

## AUSTIN

Austin, Minnesota is a progressive and diverse city with a population of over 24,000 people located about 100 miles south of the Twin Cities right on Interstate 90. Seven exits from the freeway offer convenient access to Austin's many attractions and amenities. Home of the Fortune 500 Hormel Foods Corporation, maker of SPAM®. Austin is also known as SPAM®TOWN USA. The one and only SPAM® Museum is located in downtown Austin. With free admission, it is one of the most popular visitor attractions in the state. Another great point of interest in Austin is the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center. With over 500 acres of hardwoods, pine forests and restored prairie lands, it is a great place to walk along the many trails and immerse oneself in the sights and sounds of nature. Annual city celebrations such as Freedom Fest around the 4th of July and Christmas in the City and Austin ArtWorks Festival are important traditions for many residents and visitors. Community Recreation Center will provide a great space for individuals and families to gather and promote wellness and fun. A visit to Austin may also include a stop at the local bike shop where there is a collection of over 80 historical bikes way back to the 1860s "boneshaker". Speaking of history, a stroll around the Mill Pond located along North Main Street will introduce the "Pillars of the City" with bronze plaques dedicated to those past and present individuals who made Austin the great place to live, work, and play that it is today.



## ROSE CREEK

Rose Creek, Minnesota is a quiet, friendly community approximately 15 minutes from Austin. Rose Creek celebrated their Sesquicentennial in 2017. Roughly 300 residents live in the city limits in the middle of flourishing rural farmland. Rose Creek has a very clean city park that includes tennis courts, a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and a baseball diamond. The Group Bar has an inviting restaurant and bar, and sponsors many community events. Rose Creek shares the beautiful Star Bike Trail that runs from LeRoy to Austin along beautiful State Highway 56. The Cedar River Golf Course is just a few miles past the road, and snowmobiling in the winter is a favorite pastime. Rose Creek boasts the Southland Rebels school district and lays claim to its own volunteer fire department.

Rose Creek welcomes everyone any time of the year, but puts on their charm and grandest greeting during their annual Rose Creek Days, the weekend after the 4th of July holiday. Come and spend some time or a lifetime in Rose Creek, Minnesota.



## ADAMS

Adams, Minnesota is a vibrant community of 787 people on the prairie just 5 miles north of the Minnesota-Iowa state line and about 15 miles southeast of Austin. The city of Adams was founded in 1868 and will be hosting a special 150th anniversary celebration in the summer of 2018.

The Shooting Star Bike Trail winds through Adams. Bikers and walkers are able to enjoy the vestiges of the native tall-grass prairie flowers, grasses, and herbs that pioneers encountered 150 years ago when they settled this area. Adams provides lots of activities for visitors to the community. The city has a park with camper sites and hook-ups available. A swimming pool is located across the street from the park. An archery range is located south of the park that is free to visitors. An 18-hole golf course is located just outside of town. The First National Bank Building in downtown Adams is listed on the National Register of Historical Places, with the American Legion, Veterans' Museum located across the street. Adams is home to the Southland Public School and hosts Southland Rebels athletic activities. Adams also is home to Sacred Heart School, a kindergarten through 8th grade facility.



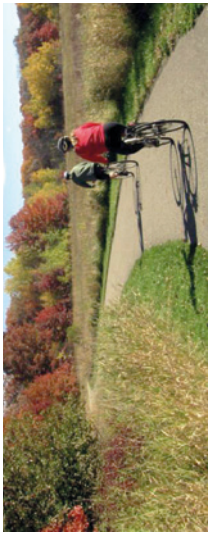
## TAOPI

Taopi, Minnesota is located along Highway 56, designated as a Scenic Byway, near the source of the Wapispicon River. It is home to 58 residents. Taopi was platted in 1875 by the Taopi Farming Company. The unusual name of the city derives from the Dakota War of 1862, named after "Taopi", an Indian chief that befriended the settlers after the New Ulm massacre. "Taopi", a chief of the Mdeveakanton Dakota tribe saved the lives of 250 settlers and earned the gratitude of the people and a city namesake. Taopi is part of the four community joint powers tourist group called Prairie Visions. The group sponsors and helps maintain the Shooting Star Bike Trail that runs through Taopi. The old Taopi railroad area on the west edge of the city is one of the few remaining native prairie sites in Minnesota. The area is home to original tallgrass prairie and many wild flowers.



