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# Rustic Roads



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Welcome to all those who prefer a road less-traveled.


For three decades now, Wisconsin's rustic roads have provided hikers, bikers and motorists a peaceful escape into some of the finest four-season scenery the Midwest has to offer.

Along with celebrating its 30th anniversary, Wisconsin's Rustic Roads program recently reached another major milestone: designation of the 100th rustic road. What began in 1975 as an effort to preserve some of our most scenic and lightly-traveled roadways has grown into a network of over 100 roads spanning some 560 miles through 54 counties. And the program continues to grow, boosting civic pride and supporting our tourism economy.

But one thing hasn't changed: the unique state and local partnerships that form the foundation of the Rustic Roads program. Local groups nominate candidate roads, and those accepted into the rustic roads "family" remain under local jurisdiction. The state Department of Transportation oversees the program, with promotional support from the Department of Tourism.

As you travel these picturesque country roads, remember that each one represents a story waiting to be told. Along with their natural beauty, a closer look will often reveal a fascinating glimpse into Wisconsin's rich and colorful past.

Have a safe and enjoyable journey.



Jim Doyle  
Governor

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*Front cover photo: Rustic Road sign in fall by RJ & Linda Miller.*

*Inside front cover photo: Rustic Road 46, Brown County, by RJ & Linda Miller.*

# What is a Rustic Road?

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

RJ & LINDA MILLER



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, local 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 Trunk Highway number, a letter "R" prefix is used with the number – such as R50 or R120.



TIM FITZGERALD

*Rustic Road 100, Iron County.*

# Rustic Roads Board

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A 1973 state law created the Wisconsin Rustic Roads Board within the Department of Transportation. This 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 ten-member board represents a broad geographic base within Wisconsin, as well as state, county and local government, utilities and the general public.

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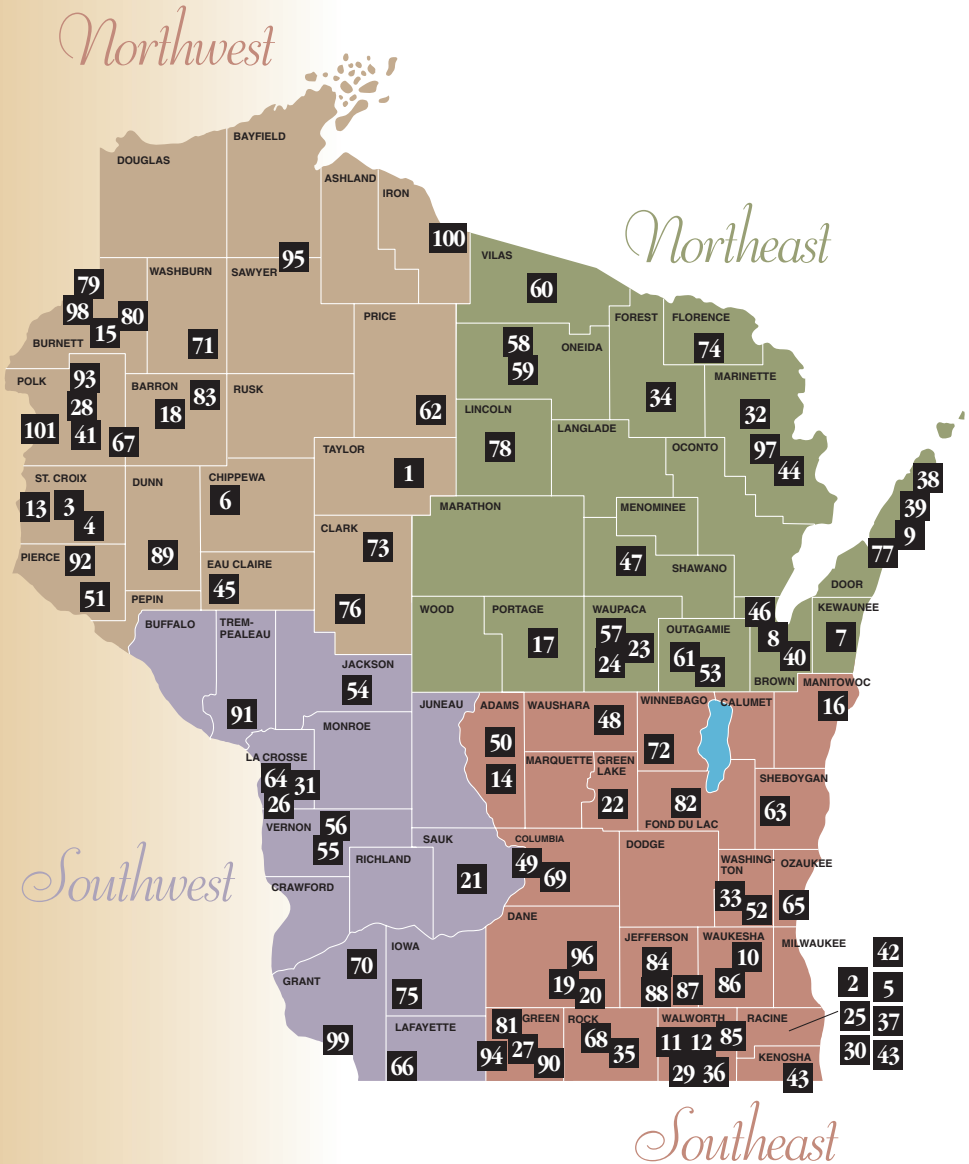
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# Locator Map

This guide divides Wisconsin and its Rustic Road system into four quadrants. The map below shows the four quadrants as well as the county in which each Rustic Road is located.



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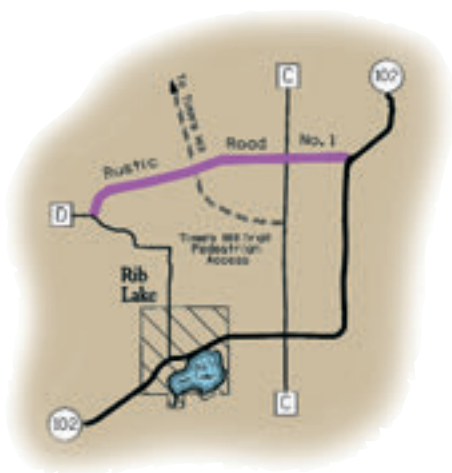
## R-1

**Location:** Taylor County.  
Between WIS 102 and County D  
near Rib Lake.

**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. Timms Hill National Trail, connecting the nearby Ice Age Trail with R-62 and Timms Hill Observation Tower nine miles to the north, is open year round for hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing. A public beach is located at South Harper Lake.



DAVE MEISS

*Along Rustic Road 1, Taylor County.*



## R-3

**Location:** *St. Croix County. Rustic Roads 3 and 4 begin at WIS 128 and follow the outer edges of a watershed and county park.*

*R-3 is Jerdheim Road between WIS 128 and County E, south of Glenwood City.*

**Length:** *3.6 miles*

**Surface:** *Paved*

This narrow road borders the heavily wooded Glen Hills Watershed Park area, as well as privately owned farm land. 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 Beaver Creek. A bike trail is posted along the route.

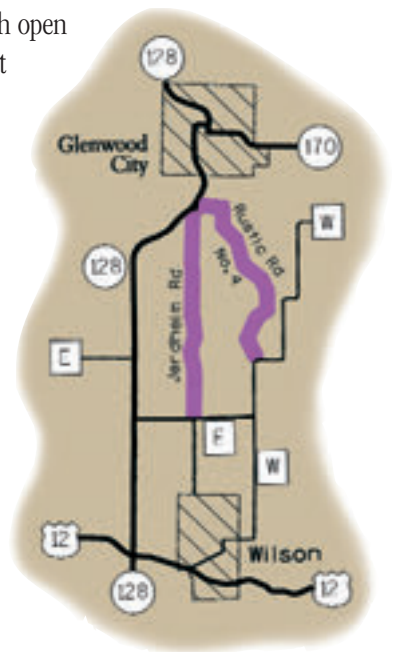
## R-4

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

**Length:** *4.6 miles*

**Surface:** *Gravel*

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



# R-6

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

**Length:** 13.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This rustic road is part of the old Flambeau Trail, an important route for early settlers traveling north. The road traverses county forest lands and a part of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve in Chippewa County.



KELI ZINGG

*Rustic Road 6, Chippewa County.*

## R-13

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

**Length:** *3 miles*

**Surface:** *Paved*

The third road to be designated in St. Croix County 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.



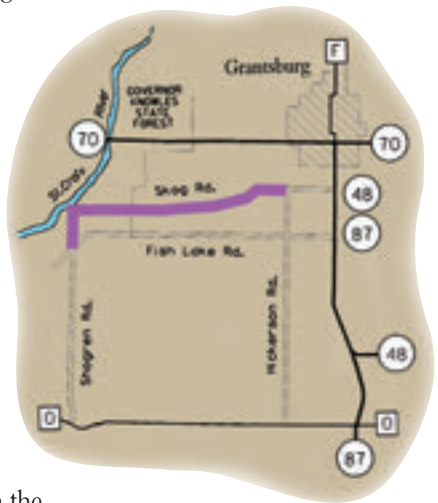
## R-15

**Location:** *Burnett County. Skog Road between Fish Lake Road and Hickerson Road.*

**Length:** *5.4 miles*

**Surface:** *Paved and gravel portions*

R-15 is close to Governor Knowles State Forest to the north and the Fish Lake State 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.



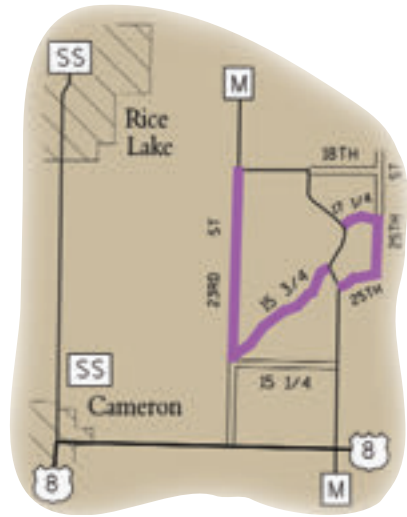
## R-18

**Location:** Barron County.  
Beginning at County M, R-18 follows Gebler Road (23rd St.) south to 15¼ Ave., returning again to County M.

**Length:** 4.8 miles

**Surface:** Paved

Dense stands of white oak, aspen and birch line this narrow rustic road. The nearly five-mile loop begins and ends on County M.



