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We show that for every finite set R of positive integers, there is an integer $n_0 = n_0(R)$ such that every R -uniform hypergraph \mathcal{H} on n ($n \geq n_0$) vertices with minimum co-degree $\delta_2(\mathcal{H}) \geq 1$ contains a Berge cycle C_s for any $3 \leq s \leq n$. For $R = \{3\}$, we show that every 3-graph on $n \geq 7$ vertices with co-degree at least one contains a Hamiltonian Berge cycle. As an application, we determine the maximum Lagrangian of k -uniform Berge- C_t -free hypergraphs and Berge- P_t -free hypergraphs. (Received January 22, 2019)