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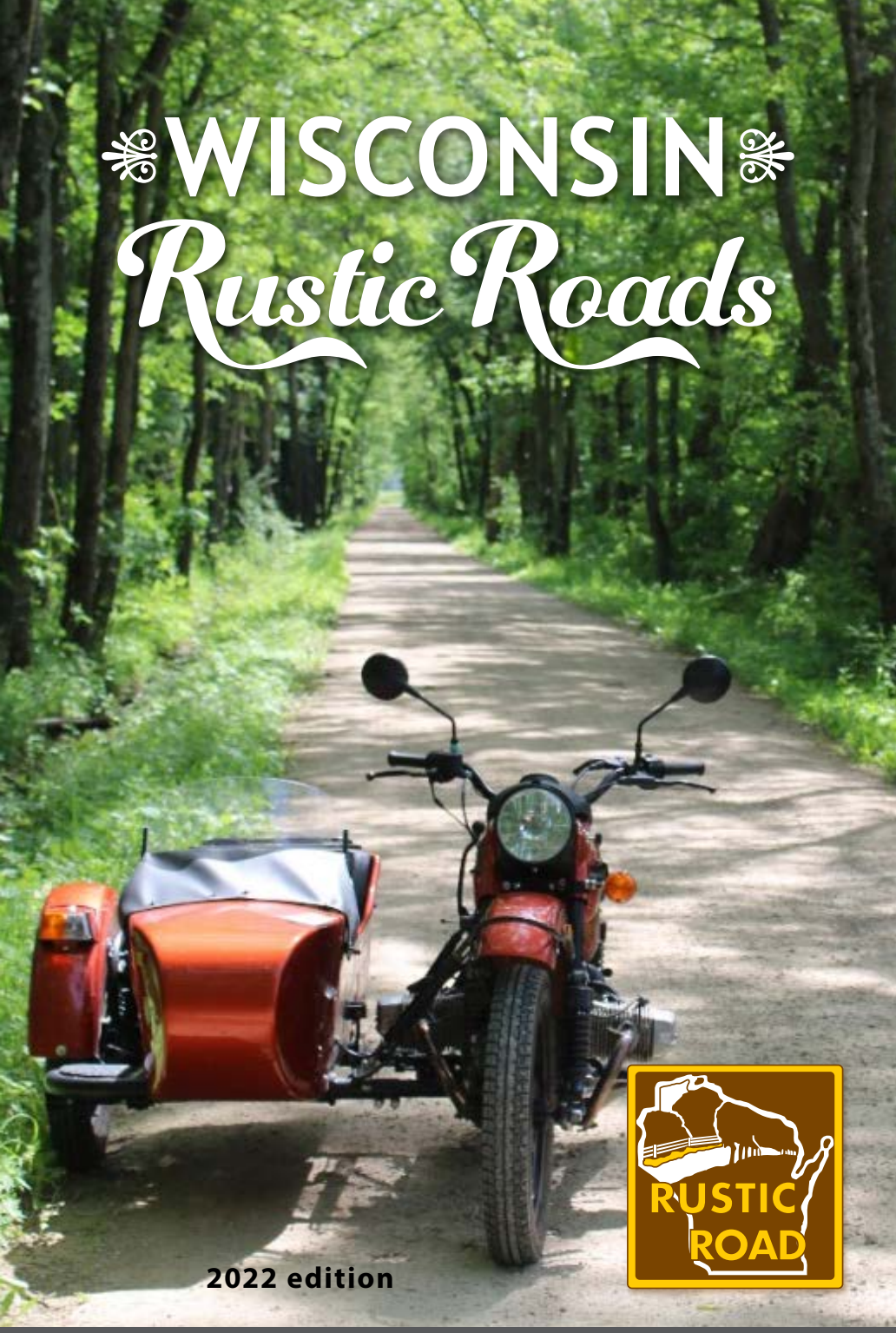

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Wisconsin's Scenic Byways

Travelers also may be interested in Wisconsin's five Scenic Byways. This guide highlights byways that are within five miles of a Rustic Road.

Governor's Message

Rustic Roads take us to quiet scenes that define our state.

These less-traveled routes show us the lakes that glaciers left behind and the bluffs they left untouched. They span our varied forests and tour our diverse agricultural heritage.

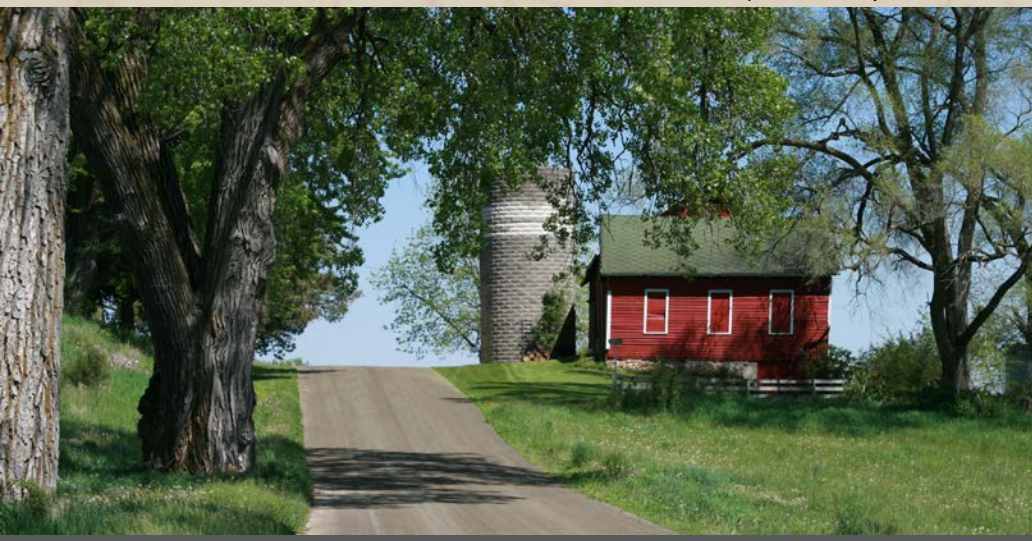
This backroads journey began in Taylor County in 1975 and now includes the 123 Rustic Roads featured in this guide. The program continues to grow thanks to local participation and a neighborly instinct to share some hidden gems for no other reason than to bring people joy.

Thank you to the many photographers who have captured the beautiful images used for the Rustic Road Guide and web pages. Please continue to share the memories you create.

No matter how you travel these roads, or in what season, please enjoy the beauty of our state and the people you meet along the way.

Governor Tony Evers

Rustic Road 110, Columbia County, WisDOT photo



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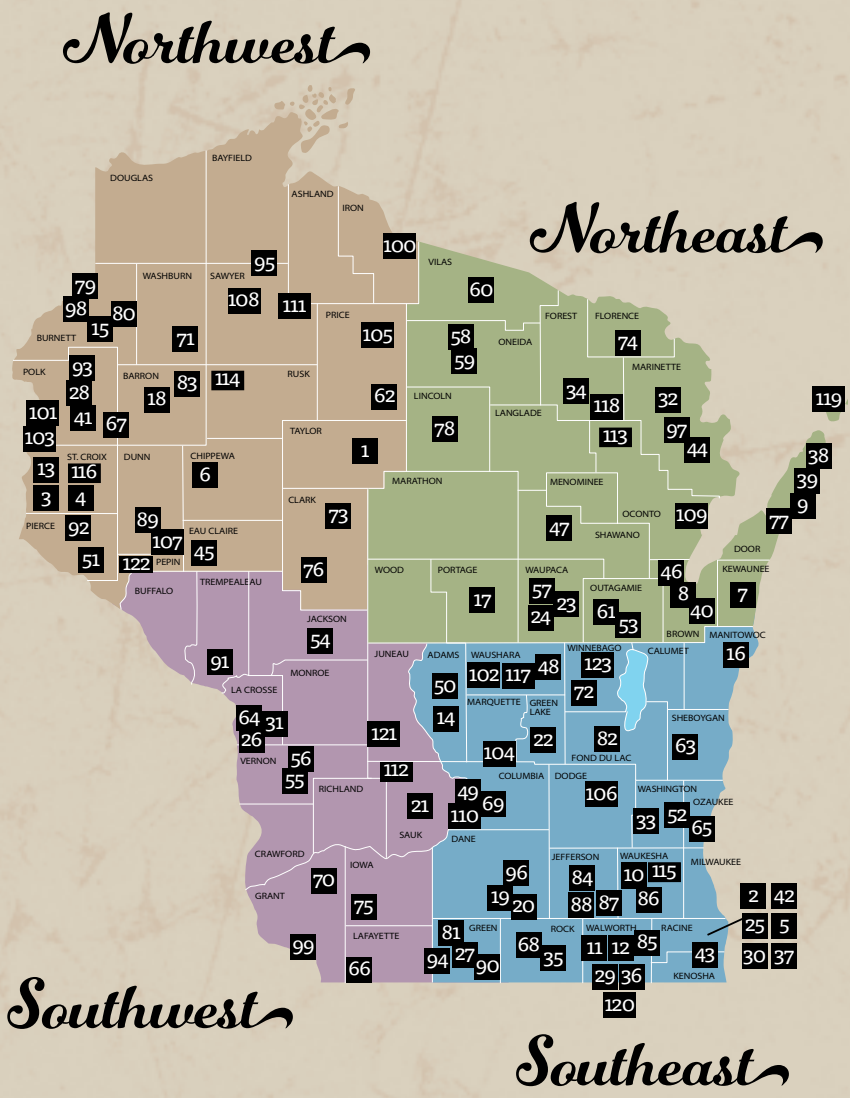


This guide is also available on our website as a PDF and as an online interactive document. These digital formats include a link to an online Rustic Roads state map, as well as links to individual Rustic Road features and online maps.

Southwest

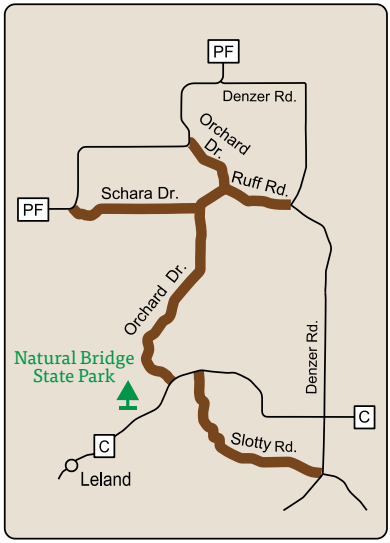
R-21

Southwest Wisconsin: *Sauk County. Just off County PF, follows portions of Schara Road, Ruff Road, Orchard Drive and Slotty Road.*

Map: *R-21 online map*

Length: *8.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*



Ruff Road, Orchard Drive and Slotty Road are narrow, gravel roads. They wind through rolling, rugged terrain near Natural Bridge State Park. The park is the location of the Raddatz Rock Shelter, the oldest documented site of primitive man in the upper Midwest. Schara Drive extends along a ridge bordered by oak, maple, basswood and hickory trees. Remains of an old barn and home foundation are visible from the road. A walk during the spring and summer reveals many wildflowers along the roadside and in the open fields.

Rustic Road 21, Sauk County, Thomas F. Coulton

Rustic Road 26, La Crosse County, Vicki Burritt

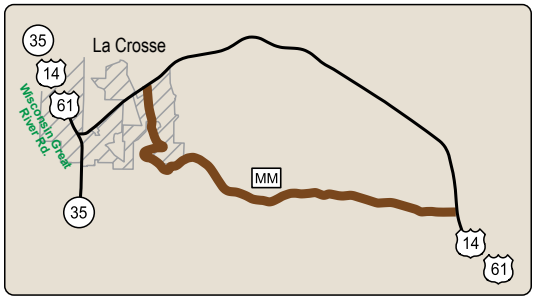
R-26

Southwest Wisconsin: *La Crosse County. County MM, beginning and ending at US 14 and US 61.*

Map: *R-26 online map*

Length: *5.3 miles*

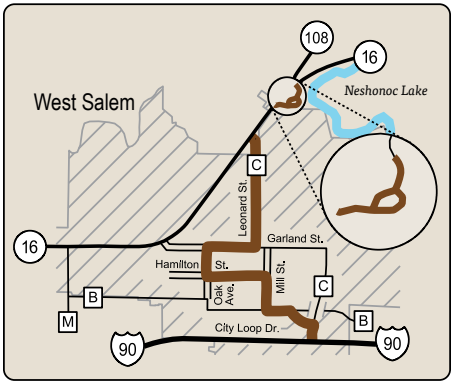
Surface: *Paved*



La Crosse County MM combines beautiful scenery and history, offering the traveler views of the Mississippi River Valley, the Wisconsin Great River Road and the Mormon Coulee Creek Valley. "Brinkman's Ridge" provides a panorama of the Mississippi River, including the wildlife refuge at Goose Island. This route also passes the 1854 Oehler Mill site, as well as a century-old root cellar.

R-31

Southwest Wisconsin:
La Crosse County. R-31 travels along several streets in the village of West Salem to County C, north to WIS 16, then loops around Swarthout Lakeside Park, back to WIS 16.



Map: *R-31 online map*

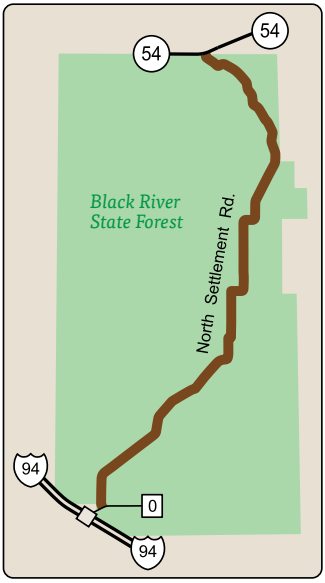
Length: *2.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-31 travelers can view a pair of historic homes: the Palmer-Gullickson Octagon House, on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Hamlin Garland Homestead, where the late Pulitzer Prize-winning author, who was born near West Salem, did much of his writing. Other points of interest include the former home of Thomas Leonard, founder of West Salem, and Swarthout Lakeside Park, a recreation area near Lake Neshonoc.

R-54

Southwest Wisconsin:
Jackson County. North Settlement Road, from County O north to WIS 54. Exit off I-94 at the Millston exit.



Map: *R-54 online map*

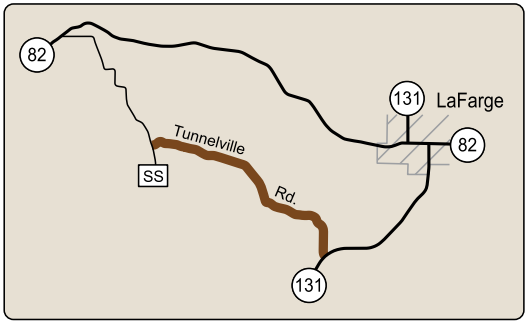
Length: *12.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-54 road travels through the Black River State Forest which boasts beautiful hardwood stands and pine tree plantations. Sandhill cranes, bald eagles, duck, geese and other wildlife are abundant. The traveler may see a variety of plant life including sphagnum peat moss beds and native wildflowers.

R-55

Southwest Wisconsin: *Vernon County. Tunnelville Road, beginning at its junction with WIS 131 to its intersection with County SS.*



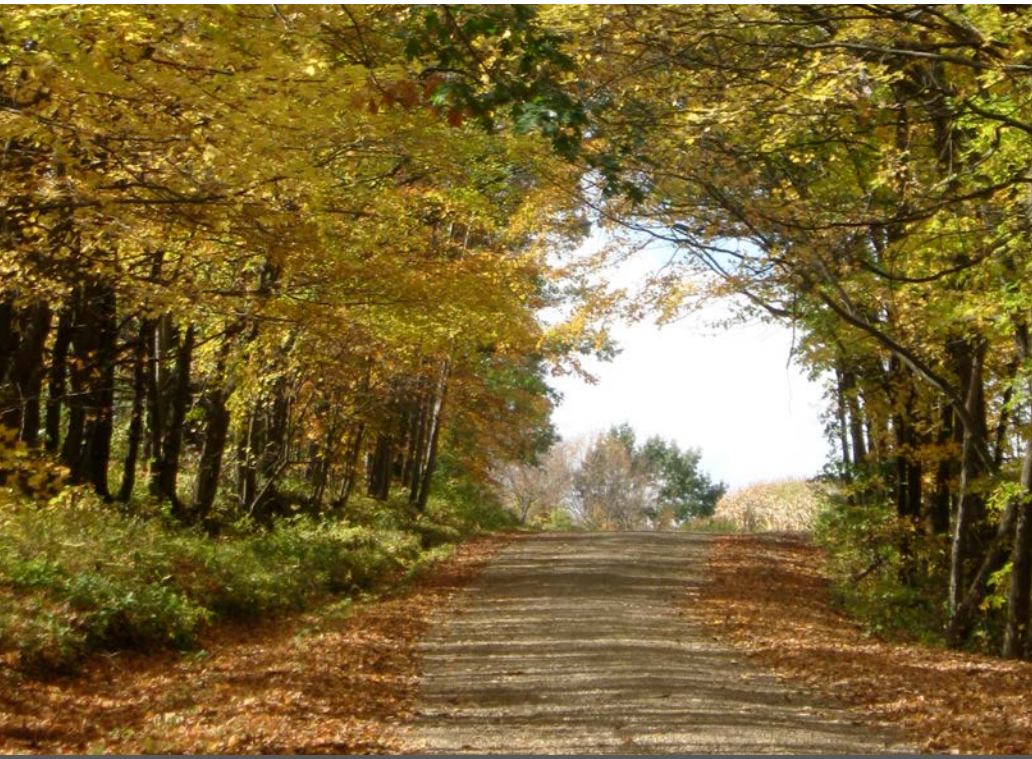
Map: *R-55 online map*

Length: *2.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*

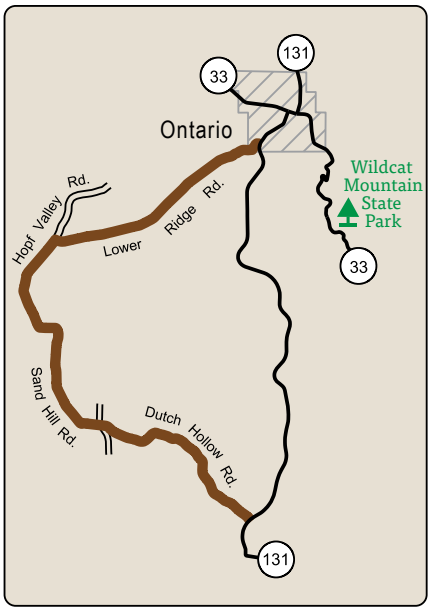
In the spring, Tunnelville Road is characterized by fields of trillium. In summer, ferns and wildflowers line the steep road edges. The fall foliage is always colorful, and in winter the traveler will appreciate the views of the hillsides covered with snow.

Rustic Road 55, Vernon County, Jane Carlson



R-56

Southwest Wisconsin: *Vernon County. Portions of Dutch Hollow Road, Sand Hill Road, Hoff Valley Road and Lower Ridge Road. R-56 begins at the intersection of Dutch Hollow Road and WIS 131, extending to the intersection of Lower Ridge Road and WIS 131.*



Map: *R-56 online map*

Length: *8.6 miles*

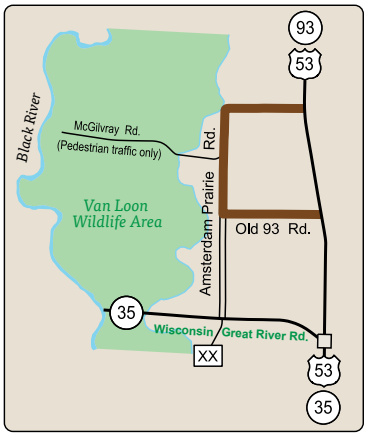
Surface: *Paved*

This route offers many scenic views including Wildcat Mountain State Park, Amish farms, log cabins, a round barn and examples of contour farming.

Rustic Road 64, La Crosse County, Jane Carlson

R-64

Southwest Wisconsin:
La Crosse County. Northwest of Holmen, R-64 makes a loop off US 53/WIS 93, following Amsterdam Prairie Road and Old 93.



Map: *R-64 online map*

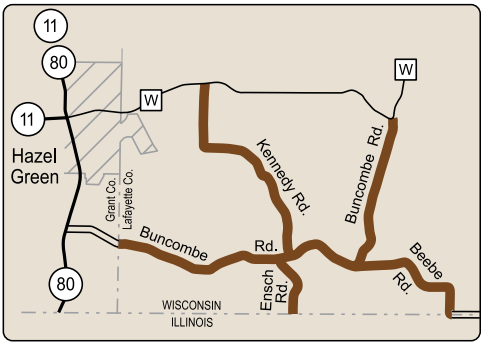
Length: *2.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Located near the Van Loon Wildlife Area, this route offers a rather unique combination of historic transportation, architecture and scenic views. From Amsterdam Prairie Road, it is possible to enter by foot to historic McGilvray Road, also known as 7-Bridges Road. McGilvray Road is on the National Register of Historic Places with its seven rare bowstring-arch bridges. Travel one mile south to link to the Wisconsin Great River Road, one of Wisconsin's Scenic Byways.

R-66

Southwest Wisconsin:
Lafayette County. Just off County W in the town of Benton, following portions of Buncombe, Kennedy, Beebe and Ensch roads.



Map: *R-66 online map*

Length: *7.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Beautiful scenery and history distinguish this Rustic Road. R-66 travels the unglaciated “Driftless Area” of southwestern Wisconsin. Tree-lined roads wind through the hilly fields and farmlands. In autumn, R-66 displays spectacular fall colors. An abandoned lead mine, complete with tin shacks, rusted ore buckets and piles of tailings, is visible from Kennedy Road. The mining industry in this part of Wisconsin once produced 85% of the nation’s lead.