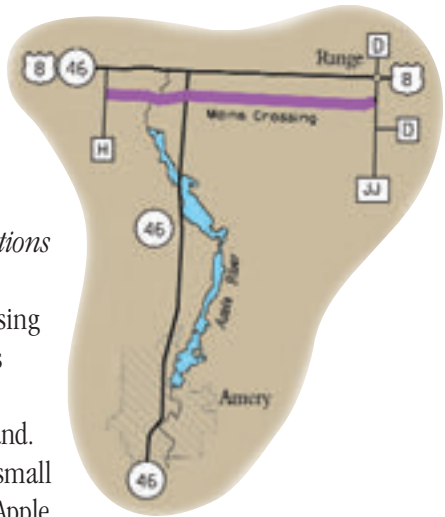
## R-28

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

**Length:** 5.2 miles

**Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

Passing Apple River Park and crossing the scenic Apple River, this route 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.



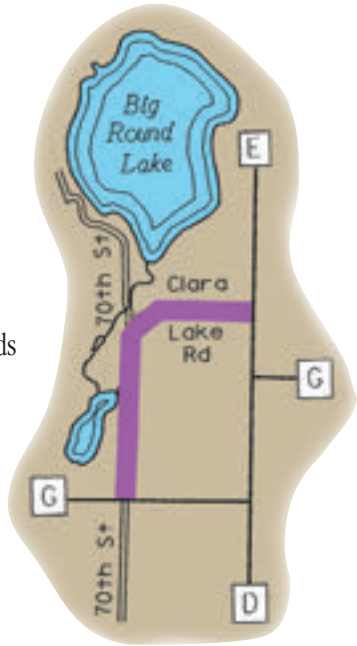
# R-41

**Location:** Polk County.  
*Clara Lake Road between County E  
and County G.*

**Length:** 2.3 miles

**Surface:** *Paved and gravel portions*

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



MARILYN MATTHESON



*Along Rustic Road 41, Polk County.*

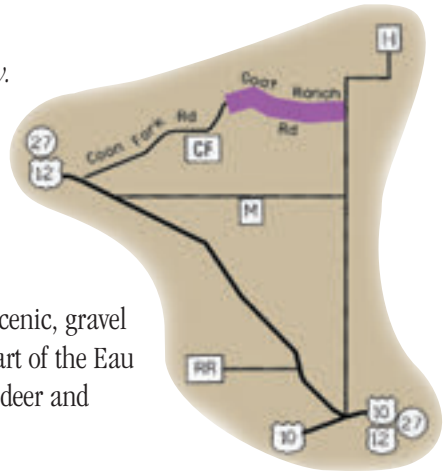
# R-45

**Location:** Eau Claire County.  
Goat Ranch Road from  
County H.

**Length:** 2.7 miles

**Surface:** Gravel

Goat Ranch Road is a narrow, scenic, gravel roadway carved through the heart of the Eau Claire County Forest. Watch for deer and other wildlife.



*Rustic Road 62, Price County.*



MARCIA LAST

## R-51

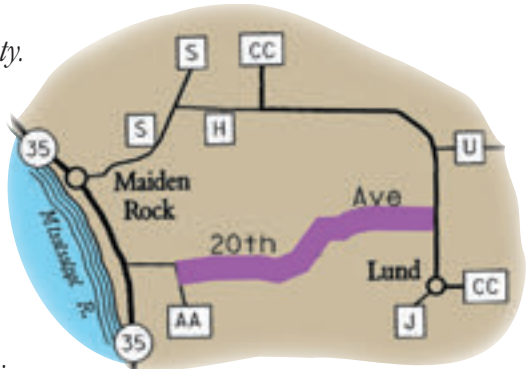
**Location:** Pierce County.

Portions of 20th Avenue from County CC to County AA.

**Length:** 4.3 miles

**Surface:** Gravel

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 20th Avenue and County CC is a lovely old church dated 1881. 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 the book *Little House in the Big Woods*.



## R-62

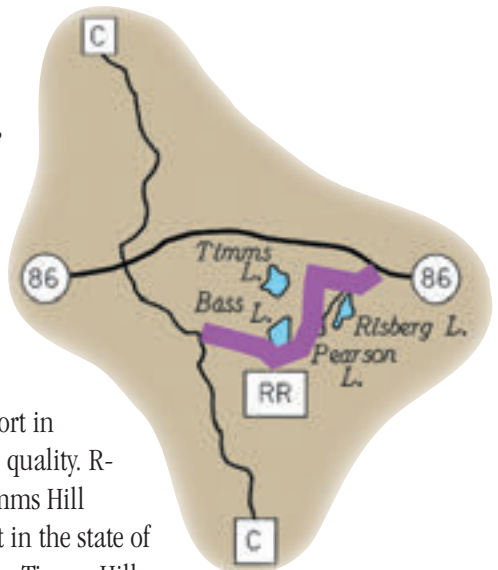
**Location:** Price County.

County RR, beginning at the intersection of County C, northeasterly to the intersection with WIS 86.

**Length:** 2 miles

**Surface:** Paved

Although this rustic road is short in distance, it is long in aesthetic quality. R-62 offers the only access to Timms Hill County Park, the highest point in the state of Wisconsin. Hikers will enjoy the Timms Hill National Trail, and nearby Ice Age Trail. Bass Lake, which borders R-62, teems with Northern pike.



## R-67

**Location:** Barron/Polk Counties.  
Portions of Pine Road, 13 3/4 Avenue,  
West County Line Road and 16th  
Avenue, forming a loop from US 8 to  
US 63.

**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

**Location:** Washburn County.  
Lake Road and Little Stone Road  
between WIS 70 and County A.

**Length:** 2.2 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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



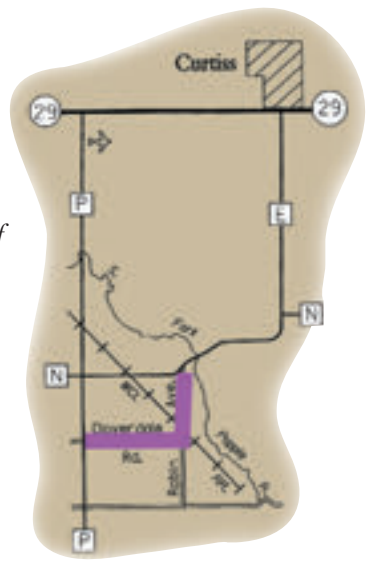


## R-73

**Location:** Clark County.  
Robin Road and Cloverdale Avenue.  
This route begins at the intersection of County N and Robin Road and proceeds south to Cloverdale Avenue. The route continues westerly on Cloverdale Avenue until its intersection with County P.

**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. It spans the railroad tracks. Near the intersection of Cloverdale Road and Sparrow Road is a pasture that is home to a herd of majestic buffalo. Travelers might also view an occasional Amish horse-drawn buggy.

*Rustic Road 51, Pierce County.*



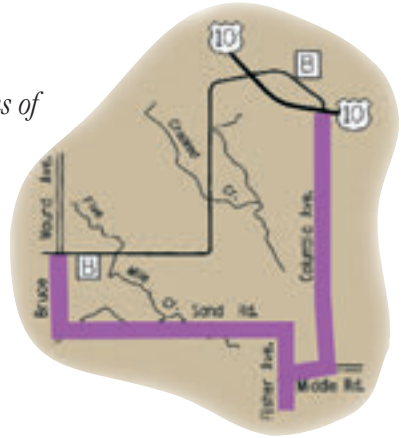
PEGGY SCHUMAKER

# R-76

**Location:** 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.

**Length:** 9 miles

**Surface:** Gravel



R-76 meanders through Clark County Forest land. The traveler may see deer, sandhill cranes, wild turkeys 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 1880’s.



DAVE LUCHTERHAND

Along Rustic Road 76, Clark County.

## R-79

**Location:** Burnett County.  
Glendening Road beginning at  
WIS 35 and ending on County F.

**Length:** 1.2 miles

**Surface:** Paved

R-79 is a quiet, scenic road which is under a canopy of oaks. The well known Gandy Dancer Recreational Trail, used by hikers, bikers, and snowmobilers, bisects this route. Glendening Road crosses the Yellow River just east of the Danbury Wildlife Area.



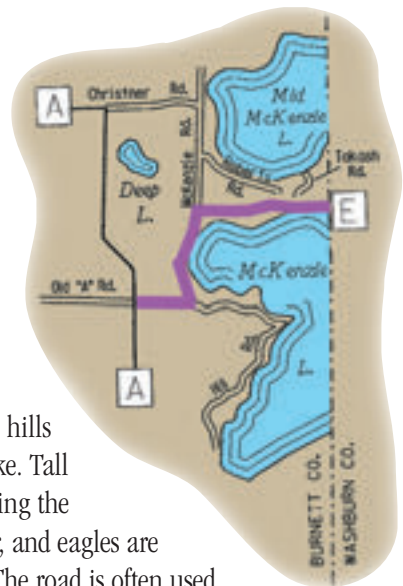
## R-80

**Location:** 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.

**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. Ducks, bear, deer, and eagles are often visible throughout the year. The road is often used by pedestrians and bicyclists for recreational purposes.



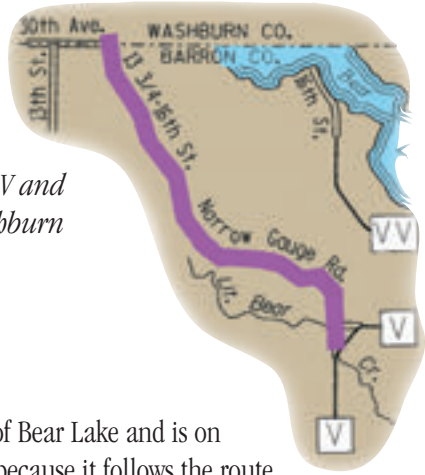
## R-83

**Location:** Barron County.  
13 3/4 -16th Street/Narrow Gauge Road between County V and 30th Street at the Barron/Washburn County line.

**Length:** 4.6 miles

**Surface:** Paved

Rustic Road 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 4,100 acres of Barron County forest land, and intersects the Ice Age Trail. Narrow Gauge Road passes through diverse terrain with native wildlife and vegetation.



