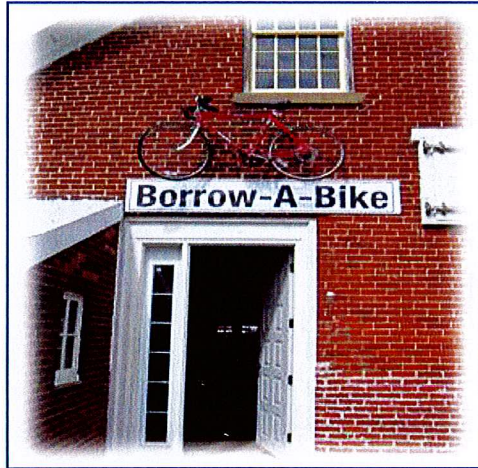


## Pine Island's Borrow a Bike Program

Want to get out there and enjoy the trails, but you don't have a bike? Pine Island has just the deal for you.



Donated bikes have been restored and are available for those who might like to take a spontaneous trek down the trail, a fun-filled, no cost outing for the entire family!

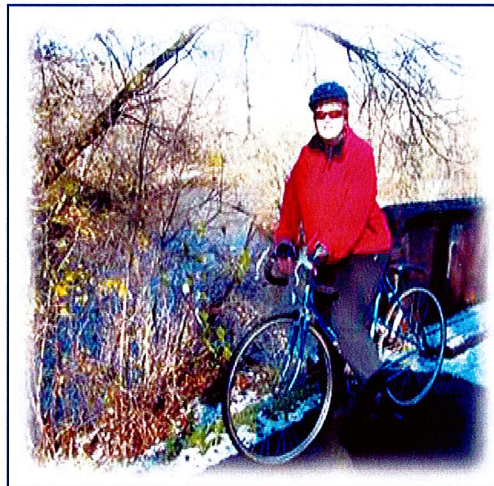
Pine Island's innovative Bike program is open for residents and visitors to Pine Island from **May through October**, Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. weather permitting. Bikes of all sizes are available. Children may borrow bikes with the signed authorization of a parent or guardian. Individual

cyclists 18 or older simply register by filling out a waiver, selecting a helmet, and checking out a bike. Visitors from around the world as well as Mayo Clinic patients and families were among those who enjoyed the bikes this past summer.

The program currently has more than 50 bikes in active inventory. There's no charge to use the bikes.

### What you'll experience:

The Douglas Trail offers a pleasant ride of 12.7 miles from Pine Island to Rochester on a recently widened and repaved surface. The trail does not parallel major roads, so it's the perfect ride for a peacefully quiet, rustic feel. Wide-open spaces offer a view of rolling cropland, farms, horses, cattle, and wooded areas. A canopy of trees along much of the



route also makes the ride perfect for warm days. Several old railroad bridges offer pleasant views of the meandering Zumbro River.

The main rest stop is Douglas, about mid-point along the trail. It offers picnic tables, restrooms, and a parking area. There are also several shelters, tables, and benches along other sections of the trail.

The starting point for this ride is Pine Island Trail Head Park which has water, bathrooms and plenty of room for parking and picnicking plus a spacious playground. Food and refreshments are just two short blocks away on Main Street. Rochester on the south end of the trail has an additional 60 miles of recreational trails. So what's your excuse? Come to Pine Island to experience the trails!