



# *Auburn Bicycle Tours Guide*





### Purpose:

The purpose of the guide is to encourage more people to ride their bicycles for leisure and exercise and to highlight the City of Auburn. The City of Auburn is approximately 47.2 square miles and ideal to explore by bicycle. The City of Auburn is the only city in the state of Alabama to be nationally recognized by the League of American Bicyclists with a Bicycle Friendly Community Award. The tours listed throughout the guide offer many diverse and interesting aspects of our small town and give citizens a reason to get on their bicycles and exercise. But most importantly, this guide reminds everyone to have a safe and fun time while exploring the bike trails of Auburn.

### About the Auburn Bicycle Committee:

The Auburn Bicycle Committee is a community group dedicated to promoting safe bicycle travel throughout the town. Our group is active and we strive to offer bicycle-related activities throughout the year. You can always check out our progress and events by visiting our website:

**[www.auburnalabama.org/cycle](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cycle)**

### Questions or Suggestions:

There is much more in Auburn to discover than what is covered in this guide. If, during your adventures, you should uncover details that need to be corrected or changed, trails that need to be added, or if you should notice or find things that would enhance this guide, please contact the City of Auburn at 334-501-3000 or **[webpw@auburnalabama.org](mailto:webpw@auburnalabama.org)**. It is the goal of the Auburn Bicycle Committee to keep the guide as current and correct as possible and the committee will review and consider all suggestions and comments that are submitted.

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### Things to Keep in Mind While You Are Riding:

You are an ambassador for all bicyclists. Please be safe, kind and courteous to all vehicular traffic, pedestrians and other cyclists. If you follow these guidelines, more often than not, you will be repaid in kind.

Take the Explore Auburn Bike Map (included in the center section of this guide) or a City of Auburn map with you. Maps can be picked up from Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce or the Douglas J. Watson Development Services Building.

All of the tours are listed from shortest to longest length, with the skill level needed to complete each route listed for your convenience. The shorter length courses are typically the easiest and skill level increases with distance. The skill levels assigned to each tour are set by the members of the Auburn Bicycle Committee; however, based on your riding ability, you may not always agree with the Committee's assessment.

A **P** symbol indicates the starting point for the tour. You may choose to start at any point on the tour; however, the starting point indicated on each tour has a parking facility located nearby for your convenience. Most rides are best ridden in a clockwise direction to minimize left turns.

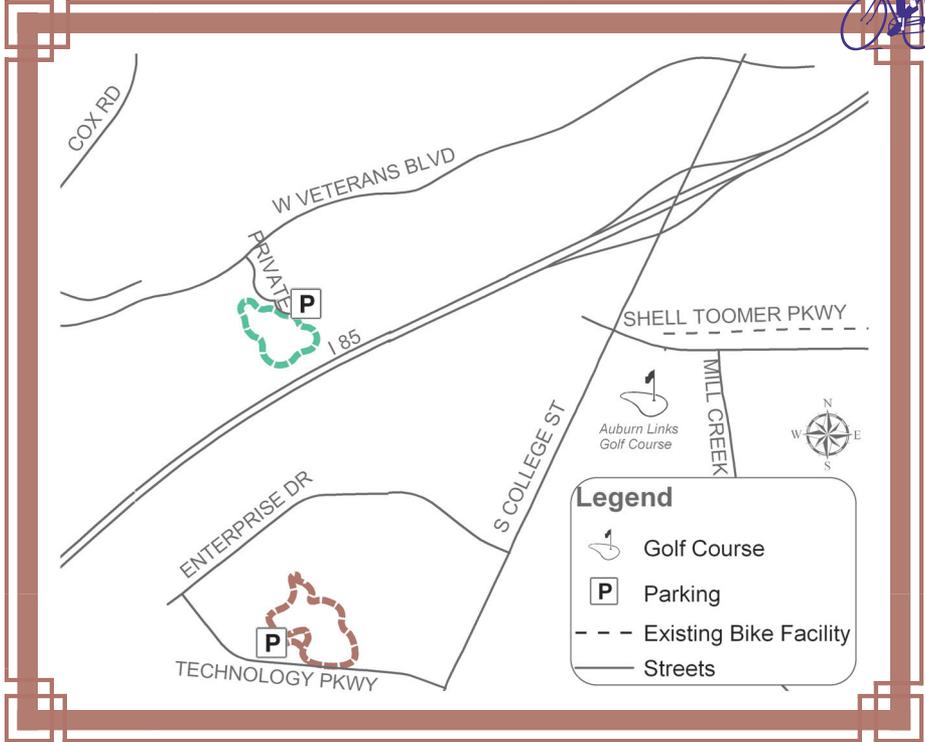
Remember...PLEASE OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS! Please use the proper hand signals in order for pedestrians and vehicular traffic to understand which direction you are traveling in and when you are stopping. Children under the age of 16 MUST wear helmets. For more information regarding traffic laws in the state of Alabama, please visit