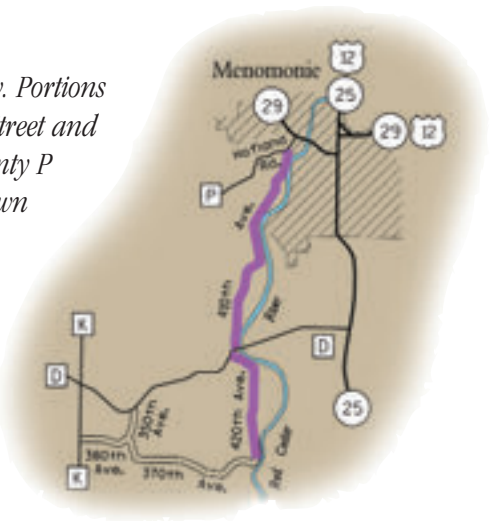
## R-89

**Location:** Dunn County. Portions of Hofland Road, 410th Street and 420th Street between County P and 370th Avenue, the town line road.

**Length:** 5.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This scenic road winds south from Menomonie through the bluffs of the Red Cedar River. R-89 parallels the Red Cedar Bike 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 – now a 2.9 acre scientific area.

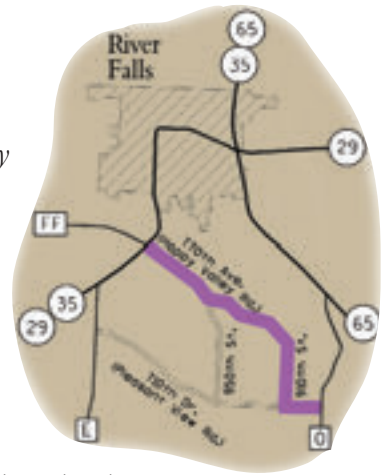


# R-92

**Location:** *Pierce County. Happy Valley Road (also known as 770th Ave. and 910th St) to Pleasant View Road (also known as 710th Ave) east until its intersection with County 0.*

**Length:** *4.1 miles*

**Surface:** *Paved*



R-92 is a lovely, winding and hilly route that takes the traveler through 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.



*Rustic Road 89, Dunn County.*

## R-93

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

**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 the majority of this road. Chippewa Trail also curves around many ponds and wetland areas. Wildlife such as turkey and opossum abounds in this area and can be viewed by hikers, bikers, and motorists. 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.



BETH WROBLEWSKI

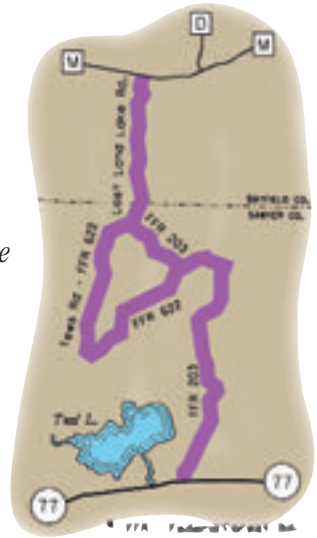
Along Rustic Road 95, Sawyer County.

## R-95

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

**Length:** 16.4 miles

**Surface:** Gravel



The Lost Land Lake Route (R-95) passes through the Chequamegon National Forest. Along with scenic forest views, visitors are apt to see a variety of wildlife including deer, bear and possibly even 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

**Location:** 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.

**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

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

**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 – Iron County's first transportation route serving Native Americans.



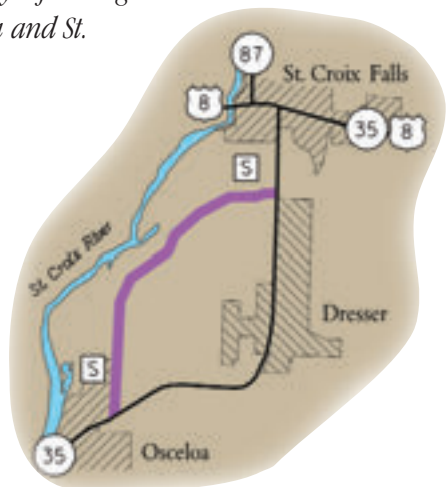
## R-101

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

**Length:** 4.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved

Rustic Road 101 features oak, cedar and pine trees, a trout stream, rock outcroppings and a variety of wildlife as it parallels the St. Croix River. The Osceola and the Chisago Trailheads are adjacent to the road. The traveler will also pass by the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Ranger Station and Maintenance facility.





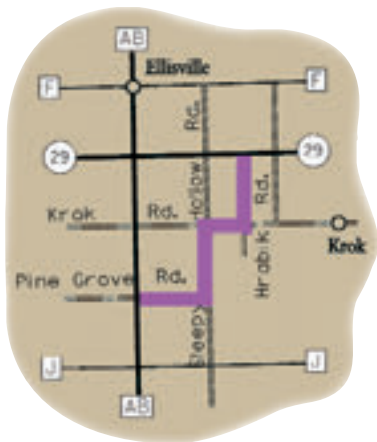
# Northeast

R-7

**Location:** *Kewaunee County.*  
*Includes portions of Hrabik Road, Cherneysville Road, Sleepy Hollow Road, and Pine Grove Road between WIS 29 and WIS 163.*

**Length:** *3.5 miles*

**Surface:** *Paved*



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.

DAVID KOMATZ



*Rustic Road 7, Kewaunee County.*

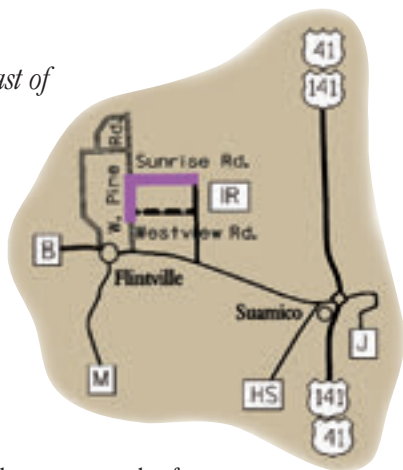
## R-8

**Location:** Brown County. Northeast of Flintville, R-8 makes a loop off County IR (Reforestation Rd.), following Sunrise Road, Pine Lane and Westview Road.

**Length:** 3 miles

**Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

Located near a county park between Flintville and Suamico, R-8 wanders between stands of hardwood and coniferous trees that stretch along its length.



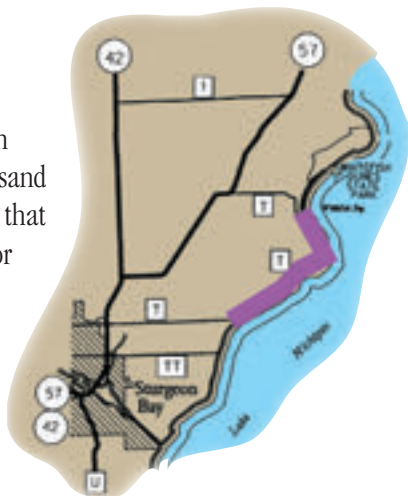
## R-9

**Location:** Door County. County T (Glidden Dr.), between Brauer Road and Whitefish Bay Road.

**Length:** 6.7 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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



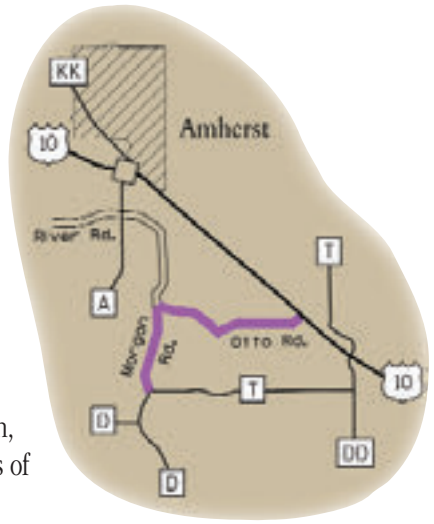
# R-17

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

**Length:** 2.7 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This scenic route south of Amerst  
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.



LYNN DUMKE



Along Rustic Road 17, Portage County.

## R-23, R-24

**Location:** 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.

**Length:** 3.6 miles

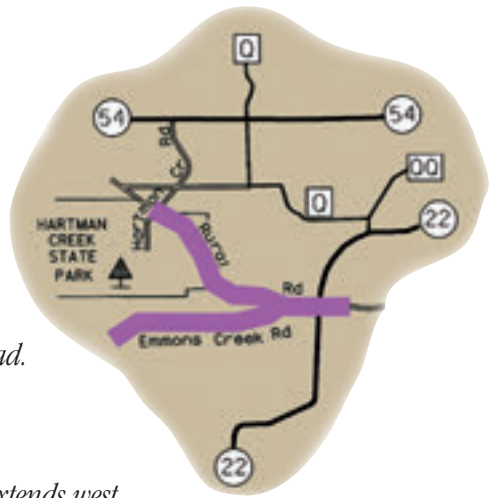
**Surface:** Paved

R-24, Emmons Creek Road, extends west from Rural Road to the Portage County line.

**Length:** 2.7 miles

**Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

Scenic Rural Road crosses the Crystal River three times over picturesque stone bridges, offering pleasant vistas of agricultural and forest areas. Emmons Creek Road crosses a springfed trout stream and passes through several stands of native pine and hardwoods.



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Rustic Road 34, Forest County.

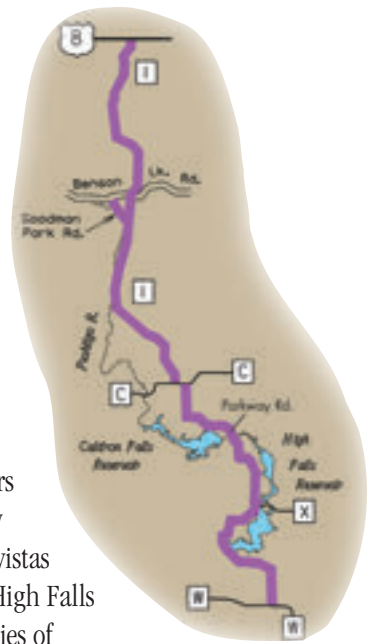
## R-32

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

**Length:** 37.1 miles

**Surface:** Paved and gravel

Wisconsin's longest rustic road, R-32 offers a 37-mile journey through several county parks, county and state forest, and offers vistas of the Thunder and Peshtigo rivers, and High Falls and Caldron Falls flowages. Multiple species of hardwoods and conifers can be viewed along the route, along with numerous granite boulders, outcroppings and abundant wildlife.



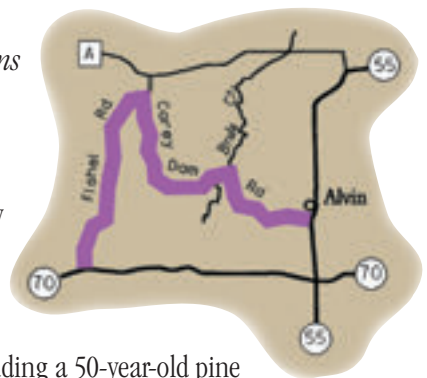
## R-34

**Location:** Forest County. *From the Village of Alvin, follows portions of Lakeview Drive, Carey Dam Road and Fishel Road to WIS 70.*

**Length:** 8.8 miles

**Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

Located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, this scenic route includes the Old North Road, the very first road in the Town of Alvin and one which has changed very little over the years. The road 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, R-39

**Location:** Door County.

R-38, Cana Island Road, extends from County Q to Cana Island.