Rustic Road 70, Grant County, Jane Carlson

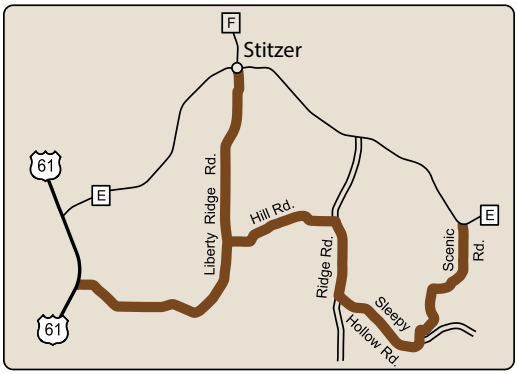
R-70

Southwest Wisconsin: *Grant County. Leave US 61 at Liberty Ridge Road; portions of Hill Road, Ridge Road, Sleepy Hollow Road, Scenic Road to County E.*

Map: *R-70 online map*

Length: *10.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved portions*



R-70 meanders through the contour-striped farms and tree-covered hills of the Platte River Valley. Liberty Ridge Road passes a church built in 1861 by German settlers, then ambles into the quaint community of Stitzer. The other branches of R-70 pass through the rambling countryside. One of the area's few remaining one-room schoolhouses is located on Scenic Road.

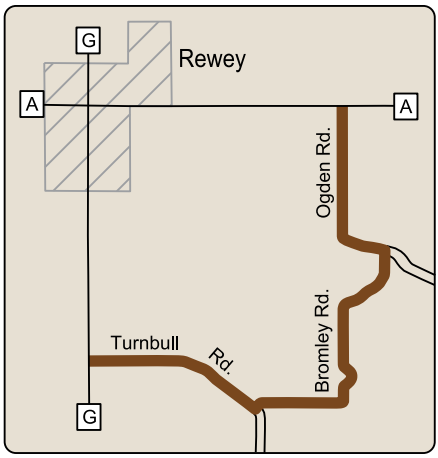
R-75

Southwest Wisconsin: *Iowa County. Portions of Ogden Road, Bromley Road and Turnbull Road between County A and County G in the town of Mifflin.*

Map: *R-75 online map*

Length: *3.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-75 is located in the "Welsh Settlement" area, so named because immigrants from Wales settled in Iowa County during the mid 1800s. The countryside is beautiful during all seasons. Wildflowers and wildlife abound.

Along Rustic Road 75, Iowa County, Jan Day

Rustic Road 91, Trempealeau County

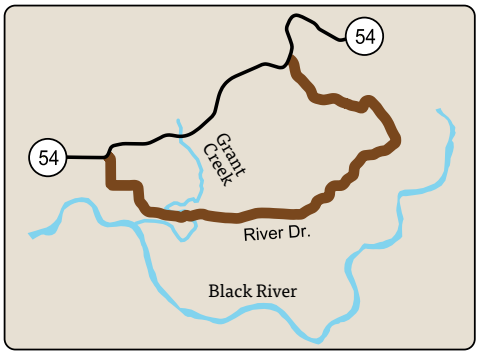
R-91

Southwest Wisconsin: *Trempealeau County. River Drive, forming a loop off WIS 54.*

Map: *R-91 online map*

Length: *5 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved portions*



River Drive is a scenic, mostly unpaved loop, not far from the Wisconsin Great River Road, between WIS 54 and the Black River. It crosses over Grant Creek and passes through river bottoms, alternating between wild, wooded areas and open farmland. Drive slowly; you are likely to spot stately sandhill cranes as well as wild turkey and deer.

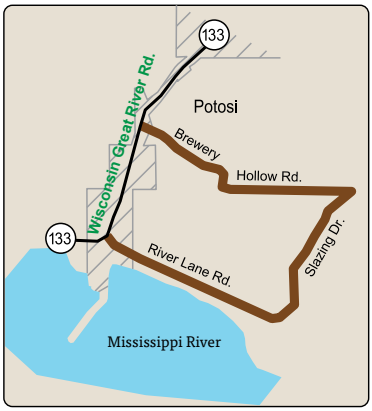
R-99

Southwest Wisconsin: *Grant County, town of Potosi. Segments of River Lane, Slazing and Brewery Hollow roads forming a loop off WIS 133 (Wisconsin Great River Road).*

Map: *R-99 online map*

Length: *3.4 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



The route reflects the region's beer-brewing history and features hills, bluffs and rolling farmlands along with various types of wildlife. The River Lane Road segment represents the only Rustic Road section that follows the Mississippi River.

Rustic Road 112, Sauk County, Dan R. Fearing

R-112

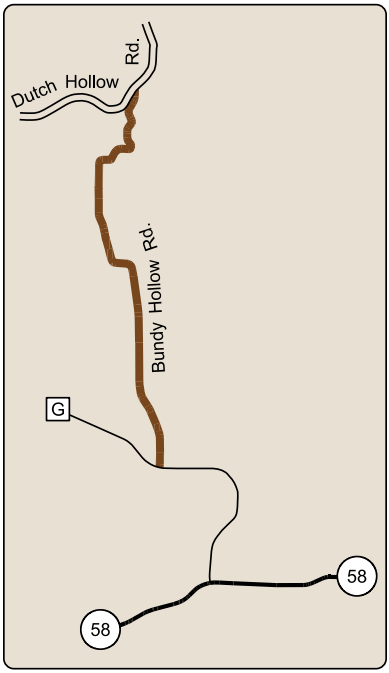
Southwest Wisconsin:
Sauk County. Bundy Hollow Road, between County G and South Dutch Hollow Road.

Map: *R-112 online map*

Length: *2.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-112 is a picturesque road in the town of La Valle that slopes and curves between the hills. The views from the road alternate between pastures and croplands with wooded hillsides. The woods, fields and wetlands along Bundy Hollow Road provide a habitat for many birds and other wildlife.



Rustic Road 121, Juneau County, Diane Dahl

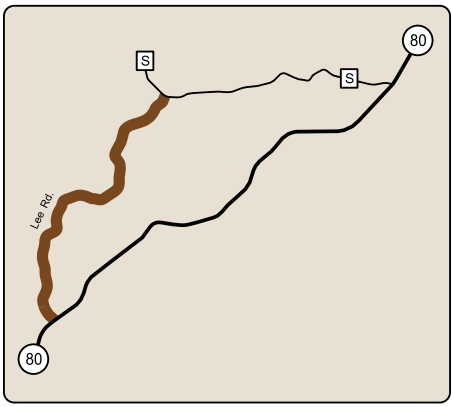
R-121

Southwest Wisconsin:
Juneau County.
Lee Road, from WIS 80 to County S in the towns of Plymouth and Fountain.

Map: *R-121 online map*

Length: *2.9 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

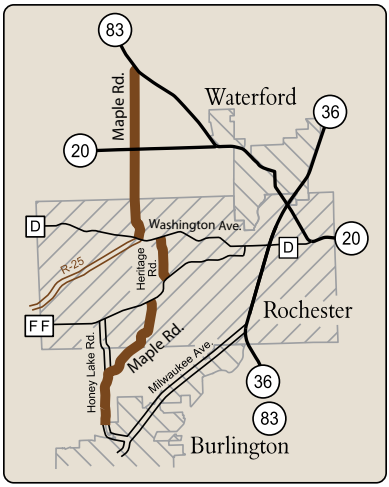


This peaceful, hilly and twisty road offers an idyllic overlook on miles of farm landscapes, hills, bluffs, and ridges, left untouched by the glaciers that once covered much of Wisconsin. Both sunrises and sunsets are spectacular, with fog and mist often gathering in the valleys below.

Southeast

R-2

Southeast Wisconsin: *Racine County. North from Burlington along Honey Lake Road, Maple Road and Heritage Road to County D. Continuing north along Maple Road to WIS 83. R-2 connects to R-25 via Washington Avenue.*



Map: *R-2 online map*

Length: *7.9 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Under a canopy of trees, this route provides vistas of rolling fields and dairy farms. There is a marsh with waterfowl, muskrat houses and other wildlife in the Wehmhoff Woodland Preserve on the south end of the route.

Along Rustic Road 2, Racine County, TJ McCarthy

Rustic Road 11, Walworth County, TJ McCarthy

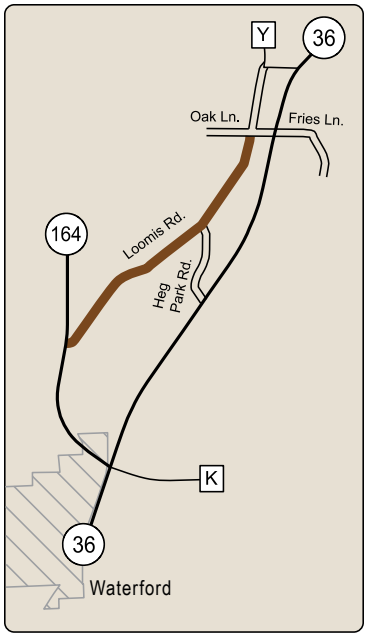
R-5

Southeast Wisconsin: *Racine County. Loomis Road beginning at WIS 164, north to Fries Lane and the intersection of Fries Lane and WIS 36.*

Map: *R-5 online map*

Length: *3.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Loomis Road was originally laid out as a territorial road in 1840 and retains much of its original rustic lines. This route passes Colonel Heg Memorial Park, which commemorates Wisconsin's top-ranking officer killed in action during the Civil War. A museum in the park honors the heritage of the area's Norwegian settlers and their contribution to Wisconsin's development. There is also a small log cabin built in 1837 and moved to the park in 1928.

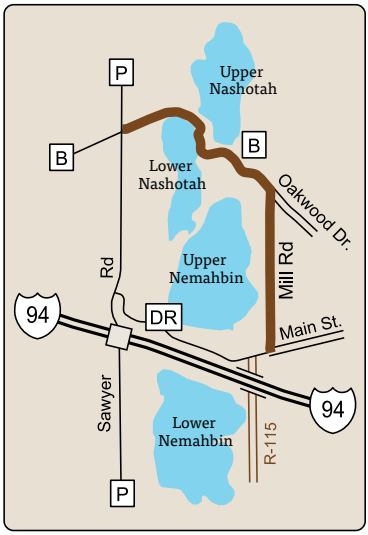
R-10

Southeast Wisconsin: *Waukesha County. R-10 includes portions of County B and Mill Road between County P and Main Street. R-10, R-115 and R-86 form a continuous route.*

Map: *R-10 online map*

Length: *2.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



This curving trail rides the narrow isthmus between Upper and Lower Nashotah lakes, then runs south past Upper Nemahbin Lake. The broad fields of Pabst Farms and the remainder of its once-famous dairy barns lie to the west. To the north of Mill Road, the red-tiled spires and gables of Nashotah House Seminary can be seen.

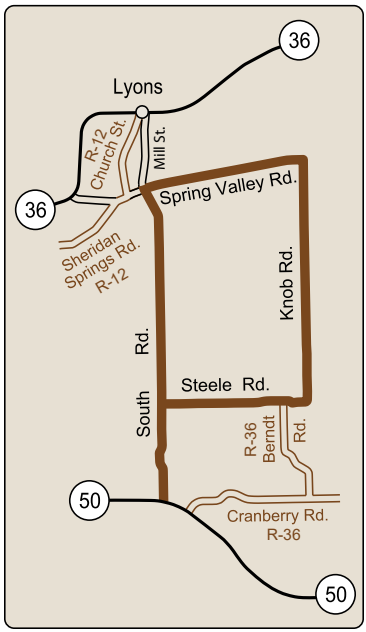
R-11

Southeast Wisconsin: *Walworth County. To the east of Lake Geneva, R-11 includes South Road, Steele Road, Spring Valley Road and Knob Road between WIS 50 and WIS 36. The route connects to R-12 and R-36.*

Map: *R-11 online map*

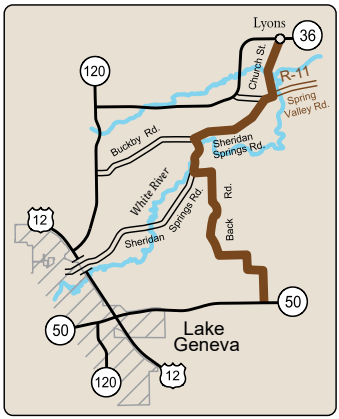
Length: *10.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



This gently winding route provides excellent views of glacial Kettle Moraine topography. R-11 passes through large wooded areas of oak, maple and hickory, offering glimpses of a game farm and scenic agricultural land.

R-12



Southeast Wisconsin: *Walworth County. This route includes Back Road, Sheridan Springs Road, Spring Valley Road and Church Street, between WIS 50 and WIS 36. R-12 connects to R-11 and R-36.*

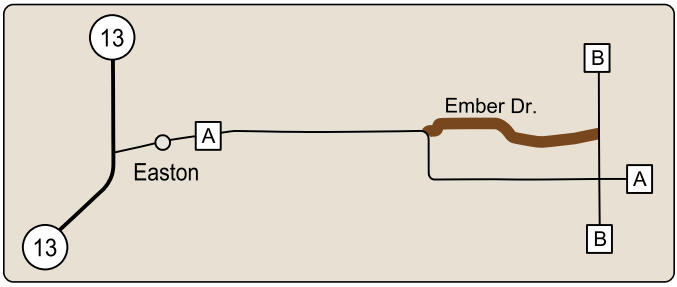
Map: *R-12 online map*

Length: *5.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

At various points the road offers panoramic views of lush green hills and valleys. The sharply curving route passes outstanding Kettle Moraine formations, pine and spruce plantations, a tamarack swamp and several ponds. R-12 crosses the White River and runs through the community of Lyons with its several quaint churches.

R-14



Southeast Wisconsin: *Adams County. Ember Drive between County A and County B.*

Map: *R-14 online map*

Length: *2 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*

This thickly forested area supports a multitude of wildlife and wildflowers. R-14 winds up through a cleft on top of a bluff. A natural spring runs from the top of the bluff down the side of the road to the east.

Rustic Road 14, Adams County, Kerry G. Hill

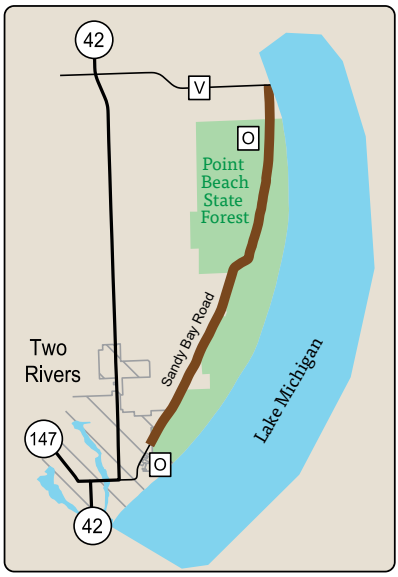
R-16

Southeast Wisconsin: *Manitowoc County. Sandy Bay Road runs along Lake Michigan from County V, south to the corporate limits of Two Rivers.*

Map: *R-16 online map*

Length: *5.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



This gently winding route runs through Point Beach State Forest. R-16 is bordered on both sides by thick groves of deciduous and coniferous trees. Sandy Bay Road offers many glimpses of birds and other wildlife, as well as open vistas of natural sand dunes, including juniper bushes and other shrubbery.

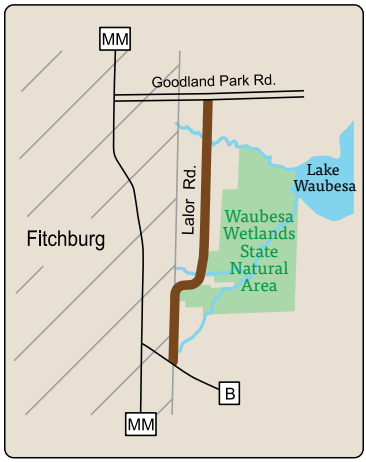
R-19

Southeast Wisconsin:
Dane County. Lalor Road, north from County B to Goodland Park Road.

Map: *R-19 online map*

Length: *2.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Bordered on either side by native prairie plants, including numerous stands of wild plum and scattered wild asparagus, R-19 crosses Swan and Murphy Creeks and borders the Waubesa Wetlands State Natural Area. Set back in the evergreens along one side of the road is the William Lalor Farm, originally purchased from the government in 1846. The original deed was signed by President James Polk.

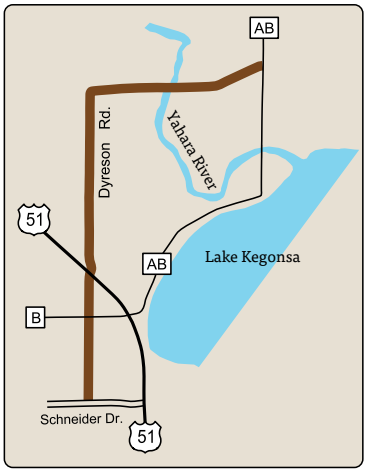
R-20

Southeast Wisconsin:
Dane County. Dyreson Road, from Schneider Road north to County AB.

Map: *R-20 online map*

Length: *2.9 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Rich in heritage, Dyreson Road travels through fertile farmland and wooded areas. The road offers an excellent view of Lake Kegonsa as it crosses County B. The historic Dyreson Bridge over the Yahara River is the site of early Indian and pioneer crossings and is adjacent to ancient Indian effigy mound sites. Nearby wetlands provide glimpses of native waterfowl, fish and wildlife. Also located on the road is Dyreson House, an early Wisconsin homestead listed in the Wisconsin State Historical Society's Inventory of Historic Places.

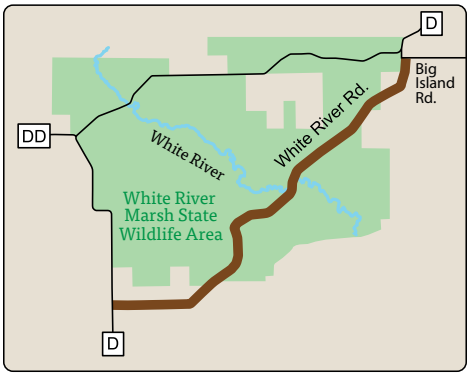
R-22

Southeast Wisconsin: *Green Lake County. White River Road from County D to Big Island Road, north of Princeton.*

Map: *R-22 online map*

Length: *5.5 miles*

Surface: *Gravel and paved portions*



This picturesque road passes through the White River Marsh Wildlife Area. Abundant with wildlife, this road crosses the Sucker Creek and the White River.

Along Rustic Road 20, Dane County, Kristine M. Stueve

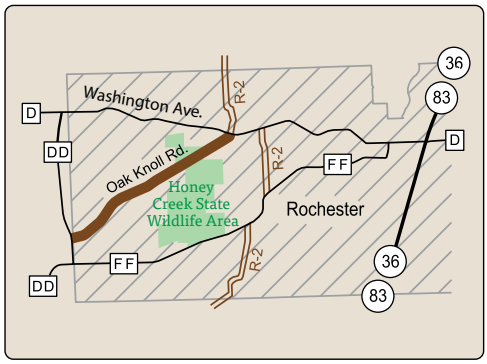
R-25

Southeast Wisconsin:
Racine County. Oak Knoll Road from County DD to its junction with County D. R-25 connects to R-2 via Washington Avenue.

Map: *R-25 online map*

Length: *2.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Adjacent to the Honey Creek Wildlife Area, this road passes the Franklyn Hazelo House (c. 1858), listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

R-27

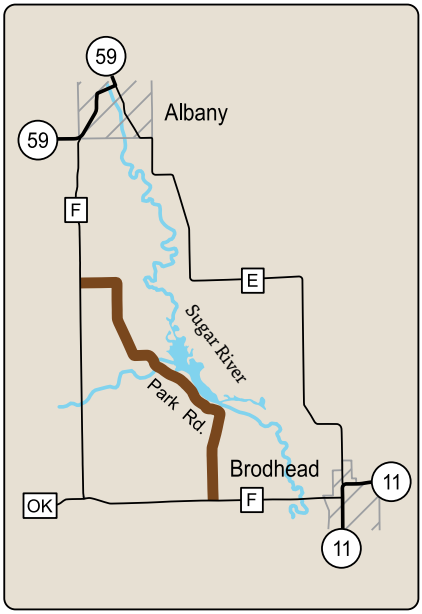
Southeast Wisconsin:
Green County. Park Road forming a loop off of County F.

Map: *R-27 online map*

Length: *4.3 miles*

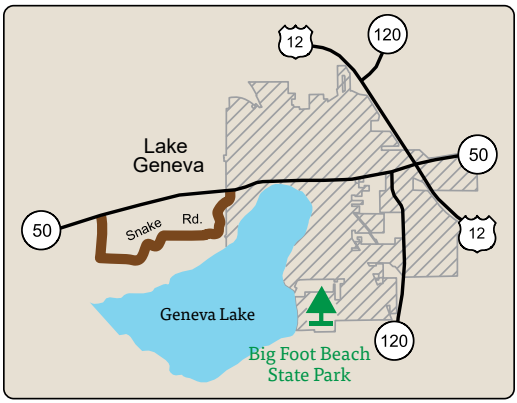
Surface: *Paved*

Along this scenic and historic route you will find the Decatur historical marker as well as Indian campsites, the oldest home in Decatur and the Decatur Lake and Dam. With its excellent views of high bluffs and dense woods, Park Road travels through some of the most beautiful landscape in the area.



R-29

Southeast Wisconsin: *Walworth County. Snake Road, from the intersection with WIS 50 in the city of Lake Geneva, west to the intersection with WIS 50 in the town of Geneva.*



Map: *R-29 online map*

Length: *2.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

This loop is located in a countryside of natural beauty. Bounded in some places by split rail fencing, R-29 passes through an area of native vegetation and wildlife near Geneva Lake that is particularly beautiful in autumn.

Along Rustic Road 27, Green County, Marilyn J. Mathison

R-30

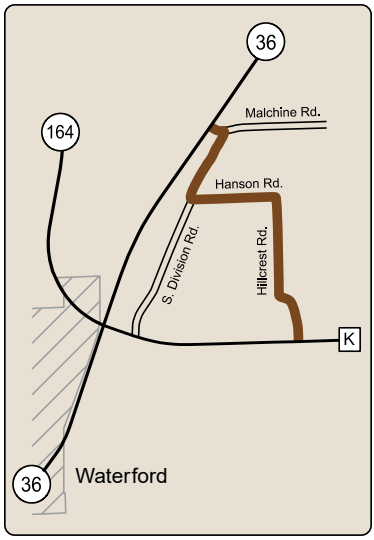
Southeast Wisconsin: *Racine County. Includes portions of Hillcrest, Hanson, Division and Malchine roads between County K and WIS 36.*

Map: *R-30 online map*

Length: *2.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-30 passes through woods, rolling meadows and lowland marshes abounding with native vegetation and wildlife. Along the route is a historic one-room school house.