## LEROY

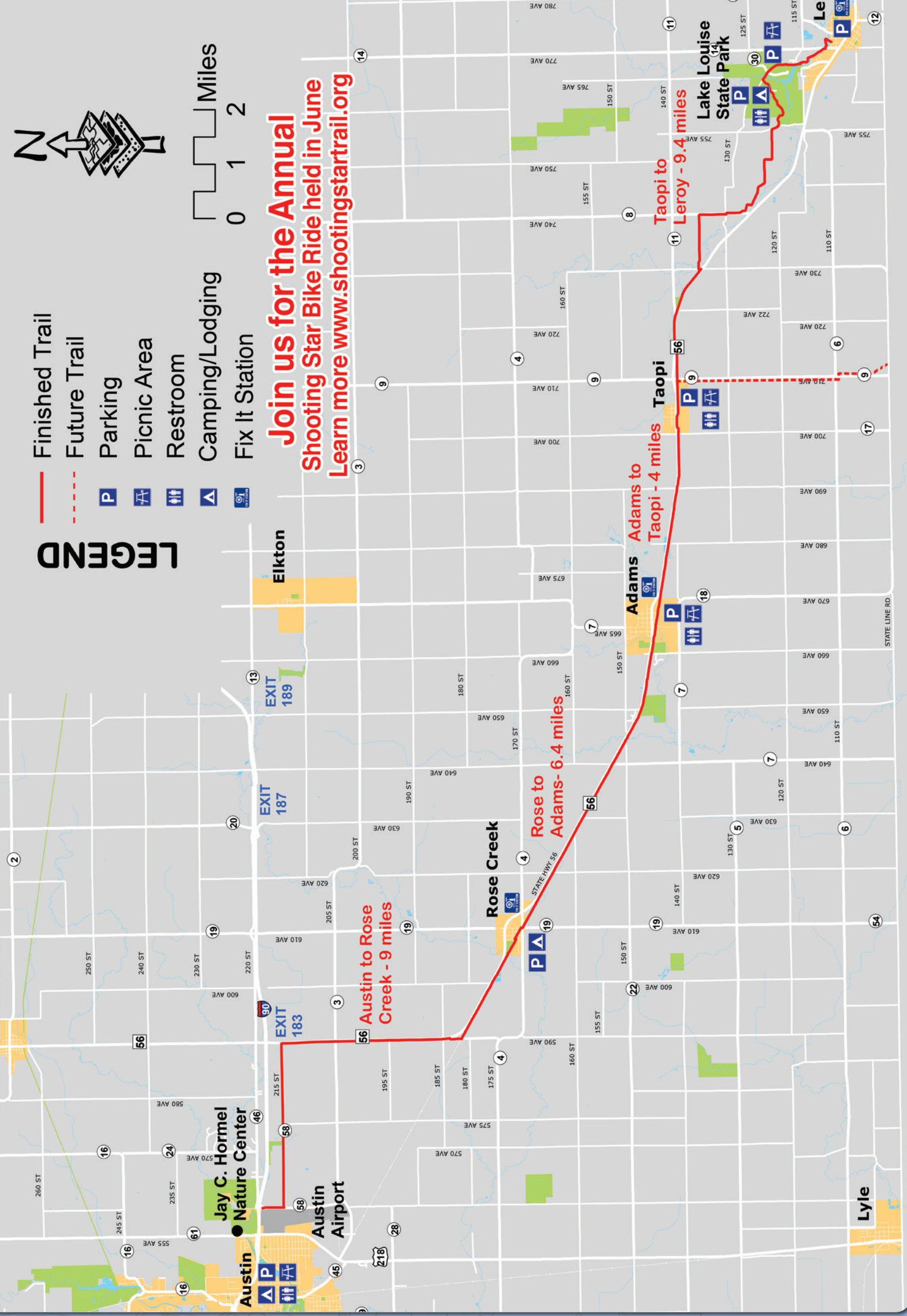
Minnesota, a friendly and progressive community, anchors one end of the Shooting Star Bike Trail, and also is home to Lake Louise State Park, a year-round indoor community swimming pool, and a bowling alley. LeRoy has two city parks with picnic shelters, playground equipment, tennis courts, ball diamonds, and basketball hoops. It boasts two buildings on the National Register of Historic Places—a prairie-style bank designed by Purcell and Elmslie (students of Louis Sullivan) and the Public Library building, the only example of the small-town Carnegie-type. Classical Revival-style library building left intact in Mower County. Lake Louise State Park lures hikers, bikers, horseback riders, skiers, and snowmobilers to its trails, which wind through open landscapes and lush hardwoods. A colony of the rare Allium nemorosum, also known as nodding wild onion, can be found in the park. The nodding wild onion blooms in the spring along with the purple fringed orchid. The confluence of the Little Iowa and the Upper Iowa Rivers that occurs in the park provides ample water recreation for swimmers, canoers, and fishermen. The lakeside picnic grounds and campground draw many visitors in the summer. LeRoy is also home to the free, unique, and educational Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm lookout and Interpretive Center.