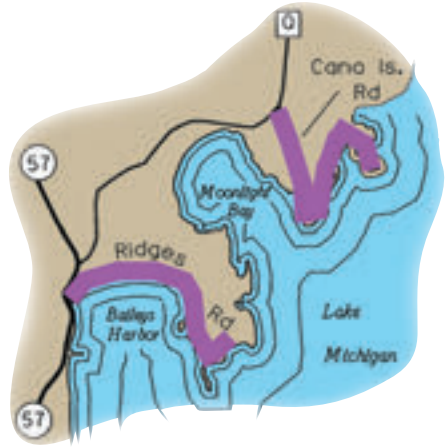
**Length:** 2.5 miles

**Surface:** Paved

R-39, Ridges Road runs from WIS 57 to Point Drive and the Old Lighthouse Point Natural Area.

**Length:** 2.5 miles

**Surface:** Paved



Between Moonlight Bay and North Bay, R-38 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. The route provides scenic views of Cana Island Lighthouse and the Lake Michigan shoreline. R-39 provides panoramic views of heavily wooded and lakeshore areas. Old Lighthouse Point Natural Area and the Ridges Sanctuary Wildlife Area are outstanding wildlife areas featuring many rare native plants.

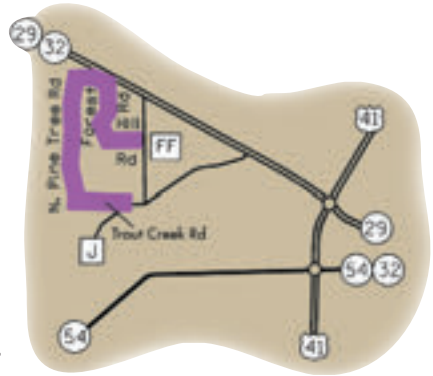
## R-40

**Location:** Brown County.  
County J to County FF.

**Length:** 4.6 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This rustic road passes near Trout Creek offering the traveler views of natural woodlands with deep ravines, as well as picturesque open farmland.

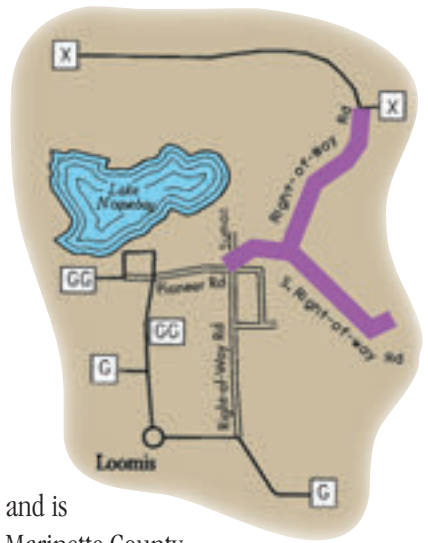


# R-44

**Location:** Marinette County.  
*Right-of-Way Road from Sumac Lane east to County X. A second branch of Right-of-Way Road extends southeast to the Porterfield Lake town line.*

**Length:** 6.5 miles

**Surface:** Paved



Right-of-Way Road crosses two creeks and is adjacent to a state wildlife refuge and Marinette County Forest land. According to the Loomis Historical Society, R-44 was originally part of the Wisconsin-Michigan Railroad.

*Along Rustic Road 40, Brown County.*



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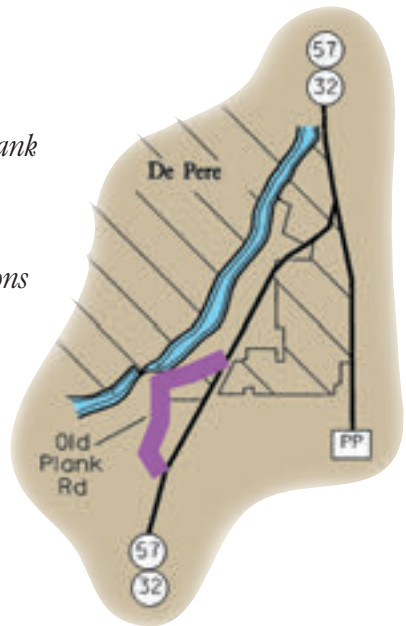
## R-46

**Location:** Brown County. Old Plank Road forms a loop west of WIS 57.

**Length:** 1.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

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.



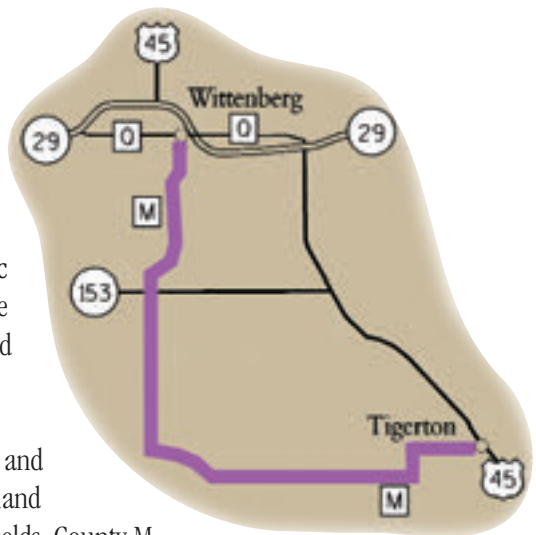
## R-47

**Location:** Shawano County. County M, between WIS 29 and US 45.

**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, red granite town hall and a stone filling station. The road crosses two streams and passes conifer glens, wetland vegetation, and rolling fields. County M also passes the Tigerton Historical museum and the Wittenburg Historical Museum.





# R-53

**Location:** *Outagamie County. Portions of Garrity Road, McCabe Road, Greiner Road and Bodde Road between WIS 41 and County Jj.*

**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 which serves as the town hall, 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.



*Along Rustic Road 53, Outagamie County .*



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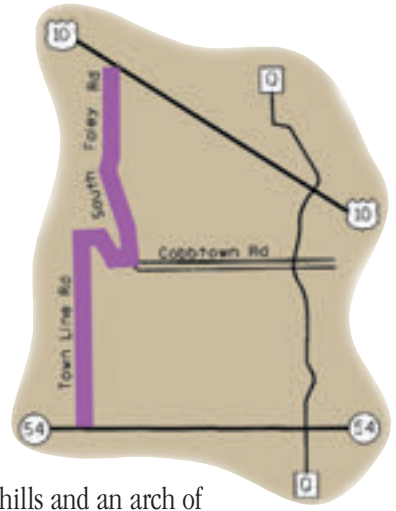
# R-57

**Location:** Waupaca County. South Foley Road and Town Line Road between US 10 and WIS 54.

**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 South 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 South Foley Road. The Waupaca River flows along a portion of the road; the rapids can be heard at the Cobbtown Road bridge.



DAVID KOMANTZ

*Along Rustic Road 57, Waupaca County.*

## R-58

**Location:** Oneida County. Blue Lake Road, west from US 51 to Mercer Lake Road, and Mercer Lake Road, north from Blue Lake Road to WIS 70.

**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 1800's as a main line to Minocqua. It has now been converted to the Bearskin State Trail for hiking and bicycling. Where Blue Lake Road intersects the Tomahawk River, you'll find an ideal spot for launching a canoe. The Northwood's beauty continues along Mercer Lake Road as it travels across two small creeks, through cedar lowlands and dense pine and hardwood forests before intersecting with WIS 70.

## R-59

**Location:** Oneida County. Sutton Road and Camp Pinemere Road between WIS 70 and Blue Lake Road.

**Length:** 4.5 miles

**Surface:** Gravel, gravel and 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.

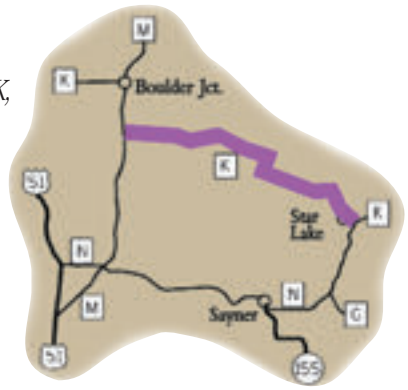
## R-60

**Location:** Vilas County. County K, between County N and County M.

**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 saw mill 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.



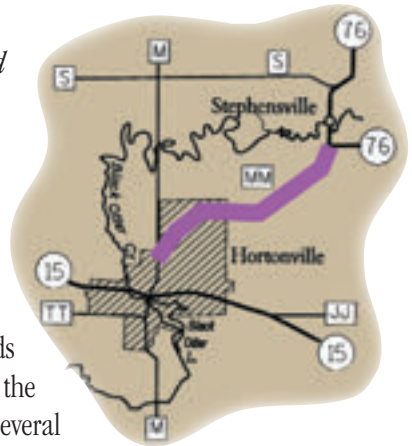
## R-61

**Location:** Outagamie County. County MM between County M and WIS 76.

**Length:** 3.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This road offers an interesting combination of historic and scenic features. 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

**Location:** Florence County. Between WIS 139 and County C near the Town of Fence.

**Length:** 32.5 miles

**Surface:** Gravel

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.



KEN ZINGG



Along Rustic Road 60, Vilas County.

## R-77

**Location:** Door County. County TT running northerly to the intersection of Lake Michigan Drive.

**Length:** 3.5 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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.