[www.auburnalabama.org/cycle/safety.asp](http://www.auburnalabama.org/cycle/safety.asp)

A great deal of information is contained within this guide and every effort has been made to provide this information as accurately as possible. Roads, trails and bike paths, however, can change with time; some roads and trails may not be marked by signs; distances may vary with individual cyclocomputers; and land agency rules and regulations are subject to interpretation and change. There are risks inherent in bicycling. The Auburn Bicycle Committee or the City of Auburn accepts no responsibility for inaccuracies or for damages or injuries incurred while attempting any of the tours listed.



# North and South Technology Park Loops



**\*\* HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN \*\***

**Skill Level** – Beginner

**Length** – North Loop Approximately 0.4 mile; South Loop Approximately 0.6 mile

**Special Features** – *North:* Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Pond

*South:* Benches, Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Pond, Trash Receptacles

**Highlights:** This tour is fabulous for children because there is no automobile traffic making this a great opportunity to learn to ride a bike. This tour is a casual ride around the lakes at the Technology Parks. The lakes provide a perfect setting to watch the ducks and the geese play, or perhaps to listen for the sound of crickets chirping and frogs croaking. Both lakes have a pavilion and picnic tables, which make this tour a great spot to hold a family picnic after a fun bike ride.



# Charlotte and Curtis Ward Bike Path Loop



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**Skill Level** – Beginner

**Length** – Approximately 3 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, Bike Racks, Information Kiosk, State Park, Trash Receptacles

**Highlights:** The Bike Path is separated from the roadway (Shell Toomer Parkway) and is a great place for children to work on their bicycling skills. This is a popular trail for walkers, runners and cyclists. The path is set back in the woods and crosses two picturesque streams, including Town Creek. Several benches are located along the route. The bench near the wooden bridge over the wetlands provides a great vantage point to view the beavers hard at work, as well as the other inhabitants of this very special area, including turtles, fish and various species of birds. At the east end of the path is the entrance to Chewacla State Park, which, for a minimal entrance fee of \$3.00, can expand your ride into an all day adventure. Bike racks and trash containers are also conveniently located along the Charlotte and Curtis Ward Bike Path, as well as an information kiosk where flyers and maps about bicycling are available at no cost courtesy of the Auburn Bicycle Committee.



# Cary Woods Loop



**Recommended for children with some skill level; small children may have trouble with the distance of the tour.**

**Skill Level** – Beginner

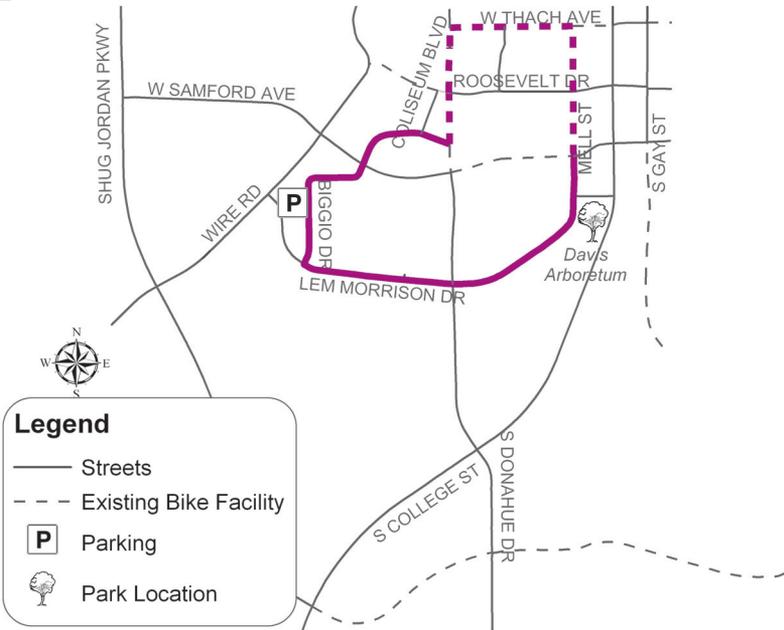
**Length** – Approximately 3 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, Bike Racks, City Park, Picnic Tables, Playground, Restrooms, Trash Receptacles

**Highlights:** The Cary Woods loop starts at the kid-friendly, community-built Hickory Dickory Park, which was designed to resemble notable landmarks throughout the city. The loop continues throughout the Cary Woods neighborhood, where there is a mixture of architectural styles from modern to antique throughout the neighborhood, each nestled underneath a canopy of trees. During this loop, you will pedal past Cary Woods Elementary school, which has a unique and exciting playground. The loop ends back at Hickory Dickory Park, which is a great setting for a family picnic, play area or just a good ‘ole fashioned rest stop.



