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TIPS FOR SAFE BICYCLING

WATCH FOR ME NC

A STATEWIDE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Did you know that under NC state law, bicyclists are classified as vehicles—and have the same rights to the road, and must obey the same rules, as a car or truck?

We all share the responsibility to make sure North Carolina roads are safe for everyone, including pedestrians and bicyclists. Safe places to walk and bike are important for supporting active, vibrant communities. The "Watch for Me NC" program aims to reduce pedestrian and bicycle injuries and deaths through a comprehensive, targeted approach of public education and police enforcement.

WHAT IS A BICYCLE SUITABILITY MAP?

This map is provided as a tool for those who intend to bicycle in the Cape Fear Region.

This map was generated using roadway data such as traffic volumes, traffic speeds, roadway widths, and other factors to begin defining suitability for bicycling. The results were then refined based on input from area cyclists, drawing from their knowledge of riding conditions in the area. The resulting map, and the comfort levels it indicates, applies to cyclists experienced in operating on the roadway network with other motorized vehicles. Inexperienced cyclists looking for bikeways free of motorized vehicles should refer to the multiuse path (purple) facilities. This map is a work in progress. Every bicyclist will not agree with all of the ratings, and all bicyclists must use good judgment regarding their skill levels to determine the routes most appropriate for them.

WHAT IS THE PLAN TO IMPROVE BICYCLING CONDITIONS?

The 2017 Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan identifies opportunities, constraints, and recommendations for improving bicycling throughout the region.

Bicycle-friendly communities improve overall quality of life for residents and visitors, in terms of public safety, health, economics, mobility, and the environment. To this end, the Cape Fear Council of Governments and the North Carolina Department of Transportation are working together to create safer and more connected routes for bicycling. The plan was developed through an open and participatory public process, covering Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender Counties as well as southern Bladen, western Onslow, and southern Sampson Counties. To learn more, please visit the project website:

www.capefearcog.org/regionalbikeplan

BICYCLING IN THE CAPE FEAR REGION

The North Carolina coast is growing in popularity as a bicycling destination due to its small historic towns, scenic countryside, and beautiful beaches that are becoming more accessible by bicycling. The flat terrain, agreeable climate, and numerous backroads offer pleasant bicycling conditions in many areas. Choose from variety of landscapes to start your trip, from beaches to lakes, urban to rural, historic to modern. Connect by bicycle to the region's many parks, historic sites, and coastal destinations. This map shows a "bicycling level of comfort" for roads throughout the region. See the panels that follow to learn how the map was generated, how to provide feedback, and how bicycling conditions may continue to improve in the future.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE DETAILS ABOUT BICYCLING IN THE REGION?

The information on this map is also available online, allowing you to zoom into routes and provide comments. Your input is needed to make this map better, so please suggest updates or additions! Some comments have already been collected, and will be reflected in future map updates:

wikimapping.com/wikimap/Cape-Fear-Suitability-Map.html

Also be sure to check out ncbikeways.com, which features details on official state bike routes, including turn-by-turn directions, destination information, and elevation profiles:

ncbikeways.com

The best way to learn more is to talk with local cyclists. With over 350 club members, the Cape Fear Cyclists are the voice for cyclists in the region, bringing together individuals that have a common interest in bicycling, and leading on bicycle advocacy:

capefearcyclists.org

Go online and talk to local cyclists to learn more!

CAPE FEAR REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN

BICYCLE SUITABILITY MAP A

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NORTHWESTERN CAPE FEAR REGION

