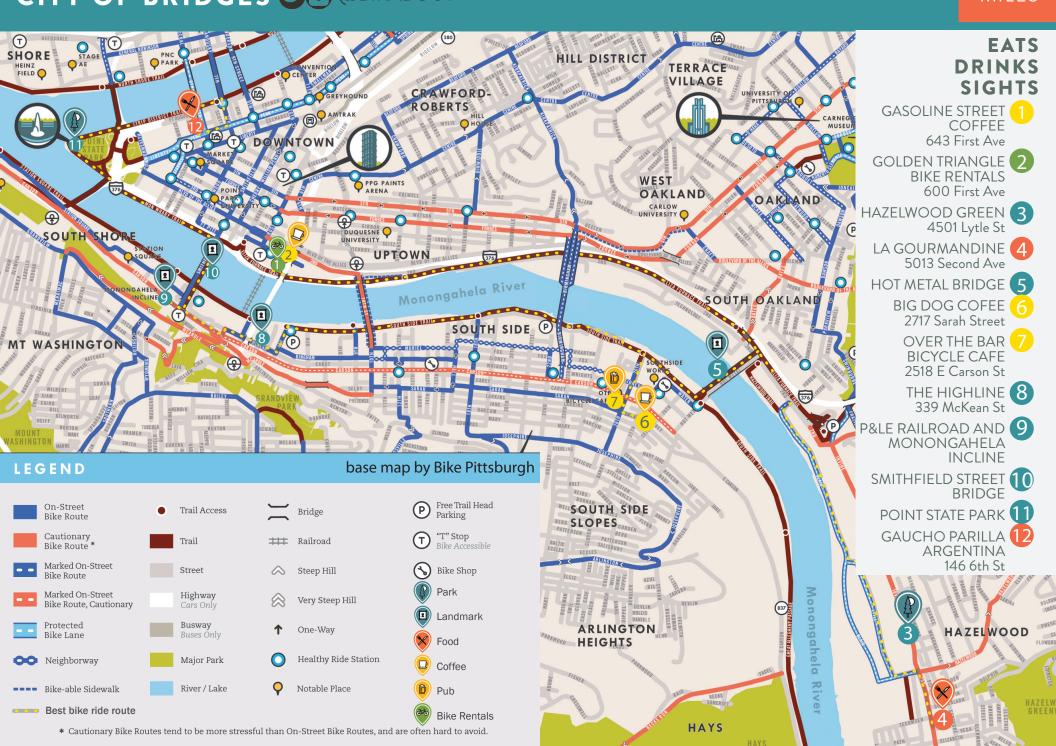
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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- GOLDEN TRIANGLE BIKE RENTAL Located in downtown Pittsburgh at Golden Triangle Bike and bike away from the
- city on the Three Rivers Heritage Trail and the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage. At Golden Triangle, you can rent for a couple of hours or a couple of days. The shop has a variety of bikes, including e-bikes and tandems, as well as child trailers and tag-a-longs. Golden Triangle also offers guided tours and can share a self-guided itinerary with customers.
  - GASOLINE STREET COFFEE If you happen to be renting a bike from Golden Triangle Bike, this is your place for a coffee. It's just around the corner. They also have a mobile coffee via cargo bike, an endeavor worth supporting.
- 3 HAZELWOOD GREEN Before crossing the Hot Metal Bridge into the South Side neighborhood, you have the option of detouring to Hazelwood. Visible from the bridge is the sprawling Hazelwood Green, a brownfield site that is being converted to a mixed use development. On site, take the Blair Street Trail toward the heart of the neighborhood. Along the way, you'll see gigantic former coal loaders, mooring cells, and other steel industry leave behinds. Plans call for incorporating these into future riverfront improvements.
- LA GOURMANDINE Pittsburgh is sometimes called "the Paris of Appalachia" so it seems appropriate to have a beloved French bakery. Everything is good, but you simply can't go wrong with the Croissant aux Amandes or the Gourmandise.
- 5 HOT METAL BRIDGE Originally two rail bridges from 1887 and 1900, later both were converted for car use. In 2007 the downstream side was converted to bike and walking only, offering an amazing car-free experience and a great city view.
- 6 BIG DOG COFFEE This longtime South Side coffee shop about four blocks from the Three Rivers Heritage Trail is a favorite stop for local cyclists. If you've been pulling your pups along, be sure to grab a treat near the front (your dogs will show you where they are).
- OVER THE BAR BICYCLE CAFE Bike-themed bar/restaurant has great American food, good beer, and a bike corral out front. It's located on East Carson Street, a National Historic District that is thought to be the longest Victorian commercial district in the U.S.
- 8 THE HIGHLINE Inspired by New York City's High Line, this stop features an elevated greenspace between and atop early 1900s warehouse buildings. The buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Until recently, the lush, secluded strip was open for vehicular traffic and site parking. It's nice to see an "elevated" repurposing of the space.
- P&LE RAILROAD AND MONONGAHELA INCLINE The stunning Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Station, now part of the Station Square development, is worth a peek inside. While in the area, take the Monongahela Incline up to Mt. Washington to see the city from one of its hilltop neighborhoods. Insider tip: you can opt to bike .8 miles northwest of the Monongahela Incline to ride the Duquesne Incline instead. Many believe the Duquesne Incline affords superior views.
- SMITHFIELD STREET BRIDGE It's a beautiful historic bridge that people can cross to get to downtown. Note: If you opt for the Duquesne Incline, they will take the Fort Pitt Bridge (shared sidewalk, a bit narrow, but people use it all the time) and drop right into Point State Park.
- POINT STATE PARK Downtown Pittsburgh is shaped like a triangle, and Point State Park is located at "the Point." This is where the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers form the Ohio River. The fountain at the Point makes for a great photo op and is next to the northern terminus of the Great Allegheny Passage.
- GAUCHO PARILLA ARGENTINA By now, you've had coffee, beer, and maybe even a French pastry. Why not add wood-fired Argentine food to round out your day? Located in the Cultural District, Gaucho has become a Pittsburgh favorite. Be prepared for a wait.

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