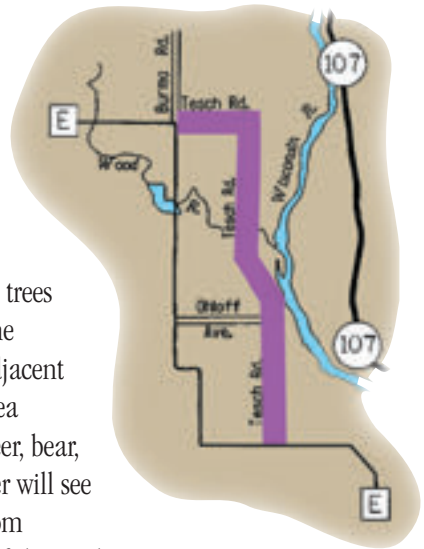
## R-78

**Location:** Lincoln County. Tesch Road, beginning and ending on County E.

**Length:** 4 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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

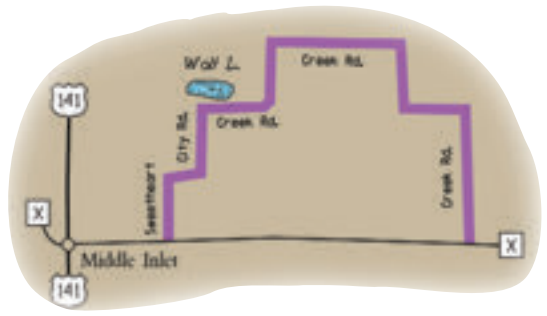


# R-97

**Location:** Marinette County, Town of Middle Inlet. Sweetheart City Road and Creek Road forming a loop off County X near the intersection of US 141 and County X.

**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.

KEN ZINGG



Rustic Road 78, Lincoln County.

# Southwest

## R-21

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

**Length:** 8.6 miles

**Surface:** Gravel



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 Road extends along a ridge bordered by oaks, maples, basswoods and hickories. 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.



RJ & LINDA MILLER

Rustic Road 55, Vernon County.

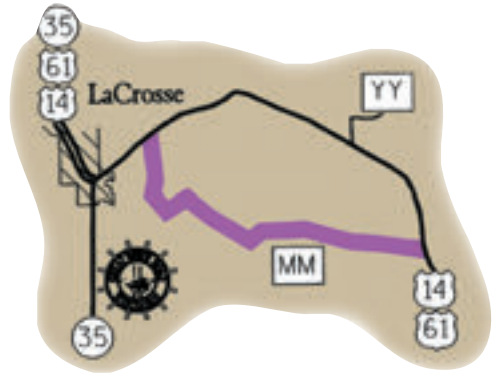


## R-26

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

**Length:** 5.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved



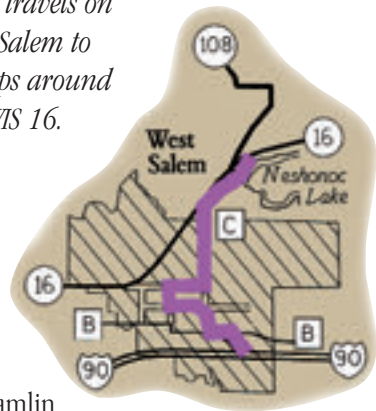
La Crosse County MM combines beautiful scenery and history. It offers the traveler views of the Mississippi River Valley and the Morman Coulee Creek Valley. “Brinkman’s Ridge” provides a panorama of the Mississippi River, including the Goose Island wildlife refuge. This route also passes the 1854 Oehler Mill site, as well as a century-old root cellar.

## R-31

**Location:** La Crosse County. R-31 travels on 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.

**Length:** 2.6 miles

**Surface:** Paved



R-31 travelers can view a pair of historic homes: the 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

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

**Length:** 12.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This road travels through the Black River State Forest which boasts beautiful hardwood stands and pine tree plantations. R-54 follows a portion of the Wazee Trail past the Pigeon Creek Campground and the Dike 17 Lookout Tower where miles of marsh are visible. Sandhill cranes, bald eagles, ducks, geese and other wildlife are abundant. The traveler may see a variety of plant life including sphagnum peat moss beds and native wildflowers.



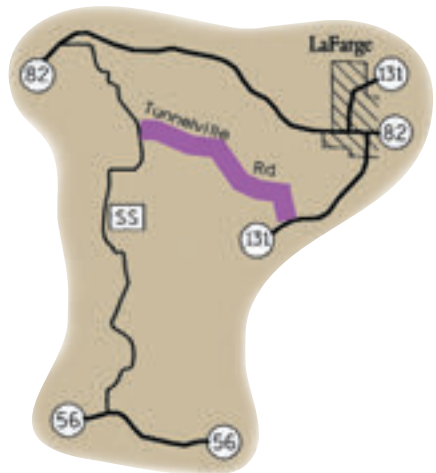
## R-55

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

**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.



# R-56

**Location:** *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.*

**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 56, Vernon County.*

RJ & LINDA MILLER

## R-64

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

**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 historic McGilvray Road, also known as 7-Bridges Road. McGilvray Road is on the National Register of Historic Places because of its seven rare bowstring-arch bridges.



JAMIE ROKUS

Along Rustic Road 64, La Crosse County.

## R-66

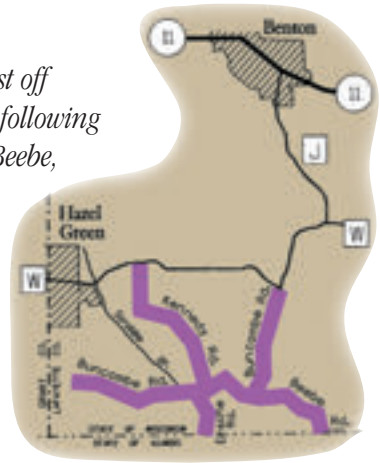
**Location:** Lafayette County. Just off County W in the Town of Benton, following portions of Buncombe, Kennedy, Beebe, and Enschede Roads.

**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.



## R-70

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

**Length:** 10.1 miles

**Surface:** Gravel

This Rustic Road meanders through the contour-stripped farms and the 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 few remaining one-room schoolhouses in the area is located on Scenic Road.

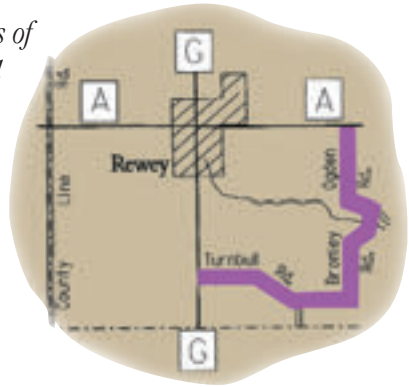


## R-75

**Location:** Iowa County. Portions of Ogden Road, Bromley Road, and Turnbull Road between County A and County G in the Town of Mifflin.

**Length:** 3.7 miles

**Surface:** Paved



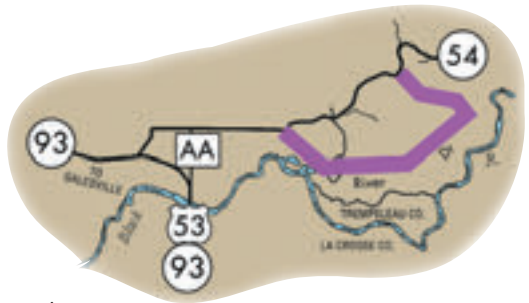
R-75 is located in the “Welsh Settlement” area, so named because immigrants from Wales settled in Iowa County during the mid 1800’s. The countryside is beautiful during all seasons. Wildflowers and wildlife abound.

## R-91

**Location:** Trempeleau County.  
River Drive, forming a loop off WIS 54.

**Length:** 5 miles

**Surface:** Unpaved



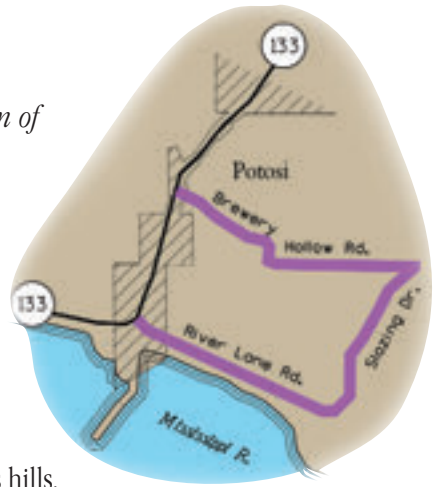
River Drive is a scenic, unpaved loop between WIS 54 and the Black River. It crosses over Grant Creek and passes through river bottoms alternating between wild, wooded areas and open farmland. Drive slowly; you are likely to spot stately sandhill cranes as well as wild turkey and deer.

## R-99

**Location:** Grant County, Town of Potosi. Segments of River Lane, Slazing and Brewery Hollow roads forming a loop off WIS 133.

**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.

PAUL FOKIUS, JR.



Rustic Road 91, Trempealeau County.

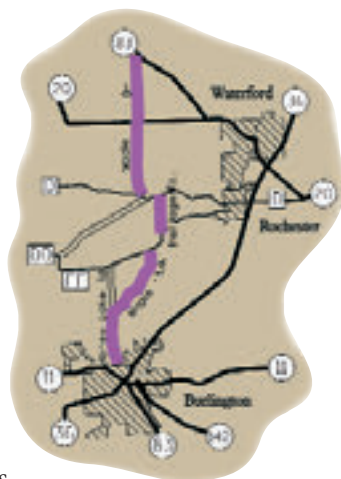
# Southeast

## R-2

**Location:** Racine County. North from Burlington along Honey Lake Road, Maple Lane and Heritage Road to County D. Continuing north along Maple Drive to WIS 83.

**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.



KEN ZINGOS

1837 log cabin in Colonel Heg Memorial Park along Rustic Road 5, Racine County.



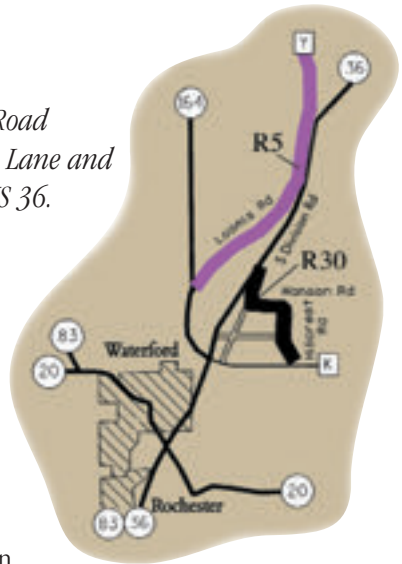
## R-5

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

**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 Col. 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, then moved to the park in 1928.



