

Southbank Trail Town: Walking Tour Checklist:

Consider the following scenario as you complete the self-assessment and work to consider the questions from the visitors' perspective:

It's a beautiful fall weekend, and you decide to pack up the family and the bikes and head to your trail for a few days of biking. You have the trail maps and have decided to stay with friends who live nearby and have been encouraging you to come explore the trail and its surroundings. You know your teenagers will want to stop frequently for food/drink, and you're glad that the map shows towns every ten miles or so along the trail. The weather is glorious and everyone is having a great time until the first tire goes flat and you realize the pump was left in the car! Luckily, the unfortunate incident happened right as you approach town. Everyone decides to head into the town for a resolution. What did you find? (Make note of any items not mentioned in the checklist that you find important.)

Please check the city you are evaluating:

Ludlow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Covington	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bellevue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dayton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fort Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>

Traffic & Access Issues Assessment

General Access Between Trail and Town

Yes ~ No

1.	What is the distance between the business district and the trailhead(s)?			
2.	Is it easy for visitors to find and access downtown from the trail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Is there an easy grade between trail and town?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Are there sharp curves where horses, bikes and automobiles share the roadway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Is there adequate signage for people to find the trailhead from town?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Are there sign ordinances for your town's businesses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Are sign ordinances being enforced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Is there adequate signage from the trail leading to the town?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Is there sufficient signage for finding businesses and services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Safety

Yes ~ No

10.	Not counting the trail, are there bike lanes or "Share the Road" signs in town?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Are bike/horse lanes and road shoulders free of potholes, kept clean and free of debris?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Are there curves or hills that create blind spots unsafe for bike or horse traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Are the sidewalks in good shape?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Are sidewalks wide enough to accommodate pedestrian traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	Do curb cuts have a gentle slope?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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16.	Are all sidewalks continuous (vs. stopping abruptly), in the central business district?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17.	Are crosswalks well-marked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.	Do motorists generally respect pedestrians in crosswalks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19.	Are there pedestrian "Walk/Don't Walk" signals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.	Do signals allow enough time for a child or older adult to cross the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21.	Are pedestrians highly visible to motorists at crossings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22.	As a pedestrian, do you feel safe when walking through town?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking (Vehicles and Bicycles)		Yes	~	No
23.	Is there sufficient on-street parking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24.	Are off-street parking lots placed behind stores?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25.	Are curb cuts in front of businesses limited (in size and number), resulting in a continuous sidewalk?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26.	Are there bike racks near businesses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27.	Are bike racks placed in easy-to-find places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28.	Are bike racks well-placed to prevent interference with sidewalk use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29.	Are there secure off-sidewalk, bike parking areas close to the business district?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31.	Are bike racks simple enough for the rookie rider to use correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32.	Are there creative bike racks (i.e., combo bike rack/bench or dual use of decorative metal fencing)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signage and Information:		Yes	~	No
33.	Is there an attractive, well-placed access area sign?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34.	Is there exit directional signage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35.	Is there an informational kiosk or bulletin board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36.	Is there directional signage indicating destinations to east/west or north/south?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37.	Is there a rule/regulation/courtesy sign?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38.	Is there interpretive information?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39.	Is there information on contributing or volunteering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40.	Is there information on nearby town amenities or services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
41.	Is there a map of the town with businesses/services on the bulletin board or kiosk?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42.	Is there a take-away map of the town with businesses/services listed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
43.	If the trail crosses any roadways, are the crossings safe?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
44.	Are there signs to emergency facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Parking Lots:		Yes	~	No
45.	How many parking space are in your trailhead parking lot? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
46.	Do you have hitching posts and bike racks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
47.	Do parking spaces have extra length for hitch-mounted bike racks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48.	Does your parking lot have extra turning radius for shuttle vans or horse trailers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49.	Is there safe interface between trail users and parkers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
50.	Is there sufficient water activity parking? Do lots accommodate trucks with boat trailers? Are the lots well-located?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amenities:		Yes	~	No
51.	Are there flush-toilet facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
52.	Is there a portable toilet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
53.	Is there a public water fountain?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
54.	Are there trash receptacles?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
55.	Is there landscaping to provide shade?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
56.	Are there picnic table(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
57.	Are there pavilions or shelters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
58.	Are there bike racks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
59.	Are there hitching posts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
60.	Are there benches?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
61.	Is there security lighting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
62.	Is there a pay telephone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>