R-33

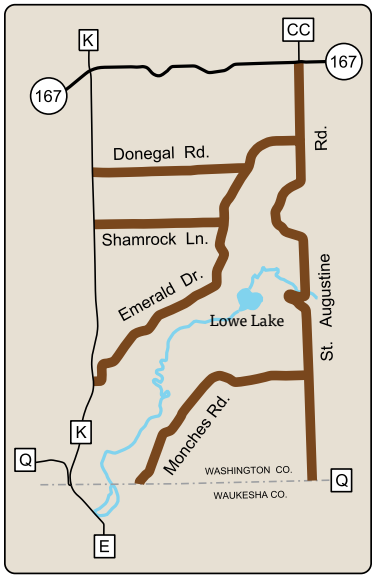
Southeast Wisconsin: *Washington County. Portions of St. Augustine Road, Monches Road, Emerald Drive, Shamrock Lane and Donegal Road. This route lies between County Q and County K.*

Map: *R-33 online map*

Length: *12.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

This winding, hilly route passes through a natural kettle area. While the area is mainly devoted to agriculture, R-33 offers travelers a view of the church spires atop Holy Hill, a well-known seminary in southeastern Wisconsin. Another section of the road provides a view of Lowe Lake.



R-35

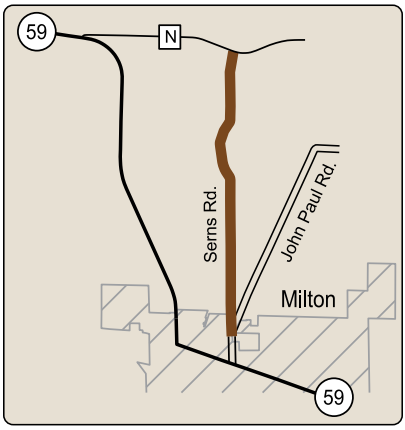
Southeast Wisconsin:
Rock County. Serns Road between County N and North John Paul Road in the town of Milton.

Map: *R-35 online map*

Length: *2.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Stretching north out of the town of Milton, Serns Road traverses picturesque and gently rolling agricultural terrain.



Along Rustic Road 33, Washington County, Suvi S. Tory

Rustic Road 37, Racine County, Kerry G. Hill

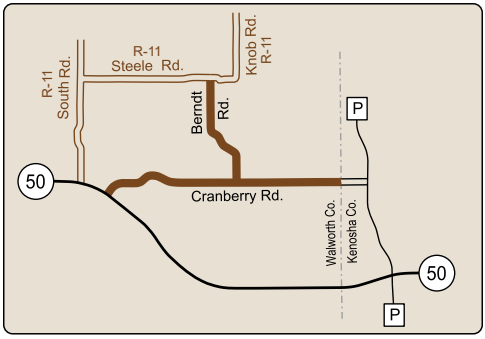
R-36

Southeast Wisconsin: *Walworth County. Includes Cranberry Road and Berndt Road east from WIS 50, with connections to R-11 and R-12.*

Map: *R-36 online map*

Length: *3.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



This narrow, hilly route got its name from early settlers who harvested cranberries from nearby marshes. R-36 winds through Wisconsin farmland, glacial marshes and knobs. It features a wide variety of trees and shrubs.

R-37

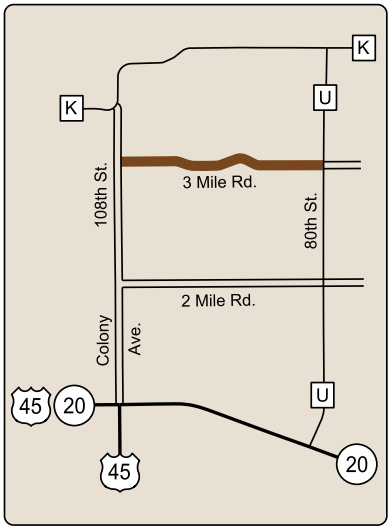
Southeast Wisconsin:
Racine County. Three Mile Road, beginning at 108th Street east to its intersection with County U.

Map: *R-37 online map*

Length: *1.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Numerous old oak trees and rail fences border this linear route. It has never been widened, nor has its basic course been changed since it was originally laid out in the early 1800s.



R-42

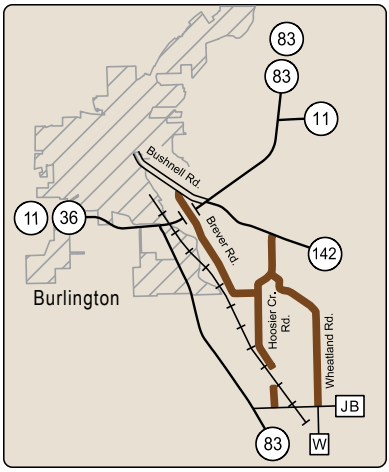
Southeast Wisconsin:
Racine County. Hoosier Creek, Wheatland and Brever roads between County JB and WIS 142.

Map: *R-42 online map*

Length: *5.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

A canopy of large oak and black walnut trees grace Wheatland Road, just south of WIS 142. Travelers to this area will enjoy the open agricultural and marsh vistas as well as an old brick farmhouse and several barns. Hoosier Creek Road is a half-mile away from the Fox River, providing fishing areas and panoramic views.



Note: For safety reasons, Hoosier Creek Road (near County JB) is closed at the railroad tracks and is no longer a continuous north-south route.

R-43

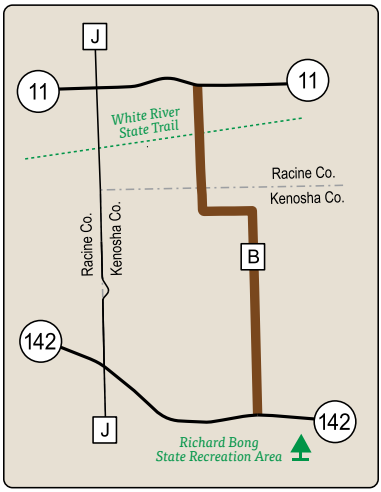
Southeast Wisconsin:
Racine and Kenosha counties. County B from WIS 142 in Kenosha County to WIS 11 in Racine County.

Map: *R-43 online map*

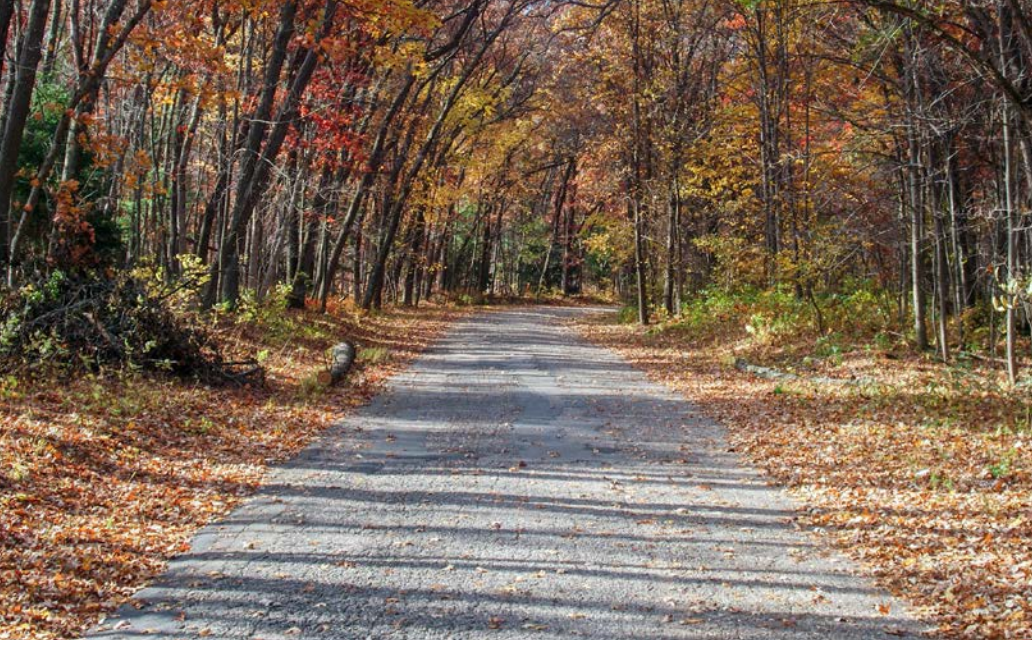
Length: *3.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Passing through open agricultural land with only a few residences, this route provides direct access to the Bong Recreational Area and the White River State Trail.



Rustic Road 43, Kenosha and Racine counties, Kerry G. Hill



Rustic Road 48, Waushara County, Jeffrey Kratz

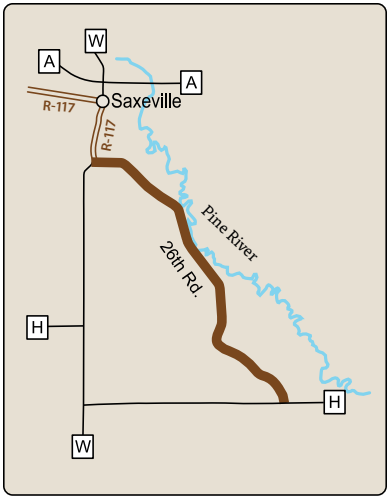
R-48

Southeast Wisconsin: *Waushara County. 26th Road, beginning at County H northwest to County W. This route connects with R-117.*

Map: *R-48 online map*

Length: *2.1 miles*

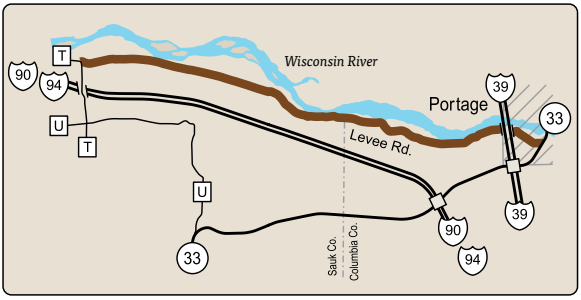
Surface: *Paved*



This road curves among rolling hills, typical of the ground moraines found in Wisconsin's central plains region. R-48 passes through the valley of the Pine River, a Class 1 trout stream. Much of the agricultural land and fallow fields found along this route support ring-necked pheasants, sandhill cranes, deer, red fox, beaver, otter and a wide variety of song birds. A log cabin and two farmhouses, built before the Civil War on 160-acre Homestead Act grants, are visible from R-48.

Rustic Road 49, Sauk and Columbia counties, Thomas F. Coulton

R-49



Southeast Wisconsin: *Sauk and Columbia counties. Levee Road, beginning at County T in Sauk County east to WIS 33 in Columbia County.*

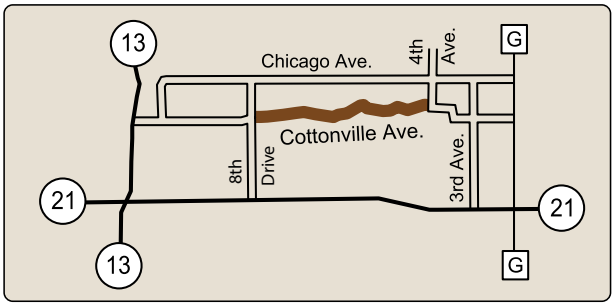
Map: *R-49 online map*

Length: *9.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Levee Road travels through the Aldo Leopold Reserve along the Wisconsin River. Motorists, bikers and hikers can see prairie grasses, wildlife, trees and marsh along the river's south shore.

R-50



Southeast Wisconsin: *Adams County. Cottonville Avenue (Old State Road), from 8th Drive east to 4th Avenue.*

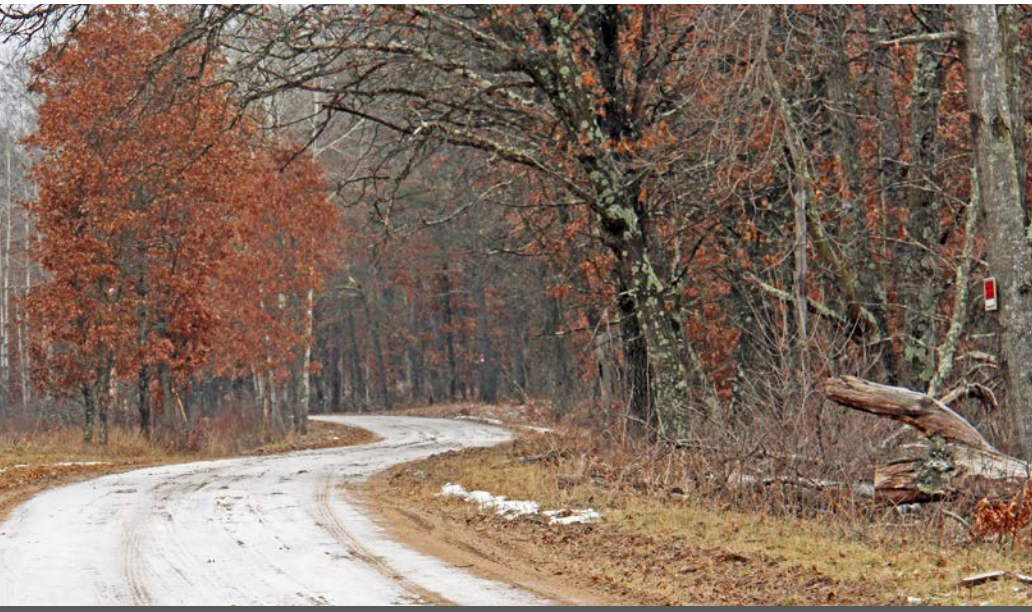
Map: *R-50 online map*

Length: *4.6 miles*

Surface: *Unpaved*

The locals call Cottonville Avenue "Old State Road" because it was laid out by the state, probably in the 1800s. Vistas along this road include native lowland and upland trees, shrubbery and marshes. Wild birds, deer and grouse abound.

Rustic Road 50, Adams County, Kerry G. Hill



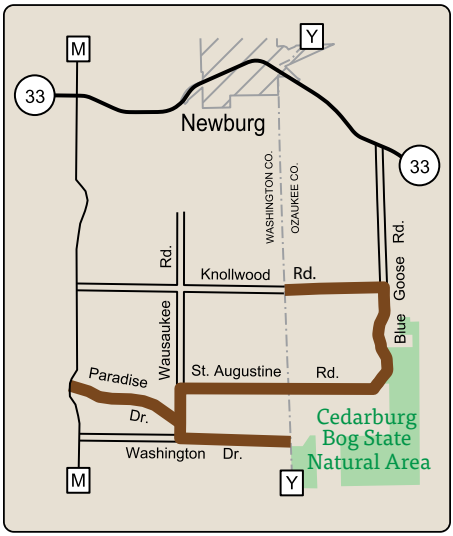
R-52

Southeast Wisconsin: *Washington and Ozaukee counties. Portions of Paradise and Washington drives, and Wausaukee, St. Augustine, Bluegoose and Knollwood roads between County M and abutting County Y south of Newburg.*

Map: *R-52 online map*

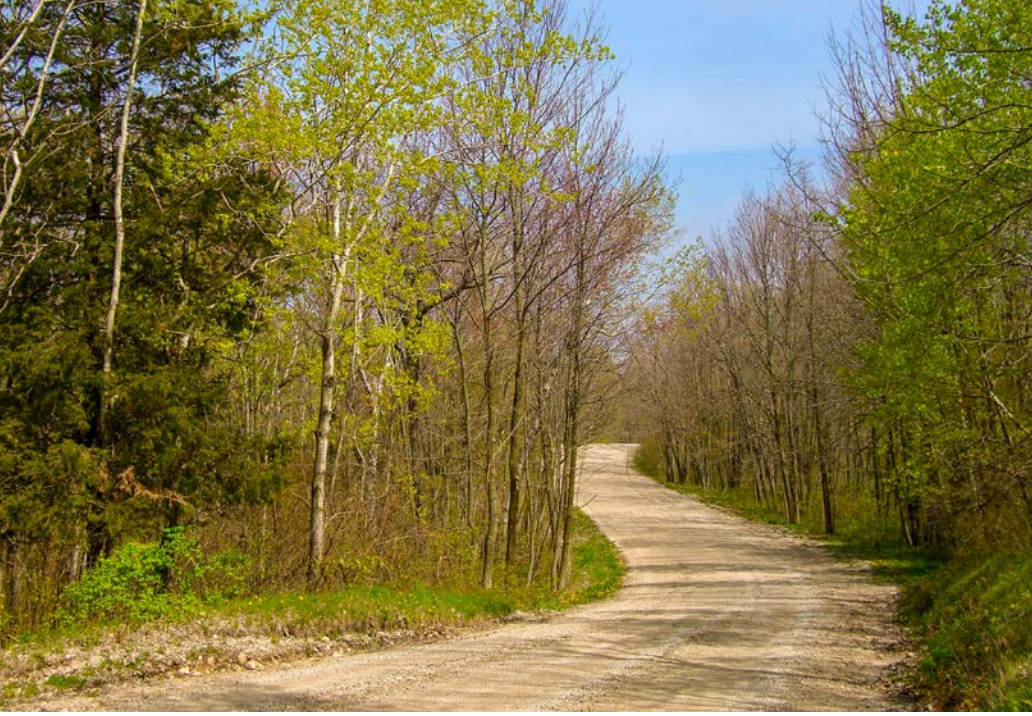
Length: *6.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



This wooded, rural road is located in one of the highest points in Washington County and offers a scenic panorama of the surrounding countryside. There are several historical buildings and farmsteads including a log home and an old fieldstone house dating to the late 1800s. While on Blue Goose and St. Augustine roads in Ozaukee County, travelers will go past portions of the Cedarburg Bog State Natural Area—one of the largest and most biologically diverse wetland areas in Wisconsin.

Along Rustic Road 52, Washington and Ozaukee counties, Suvi S. Tory



Rustic Road 63, Rock County, WisDOT photo

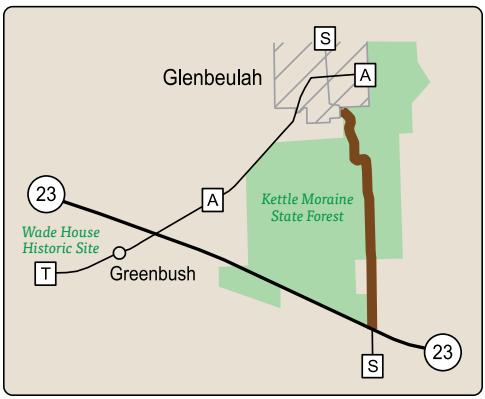
R-63

Southeast Wisconsin: *Sheboygan County. County S, WIS 23 north to the town of Glenbeulah.*

Map: *R-63 online map*

Length: *2.4 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*



County S rests on the remains of glacial sand and stone. The glacial soil here is so poor, you'll notice several old farm fields being reclaimed by trees and shrubs. The last portion of R-63 is old forest with steep Kettle Moraine hills and curves. The Rustic Road route ends at the village limits of historic Glenbeulah. The Wade House state historic site and the Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum are both must-see attractions.

Rustic Road 65, Ozaukee County, Jane C. Van Treeck

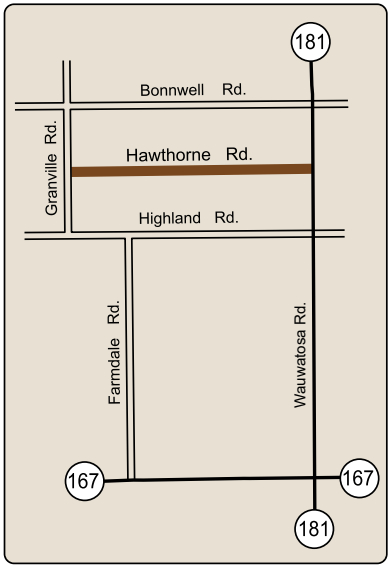
R-65

Southeast Wisconsin: *Ozaukee County. Hawthorne Road between Wauwatosa Road and Granville Road in the city of Mequon.*

Map: *R-65 online map*

Length: *2 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved portions*



Hawthorne Road is the only gravel road in the city of Mequon. Much of the road is lined with oak, maple and weeping willow trees that provide a canopy in the summer and a blaze of color in the fall. The open land along R-65 is under cultivation or is pasture land for horses and sheep, offering pleasant agricultural vistas. The area surrounding the road is habitat for deer, rabbits, hawks and songbirds. The road is popular with hikers, bikers, equestrians and motorists.

R-68

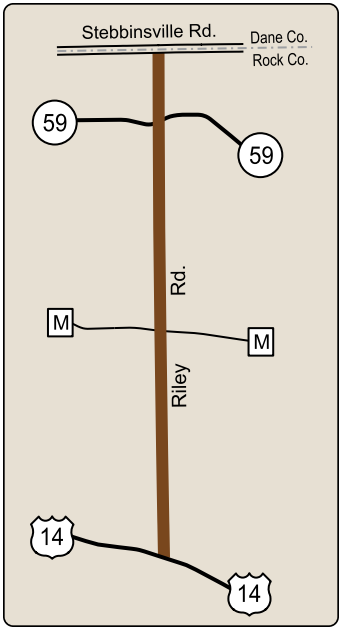
Southeast Wisconsin:
Rock County. Riley Road, from Stebbinsville Road to US 14.