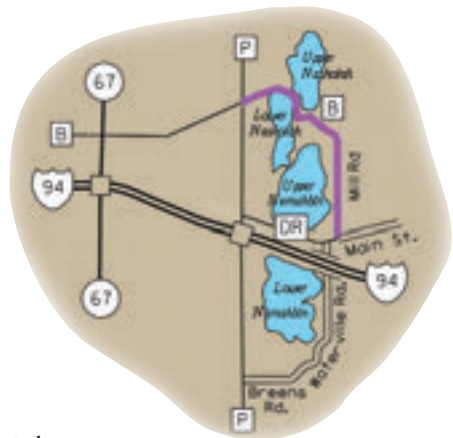
## R-10

**Location:** Waukesha County. R-10 includes portions of County B and Mill Road between County P and Main Street.

**Length:** 3.3 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 Nashota House Seminary can be seen.



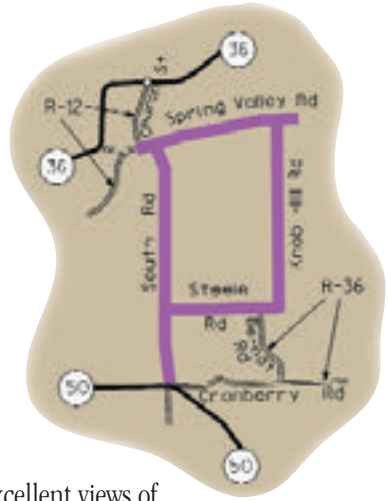
## R-11

**Location:** Walworth County.  
To the east of Lake Geneva, R-11 includes South Road, Steel Road, Spring Valley Road and Knob Hill Road between WIS 50 and WIS 36. The route adjoins R-12 and R-36.

**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, with glimpses of a game farm and scenic agricultural land.



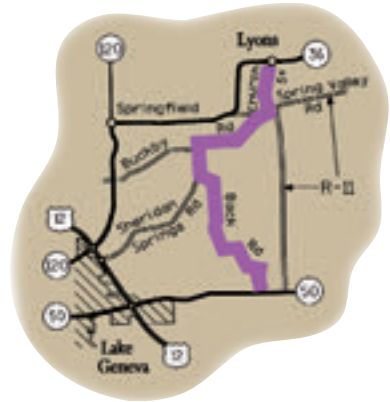
## R-12

**Location:** Walworth County.  
This route includes Back Road, Sheridan Springs Road, Spring Valley Road and Church Road, between WIS 50 and WIS 36 adjoining R-11 and R-36.

**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.





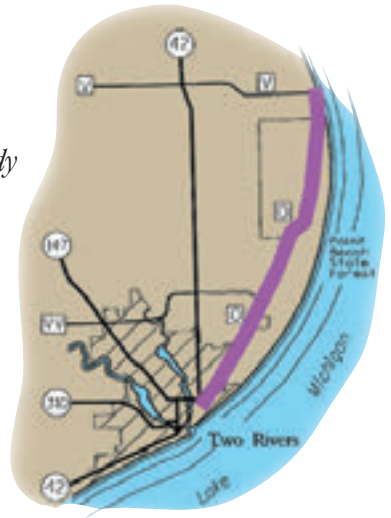
# R-16

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

**Length:** 5.2 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This gently winding route runs through Point Beach State Forest. R-16 is bordered on either side 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 types of shrubbery.



*Rustic Road 20, Dane County.*



MARK JUNG

## R-19

**Location:** Dane County. North from County B on Lalor Road to Goodland Park Road.

**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 preserve. 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

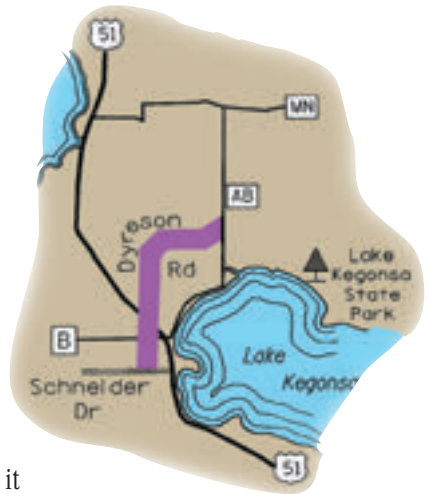
**Location:** Dane County. Dyreson Road, from Schneider Road north to County AB.

**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. 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.





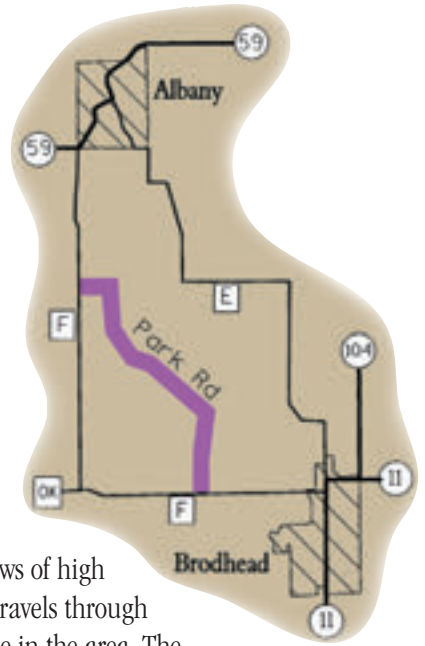
## R-27

**Location:** Green County. Park Road forming a loop off of County F.

**Length:** 4.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved

Along this scenic and historic route you will find the Decatur Town Monument 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. The Sugar River State Bicycle Trail is nearby.



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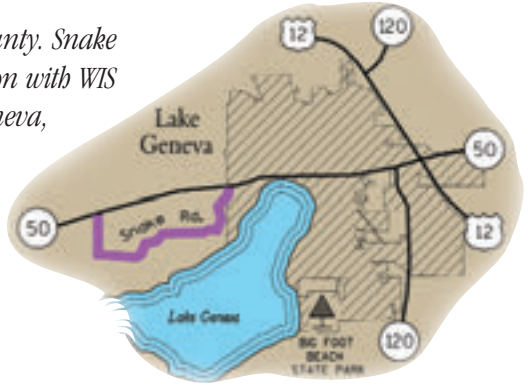
Rustic Road 27, Green County.

## R-29

**Location:** 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.

**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 Lake Geneva that is particularly beautiful in autumn.

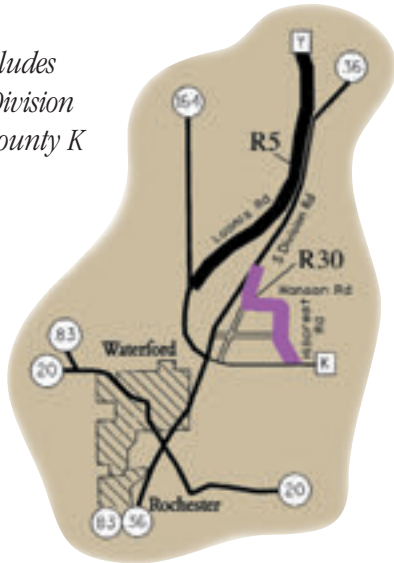
## R-30

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

**Length:** 2.3 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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





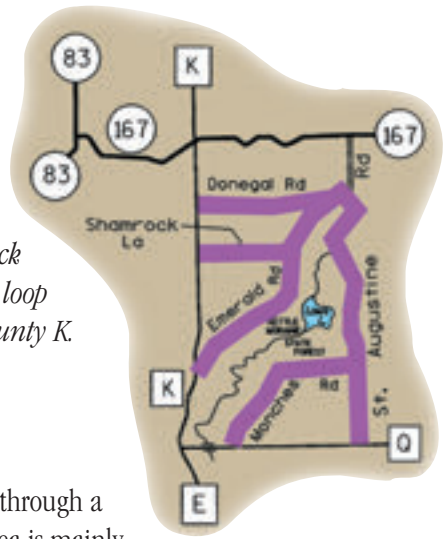
# R-33

**Location:** Washington County. Portions of St. Augustine Road, Monches Road, Emerald Road, Shamrock Lane, and Donegal Road; this loop lies between County Q and County K.

**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 offers a view of Lowe Lake.



Rustic Road 33, Washington County.

CHARLIE BIELAWSKI

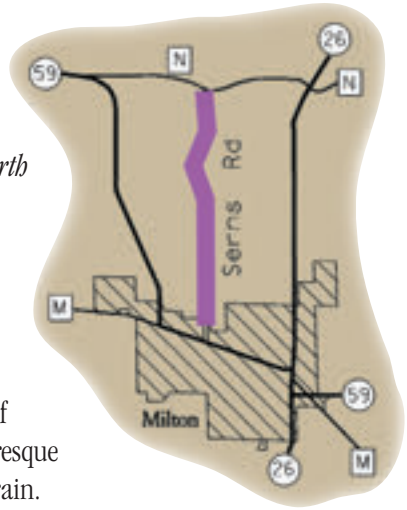
## R-35

**Location:** Rock County. Serns Road between County N and North John Paul Road in the Town of Milton.

**Length:** 2.7 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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



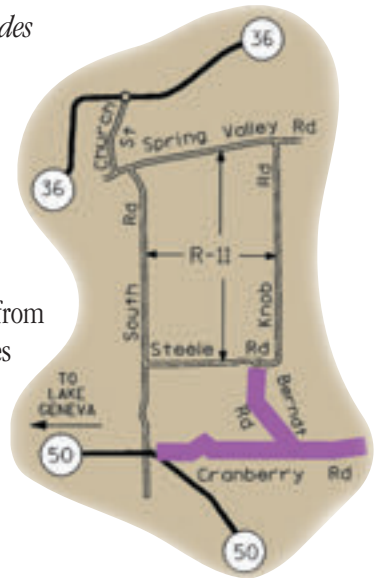
## R-36

**Location:** Walworth County. Includes Cranberry Road and Berndt Road east from WIS 50, adjoining R-11 and R-12.

**Length:** 3.6 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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.



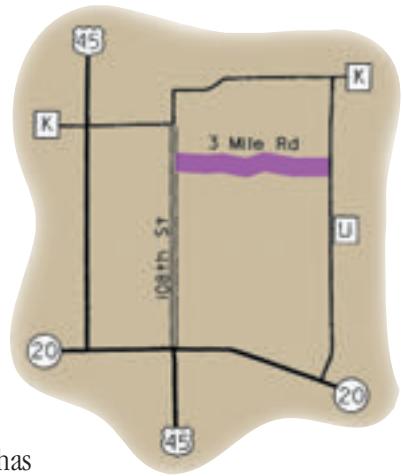
# R-37

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

**Length:** 1.8 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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



*Along Rustic Road 48, Waushara County.*



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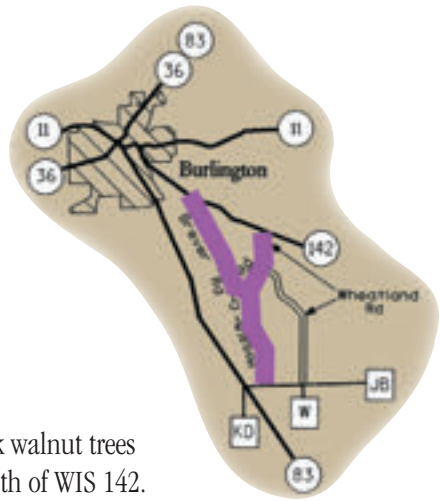
## R-42

**Location:** Racine County.  
Hoosier Creek Road from  
County JB to WIS 142 via  
Brever Road or Wheatland  
Road.

**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.



*Along Rustic Road 48, Wausau County.*



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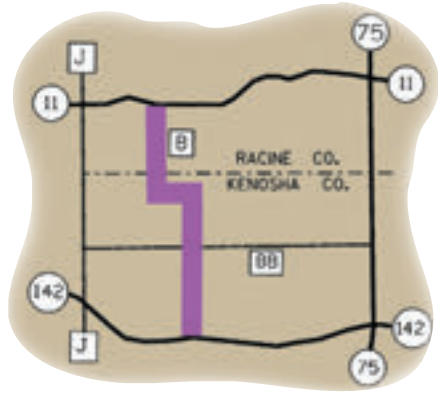
## R-43

**Location:**

*Racine/Kenosha Counties.  
County B from WIS 142 in  
Kenosha County to WIS 11  
in Racine County.*

**Length:** 3.7 miles

**Surface:** Paved



Passing through open agricultural land with few residences, this route provides direct access to the Bong Recreational Area.