# CITY OF AUSTIN BIKE TRAIL



# SHOOTING STAR STATE BIKE TRAIL



## LEGEND

- Finished Trail
- - - Future Trail
- P Parking
- PA Picnic Area
- TR Restroom
- A Camping/Lodging
- FI Fix It Station

0 1 2 Miles

**Join us for the Annual Shooting Star Bike Ride held in June**  
Learn more [www.shootingstartrail.org](http://www.shootingstartrail.org)

**Austin to Rose Creek - 9 miles**

**Rose to Adams - 6.4 miles**

**Adams to Taopi - 4 miles**

**Taopi to LeRoy - 9.4 miles**



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**WALKING PATHS AND BIKE TRAILS**

**Lake Louise State Park**  
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507-324-5249 / [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)  
1,168-acre park that contains two spring-fed streams forming the headwaters of the Upper Iowa River. Enjoy hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and interpretive trails. Features wildflowers, picnic shelters, recreation vehicle dumping station, horse campgrounds, regular campgrounds, sandy swimming beach, and carry-in canoe access. The park is noted as being the oldest recreational site in Minnesota.

**Spruce Up, Austin Tree Trek**  
East Side Lake at the intersection of 5th Ave NE and Oakland Pl NE  
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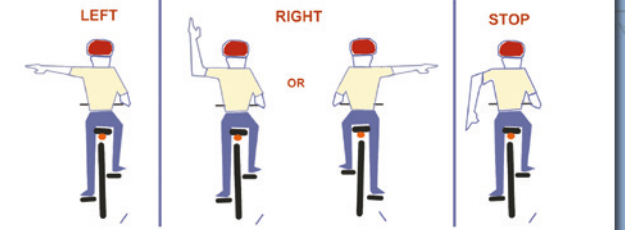


**#BikeAustinMN**



**Please be courteous and use hand signals**

LEFT RIGHT STOP



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**East Side Lake Bike Trail** advances off the Mill Pond and East Side Lake and follows Oakland Avenue to Dresner Park where it connects to the Cedar River Trail.

**Mill Pond Path** a bike/walking trail which circles the beautiful Mill Pond Park. The trail then heads east along 8th Avenue NE and continues north on Todd Park Bike Trail is 2.4 miles in length and leaves from the Mill Pond area, two red-tailed hawks, a barn owl, and other critters. The staff offer many programs that include wildflower and bird hikes, cedar pressing, maple syruping, monarch tagging, hawk and bird talks, bird banding, beekeeping and honey making, and more.