Map: *R-68 online map*

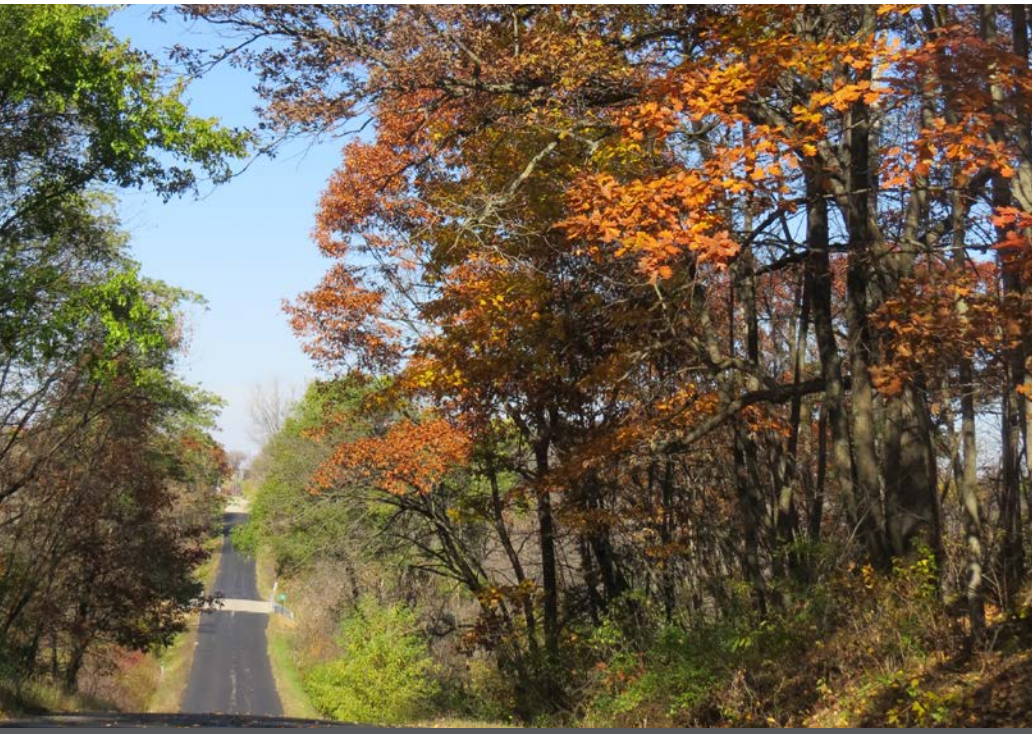
Length: *5.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-68 passes through woodlands, rolling meadows and lowland marshes abounding in native vegetation and wildlife. The route passes the historic Richardson Grout House. At the south end of Riley Road, a wayside park offers rest and relaxation.



Rustic Road 68, Rock County, Marilyn J. Mathison



Along Rustic Road 69, Columbia County, Brad Basten

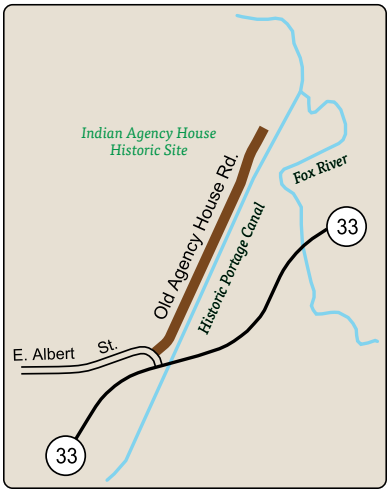
R-69

Southeast Wisconsin: *Columbia County. Old Agency House Road, from East Albert Street to the north end near the Old Indian Agency House.*

Map: *R-69 online map*

Length: *.75 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-69 travels along the Portage Canal. On one side of the road, wetland habitat harbors sandhill cranes, great blue herons and many other birds. This road leads to the historic Indian Agency House, built in 1832. This federal-style house is on its original site and is one of the oldest in Wisconsin. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places and is open to the public.

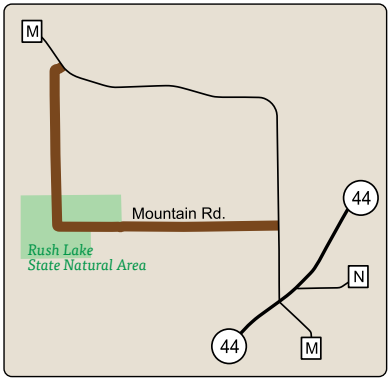
R-72

Southeast Wisconsin: *Winnebago County. Mountain Road, beginning and ending with County M.*

Map: *R-72 online map*

Length: *3.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



R-72 offers great wildlife and wildflower viewing in a serene setting. Mountain Road passes through the Rush Lake State Natural Area. It is home to many birds including sandhill cranes, short-eared owls, northern bobwhite, quail and pheasants. The traveler will encounter an abundance of wildflowers bordering the roadway including Mayapples, trilliums, Canada anemone, wild geraniums, Solomon's seal, wild roses and goldenrod.

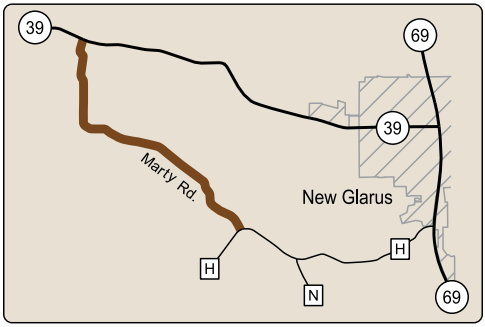
R-81

Southeast Wisconsin: *Green County. Marty Road beginning at County H and ending with WIS 39.*

Map: *R-81 online map*

Length: *2.9 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-81 runs for most of its length along a ridge offering wonderful vistas of Wisconsin's rolling hill country. The route is partially tree-lined with canopies of hardwood trees. Wildflowers and wildlife abound. Marty Road was constructed in the late 1800s as a farm supply conduit and five original farmhouses can be seen from the road.

Along Rustic Road 82, Fond du Lac County, Nicholas Dahlinger

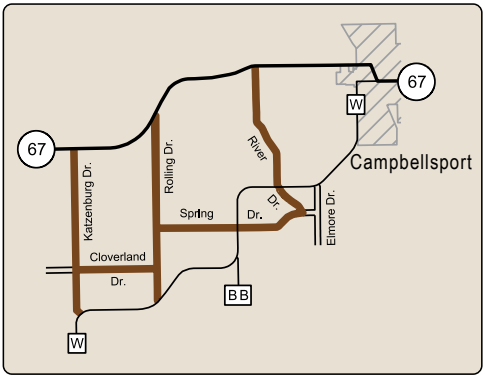
R-82

Southeast Wisconsin: *Fond du Lac County. The route in the town of Ashford is situated between WIS 67 in the north and County W in the south.*

Map: *R-82 online map*

Length: *9.4 miles*

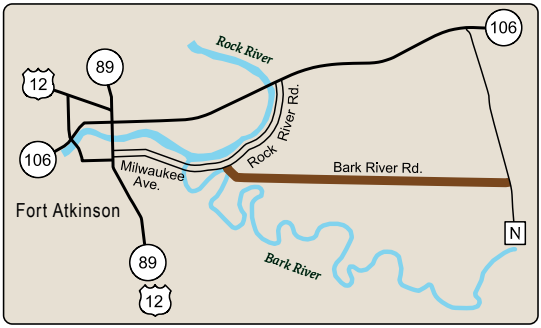
Surface: *Paved*



R-82 is comprised of five roads: River, Spring, Rolling, Cloverland and Katzenburg drives. This route takes travelers through wetlands, rolling hills, old-growth wooded areas and scenic agricultural areas.

R-84

Southeast Wisconsin: *Jefferson County. Bark River Road in the town of Koshkonong beginning at Rock River Road and ending at County N.*



Map: *R-84 online map*

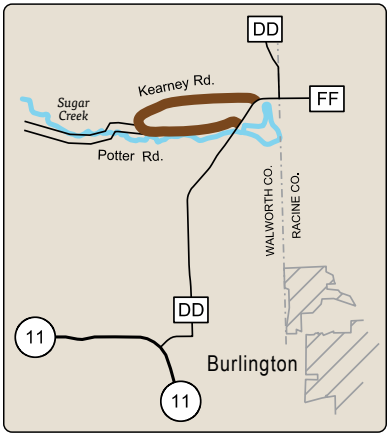
Length: *2.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-84 follows the Bark River. This route features wooded areas and agricultural vistas. In the summer, a popular stop for outdoor enthusiasts is the unique artesian drinking fountain located halfway along the route. Native vegetation and wildlife include deer, turkey, cranes, hawks and owls.

R-85

Southeast Wisconsin: *Walworth County. Includes portions of Kearney and Potter roads, forming a loop off County DD in the town of Spring Prairie.*



Map: *R-85 online map*

Length: *2.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Potter Road runs adjacent to winding Sugar Creek as both pass through Nature Conservancy forests and wetlands. The steeply glaciated uplands of Kearney Road include a mix of farmlands and pine woodlots.

Rustic Road 86, Waukesha County, Suvi S. Tory

R-86

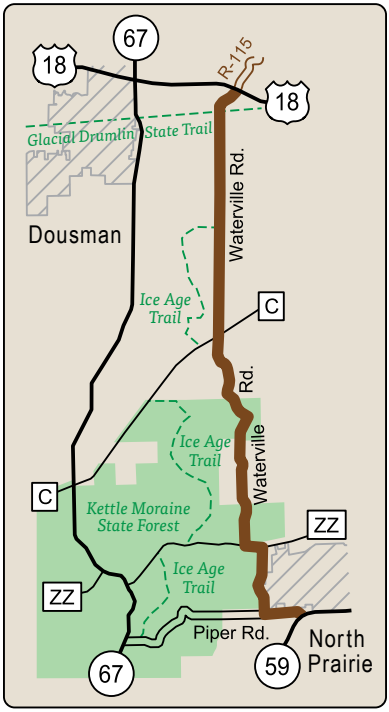
Southeast Wisconsin: *Waukesha County. Includes portions of Waterville Road, County ZZ and Piper Road, from US 18 to WIS 59. R-10, R-115 and R-86 and form a continuous route.*

Map: *R-86 online map*

Length: *7.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-86 offers the traveler scenic views of rugged forest and open prairie as it meanders through the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. The Waterville Road route also provides access to the Ice Age Trail, Glacial Drumlin State Trail and the Scuppernong Hiking Trail.



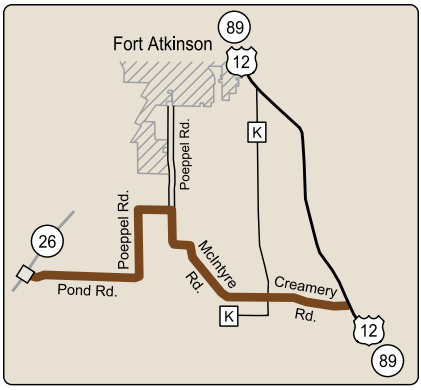
R-87

Southeast Wisconsin:
Jefferson County. Includes portions of Creamery, McIntyre, Poeppel and Pond roads from US 12 to WIS 26.

Map: *R-87 online map*

Length: *6.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-87 winds through hilly, active farmland interspersed with canopies of trees. Deer, wild turkey, cranes and hawks are frequently seen. The route also features a family cherry orchard and the historic South Koshkonong Cemetery.

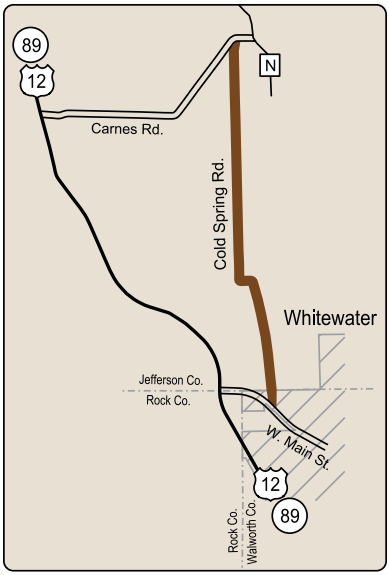
R-88

Southeast Wisconsin:
Jefferson and Walworth counties. Cold Spring Road from Carnes Road near County N to West Main Street.

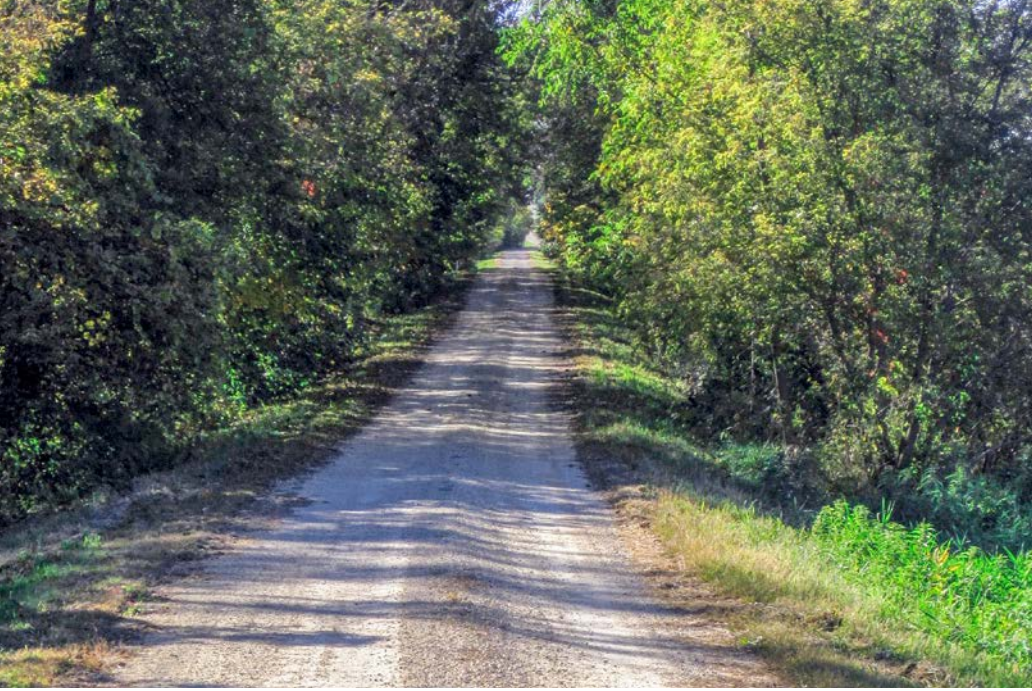
Map: *R-88 online map*

Length: *3.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-88 travels through a gently rolling countryside of mixed farm fields and woods. In places, large oaks arch over the road. There are several very beautiful barns built close to the road. Near the south end, you'll see a handsome, brick Victorian farmhouse in excellent condition. Along the route you can also see the St. John's Church built in 1884, beautifully-kept Cold Spring Cemetery dating back to the 1840s and historical markers commemorating Abraham Lincoln's service in the Blackhawk War and Governor Peck's boyhood home.



Rustic Road 90, Green County, Linda Lukas Wilms

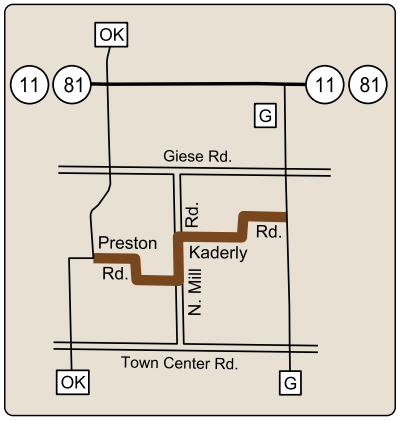
R-90

Southeast Wisconsin:
Green County. Portions of Preston, Mill and Kaderly roads between County OK and County G.

Map: *R-90 online map*

Length: *3.2 miles*

Surface: *Unpaved*



Local residents go out of their way to travel along this quiet country road. It offers stunning vistas of rolling countryside rising to distant hills. Stalwart 300-year-old oak, basswood, hickory and maple trees form a shady green tunnel in spring and summer that turns russet and gold in autumn. On County G, at the eastern end of this route, is a striking contrast of yesterday and today—a weathered old barn opposite a large, modern dairy operation.

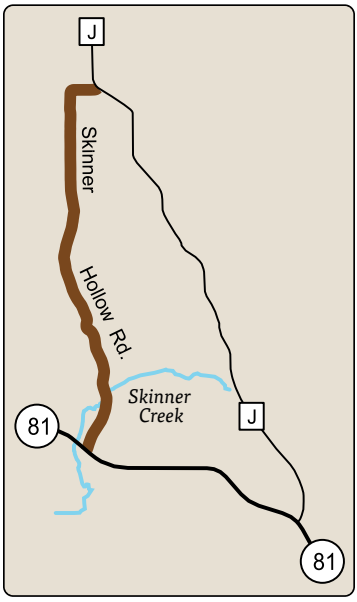
R-94

Southeast Wisconsin:
Green County. Skinner Hollow Road from WIS 81 to County J in the towns of Jordan and Adams.

Map: *R-94 online map*

Length: *4.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Skinner Hollow Road offers scenic views of streams, valleys and wooded areas. Rich in history, the road's name comes from one of the area's first recorded lead prospectors, John B. Skinner. Various prospect diggings or "badger holes" are located along the area's valley and many Native American artifacts have also been found in this area. As the road crosses Skinner Creek, it passes through an area that was once a mill pond for one of the area's early sawmills. Three cheese factories once operated along the road, although only one remains as a residence. R-94 overlooks prairie remnants, wetlands and rock outcroppings that provide habitat for abundant wildlife from bald eagles to sandhill cranes.

Rustic Roads 94, Green County, Kerry G. Hill

R-96

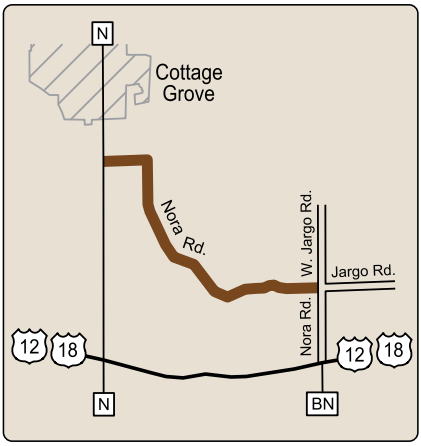
Southeast Wisconsin: *Dane County, town of Cottage Grove. Nora Road located off County N just south of Cottage Grove.*

Map: *R-96 online map*

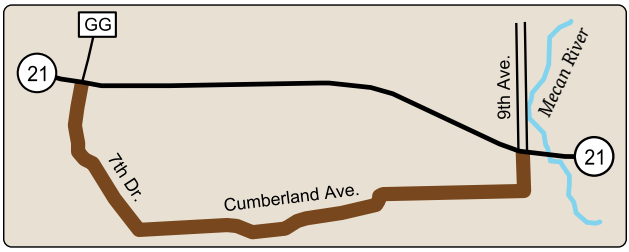
Length: *3.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-96 is a mix of rolling hills, farmlands, woods and marshes inhabited by cranes, deer and a variety of other wildlife.



R-102



Southeast Wisconsin: *Waushara County. Cumberland Avenue and 7th Drive forming a loop off WIS 21 in the town of Richford.*

Map: *R-102 online map*

Length: *2.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*

R-102 features roadside panoramas of native trees, prairies and dense woods that form a canopy in the spring and summer that turns golden in the autumn. This beautiful forest and field mix supports a multitude of wildlife including deer, red fox, pheasants and sandhill cranes, short-eared owls and many songbirds. Wildflowers such as wild geraniums, Solomon's seal and wild asparagus are abundant, and Amish buggies are a common sight. The route is near the Mecan River segment of the Ice Age Trail.

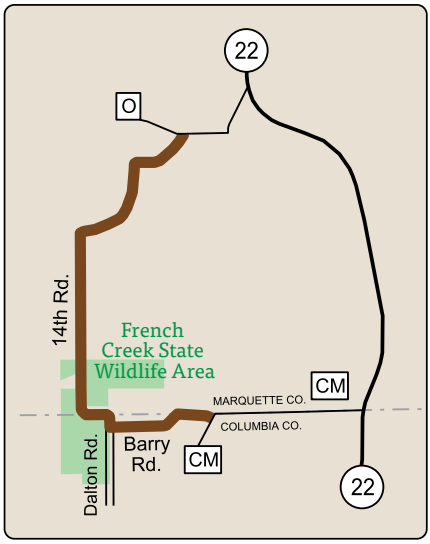
R-104

Southeast Wisconsin: *Marquette and Columbia counties. 14th Road and Barry Road between County O and County CM.*

Map: *R-104 online map*

Length: *2.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



This route passes over hills and valleys closely bordered by mixed hardwood forests and large cottonwood trees. Picturesque, century-old farms can be seen from several locations in addition to remnant prairie patches and abundant wildlife. R-104 provides access to the French Creek Wildlife Area.

Rustic Road 104, Marquette and Columbia counties, Erin Alisha Brown

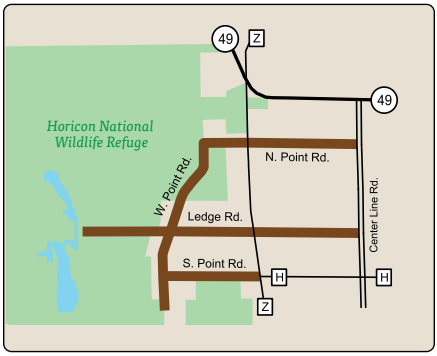
R-106

Southeast Wisconsin: *Dodge County. Ledge, North Point, South Point and West Point roads south of WIS 49 and County Z intersection, town of LeRoy.*

Map: *R-106 online map*

Length: *7.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



R-106 has rolling hills and wonderful farm vistas. Parts of the route are adjacent to the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. The Bud Cook Hiking Trail is accessible from West Point Road and has viewing scopes to see wildlife in the marsh. The southern end of West Point Road also provides access to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Educational Barn, where visitors can learn more about the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.