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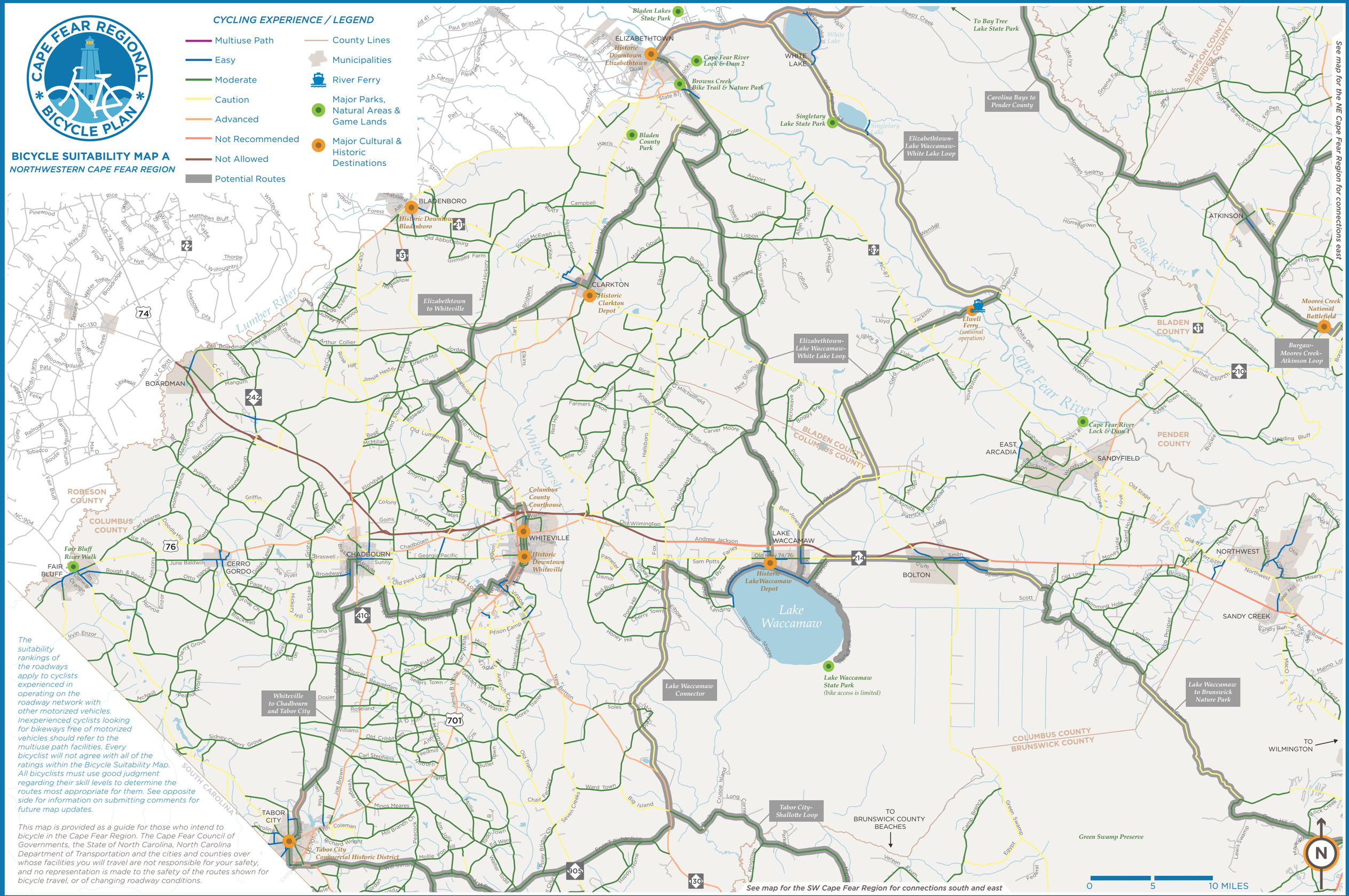

The suitability rankings of the roadways apply to cyclists experienced in operating on the roadway network with other motorized vehicles. Inexperienced cyclists looking for bikeways free of motorized vehicles should refer to the multiuse path facilities. Every bicyclist will not agree with all of the ratings within the Bicycle Suitability Map. All bicyclists must use good judgment regarding their skill levels to determine the routes most appropriate for them. See opposite side for information on submitting comments for future map updates.

This map is provided as a guide for those who intend to bicycle in the Cape Fear Region. The Cape Fear Council of Governments, the State of North Carolina, North Carolina Department of Transportation and the cities and counties over whose facilities you will travel are not responsible for your safety, and no representation is made to the safety of the routes shown for bicycle travel, or of changing roadway conditions.