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**East Side Lake Gazebo**  
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**Todd Park North Complex**  
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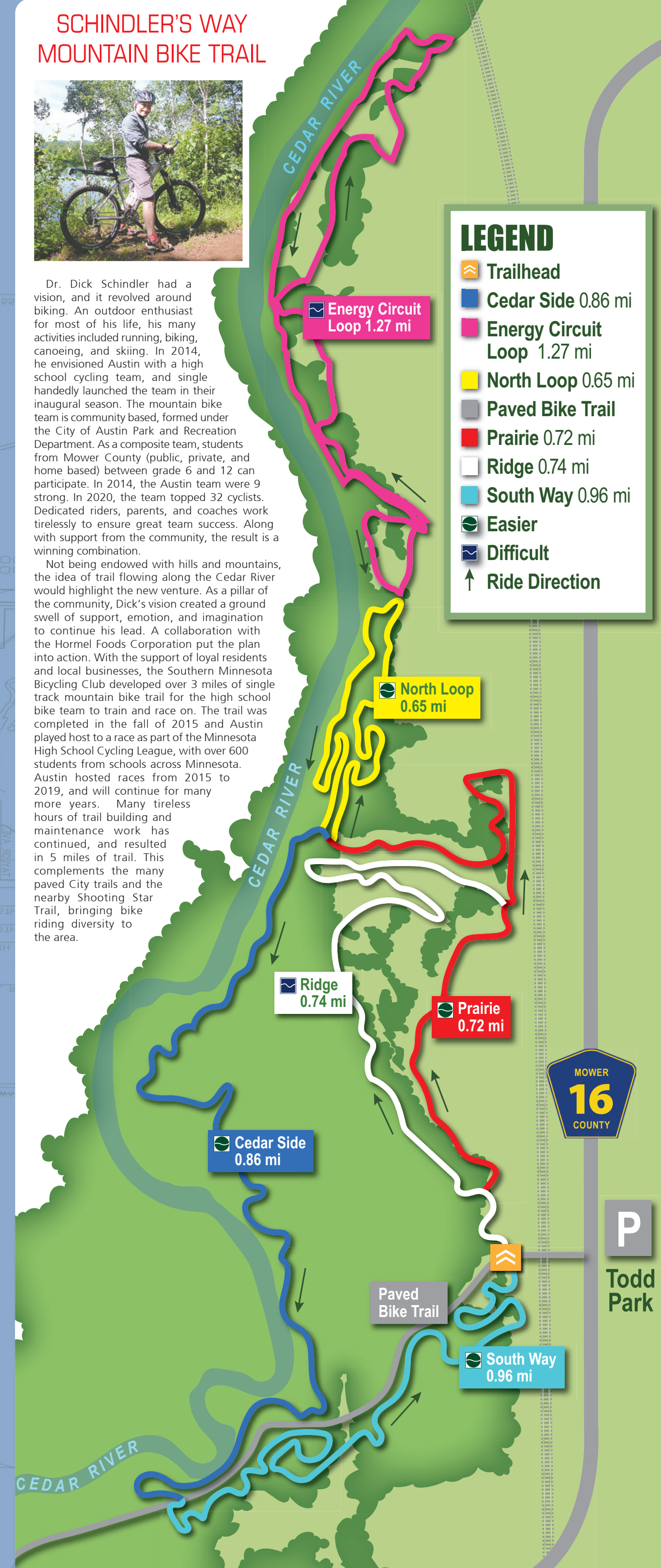
**SCHINDLER'S WAY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL**

Dr. Dick Schindler had a vision, and it revolved around biking. An outdoor enthusiast for most of his life, his many activities included running, biking, canoeing, and skiing. In 2014, he envisioned Austin with a high school cycling team, and single handedly launched the team in their inaugural season. The mountain bike team is community based, formed under the City of Austin Park and Recreation Department. As a composite team, students from Mower County (public, private, and home based) between grade 6 and 12 can participate. In 2014, the Austin team were 9 strong. In 2020, the team topped 32 cyclists. Dedicated riders, parents, and coaches work tirelessly to ensure great team success. Along with support from the community, the result is a winning combination.

Not being endowed with hills and mountains, the idea of trail flowing along the Cedar River would highlight the new venture. As a pillar of the community, Dick's vision created a ground swell of support, emotion, and imagination to continue his lead. A collaboration with the Hormel Foods Corporation put the plan into action. With the support of loyal residents and local businesses, the Southern Minnesota Bicycling Club developed over 3 miles of single track mountain bike trail for the high school bike team to train and race on. The trail was completed in the fall of 2015 and Austin played host to a race as part of the Minnesota High School Cycling League, with over 600 students from schools across Minnesota. Austin hosted races from 2015 to 2019, and will continue for many more years. Many tireless hours of trail building and maintenance work has continued, and resulted in 5 miles of trail. This complements the many paved City trails and the nearby Shooting Star Trail, bringing bike riding diversity to the area.

**LEGEND**

- Trailhead
- Cedar Side 0.86 mi
- Energy Circuit Loop 1.27 mi
- North Loop 0.65 mi
- Paved Bike Trail
- Prairie 0.72 mi
- Ridge 0.74 mi
- South Way 0.96 mi
- Easier
- Difficult
- Ride Direction



**MOWER COUNTY 16**

**Todd Park**