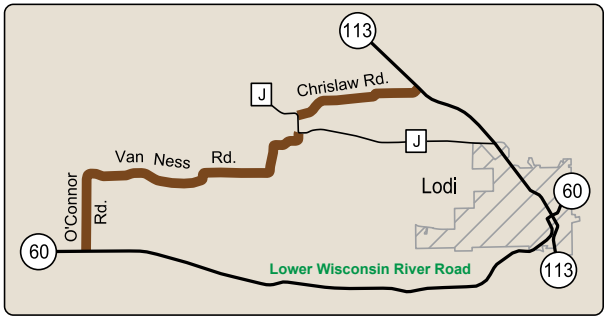
R-110

Southeast Wisconsin: *Columbia County. Portions of O'Connor, Van Ness and Chrislaw roads between WIS 60 (Lower Wisconsin River Road) and WIS 113.*

Map: *R-110 online map*

Length: *5.9 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-110 meanders through prime agricultural land interspersed with ponds and small lakes, marshland and rolling hills covered in trees. This route is north of the Lower Wisconsin River Road. Wildlife abounds through the route. Outstanding fall foliage makes R-110 a great tour route.

Along Rustic Road 115, Waukesha County, Kerry G. Hill

R-115

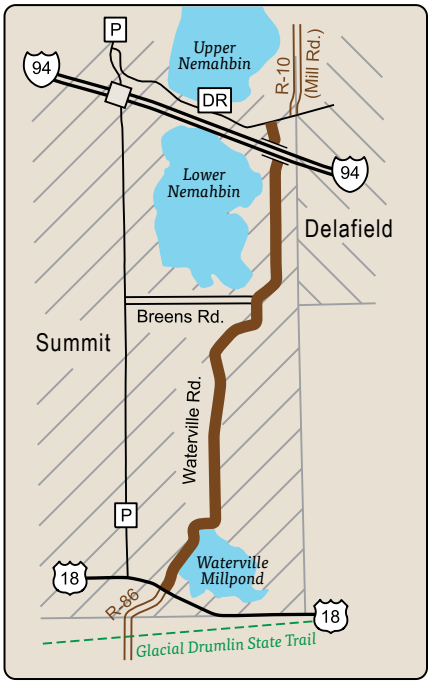
Southeast Wisconsin: *Waukesha County. Waterville Road, from US 18 to County DR.*

Map: *R-115 online map*

Length: *2.9 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

The trees and dense foliage of R-115 create a canopy overhead at the northern end of the route. It is interspersed with views of marshland, lakes and prairies. Travelers may see wild turkey, deer, herons, hawks and owls. This segment of Waterville Road also provides access to the Lake Country and Glacial Drumlin trails. R-115 connects R-10 and R-86 into a continuous route.



Along Rustic Road 117, Waushara County, Larry D. Crowley

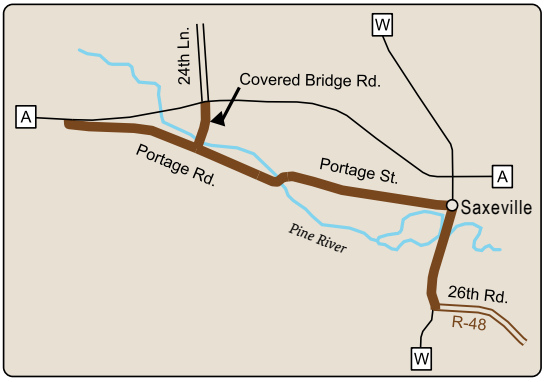
R-117

Southeast Wisconsin: *Waushara County. County W, Portage Street, Portage Road, and Covered Bridge Road from 26th Road to County A. This route connects with R-48.*

Map: *R-117 online map*

Length: *1.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



R-117 is a tree-lined route interspersed with views of the Pine River. Wildlife abounds; travelers may see eagles, sandhill cranes, geese, turkey, duck and deer as well as a Class 1 trout stream. Several historic buildings are located along the route including the town hall, post office, historic homes and a keystone bridge. The Jefferson Davis Bell, a Civil War relic, is found there as well. R-117 also has one of the state's last covered bridges. It provides access to Covered Bridge Park, a wonderful place for visitors to walk and explore.

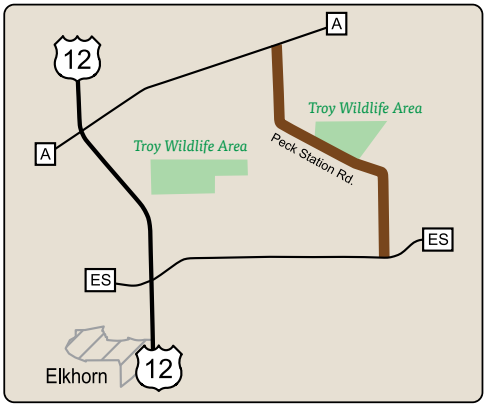
R-120

Southeast Wisconsin: *Walworth County. Peck Station Road, from County A south to County ES in the town of Lafayette.*

Map: *R-120 online map*

Length: *2 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Peck Station Road, named after a Western Union Railroad stop, is agricultural in character and quite colorful in the fall. The former inn still exists as a private home. At the east side of its intersection with County A is the Troy Wildlife Area, offering many recreational opportunities, including hunting, fishing, cross country skiing and hiking.

Rustic Road 120, Walworth County, TJ McCarthy

Rustic Road 123, Winnebago County, Holly Stevens

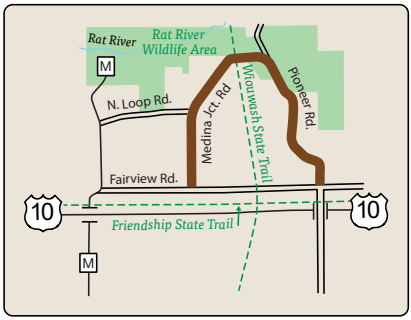
R-123

Southeast Wisconsin: Winnebago County. Medina Junction Road and a portion of Pioneer Road north of Fairview Road.

Map: *R-123 online map*

Length: *3.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved*



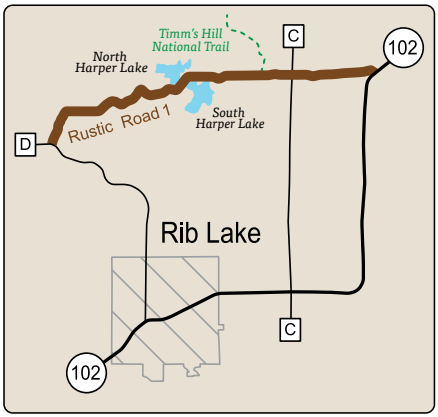
This roadway takes visitors past the remnants of Medina Junction, a once bustling train depot from the early twentieth century that included a stock yard, a restaurant and store. Trains carried freight daily through the depot to destinations throughout the state and beyond.

The roadway offers views of the Rat River Wildlife Area, and is close to the southern segment of the Wiouwash State Trail as well as the Friendship State Trail, which is just south of this route.

Many types of birds and wildlife, including duck, geese, herons, cranes, beaver, muskrats, and reptiles call the marshes surrounding this roadway home.

Northwest

R-1



Northwest Wisconsin: *Taylor County, between WIS 102 and County D near Rib Lake.*

Map: *R-1 online map*

Length: *5 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*

Wisconsin's first Rustic Road was dedicated in 1975. A historical marker alongside the road commemorates the designation. R-1 crosses through hills and valleys created by the last Wisconsin glacier nearly 12,000 years ago. A public beach is located midway on the road at South Harper Lake. Timm's Hill National Trail, connects to the nearby Ice Age Trail with R-62. Timm's Hill Observation Tower, nine miles to the north, is open year-round for hiking, skiing and snowshoeing.

Rustic Road 1, Taylor County, Christine A. Barkley

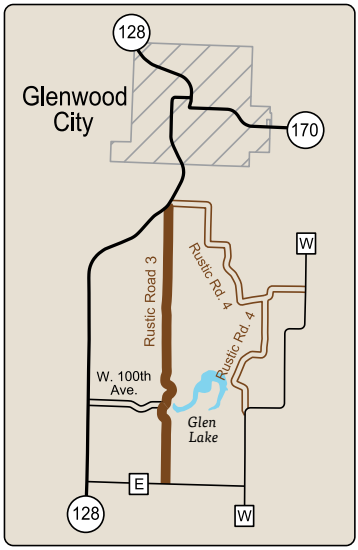
R-3

Northwest Wisconsin: *St. Croix County. R-3 begins at WIS 128 and follows the outer edges of a watershed and county park and ends at County E.*

Map: *R-3 online map*

Length: *3.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



This narrow road borders the heavily wooded Glen Hills County Park area, as well as privately owned farmland. The blacktop road curves over many hills with open views of farmland to either side. Picnic at the nearby county park, or enjoy the beach on Glen Lake. Rustic Road 3 is part of a St. Croix County bike route. At its north end, R-3 connects to R-4.

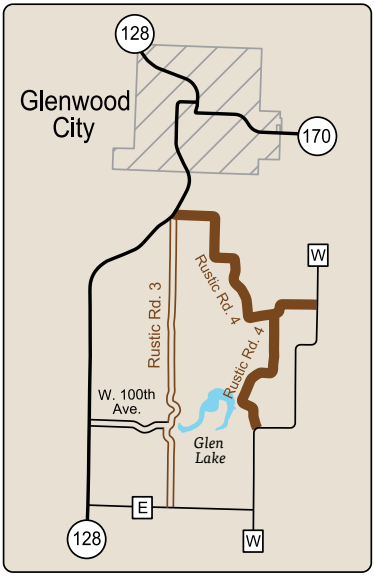
R-4

Northwest Wisconsin: *St. Croix County. South of Glenwood City beginning at WIS 128 south to its intersection with County W.*

Map: *R-4 online map*

Length: *4.6 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*



R-4 runs south parallel to R-3 and borders the east side of the Glen Hills County Park watershed area. Beautiful fall colors mark the road in autumn, along with many coniferous trees. Watch for glacial rock formations and wild turkey.

Along Rustic Road 6, Chippewa County, Don F. Hardy

R-6

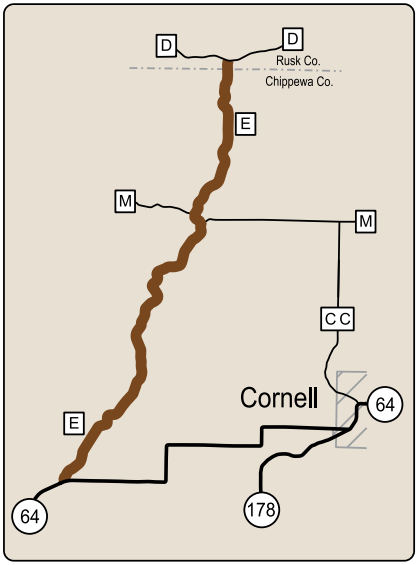
Northwest Wisconsin: *Chippewa County. County E, from the junction of WIS 64 north to the Chippewa-Rusk county line.*

Map: *R-6 online map*

Length: *13.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-6 is part of the old Flambeau Trail, an important route for early travelers heading north. The road traverses county forest lands and a part of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve in Chippewa County.



R-13

Northwest Wisconsin: *St. Croix County. Trout Brook Road between County A and River Road.*

Map: *R-13 online map*

Length: *3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

This road passes through hilly terrain along the western edge of scenic Willow River State Park. This route meanders through heavily wooded areas past several artesian wells.

R-15

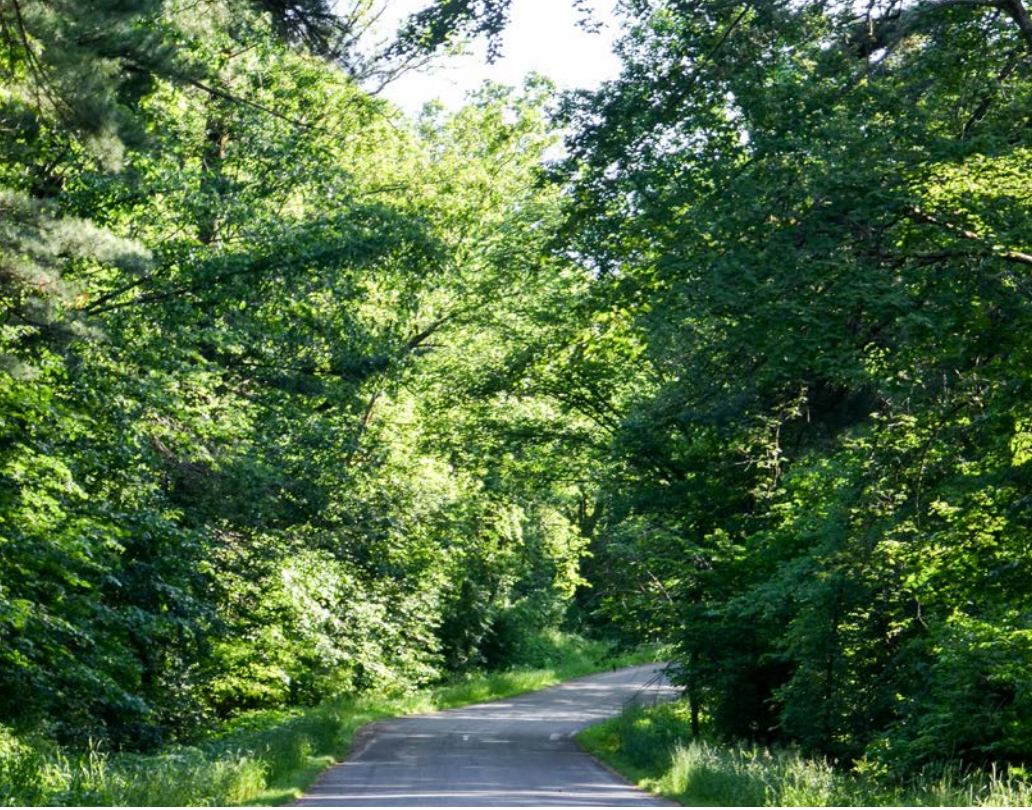
Northwest Wisconsin: *Burnett County. West River Road and Skog Road between Shogren Road and Hickerson Road.*

Map: *R-15 online map*

Length: *5.4 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-15 is close to Governor Knowles State Forest to the north and the Fish Lake Wildlife Area to the south. This route offers beautiful vistas of coniferous and hardwood trees. Several hiking trails intersect with the road. R-15 is within a quarter-mile of the St. Croix River, a National Wild and Scenic River.



Rustic Road 18, Barron County, Wisconsin DOT photo

R-18

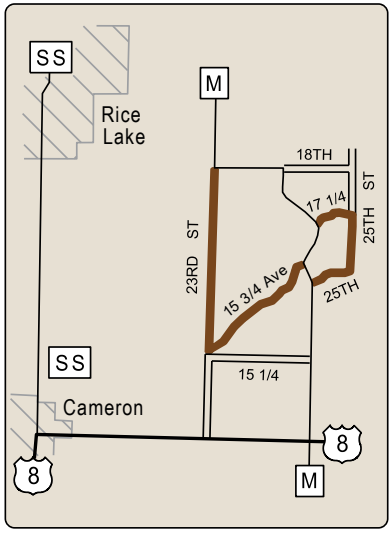
Northwest Wisconsin: *Barron County. 23rd Street, 15¾ Avenue, 25th Street and 17¼ Avenue beginning and ending at County M.*

Map: *R-18 online map*

Length: *6.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Dense stands of white oak, aspen and birch trees line this narrow Rustic Road.



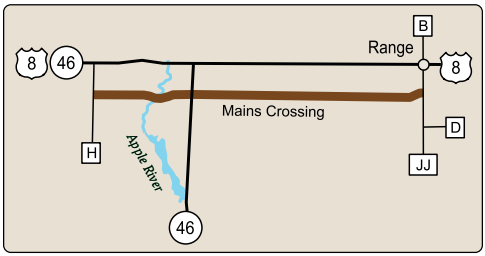
R-28

Northwest Wisconsin: *Polk County. Mains Crossing (old Highway 8), beginning at the intersection of County H then extending east to County D.*

Map: *R-28 online map*

Length: *5.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*



Passing Apple River County Park and crossing the scenic Apple River, R-28 is characterized by pleasant views of deciduous forests and open farmland. Located along the route are three small churches, two cemeteries and the Apple River Town Hall.

R-41

Northwest Wisconsin: *Polk County. Clara Lake Drive and 70th Street between County E and County G.*

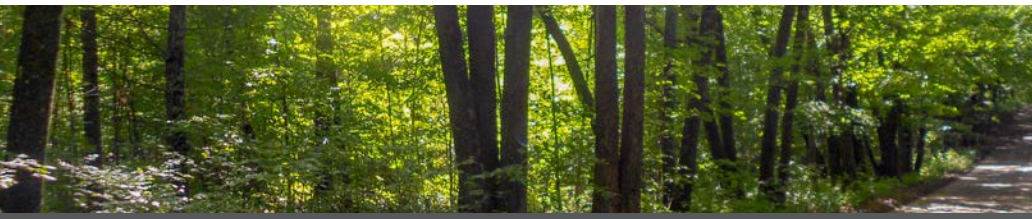
Map: *R-41 online map*

Length: *2.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*

This road wanders past scenic woodlands and farmlands. Clara Lake Drive passes the Hunky Dory Farms Resort, built in 1902 and still in operation. A canopy of trees shade the gravel portion of this beautiful road.

Rustic Road 41, Polk County, Sheryl Kieselhorst



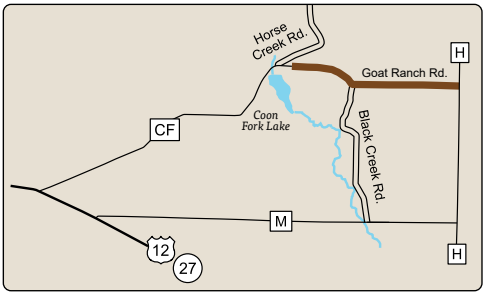
R-45

Northwest Wisconsin: *Eau Claire County. Goat Ranch Road from County H.*

Map: *R-45 online map*

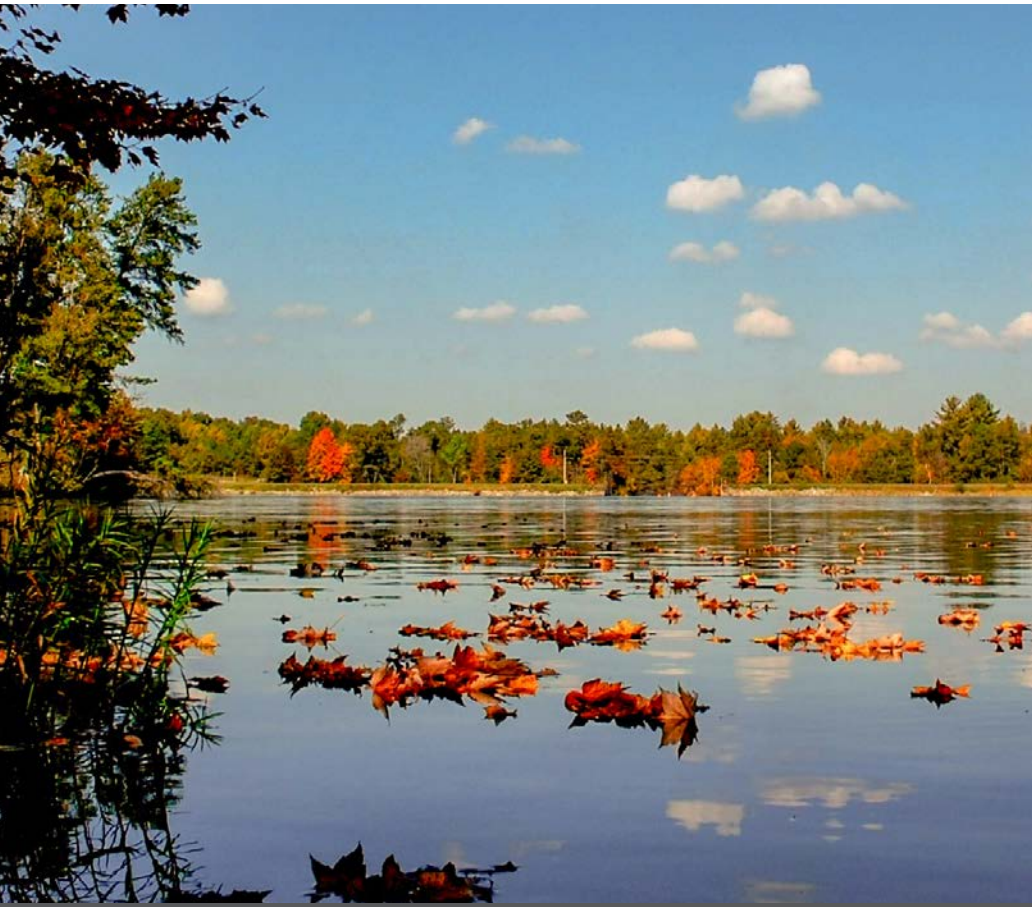
Length: *2.7 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*



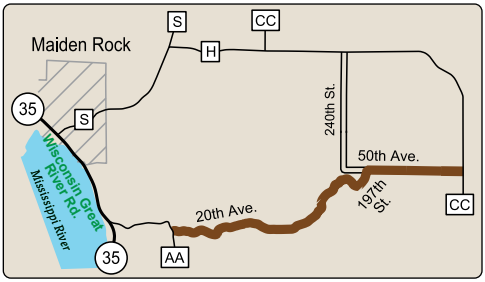
R-45 is a narrow, scenic, gravel roadway carved through the heart of the Eau Claire County Forest. Watch for deer and other wildlife.

Along Rustic Road 45, Eau Claire County, Katie M. Weisbecker



R-51

Northwest Wisconsin:
Pierce County. Portions of 20th Avenue, 197th Street and 50th Avenue from County CC to County AA.



Map: *R-51 online map*

Length: *4.3 miles*

Surface: *Gravel, closed in winter*

Just east of the Wisconsin Great River Road, located near rolling agricultural farmland, this narrow, winding, gravel road frequently crosses a trout stream in the midst of dense woodlands. At the intersection of 50th Avenue and County CC, there is a lovely old church from the late 1800s. Just a few miles south of County CC is a wayside historical marker and a replica of the house where Laura Ingalls Wilder grew up. She wrote about this house in her book *Little House in the Big Woods*.

