

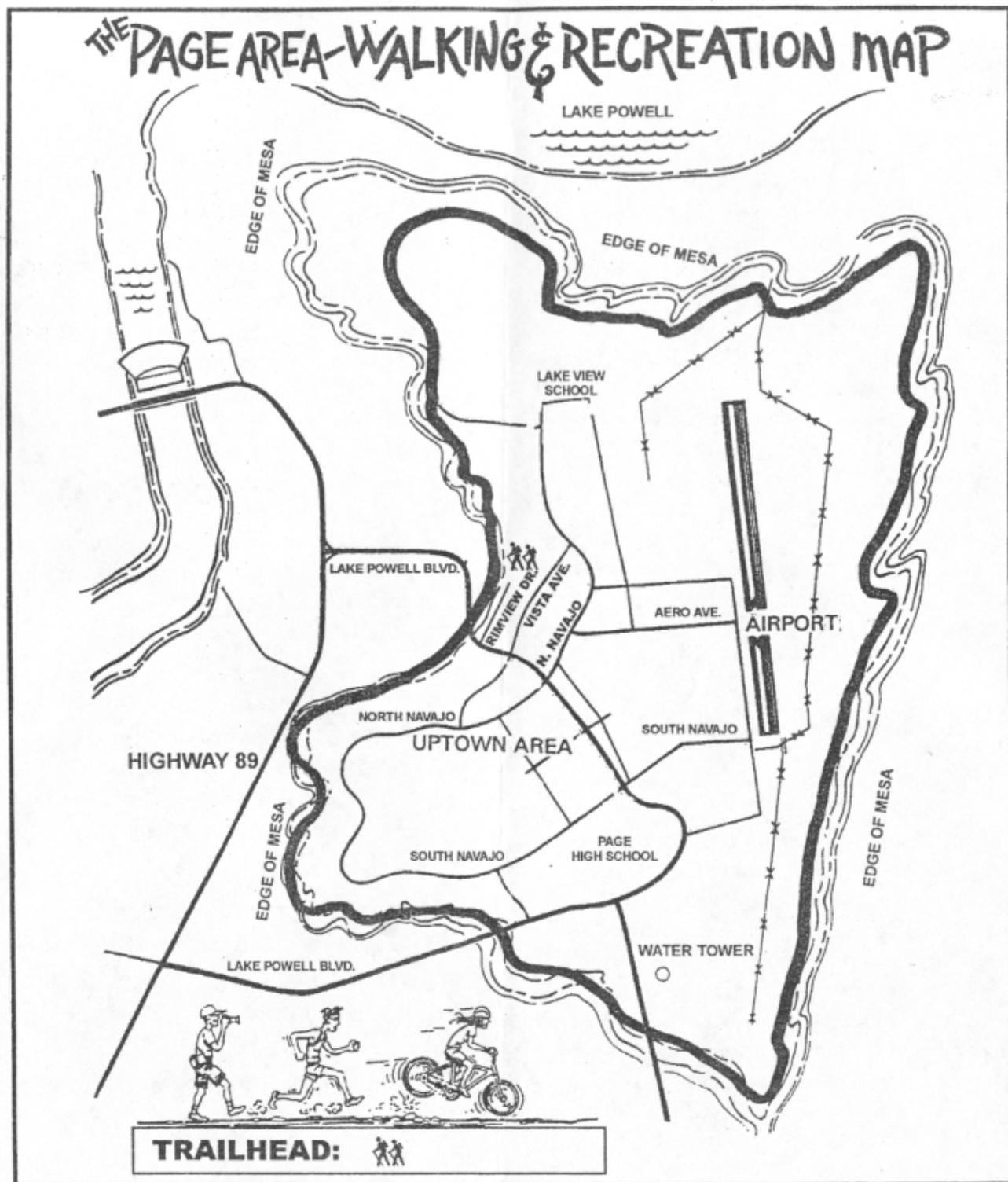
Hike it — Bike it

For the past several years, the city of Page, aided by Arizona Heritage Fund grants and many volunteer hours, has developed a walking, jogging and biking trail for the enjoyment of residents and tourists.

Bikers and hikers won't want to miss the fantastic views seen from the trail. The 8 mile long trail will take the adventurous to interesting scenic lookouts.

Novice bike riders can complete the loop in about two hours with an occasional dismount for the more difficult sections or sand. The trail is generally fast, but is sprinkled with rocky washes, loose sweeping corners and technical steps to challenge the most accomplished riders. Experienced riders can complete the trail in under an hour, or turn it into a three hour ride by detouring to enjoy the slickrock.

Many visitors take the opportunity to stop along the trail to hike or just enjoy the scenery. The trail is accessible from several places around Page, so it can be enjoyed in sections or as a continuous trail. A great place to begin is at the Nature Trail at the north end of town, near Lake View School. In order to preserve the surrounding desert terrain, please remain on the trail at all times. If you find yourself more than 30 vertical feet below the Mesa edge, you are off the trail.



Preserve it

The Rimview trail winds its way around the mesa and through some very fragile desert environment. The trail and the adjacent desert can be destroyed with just one motorized vehicle driving through the area. Motorcycles, quad-tracks, three-wheelers and pickup trucks have damaged large areas of the trail and the damage to some of the fragile desert is almost irreversible.

The high desert is incredibly fragile. Composting takes years and trampled vegetation recovers slowly.

While philosophy of "leave only footprints, take only pictures" works well in wet mountainous areas, a better standard for the desert is to leave no trace of your passing. This way, nobody's wilderness experience will be compromised by those who came before them. You can accomplish this by riding bikes on existing trails and slickrock only, and walking on established trails whenever possible.

The cardinal sin in the desert is trampling on microbiotic soil. It may take 10 years to repair a scar on Microbiotic soil left by one footprint. Please take time to detour around it. You can leave unsightly scars in the dirt and sand too. The passage of one car, or two bicycles, or three hikers can leave a trail where there was none before.

People on bicycles can damage slickrock. In the interest of preserving access to this extremely enjoyable form of riding, please exercise good judgement about where and how to ride. Judgement is subjective and rider abilities differ, so a good rule of thumb is, if you can't ride in an area without leaving a trace, walk.

It's illegal

City Ordinance Section 12-2-13 reads in part: "It shall be unlawful for any person to drive, ride, or use a motorcycle, off-highway motor vehicle, motor vehicle, mini-bike, trail bike, dune buggy, motor scooter, jeep or other form of transportation propelled by an internal combustion engine, upon any public or private property which is not an improved private street constructed in accordance with the City of Page standards and approved by the City," except as is provided for by a special use permit, on private property with permission of the owner, or as may be provided by the zoning regulations of the City of Page.

For any violation, such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.



If you spot a motorized vehicle on or near the trail or see someone damaging the trail or signage or littering, call the Page Police.

A license plate number and description of the vehicle would be helpful.

Page Police: 645-2463

Page's Rimview Trail

Enjoyment • Preservation



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