East Portage - Riverside - Nicolet - Scenic (18 miles, mostly flat)

Begin at the corner of Ashmun St and Portage Ave.
Proceed east on Portage Ave.
Portage Ave becomes Riverside Drive at Mission Rd.

Portage is a wide street and once you get past the Portage Avenue Bridge there are few parked cars. East Portage/Riverside Dr is a flat, pleasant ride out to Rotary Park. You’re riding along the river and can view the river, including freighter traffic, as you ride.

If you want you can stop and rest at Rotary Park or take the ferry over to Sugar Island.
Beyond the Sugar Island Ferry dock the nearly 5 feet of paved shoulder reduces to about 3 feet and then somewhat less than 3 feet. The shoulder has deteriorated over the years, particularly on the minor hill just beyond Rotary Park.

Nicolet Road diverges from Riverside Dr. Stay left (east) to follow Nicolet.
Nicolet has no paved shoulder but there is very little traffic and only well-spaced semi-rural residences along the river.
At 4 Mile Road there is a small public beach called 4 Mile Beach. This is a township park.

Turn left (east) on 5 Mile Rd.

Turn right (south) on Scenic Dr.
Scenic Dr continues along the St Mary’s River. It is not uncommon to see a variety of waterfowl or raptors here.

Turn right (west) on 7 Mile Rd.
From here you can:
♦ turn around and backtrack on Scenic,
♦ turn right (north) on Nicolet toward town,
♦ or turn left (south) on Nicolet to tie into out-county routes.