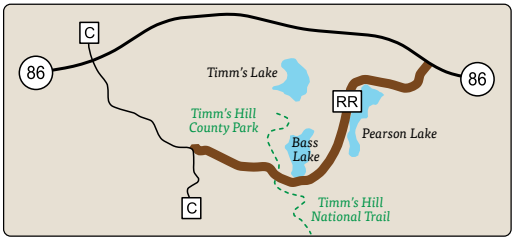
R-62

Northwest Wisconsin:
Price County. County RR, beginning at the intersection of County C, northeasterly to the intersection with WIS 86.

Map: *R-62 online map*

Length: *2 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Although this Rustic Road is short in distance, it is long in aesthetic qualities. R-62 offers the only access to Timm's Hill County Park, the highest point in the state of Wisconsin at 1,951.5 feet. Hikers will enjoy the Timm's Hill National Trail, which links to R-1. Bass Lake, which borders R-62, teems with Northern Pike.

R-67

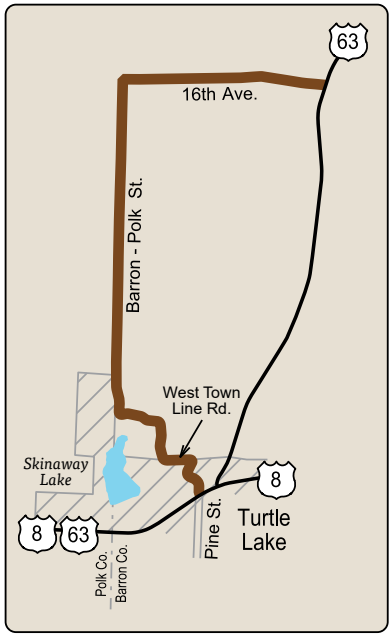
Northwest Wisconsin:
Barron and Polk counties. Portions of Pine Street, West Town Line Road, Barron-Polk Street and 16th Avenue, forming a loop from US 8 to US 63.

Map: *R-67 online map*

Length: *4.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*

R-67 winds through woods and wetlands, along fields and forests, and around the edge of Skinaway Lake. Wildlife and wildflowers abound. This route provides a quiet, picturesque adventure through the northwestern Wisconsin countryside.



R-71

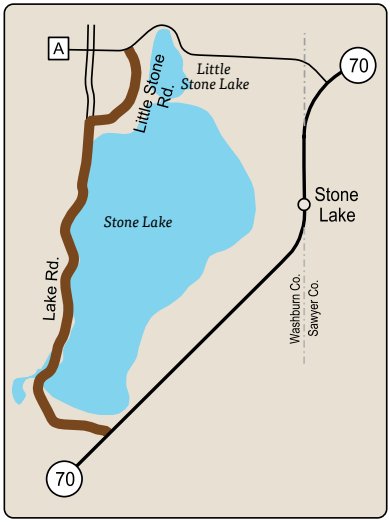
Northwest Wisconsin:
Washburn County. Lake Road and Little Stone Road between WIS 70 and County A.

Map: *R-71 online map*

Length: *2.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-71 skirts the western shore of Stone Lake where deer, raccoons, loons and other waterfowl are frequently seen. The trees along the route form a graceful arch overhead creating a tunnel of green over much of this two-mile Rustic Road.



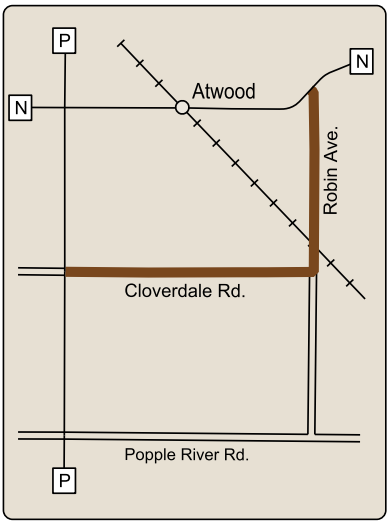
R-73

Northwest Wisconsin:
Clark County. Robin Avenue and Cloverdale Road between County N and County P.

Map: *R-73 online map*

Length: *2.5 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*



R-73 is a gravel road nestled between quiet woodlands and picturesque dairy farms. An old one-lane wooden bridge, which residents refer to as the "High Bridge," is located on Robin Avenue. Travelers might also see an occasional Amish horse-drawn buggy.

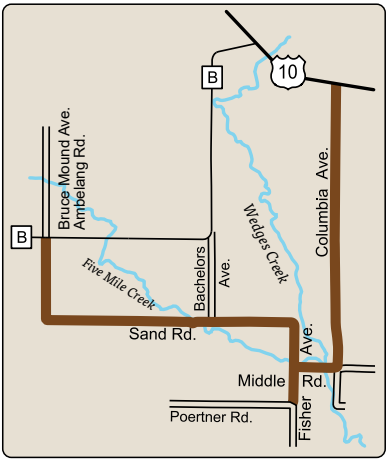
R-76

Northwest Wisconsin:
Clark County. Portions of Columbia Avenue, Middle Road, Fisher Avenue, Sand Road and Bruce Mound Avenue between US 10 and County B in the town of Hewett.

Map: *R-76 online map*

Length: *9 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*



R-76 meanders through the Clark County Forest. The traveler may see deer, wild turkey, sandhill cranes and possibly a bald eagle. There is an abandoned trestle bridge used for recreational purposes over Wedges Creek on Middle Road. At the south end of the township, on Fisher Road is the "Lone Grave Marker," the last remaining evidence of the community of Columbia, which dates back to the 1880s.

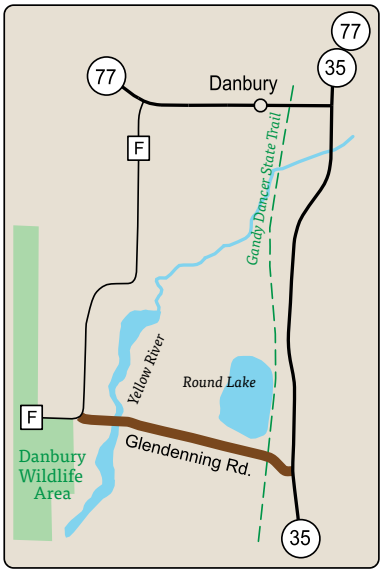
R-79

Northwest Wisconsin:
Burnett County. Glendenning Road beginning at WIS 35 and ending on County F. R-98 is approximately one-half mile to the south.

Map: *R-79 online map*

Length: *1.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-79 is a quiet, scenic road under a canopy of oak trees. The popular Gandy Dancer State Trail, used by hikers, bikers and snowmobilers, bisects this route. Glendenning Road crosses the Yellow River just east of the Danbury Wildlife Area.

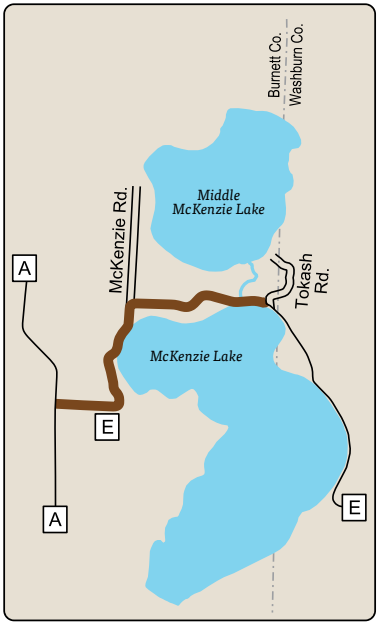
R-80

Northwest Wisconsin:
Burnett County. County E beginning at the intersection of County A and paralleling McKenzie Lake until its intersection with Tokash Road near the Washburn county line.

Map: *R-80 online map*

Length: *2.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-80 is a winding road with gentle hills that border beautiful McKenzie Lake. Tall majestic oaks canopy the road during the summer months. Duck, bear, deer and eagles are often visible throughout the year. The road is often used by pedestrians and bicyclists for recreational purposes.

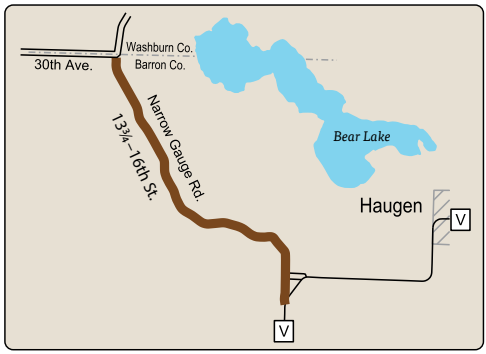
R-83

Northwest Wisconsin: *Barron County. 13¾–16th Street/Narrow Gauge Road between County V and 30th Avenue at the Barron and Washburn county line.*

Map: *R-83 online map*

Length: *4.6 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*



R-83 is in the town of Bear Lake and is on Narrow Gauge Road, so-called because it follows the route of an old railroad line used in the logging era. The route meanders through the 4,100-acre Barron County Forest and intersects the Ice Age Trail. Narrow Gauge Road passes through diverse terrain with native wildlife and vegetation.

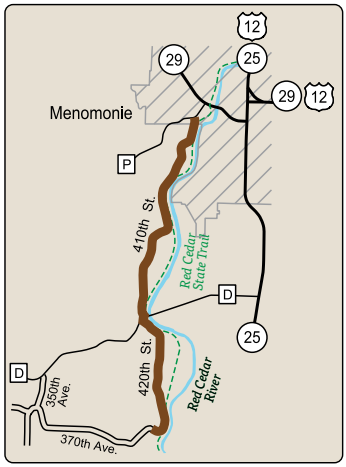
R-89

Northwest Wisconsin: *Dunn County. 410th Street, County D and 420th Street between County P and 370th Avenue, the town line road.*

Map: *R-89 online map*

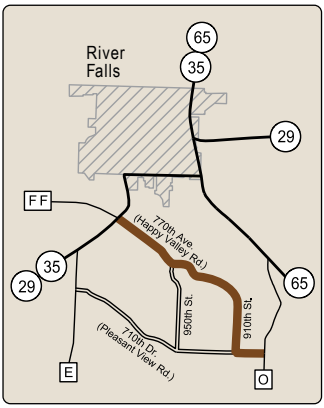
Length: *4.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



This scenic road winds south from Menomonie through the bluffs of the Red Cedar River. R-89 parallels the Red Cedar State Trail; once a railroad bed, now a popular recreation trail. Halfway along the route is Devil's Punch Bowl—a miniature canyon with a small waterfall created by the last glacier 12,000 years ago. It is now a 2.9 acre scientific area.

R-92



Northwest Wisconsin:
Pierce County. Happy Valley Road (also known as 770th Avenue and 910th Street) to Pleasant View Road (also known as 710th Avenue) east until its intersection with County O.

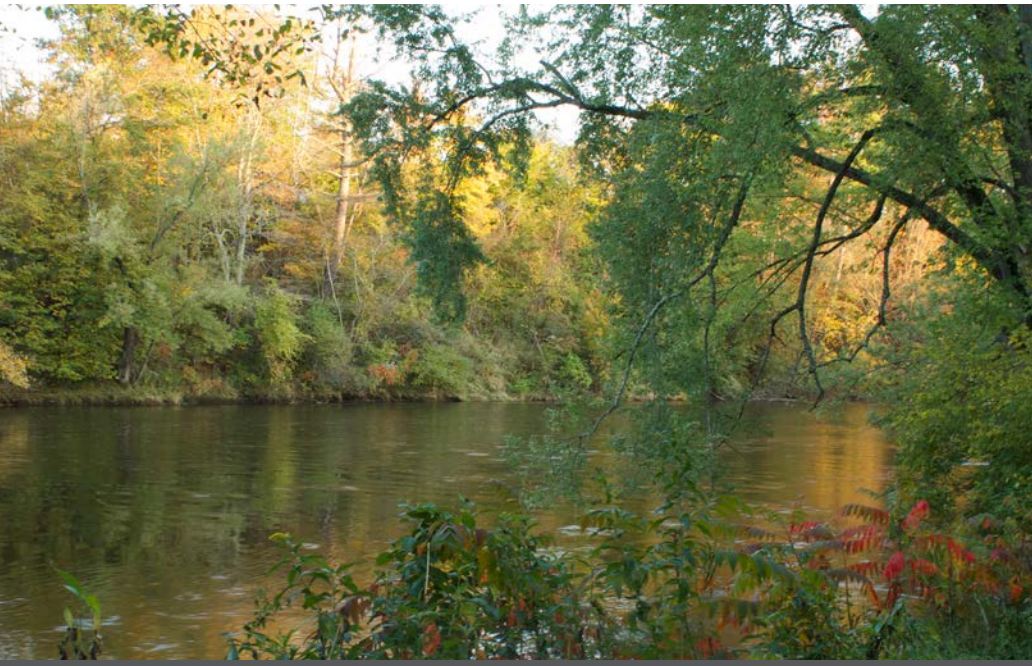
Map: *R-92 online map*

Length: *4.1 miles*

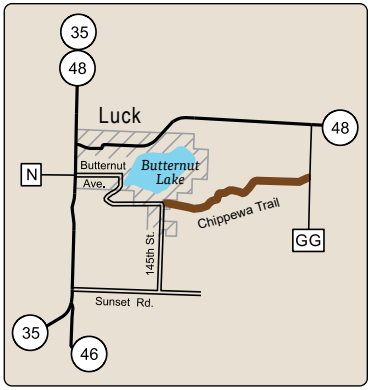
Surface: *Paved*

R-92 is a lovely, winding and hilly route that takes the traveler though a canopy of basswood, elm, maple and oak trees for part of the route—giving the traveler a feeling of entering a peaceful tunnel. During spring and summer, the sides of the road are lined with green foliage and wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, bloodroot, chamomile and hepatica. Rolling farm fields and steep tree-covered hills add to the beauty of the road.

Along Rustic Road 89, Dunn County, Vicki Burritt



R-93



Northwest Wisconsin: *Polk County. Chippewa Trail from 145th Street to County GG.*

Map: *R-93 online map*

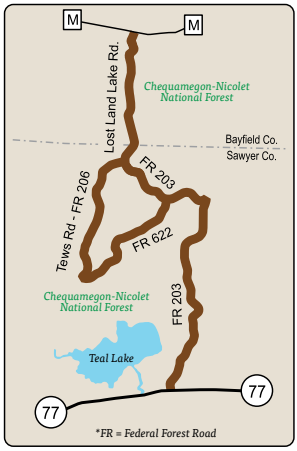
Length: *2.8 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*

R-93 is a beautiful country road that meanders through a wooded area in northwest Wisconsin in the town of Luck. A tree canopy covers mostof this road. Chippewa Trail also curves around many ponds and wetland areas. Hikers, bikers and motorists in this area can see wildlife such as turkey and opossum. Local lore is that the Chippewa Indians used this route in pre-settlement times as they traveled between Butternut and Bone Lakes.

Note: *It is recommended that travelers unfamiliar with the area access R-93 at County GG.*

R-95



Northwest Wisconsin: *Bayfield and Sawyer counties. The route begins at the intersection of WIS 77 and Federal Forest Road (FR) 203 in the town of Spider Lake and continues on a six-mile loop off FR 203 comprised of FR 622 and Tews Road (FR 206). The route continues into the town of Namakagon on Lost Land Lake Road and terminates at County M.*

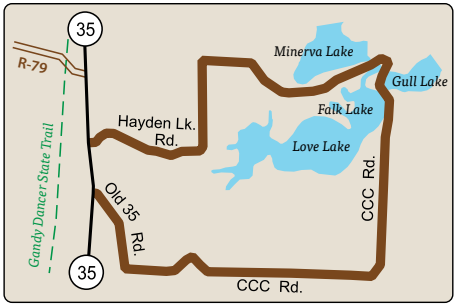
Map: *R-95 online map*

Length: *16.4 miles*

Surface: *Gravel and paved portion*

R-95 passes through the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Along with scenic forest views, visitors are apt to see a variety of wildlife including swans, deer, bear, and possibly wolves and elk. There are numerous bike, ATV and snowmobile trails that cross the route, including the Lynch Creek Trail that leads to a wildlife-viewing platform.

R-98



Northwest Wisconsin:
Burnett County, towns of Oakland and Swiss. Beginning at the junction of WIS 35 and Old 35 near Danbury, the route proceeds along CCC Road to Hayden Lake Road, forming a loop back to WIS 35. R-79 is approximately one-half mile to the north.

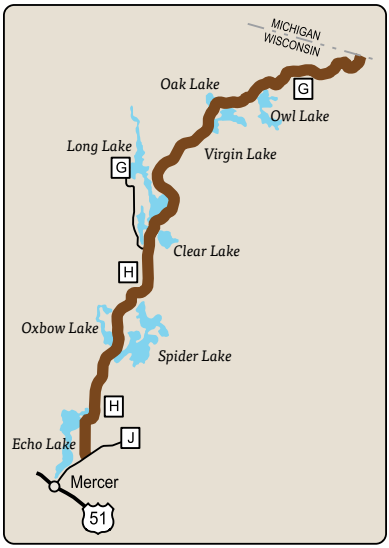
Map: *R-98 online map*

Length: *8 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-98 passes several lakes, features prairie lands and canopied trees, along with abundant wildlife including waterfowl, deer, bear and eagles.

R-100



Northwest Wisconsin:
Iron County. County G from the Michigan/Wisconsin border, continuing south along County H to Mercer.

Map: *R-100 online map*

Length: *13.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Wisconsin's 100th Rustic Road features numerous lakes and waterways, wildflowers and wildlife, including deer and wolves. The route follows part of the historic Flambeau Trail—an important commerce route for Native Americans, voyageurs and explorers.

Along Rustic Road 101, Polk County, Kathy Kuehne

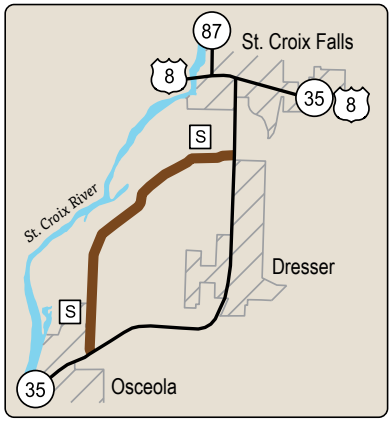
R-101

Northwest Wisconsin: *Polk County. County S forming a loop off WIS 35 between Osceola and St. Croix Falls.*

Map: *R-101 online map*

Length: *4.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-101 features oak, cedar and pine trees, a trout stream, rock outcroppings and a variety of wildlife as it parallels the St. Croix River. Trail heads are adjacent to the road. The traveler will also pass by the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway ranger station and maintenance facility.

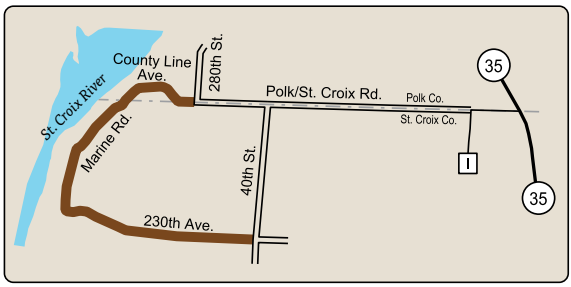
R-103

Northwest Wisconsin: *St. Croix and Polk counties. Portions of 230th Avenue, Marine Road, County Line Avenue and Polk/St. Croix Road through the town of Somerset in St. Croix County and the town of Farmington in Polk County.*

Map: *R-103 online map*

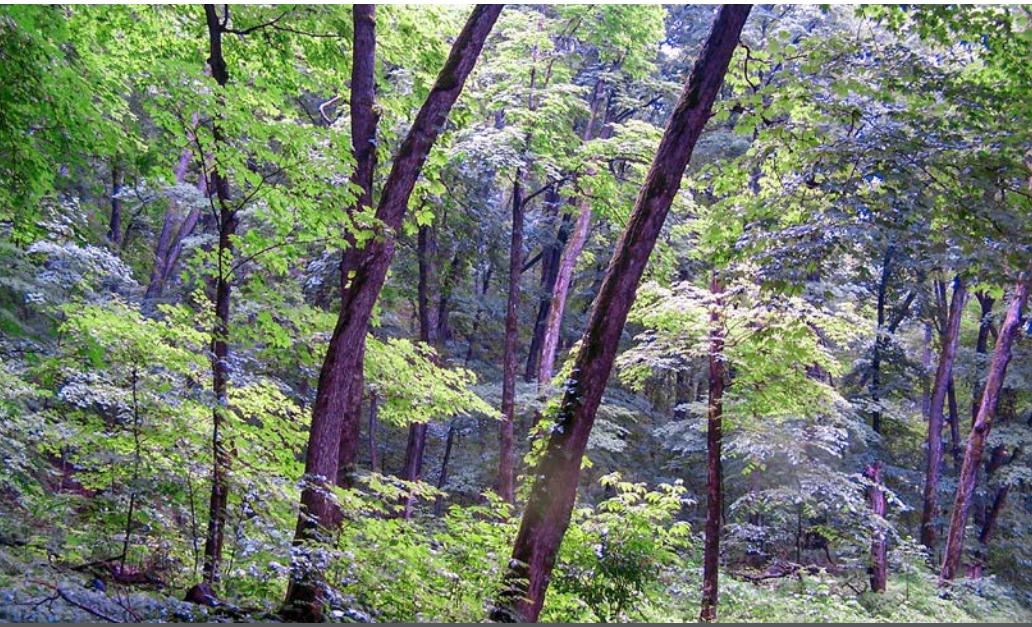
Length: *2.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



This route leads to the historic Somerset Landing—a river access point in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway that features a boat launch and other amenities. R-103 features sandstone bluff outcroppings, tree canopies, prairie and farm views. A snowmobile route crosses Polk/St. Croix Road and a marked bike route connects to R-103 at 40th Street.