# University Loop



**Skill Level** – Intermediate to Experienced

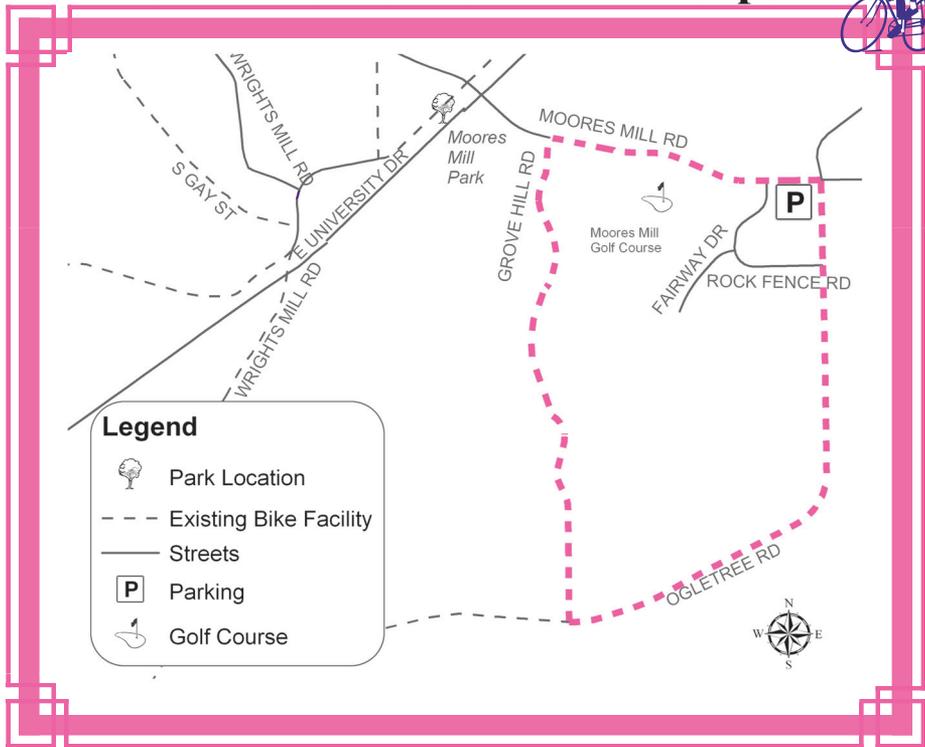
**Length** – Approximately 3 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, Bike Racks, Davis Arboretum, Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Pond, Restrooms, Tennis Courts, Trash Receptacles

**Highlights:** The tour begins at the Intramural Athletic Fields and continues past the new Women’s Softball Complex, the Martin Aquatics Center, and then proceeds to other notable university landmarks, such as Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum (Basketball), Plainsman Park (Baseball) and Jordan-Hare Stadium (Football.) This loop highlights the university campus, including the Ralph Brown Draughon Library, the President’s Home, and the Davis Arboretum. The Arboretum is a great place to take a break and explore the natural setting, but please remember to bring a lock and park your bike outside because bikes are not allowed on the grounds. As you continue on the loop, you will pass the “Old Rotation,” which is the oldest continuous cotton crop rotation experiment in the world, and is a location on the National Register of Historical Places. Throughout the rest of the tour, you will pass other university landmarks including the Ham Wilson Livestock Arena, the new Agriculture Heritage Park and Greek Row.



# Moore's Mill Golf Course Loop



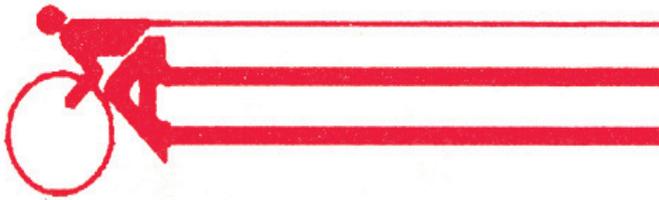
**Skill Level** – Beginner to Intermediate

**Length** – Approximately 5 miles

**Special Features** – Golf Course

**Highlights:** The loop, which was the first bike facility loop in Auburn, begins at the Ogletree Village Center, at the corner of Moors Mill Road and Ogletree Road, and travels clockwise down an exciting descent into the Moors Mill Creek Valley. As you cross the creek bed, take a moment to look out over the beauty of the Moors Mill Golf Course and gather your strength, as you are about to climb one of the steepest and longest hills in Auburn. As you wind your way around the golf course enjoy the landscaped yards and beautiful homes of the Grove Hill and Moors Mill neighborhoods. Stronger riders might want to ride this loop in reverse and save the steep climb for the end of the route; while the truly experienced and adventurous riders will turn around after finishing the first loop and ride a second loop in reverse, which would allow them to begin and end with a challenging climb and double the mileage.