## R-48

**Location:** Waushara County.

*Twenty-Sixth Road, beginning at  
County H northwest to County W.*

**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 II 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.



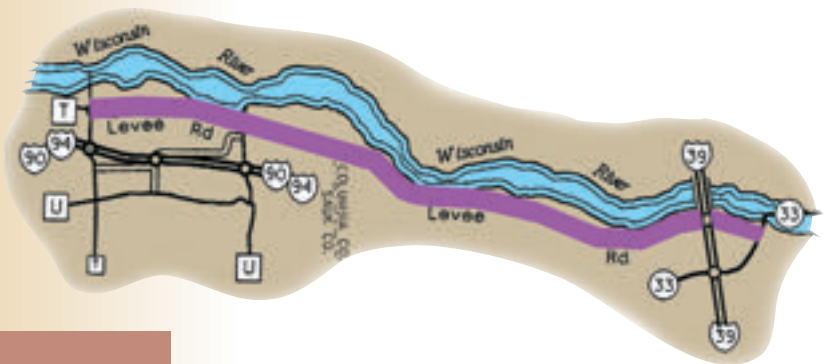
## R-49

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

**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.



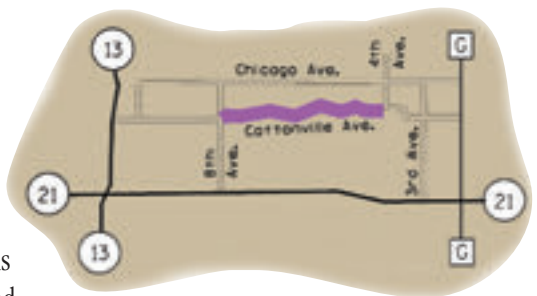
## R-50

**Location:** Adams County. Cottonville Avenue (Old State Road), from Eighth Drive east to Fourth Avenue.

**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 1800’s. Vistas along this road include native lowland and upland trees, shrubbery and marshes. Wild birds, deer, and grouse abound.



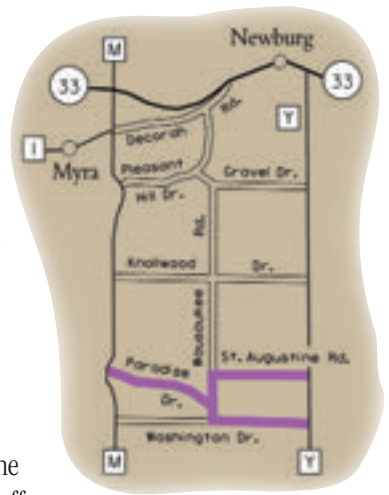
## R-52

**Location:** Washington County.  
Portions of Paradise and  
Washington drives, St. Augustine and  
Wausaukee roads, between County M  
and Y south of Newburg.

**Length:** 3.4 miles

**Surface:** Paved

This wooded, rural road is located on one of the highest points in the county and offers a scenic panorama of the surrounding countryside. Historical features include a log home and an old fieldstone house that both date to the late 1800's. Native wildlife and vegetation are abundant.



*Along Rustic Road 85, Walworth County.*



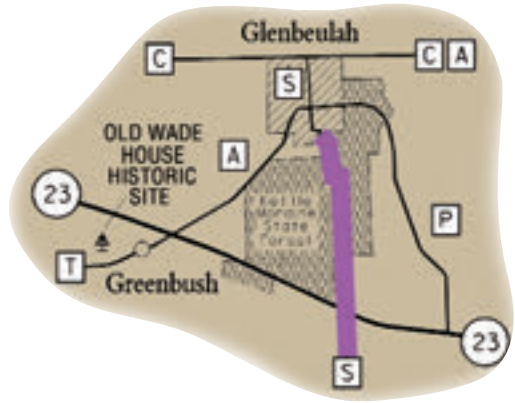
DEBBE KROENING

## R-63

**Location:** Sheboygan County. County S, WIS 23 north to the Town of Glenbeulah.

**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 Jung Carriage Museum are both must-see attractions.



RAY STOKLER

Rustic Road 65, Ozaukee County.



## R-65

**Location:** Ozaukee County.  
Hawthorne Road between  
Wauwatosa Road and  
Granville Road in the City of  
Mequon.

**Length:** 2 miles

**Surface:** Gravel



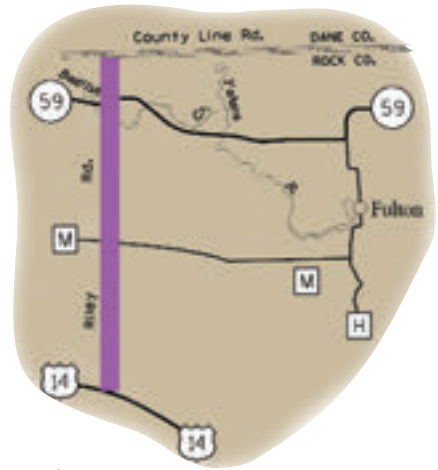
Hawthorne Road is the only gravel road in the City of Mequon. Much of the road is lined with oak, maple and weeping willow trees that provide a canopy in the summer and a blaze of color in the fall. The open land along R-65 is under cultivation or is pasture land for horses and sheep making pleasant 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

**Location:** Rock County. Riley  
Road, from County Line Road  
to US 14.

**Length:** 5.7 miles

**Surface:** Paved



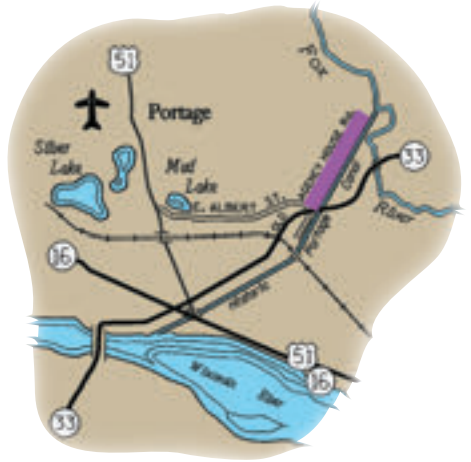
R-68 passes through woodlands, rolling meadows and lowland marshes abounding in native vegetation and wildlife. The route passes two historic houses: the 1850's Stebben's House and the Richardson Grout House. At the south end of Riley Road a wayside park offers rest and relaxation.

## R-69

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

**Length:** .75 miles

**Surface:** Paved



R-69 travels along the historic Portage Canal. On one side of the road, wetland habitat harbors Sandhill cranes, Great Blue herons, and many other birds. The road leads to the historic Indian Agency House. Built in 1832, the house is open to the public. The northeast end of the road connects with the Marquette Trail where you can see the remnants of the Old Fort Winnebago Locks. The locks and canal joined the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, making travel by water possible from Green Bay to the Gulf of Mexico.

*Along Rustic Road 69, Columbia County.*



NOLA LARSON

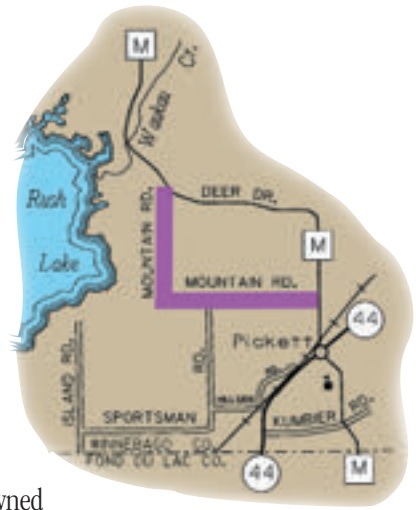
## R-72

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

**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 middle of 270 acres owned by the Nature Conservancy. 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 May apple, trillium, Canada anemone, wild geraniums, Solomon's seal, wild roses, and goldenrod.



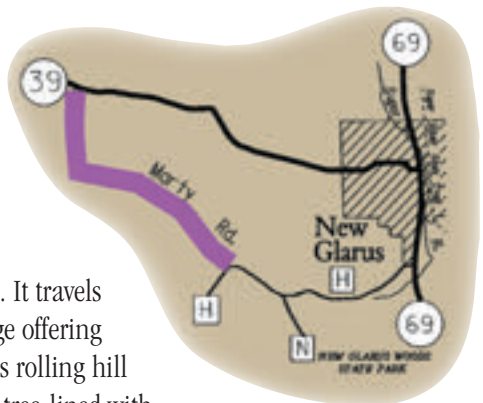
## R-81

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

**Length:** 2.9 miles

**Surface:** Paved

R-81 is a designated bike trail. It travels 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 1800's as a farm supply conduit and five original farmhouses can be seen from the road.



## R-82

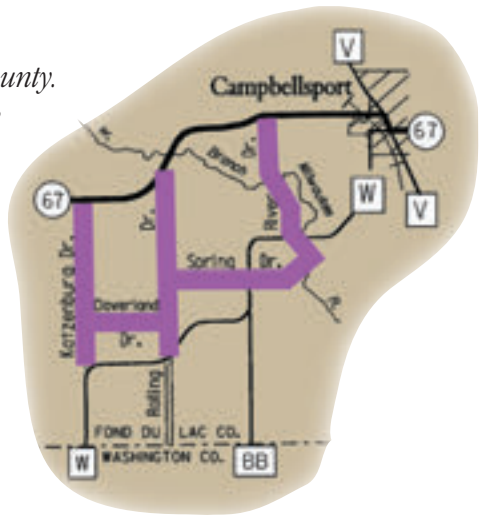
**Location:** Fond du Lac County.