Along Rustic Road 103, St. Croix and Polk counties, Debra A. Walters



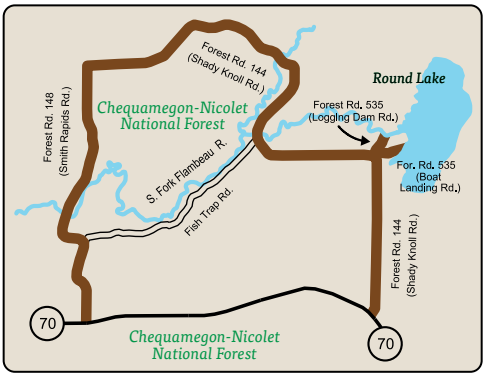
R-105

Northwest Wisconsin: *Price County. Forest Road 148 (Smith Rapids Road) and 144 (Shady Knoll Road) forming a loop off WIS 70 and Forest Road 535.*

Map: *R-105 online map*

Length: *13 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



This 13-mile loop off WIS 70 winds through the scenic Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Wildlife, forests, scenic farmland and views of the rambling South Fork of the Flambeau River enhance the drive. On Forest Road 148, the traveler will pass through the beautiful Smith Rapids Covered Bridge, which spans the river, and pass by the adjacent picnic area and equestrian trails. The traveler will also encounter the restored historic 1876 logging dam on Forest Road 535.

Rustic Road 105, Price County, Kerry G. Hill

Rustic Road 107, Dunn County, Thomas F. Coulton

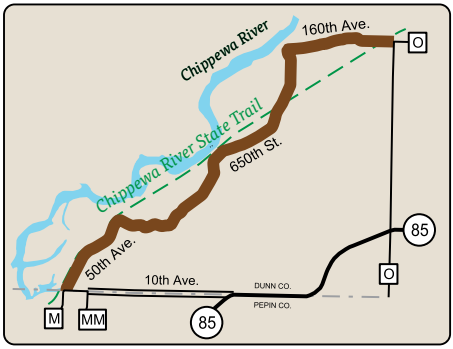
R-107

Northwest Wisconsin: *Dunn County. 160th Avenue, 650th Street and 50th Avenue from County O to County M, town of Peru.*

Map: *R-107 online map*

Length: *6.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



R-107 follows the Chippewa River. The traveler will find wooded areas with canopies over the road that open up to meadows and picturesque views. There are numerous water resources, with wetland habitat throughout. The Chippewa River State Trail crosses the route at two locations.

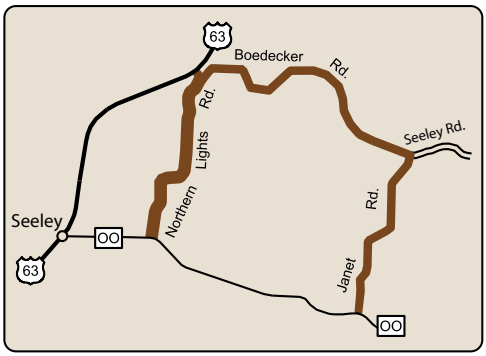
R-108

Northwest Wisconsin: *Sawyer County. Northern Lights, Boedecker, Seeley and Janet roads from WIS 63 to County OO, towns of Lenroot and Spider Lake.*

Map: *R-108 online map*

Length: *3.4 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved portions*



R-108 meanders through the Sawyer County Forest and is bordered by many species of trees including maples, oaks, birch, red and white pine trees which are home to many birds and mammals. This road was originally constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a logging road. Travelers may catch a glimpse of the old "Dynamite Shack", which once stored explosives used to help form the road through the hills. R-108 is crossed by the Birkie cross country ski trail and numerous ATV, mountain bike and snowmobile trails. This road offers all nature lovers a northwoods experience.

Along Rustic Road 108, Sawyer County, Judy A. Hoffmann

Rustic Road 111, Sawyer and Ashland counties, Sylvia R. Eisenmann

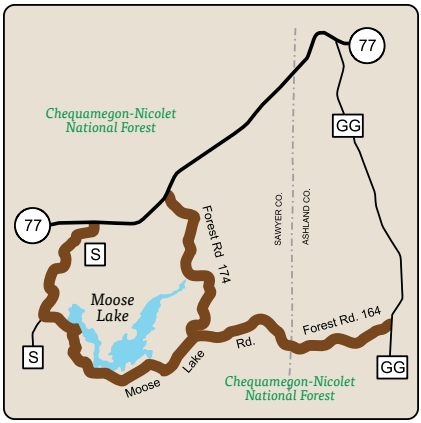
R-111

Northwest Wisconsin: *Sawyer and Ashland counties. Portions of County S, Moose Lake Road, Forest Road 174 and Forest Road 164 south of WIS 77.*

Map: *R-111 online map*

Length: *25.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*



R-111 traverses the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Near Moose Lake Road and County S there is a scenic river view. This route has rolling hills covered with many types of trees making it a popular destination to view fall foliage. Wildlife abounds with wolf packs, elk, deer and wild turkey.

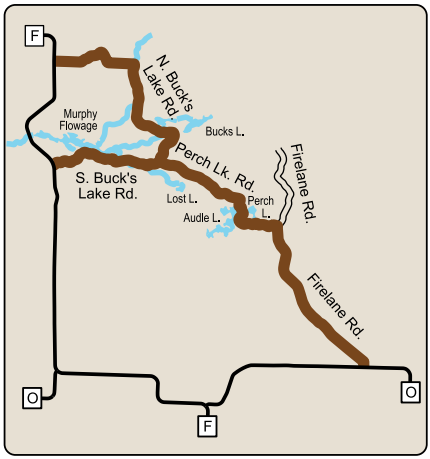
R-114

Northwest Wisconsin:
Rusk County. Firelane, Perch Lake, and North and South Buck's Lake roads, between County O and County F.

Map: *R-114 online map*

Length: *13.1 miles*

Surface: *Gravel*



R-114 is located in the scenic Blue Hills area of Rusk County. The route includes access to trails for biking, hiking, skiing and hunting, along with two county campgrounds and multiple lakes including Perch, Audie, Bucks and Murphy Flowage. R-114 also provides a very picturesque canopy of fall colors.

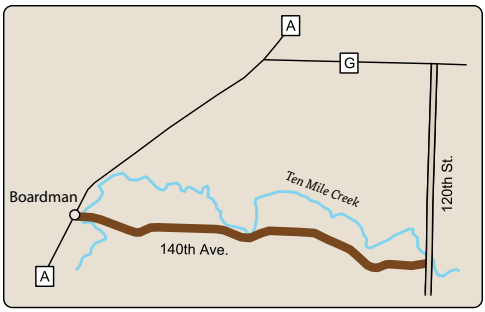
R-116

Northwest Wisconsin:
St. Croix County. 140th Avenue, from County A to 120th Street.

Map: *R-116 online map*

Length: *2.2 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



On R-116, travelers will see oak trees interspersed with wetlands and agricultural vistas. Ten Mile Creek parallels the road for much of its length, providing travelers with water views visible from the road. There are several publicly owned wildlife areas devoted to waterfowl production and habitat protection making this a popular destination for waterfowl viewing.

Rustic Road 122, Pepin County, Dan Fedderly

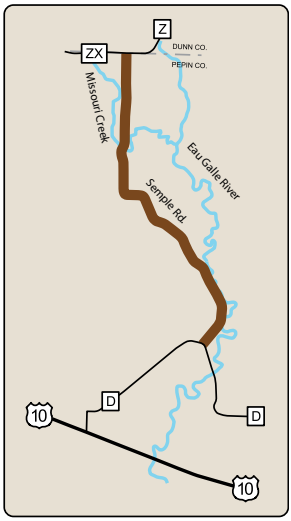
R-122

Northwest Wisconsin:
Pepin County. Semple Road, from County D to County Z in the towns of Waterville and Waubeek.

Map: *R-122 online map*

Length: *2.7 miles*

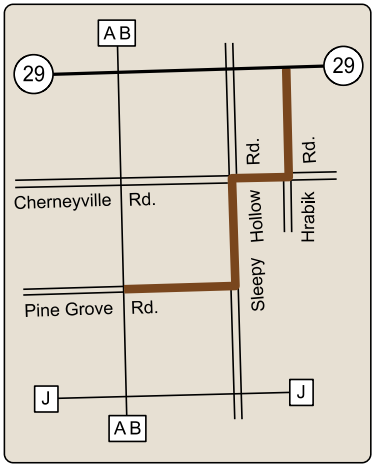
Surface: *Paved*



Semple Road is enjoyed not only by those lucky enough to live on it, but also by bicyclists, hikers, car enthusiasts, and motorcyclists because of its flowing curves, hills and the feeling of "remoteness." Deer, turkey and bald eagles are frequently seen along the roadway. A steep wooded bank dominates one side of the entire route. A bridge crosses the Missouri Creek, which lends to this road's scenic vistas. The creek feeds into the Eau Galle River, part of the nearby Eau Galle River Wildlife Area, which offers numerous recreational opportunities.

Northeast

R-7



Northeast Wisconsin: *Kewaunee County. Includes portions of Hrabik Road, Cherneyville Road, Sleepy Hollow Road and Pine Grove Road between WIS 29 and County AB.*

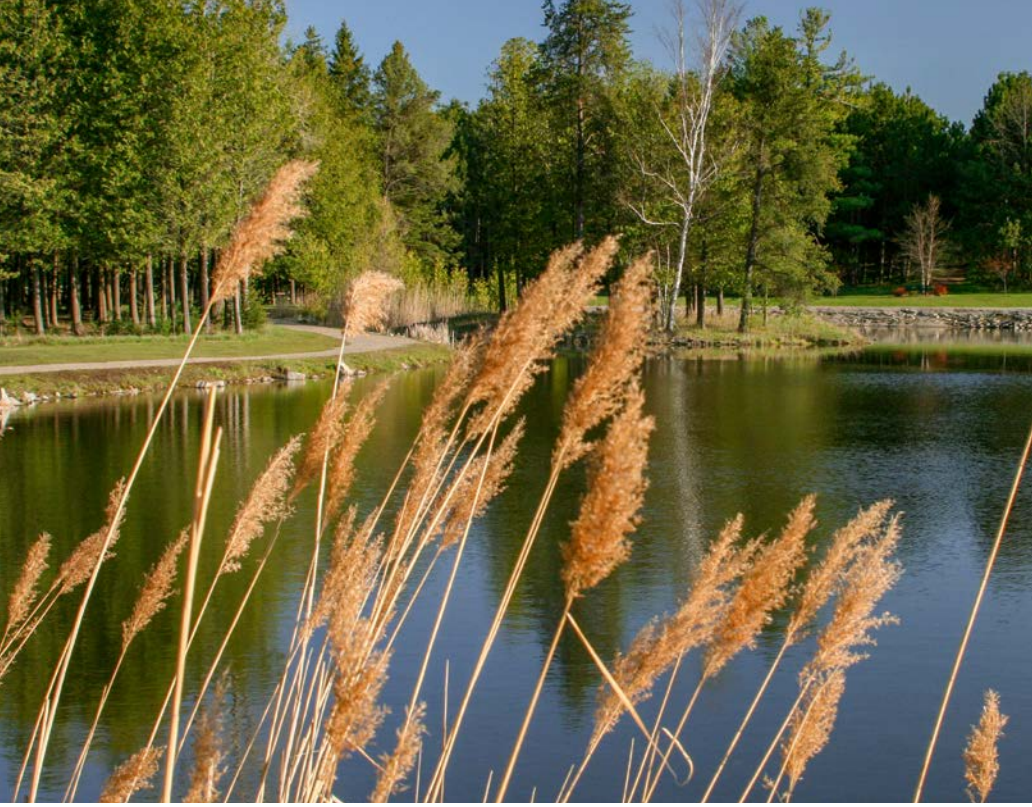
Map: *R-7 online map*

Length: *3.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved sections*

This route wanders past the remains of an old lime kiln, travels through glacial deposits and affords views of an old German home, an old flour mill and several picturesque barns.

Rustic Road 7, Kewaunee County, Dennis A. Schaefer



The zoo on Rustic Road 8, Brown County, WisDOT photo

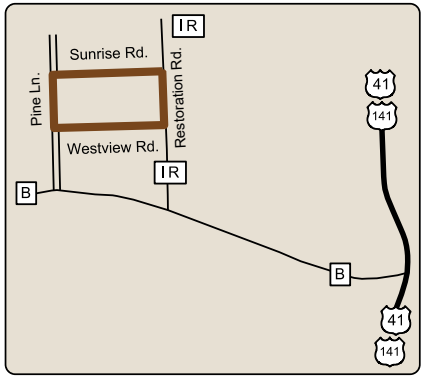
R-8

Northeast Wisconsin: *Brown County. R-8 makes a loop off County IR, following Sunrise Road, Pine Lane and Westview Road.*

Map: *R-8 online map*

Length: *3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Located in the village of Suamico, R-8 wanders between stands of hardwood and coniferous trees that stretch along its length. The Brown County Reforestation Camp, which is accessible from R-8, offers a variety of outdoor activities in addition to the New Zoo Adventure Park.

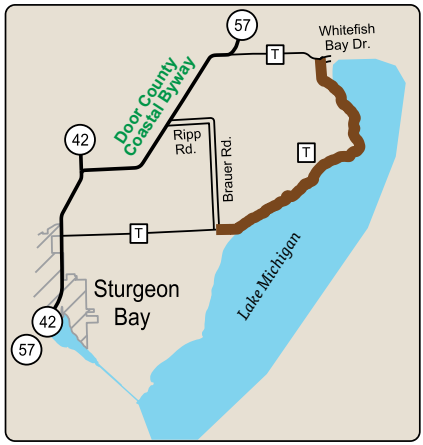
R-9

Northeast Wisconsin:
Door County. County T (Glidden Drive), between Brauer Road and Whitefish Bay Drive.

Map: *R-9 online map*

Length: *6.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Located along the Lake Michigan shore, just east of the Door County Coastal Byway, this route passes through sand dunes, heavy forest and streams that are natural spawning grounds for trout and smelt. Other sites include an old sawmill, a fishing site, a log cabin and a panoramic view of Lake Michigan with a beautiful sand beach.

Along Rustic Road 9, Door County, Kimberly A. Freund

Along Rustic Road 17, Portage County, June Goggins

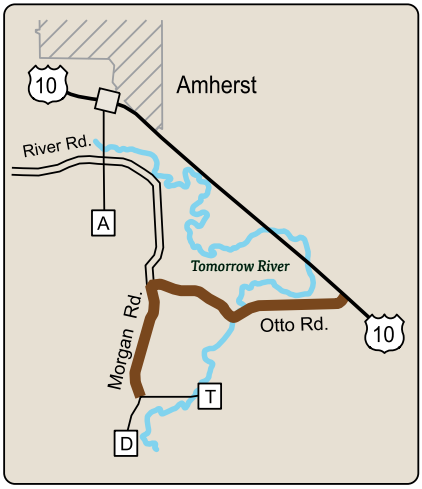
R-17

Northeast Wisconsin: *Portage County. Otto Road from US 10 west to Morgan Road, then south on Morgan Road to County T.*

Map: *R-17 online map*

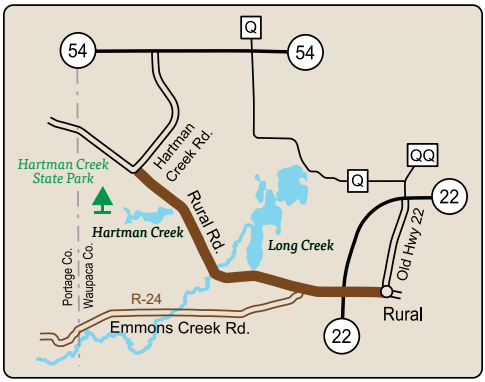
Length: *2.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



This scenic route south of Amherst passes through hilly, rugged terrain, forests and fields, offering glimpses of native wildlife. R-17 also crosses a boulder-strewn section of the Tomorrow River.

R-23



Northeast Wisconsin: *Waupaca County. R-23 begins in the town of Rural, and travels west on Rural Road through Hartman Creek State Park, ending at Hartman Creek Road.*

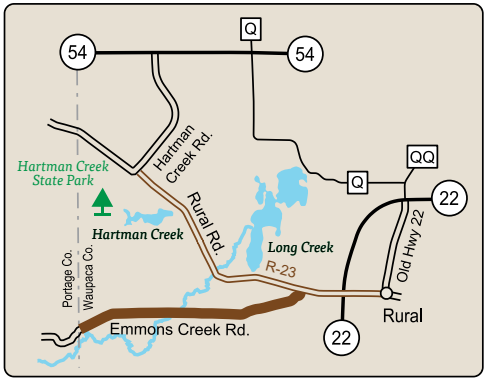
Map: *R-23 online map*

Length: *3.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-23, Rural Road, begins in the quaint community of Rural, whose historic district showcases approximately 17 historic sites, most of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Proceeding in a northwesterly direction, Rural Road crosses the Crystal River three times over picturesque stone bridges and through Hartman Creek State Park, ending at Hartman Creek Road. R-24, Emmons Creek Road, branches off R-23.

R-24



Northeast Wisconsin: *Waupaca County. R-24, Emmons Creek Road, extends west from Rural Road to the Portage County line.*

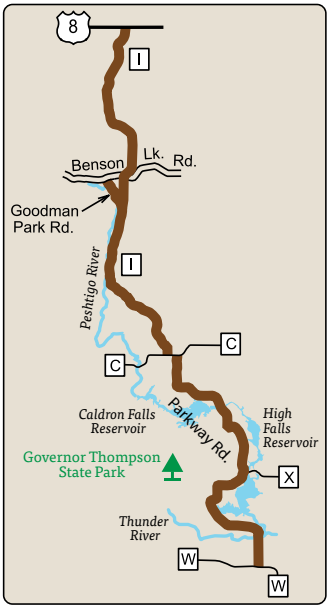
Map: *R-24 online map*

Length: *2.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel portions*

R-24, Emmons Creek Road, branches off of R-23, Rural Road. R-24 crosses a spring-fed trout stream and passes through several stands of native pines and hardwoods.

R-32



Northeast Wisconsin: *Marinette County. Parkway Road from County W north to County C, then on County I to US 8. Also Goodman Park Road from County I to the park entrance.*

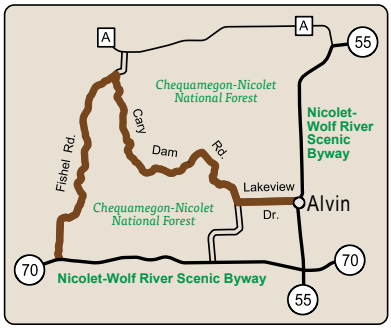
Map: *R-32 online map*

Length: *37.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*

Wisconsin's longest rustic road, R-32 offers a 37-mile journey through Governor Thompson State Park and several county parks, as well as the Peshtigo River State Forest. Multiple species of hardwoods and conifers can be viewed along the route, along with numerous granite boulders, outcroppings and abundant wildlife. R-32 also offers vistas of the Thunder and Peshtigo rivers and the High Falls and Caldron Falls reservoirs.

R-34



Northeast Wisconsin:
Forest County. From the village of Alvin, follows portions of Lakeview Drive, Carey Dam Road and Fishel Road to WIS 70 (Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway).

Map: *R-34 online map*

Length: *8.8 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*

Located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, R-34 leads through a heavily wooded area, including a 50-year-old pine plantation abundant with wildlife and ideal for hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing and snowmobiling.

R-38

Northeast Wisconsin: *Door County. R-38, Cana Island Road, extends from County Q to Cana Island.*

Map: *R-38 online map*

Length: *2.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-38, Cana Island Road, paved between Moonlight Bay and North Bay passes through a unique boreal forest filled with magnificent specimens of spruce, cedar and white pine as well as various species of rare and valuable plants. This Rustic Road, near the Door County Coastal Byway, provides scenic views of the Lake Michigan shoreline as well as access to Cana Island Lighthouse, which has guided sailors since 1870.

Along Rustic Road 38, Door County, Photo courtesy of Door County Visitors Bureau

Along Rustic Road 39, Door County, Ann Junker

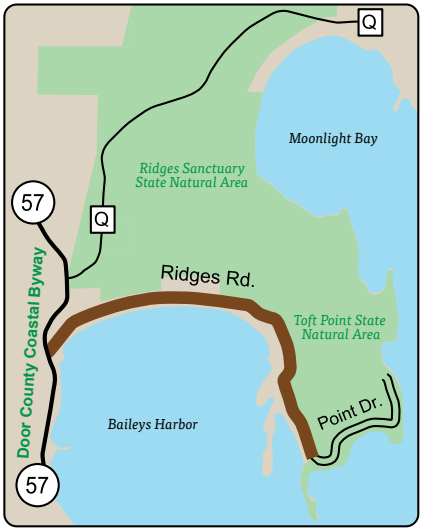
R-39

Northeast Wisconsin:
Door County, R-39, Ridges Road runs from WIS 57 (Door County Coastal Byway), to Point Drive and the Toft Point Natural Area.

Map: *R-39 online map*

Length: *2.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-39 provides panoramic views of rocky lakeshore areas and dense forests. Both the Ridges Sanctuary and Old Lighthouse Point (also called Toft Point) are part of the wildlife and natural areas designated by the National Park Service as a National Natural Landmark. These extraordinary forests and wetlands are home to more than 475 plant species, including 25 of the 40 species of orchids native to the state.

R-40

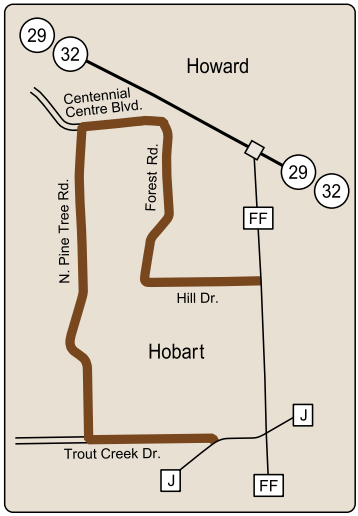
Northeast Wisconsin:
Brown County. Trout Creek Drive, North Pine Tree Road, Centennial Centre Boulevard, Forest Road and Hill Drive between County J and County FF.

Map: *R-40 online map*

Length: *4.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-40 passes near Trout Creek offering the traveler views of natural woodlands with deep ravines, as well as picturesque open farmland.

