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# Biking Ohio's Rail Trails



## Synopsis

An indispensable book for bikers, hikers, walkers, joggers and families who want to enjoy Ohio's trails. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

The book was a little older than I thought so a lot of the trails in the book are not complete. But I know they are. But if you are new to the area as I am it does show you where the trails are so you can look them up and see how they are

First impression: Poorly laid out. The contents are organized by the name of the trails. The first three "names" are: "Bike & Hike", "Bike Route -1", "Bike Route -2". There is an amateurish attempt at a map of the whole state with the trails in dark blue and some sort of numbering system. Unfortunately, the numbers are only marginally proximate to the routes (unless they are written over them -YOU try reading black type on a dark blue background!) The map and the legend for the whole book are hidden in the preface - I guess they think you won't be referring to them very often. Some trails are broken up into haphazard sections - I guess to fit the map scale - which varies only slightly from map to map. There is no way to find a trail by either location or length. Unless you know the "name", you'll have to scan the index (guess where it is!) looking for a "vicinity" you recognize. An example: Looking for something east of Cleveland I find one in the vicinity of "Ashtabula/Warren" (if you look at a map you'll find those cities are 45 miles apart) go to the page

indicated and ...no, you won't find that map. Leaf forward and it'll show up. Then you can read all about the "future plans" for the trail. You might overlook the information on the length of the trail or the trailheads since the author hides that info in his painfully stiff prose. Show up at the trailhead and there is a beautiful asphalt trail for about 0.06 miles before it turns into golf ball size crushed rock (you'll need new tires - and leave the kids home!) but only for a mile or so. North of there, it's all as described, but he obviously didn't do his homework. He seems more interested in what the planned trails will look like someday than what you can use today. Also no good information on traffic, elevation changes, or trail surface. Caveat Emptor.

I should have bought a newer edition.

Good info.

This is a good book on the trails here in Ohio. However, it is a bit dated and there is no web site for input. Still a good value for finding and navigating the Ohio bike trails.

At first, I was excited to find this book, as it promised to guide me to all of the "rails to trails" bike paths in Ohio, tell me what points of interest I could find along the way, and, most important to someone relatively new to the state, where to park. Unfortunately, as I flipped through the book prior to purchasing it, I did not see that after the first 50 or so pages, the book mostly describes paths that DO NOT EXIST. These are part of the mythical "Ohio to Erie" bike trail. Also, there are not clear directions for getting to the trails (for instance, what exit to take from the nearest freeway). Points of interest include "shops," "restaurants," and other vague descriptors. Where to park is equally vague. I expected to be told where I could most conveniently access the trail, at multiple points. Instead, for the Kokosing trail, for instance, I am told I can park in "Mount Vernon" or one of the other towns along the route. Really? I can park in the town? So helpful. (To be fair, for some of the other trails, parking instructions are more specific.) I recommend that Mr. Richardson review *Bike Rides: Los Angeles County* by the Brundiges for pointers on how to write a helpful guide to bike trails. I was so disappointed in this book I would return it if I could, but I unfortunately bought it in a shop two hours away from where I live. The one bright spot is that the book promises that there will be a trail I could ride to get there--someday!

This edition of *Biking Ohio's Rail-Trails* by Shawn E. Richardson was great for "the 2000-aughts

decade." However, trails have been extended and new trails have been built making it necessary for creating a larger and more up to date book. This book is now revised and updated for 2012 with an entire new cover. Check out the new "Biking Ohio's Rail-Trails/4th Edition" then check out the new trails across Ohio!Shawn

An "indispensable book for bikers, hikers, walkers, joggers and families who want to enjoy Ohio's Trails." This book is a major update of the original Biking Ohio's Rail-Trails offering more trails to visit. Shawn E. Richardson's book Biking Ohio's Rail-Trails follows an identical format to Shawn E. Richardson's other two books Biking Missouri's Rail-Trails and Biking Wisconsin's Rail-Trails. This colorful paperback book includes detailed maps, photos, and a description to each trail. Trail lengths range from 1 mile to 72 miles and include information about trail surface (smooth crushed limestone, asphalt), trail use (biking, roller blading, horses, wheelchair, hiking), parking, and points of interest. Shawn E. Richardson provides information about the Ohio Office of the Rails to Trails Conservancy and their involvement with Ohio's rail-trails. If you live in Ohio, or plan to visit Ohio, this book is a must for any cyclist!

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