The River Road Route in the Town of Ashford is situated between WIS 67 in the north and County W in the south.

**Length:** 9.4 miles

**Surface:** Paved

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



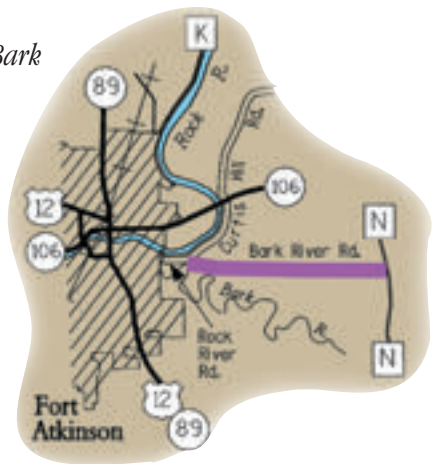
## R-84

**Location:** Jefferson County. Bark River Road in the Town of Koshkonong beginning at Rock River Road and ending at County N.

**Length:** 2.2 miles

**Surface:** Paved

R-84 parallels 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.

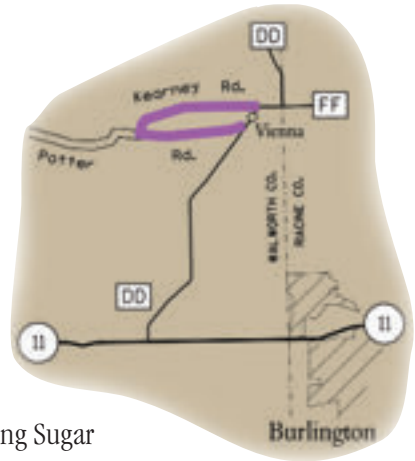


## R-85

**Location:** *Walworth County. Includes portions of Kearney and Potter Roads, forming a loop off County DD in the Town of Spring Prairie.*

**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.

NICHOLAS DAHLINGER



*Along Rustic Road 82, Fond du Lac County.*

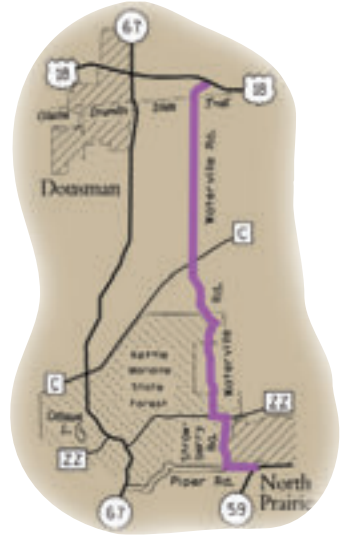
## R-86

**Location:** *Waukesha County. Includes portions of Waterville Road, Town Road G, County ZZ, Strawberry and Piper Roads, from US 18 to WIS 59.*

**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 and the Scuppernong Hiking Trail.



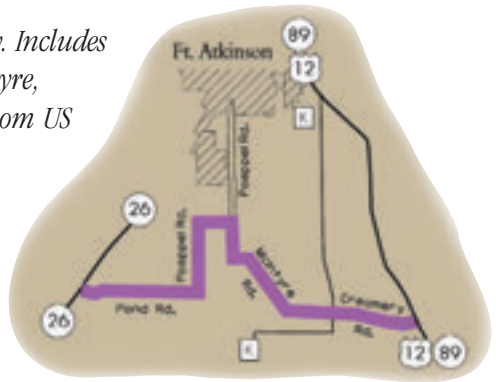
## R-87

**Location:** *Jefferson County. Includes portions of Creamery, McIntyre, Poepfel, and Pond Roads from US 12 to WIS 26.*

**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. Mustang Ranch, the only riding stable in the country that features once-wild mustangs is nearby.



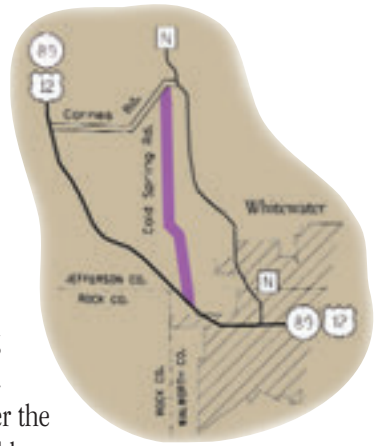
# R-88

**Location:** Jefferson County.  
Cold Spring Road from Carnes  
Road near County N to US 12.

**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 St. John's Church built in 1884, the beautifully-kept Cold Spring Cemetery dating back to the 1840's, and an historical marker commemorating Abraham Lincoln's service in the Blackhawk War.



KEVIN MCKENNEY, JR.



Rustic Road 88, Jefferson County.

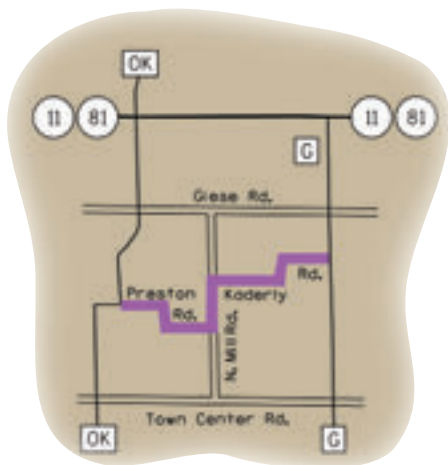
## R-90

**Location:** Green County.  
Portions of Preston, Mill,  
and Kaderly roads between  
County OK and County G.

**Length:** 3.2 mile.

**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 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.



KEN ZINGG

Rustic Road 94, Green County.



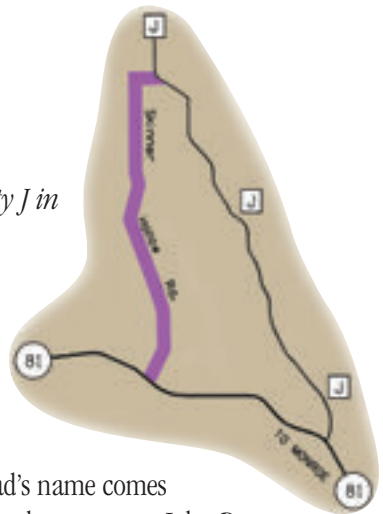
## R-94

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

**Length:** 4.6 miles

**Surface:** Paved

Skinner Hollow Road (R-94), 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. 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. The road overlooks prairie remnants, wetlands and rock outcroppings that provide habitat for abundant wildlife from bald eagles to sandhill cranes.



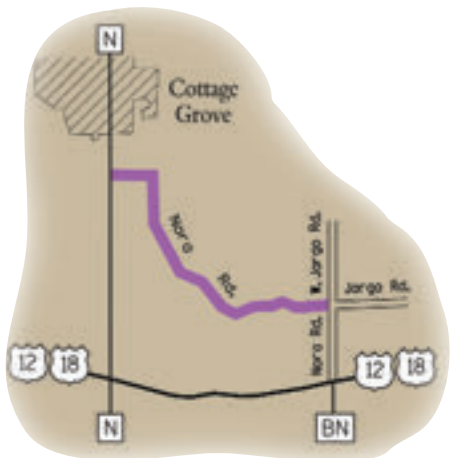
## R-96

**Location:** Dane County, Town of Cottage Grove. Nora Road located off County N just south of Cottage Grove.

**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.



# *The Rustic Roads Program*

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## **Goals**

- ◆ Identify and preserve, in a natural and essentially undisturbed condition, certain designated roads exhibiting unusual or outstanding natural or cultural beauty. Selection criteria will consider native vegetation or other natural or man-made features associated with the road.
- ◆ Produce a linear, park-like system for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian travel. Identify roadways for the quiet and leisurely enjoyment of local residents and the general public.
- ◆ Maintain and administer these roads for safe public travel while preserving their rustic and scenic qualities. Establish appropriate maintenance and design standards. Encourage zoning for land use compatibility, utility regulations and billboard control.

## **Qualifications**

- ◆ Rustic Roads should have outstanding natural features along its borders: rugged terrain, native vegetation or wildlife, or open areas with agricultural vistas which singly or in combination uniquely set this road apart from other roads.
- ◆ Rustic Roads should be lightly traveled, local access roads that serve the adjacent property owners or those traveling by auto, bicycle or on foot for recreational enjoyment.
- ◆ Rustic Roads should not be scheduled for major improvements that would change their rustic characteristics.
- ◆ Rustic Roads should have a minimum length of two miles and, where feasible, provide a completed closure or loop, or connect to major highways at both ends of the route.
- ◆ Rustics Roads may be dirt, gravel or paved. They may be one-way or two-way. They may also have bicycle or hiking paths adjacent to, or incorporated in, the roadway.
- ◆ State law calls for a maximum speed limit of 45mph on all Rustic Roads. However, the local governing authority may establish a speed limit as low as 25 mph.

## To nominate a new rustic road

As you drive, hike or bike the Wisconsin countryside you may discover a road you think should be included in the Rustic Roads program. The nomination process begins with local support. Build that support by talking first to local residents, government officials, civic and environmental groups.

More specific information may be obtained by contacting your town chairman, your county highway commissioner, or one of the Rustic Roads Board personnel. To obtain necessary forms and further information, you may also contact:

The Rustic Roads Program  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
PO Box 7913  
Madison, WI 53707-7913  
Phone: (608)266-0649  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/scenic/rusticroads.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/scenic/rusticroads.htm)

## The designation process

- ◆ Petitions from resident landowners along the road or in the county or municipality in which the road lies are obtained and presented to the County highway committee or governing body of the municipality. The process can also be initiated by resolution of the governing body.
- ◆ The local governing body offers to hold a public hearing on the proposed Rustic Road designation.
- ◆ Upon approval of the designation, the local governing body requests approval of the Rustic Roads Board. Nomination materials should include photos or slides of the road showing its qualifications, along with the information outlined on the Rustic Roads Description Form.
- ◆ The Rustic Roads Board reviews the application and has final approval authority over the designation. Its approval makes the designation official.
- ◆ The designation processes described here are intended to show the general steps involved in nominating a Rustic Road when no jurisdictional change is required.

Oftentimes, a jurisdictional change (local road becomes a county highway or vice versa) is desired. Under such circumstances, the jurisdictional change must precede the Rustic Road designation and follow all normal jurisdictional change procedures. Specific rules and procedures on Rustic Road designation may be obtained from the Rustic Roads Program.

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