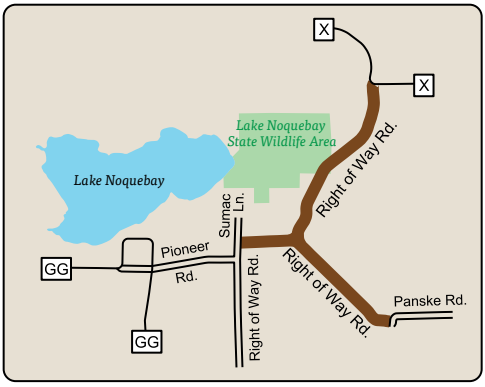


Rustic Road 40, Brown County, WisDOT photo

Rustic Road 44, Marinette County, Dennis A. Schaefer

R-44

Northeast Wisconsin: *Marinette County. Right-of-Way Road from Sumac Lane east to County X. A second branch of Right-of-Way Road extends southeast to Panske Road.*



Map: *R-44 online map*

Length: *6.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Right-of-Way Road crosses two creeks and is adjacent to the Lake Noquebay State Wildlife Area and Marinette County Forest land. According to the Loomis Historical Society, R-44 was originally part of the Wisconsin-Michigan Railroad.

Rustic Road 46, Brown County, Kerry G. Hill

R-46

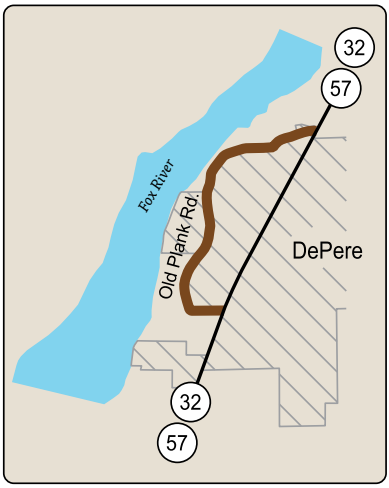
Northeast Wisconsin:
Brown County. Old Plank Road forms a loop west of WIS 57.

Map: *R-46 online map*

Length: *1.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

Old Plank Road is characterized by ravines, large old trees and a narrow road surface. It dates back to Civil War times when it was used to carry supplies to the Fox River.



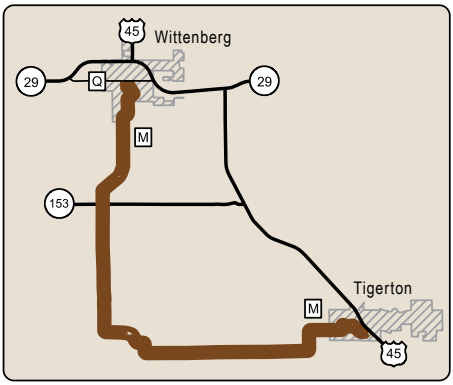
R-47

Northeast Wisconsin: *Shawano County. County M, between County Q and US 45.*

Map: *R-47 online map*

Length: *14 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Featuring open agricultural vistas against a backdrop of wooded hills, R-47 is a traveler's delight. Historic buildings along the route include a round barn and a red granite town hall. The road crosses two streams and passes conifer glens, wetland vegetation and rolling fields. County M also passes the Tigerton Historical Society Museum and the Wittenberg Museum.

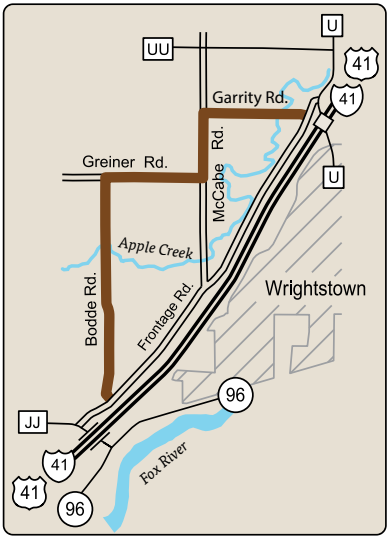
R-53

Northeast Wisconsin: *Outagamie County. Portions of Garrity, McCabe, Greiner and Bodde roads between WIS 41 and County JJ.*

Map: *R-53 online map*

Length: *4.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-53 is located in one of the richest agricultural areas in the Fox River Valley. Visitors will find a double arch bridge, an old schoolhouse, a century farm, an old stone silo, Apple Creek and a resource conservation area abundant with wildlife. Construction of this road dates back to 1857.

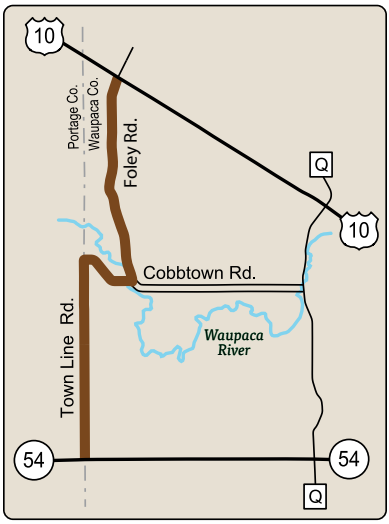
R-57

Northeast Wisconsin: *Waupaca County. Foley Road and Town Line Road between US 10 and WIS 54.*

Map: *R-57 online map*

Length: *4.1 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



The Ice Age National Scenic Trail follows this route. A log house used by hikers is located on the Foley Road segment. The scenic beauty of R-57 is enhanced by rolling hills and an arch of trees over the road at two points. Deep ravines directly off the road are accented with ferns and a variety of wild flowers. Bluebirds and other wild song birds are regular visitors to the large apple orchard along both sides of Foley Road. The Waupaca River flows along a portion of the road; the rapids can be heard at the Cobbtown Road bridge.

Rustic Road 57, Waupaca County, June Goggins

Along Rustic Road 58, Oneida County, Glenda Henning

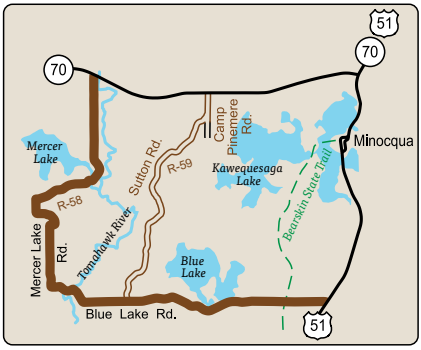
R-58

Northeast Wisconsin: *Oneida County. Blue Lake Road, west from US 51 to Mercer Lake Road, north to WIS 70. This route connects with R-59.*

Map: *R-58 online map*

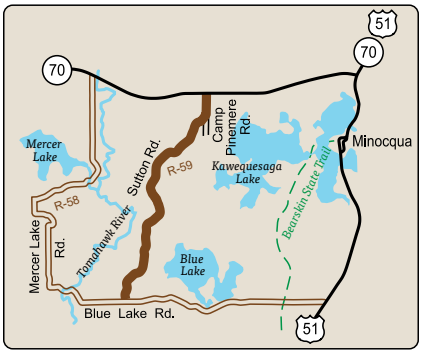
Length: *9.6 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Blue Lake Road skirts many scenic Northwoods lakes while wandering through thick pine and hardwood forests. This route crosses a railroad bed that was used in the 1800s as a main line to Minocqua. It has now been converted to the Bearskin State Trail for hiking and bicycling. There is an ideal spot to launch a canoe where Blue Lake Road meets the Tomahawk River. The Northwoods beauty continues along Mercer Lake Road as it travels across two small creeks, through cedar lowlands, dense pine and hardwood forests before intersecting with WIS 70.

R-59



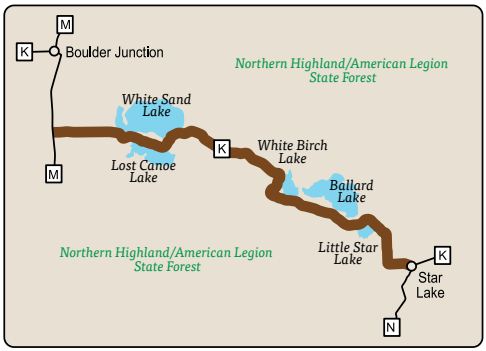
Northeast Wisconsin: *Oneida County. Sutton Road and Camp Pinemere Road between WIS 70 and Blue Lake Road. This route connects with R-58.*
Map: R-59 online map

Length: *4.5 miles*

Surface: *Gravel, sand and paved portions*

R-59 can be characterized as a lightly traveled Northwoods wilderness road. Along this route you will see log cabins used by some of the original homesteaders in the Minocqua area. Sutton Road, whose narrow roadbed is a mixture of gravel and sand, travels through hardwood and pine forest offering frequent glimpses of native wildlife.

R-60



Northeast Wisconsin: *Vilas County. County K, between County N and County M.*

Map: *R-60 online map*

Length: *11.7 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

This winding route travels through the Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest. Canopies of coniferous and hardwood trees enhance the scenic beauty of R-60 as it passes near old logging camp sites, hiking trails and an old sawmill located in Star Lake. The entire stretch of this scenic drive traverses heavily wooded areas abundant with wildlife. R-60 offers frequent scenic vistas of numerous, clear Northwoods lakes and dense forestland.

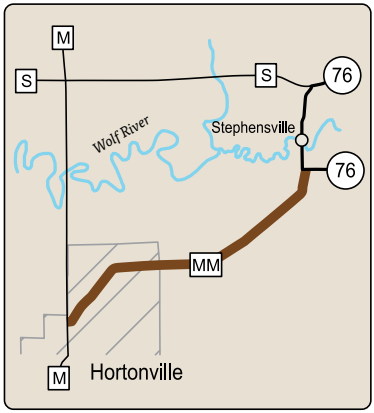
R-61

Northeast Wisconsin: *Outagamie County. County MM between County M and WIS 76.*

Map: *R-61 online map*

Length: *3.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Many wooded areas, wetlands and agricultural uses are adjacent to the road's 3.3-mile course. R-61 crosses several streams and stretches along several wetland areas that are part of the Wolf River watershed. Several large white pines can be spotted along this road, often in combination with large stands of trees.

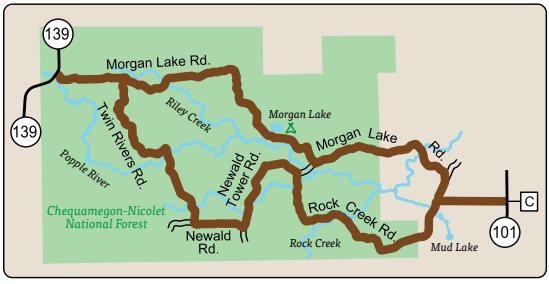
R-74

Northeast Wisconsin: *Florence County. On multiple town roads between WIS 139 and County C near the town of Fence.*

Map: *R-74 online map*

Length: *32.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved portions*



Located within the scenic Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, R-74 abounds with deer, songbirds and other wildlife. R-74 passes the former Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp Newald which operated from 1933–1942. This route crosses the Popple River, a designated Wisconsin "Wild River." It is also near Morgan Lake Campground, a National Forest semi-wild campground.

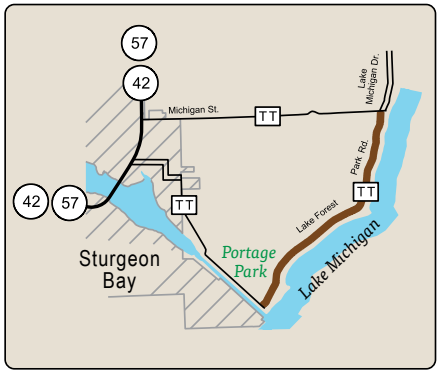
R-77

Northeast Wisconsin:
Door County. County TT from the Coast Guard Station running northerly to the intersection of Lake Michigan Drive.

Map: *R-77 online map*

Length: *3.5 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



Just south of the Door County Coastal Byway, R-77 parallels Lake Michigan with a Coast Guard station and lighthouse at its southern end. Many types of trees including cedar, maple, white birch and pine line the route. A municipal park is also located along R-77. It was from this spot that Native Americans "portaged" from Lake Michigan to Sturgeon Bay before the ship canal was constructed.

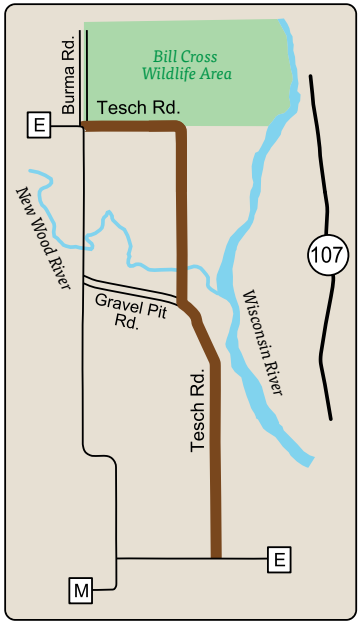
R-78

Northeast Wisconsin:
Lincoln County. Tesch Road, beginning and ending on County E.

Map: *R-78 online map*

Length: *4 miles*

Surface: *Paved and unpaved portions*



R-78 meanders through hardwood trees and across the New Wood River. The northern portion of this route is adjacent to the Bill Cross Wildlife Area which is home to eagles, ospreys, deer, bear, wolves, mink and otter. The traveler will see Copper School, an historic one-room schoolhouse, at the southern end of the road.

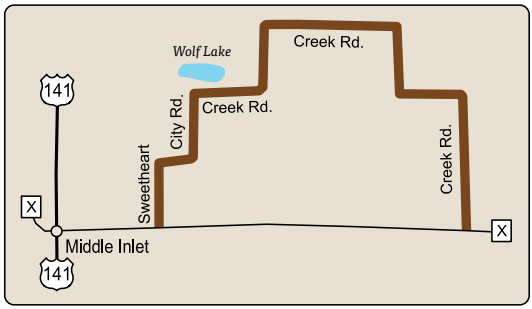
R-97

Northeast Wisconsin: *Marinette County, town of Middle Inlet. Sweetheart City and Creek roads forming a loop off County X near the intersection of US 141 and County X.*

Map: *R-97 online map*

Length: *5 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



A curvy, hilly route passing through many wooded areas that often form a scenic canopy over the road, R-97 also offers some outstanding agricultural vistas, abundant wildlife and a view of a small lake.

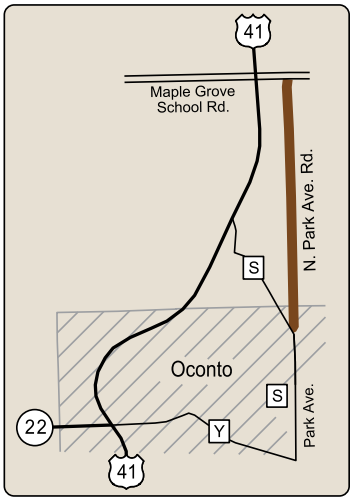
R-109

Northeast Wisconsin:
Oconto County. North Park Avenue Road, beginning at County S in the city of Oconto and ending at Maple School Grove Road in the town of Little River.

Map: *R-109 online map*

Length: *2.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved*



R-109 is referred to by some local residents as "Wisconsin's Everglades" because the road runs through a large complex of coastal wetlands that ultimately connect to the Oconto Marsh. Along some parts of the route, travelers will see majestic cattails that line both sides of the road, as well as blue flag iris, swamp milkweed, marsh fern and lowland grasses. In the middle of the route, the trees lining the road form a graceful canopy that arches over the road. R-109 also has a century farmstead visible from the road.

Along Rustic Road 113, Oconto County, Ken Zingg

R-113

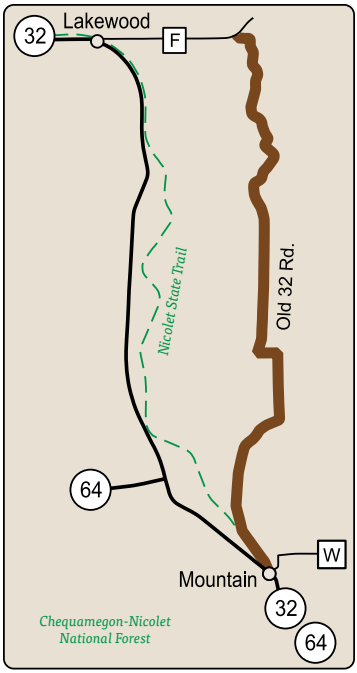
Northeast Wisconsin:
Oconto County. Old 32 Road, between County W and County F

Map: *R-113 online map*

Length: *9.4 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-113 passes through the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest where beautiful wooded vistas teem with wildlife and birds. A complimentary feature is the Mountain Fire Lookout Tower. It was built in 1934 and is the only fire tower still standing in the area. R-113 also provides access to the Nicolet State Trail and cross country ski trails.



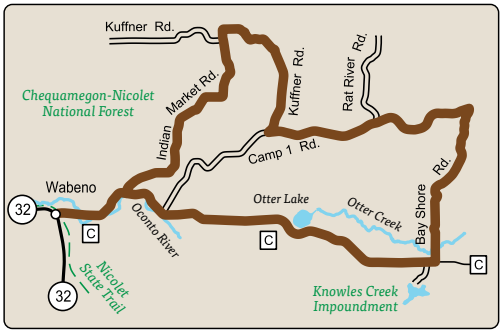
R-118

Northeast Wisconsin: *Forest County. Beginning at the intersection of WIS 32 and County C, Indian Market, Kuffner, Camp 1 and Bay Shore roads forming a loop back to County C.*

Map: *R-118 online map*

Length: *26.3 miles*

Surface: *Paved and gravel*



Located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, R-118 begins in the historic logging town of Wabeno. The Knowles Creek Impoundment and Interpretive Trail is accessible from County C. It is a popular place to view owls, hawks, eagles, loons, waterfowl and other wildlife. There is also a short interpretive trail. Indian Market Road has natural vegetation, travels through the Forest County Potawatomi community and crosses several creeks. R-118 is a prime destination to view fall colors since it's heavily wooded with maples, oaks, pine and poplar. The Nicolet State Trail and the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway are accessible from Wabeno.

Along Rustic Road 118, Forest County, Lynn La Rock

R-119

Northeast Wisconsin:
Door County. Beginning at the ferry docks and County W, this route is comprised of various segments of County W and numerous town roads that hug the shoreline. There is also a route through the middle of Washington Island.

Map: *R-119 online map*

Length: *27 miles*

Surface: *Paved*

R-119 is located on Washington Island. Ferry service to the island is available year-round from Northport Pier on the northern most end of the Door County Coastal Byway. The south end of the route is punctuated with sand dunes, forests and the occasional view of the rocky shoreline of Lake Michigan. The Limestone bluffs along Mountain Road are part of the Niagara Escarpment. Gently rolling Town Line and Airport roads pass by forests, lavender farms and vineyards. Jackson Harbor Road, just past Main Road provides access to Schoolhouse Beach, a very unique stone beach. Little Lake Road is heavily forested and provides access to People's Park and the Jacobsen Museum.

Along Rustic Road 119, Door County, Marion "Bud" Flood

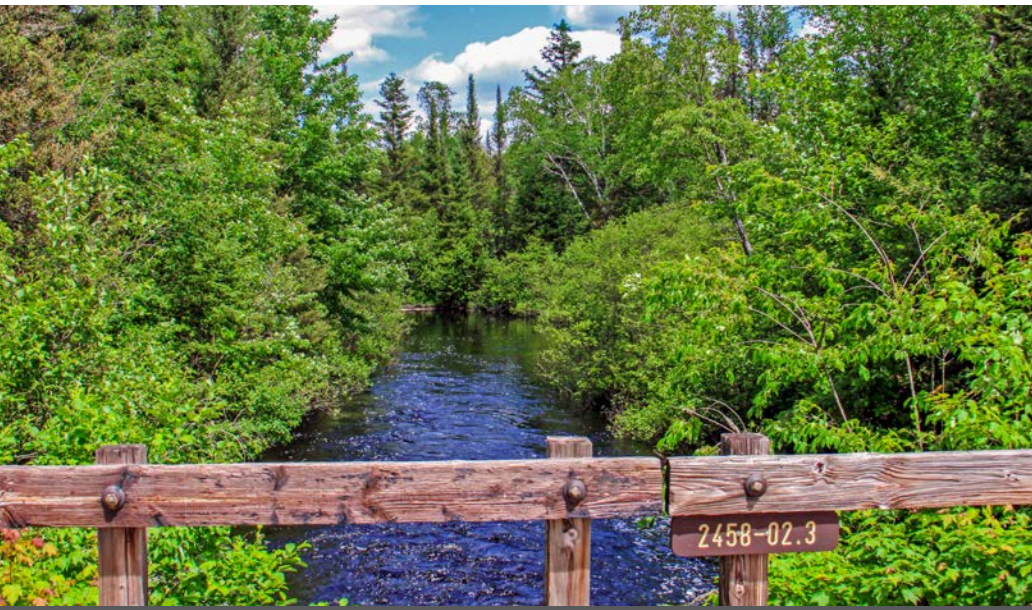
What is a Rustic Road?

The Rustic Roads system in Wisconsin was created by the 1973 State Legislature in an effort to preserve Wisconsin's scenic, lightly traveled country roads for the leisurely enjoyment of bikers, hikers and motorists.

To qualify for the Rustic Roads program, a roadway must have outstanding natural features along its borders. These might include rugged terrain, native vegetation and wildlife or open areas with agricultural vistas that make the road unique. The road should be a lightly traveled, public access road. It should not be scheduled for major improvements which would change its rustic characteristics. A Rustic Road may be a dirt, gravel or paved road. It should be at least two miles long with a maximum speed limit of 45 mph.

Unique brown and yellow signs mark the routes of all officially designated Rustic Roads. Each road is numbered. To avoid confusion with the state highway number, a letter "R" prefix is used with the number—such as R-50 or R-120.

Along Rustic Road 34, Forest County, Kerry G. Hill



Rustic Roads Board

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Rustic Roads Board is responsible for assisting in the establishment of the Rustic Roads system by developing rules and standards and exercising final approval authority for Rustic Road designation. The 10-member board represents a broad geographic base within Wisconsin, as well as state, county and local government and the general public.

Rustic Road 53, Brown County, WisDOT photo

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A Christmas gift created by Molly Maahs for her grandmother, who has traveled all of Wisconsin's Rustic Roads

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