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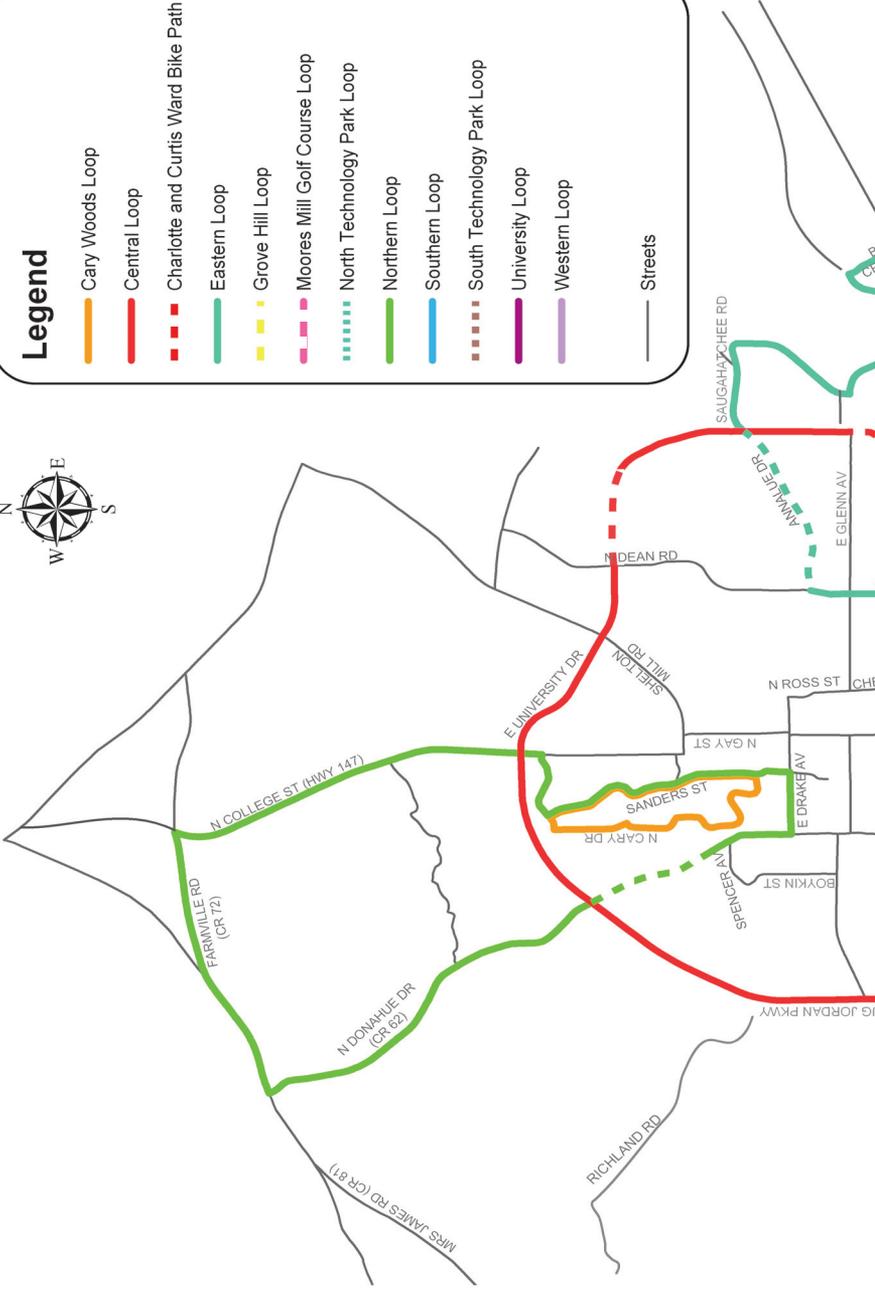
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**Legend**

- Cary Woods Loop
- Central Loop
- Charlotte and Curtis Ward Bike Path
- Eastern Loop
- Grove Hill Loop
- Moores Mill Golf Course Loop
- North Technology Park Loop
- Northern Loop
- Southern Loop
- South Technology Park Loop
- University Loop
- Western Loop
- Streets







**Bike Bash** is an annual event hosted by the City of Auburn and the Auburn Bicycle Committee to encourage biking activities, endorse bicycle safety, promote the health benefits of biking, and emphasize local, bike friendly trails and areas. The event includes rides of varying distances to facilitate the different experience and ability levels of the riders, young and old. **Bike Bash** also includes demonstrations, informational booths, and live music as a part of the Bike Expo. As part of the Expo, riders are encouraged to get assistance with helmet fittings and bike inspections from qualified directors prior to the ride. Door prizes are given away, courtesy of the **Bike Bash** sponsors. All proceeds from the **Bike Bash** benefit future Auburn Bicycle Safety programs and other bicycling events. For information on the annual event please visit: <http://www.auburnalabama.org/cycle>.

