- Always travel at a safe speed.
- Move off the pathway when stopping.
- Pets should be on-leash and under control.
- Wear a bicycle helmet.

Please do not litter!



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