The Auburn Bicycle Committee would like to thank the following sponsors who have been continuously generous in their annual **Bike Bash** contributions.



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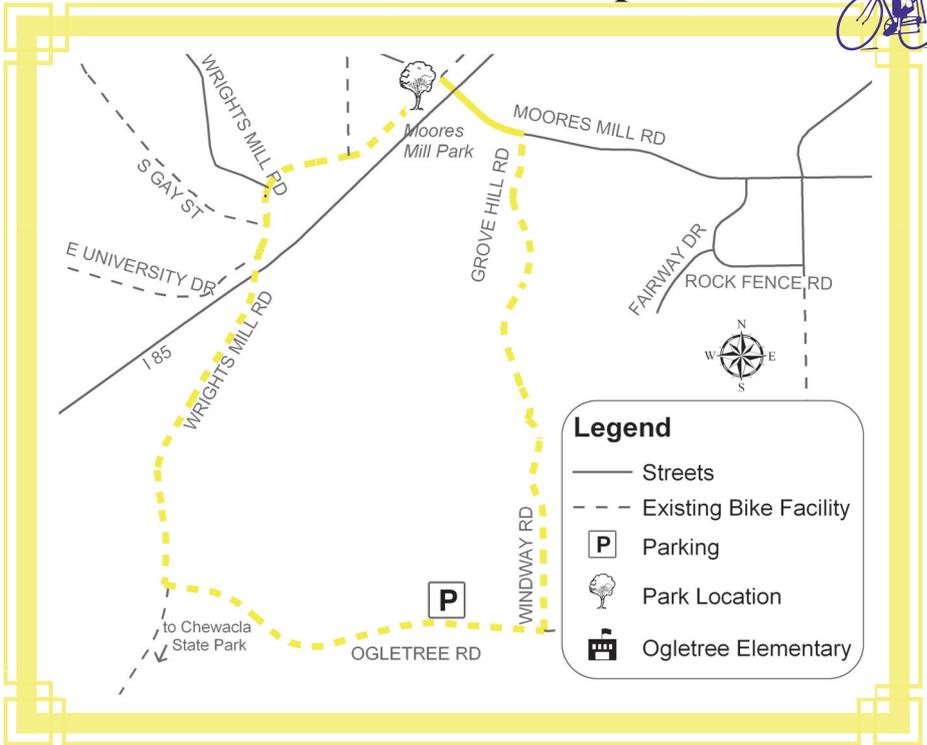
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# Grove Hill Loop



**Skill Level** – Beginner to Intermediate

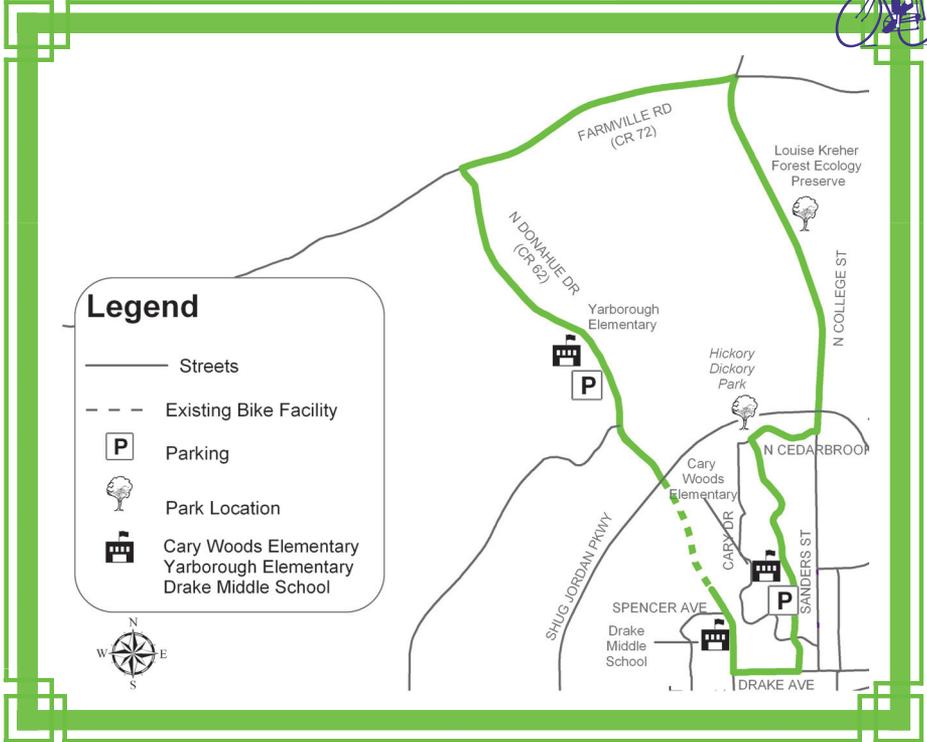
**Length** – Approximately 5 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, City Park, Grills, Playground, Volleyball Court

**Highlights:** The loop begins at Ogletree Elementary School and travels west down Ogletree Road to Wrights Mill Road. During the route you will cross a small creek, which links Lake Wilmore to Ogletree Lake. Also, on this course you will travel over I-85, a major economic thoroughfare for the City of Auburn and surrounding areas. A little further on you will pass Moores Mill Park, which hosts a sandy volleyball court. Continue on through the Grove Hill neighborhood to return to Ogletree Elementary School.



# Northern Loop



**Skill Level** – Experienced

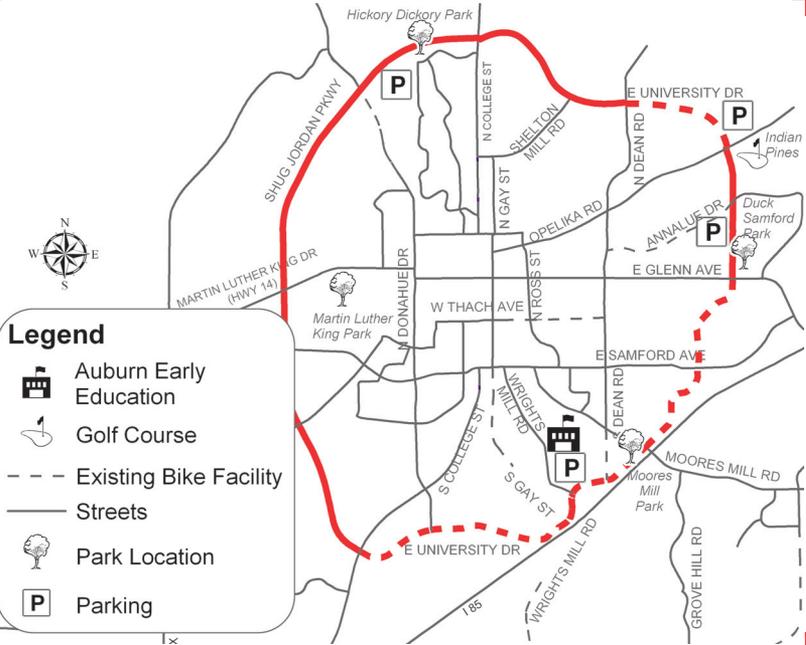
**Length** – Approximately 10 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, Bike Racks, City Park, Fitness Trails, Picnic Tables, Playground, Restrooms, Trash Receptacles

**Highlights:** The loop begins at Cary Woods Elementary School and heads north on Sanders Street. A small detour to the kid-friendly, community built Hickory Dickory Park may be worthwhile. Once you leave the neighborhood behind, you will cross over Shug Jordan Parkway. At this point the speed limit increases to 55 mph and traffic increases as well. As you continue on the loop, you will cross Saughatchee Creek and pass the Auburn University Fisheries and the Louise Kreher Forest Ecology Preserve. This Forest Preserve is 110 acres of donated forestland dedicated to preserve the forest and serve as an educational facility for students. It features more than 15 trails open to the public for hiking, birding, or photography. Remember to bring a lock because bikes are not allowed on the trails. Continuing on the loop will take you past the Yarbrough Elementary School on North Donahue Drive before returning to Cary Woods Elementary School.



# Central Loop



**Skill Level** – Medium to Experienced

**Length** – Approximately 13 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, Bike Racks, City Park, Grills, Picnic Tables, Playground, Pond, Restrooms, Tennis Courts, Trash Receptacles, Volleyball Court

**Highlights:** The loop begins at the Auburn Early Education Center and heads north towards Moors Mill Park, which boasts a sand volleyball court and net, as well as picnic benches and a great place to grill out. As you travel on the loop, you will notice the course has many “ups and downs,” which is why it is nicknamed the “Wavy Loop.” Throughout the tour; you will pass several favorite leisure spots in town, including: Duck Samford Stadium, home of the Auburn High School football team; Duck Samford Park, which boasts ten baseball fields, walking trails, a pond and a playground area; and the Indian Pines Golf Course, which is a public course with tennis courts. On this tour; you will pass through several commercial corridors and many traffic-heavy sections; make sure you take advantage of the bike lanes where available.



# Western Loop



**Skill Level** – Medium to Experienced

**Length** – Approximately 15.5 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, Bike Racks, City Park, Information Kiosk, Picnic Tables, Playground, State Park, Trash Receptacles

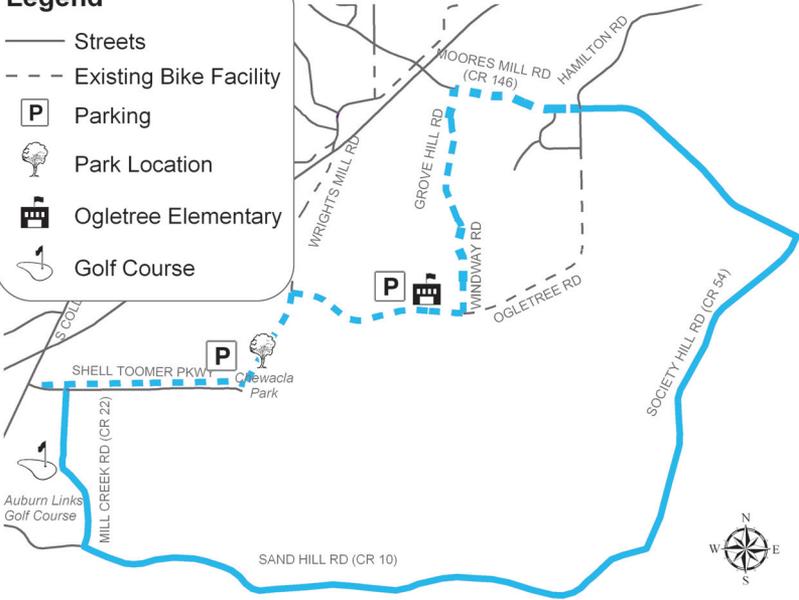
**Highlights:** The loop begins by traveling west on the Charlotte and Curtis Ward (CCW) Bike Path and continuing on to Mill Creek Road, past the Auburn Links Golf Course. During the next section of the course, use caution, as the traffic is very heavy and some of the shoulders are very narrow. The route also takes you by several of our Industrial Parks, along with a horse farm and many of Auburn University's facilities, including the Women's Softball Complex, the Intramural Fields, the Agriculture Heritage Park, the USDA National Soil Dynamics Laboratory and the Telfair Peet Theatre. As you wind your way back through town, notice the historic homes along Samford Avenue and Gay Street. Once you are on Wrights Mill Road, follow the bike lanes back to the Charlotte and Curtis Ward (CCW) Bike Path. Here you can end your adventure or you can add to your excursion by visiting Chewacla State Park for a minimal entrance fee of \$3.00. Be sure to stop at the bike kiosk for brochures and maps about bicycling compliments of the Auburn Bicycle Committee.

# Southern Loop



## Legend

- Streets
- - - Existing Bike Facility
- Parking
- Park Location
- Ogletree Elementary
- Golf Course



**Skill Level** – Experienced

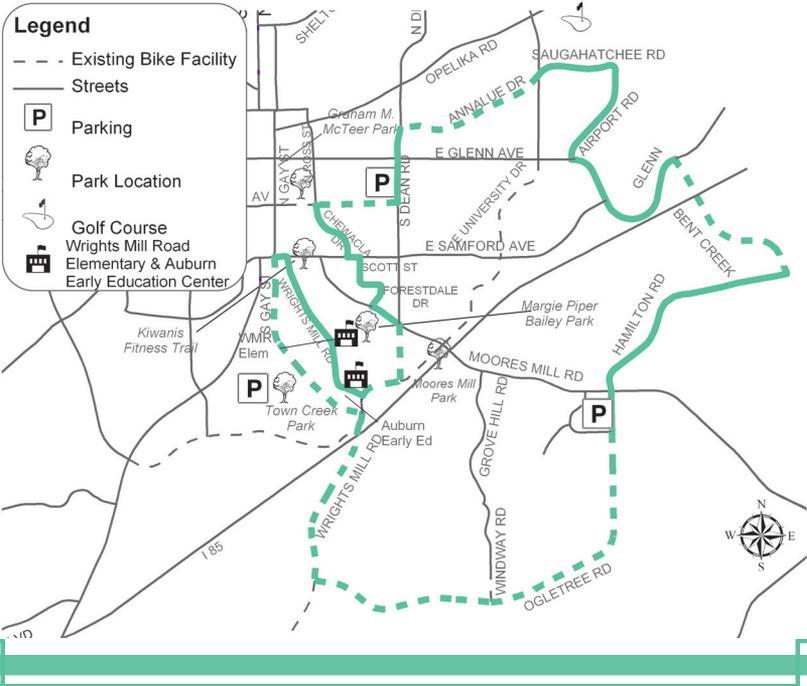
**Length** – Approximately 17 miles

**Special Features** – Benches, Bike Racks, Information Kiosk, Picnic Tables, Playground, State Park, Trash Receptacles

**Highlights:** The Southern Loop begins at Ogletree Elementary School and travels east on Ogletree Road towards Windway Road. This route takes you through many different neighborhoods with varying architectural styles and of varying ages. Once on Moores Mill Road gather your strength because you are about to climb one of the steepest and longest hills in Auburn. The route takes you out into the country and up Sand Hill where vistas are spectacular. Eventually, you will travel alongside the driving range of the Auburn Links Golf Course. After passing the course, you will enter the Charlotte and Curtis Ward (CCW) Bike Path, which will take you east towards Chewacla State Park. Stop at the information kiosk and pick-up some flyers and maps about bicycling compliments of the Auburn Bicycle Committee. Head up the Wrights Mill Road bike lanes and eventually back towards the elementary school. This tour can be challenging due to the narrow, rural roads and high volumes of fast, moving traffic.



# Eastern Loop



**Skill Level** – Experienced

**Length** – Approximately 20 miles

**Special Features** – Bike Racks, City Park, Fitness Trails, Grills, Picnic Table, Playground, Swimming Pool

**Highlights:** The Eastern Loop begins at the Auburn Public Library and steers you towards the Graham M. McTeer Park. After riding through several different types of neighborhoods, you will pass the Auburn Early Education Center, Wrights Mill Road Elementary School and Margie Piper Bailey Park. If you need a break, stop at the picnic area at the Kiwanis Fitness Trail, which is located behind Auburn Junior High School and the Samford City Pool. As you move on, you will pass Town Creek Park and then cross I-85 towards the Wrights Mill Estates and Ogletree neighborhoods. Eventually, you will cross back over I-85; be cautious and watch for traffic exiting the interstate. As you travel down Glenn Avenue, you will pass the Auburn-Opelika Robert G. Pitts Airport and further on the course you will pass the Indian Pines Golf Course. Stop in at the library for a book before heading home.

## Other sites of interest:



### *Chewacla State Park*

124 Shell Toomer Parkway—334-887-5621

Chewacla State Park is a 696 acre state park featuring a 26 acre lake with rental boats and canoes, picnic areas, tennis courts, a playground and 5 miles of trails some of which run through a nature preserve for hikers and mountain bikers. (Admission Charge)

### *Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center*

222 East Drake Avenue—334-501-2963

The Community Arts Center contains an art gallery that focuses on local and regional talent, as well as a performance space for community theatre and various art classrooms.

### *Jonathan B. Lovelace AU Athletic Museum and Hall of Honor*

392 South Donahue Drive—334-844-0764

Located in the Athletic Complex at the corner of Donahue and Samford Avenue on the campus of Auburn University, the museum is dedicated to honoring Auburn's athletic past. Documenting all of the intercollegiate sports played by Auburn men and women through the years, the museum demonstrates how athletic programs have contributed to Auburn's historical traditions.

### *Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art*

901 South College Street—334-844-3081

The museum is a 40,000 square foot building with 15 acres of botanical gardens featuring a permanent collection devoted primarily to 19th and 20th century American and European Art as well as the popular Advancing American Art Collection. (Admission Charge)

### *Louise Kreher Forest Ecology Preserve*

3100 AL Hwy. 147 North—334-502-4553

The Forest Ecology Preserve is a 110 acre nature preserve featuring more than 15 trails and various plant and animal viewing areas. Hours are unique, call for seasonal hours. [www.forestry.auburn.edu/eco-site](http://www.forestry.auburn.edu/eco-site)

### *Kiesel Park*

550 Chadwick Lane—334-501-2930

Kiesel Park is a 128 acre passive park with nature trails, an outdoor pavilion, tremendous green space, home to the historic Nunn-Winston house and the site of the annual Auburn CityFest.

### *Tuskegee National Forest*

125 National Forest Road 949—334-727-2652

The Tuskegee National Forest offers its visitors the Uchee Firing Range, the scenic Bartram National Recreation Trail, which offers some of the best single track mountain biking in East-Central Alabama, as well as plenty of wildlife viewing at Tsinia Wildlife Viewing Area for photography buffs. Visitors come to Tuskegee to hike, fish, photograph, study nature, hunt, bird watch, canoe and camp.





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