

Wisconsin DNR State Trails - Universal Trail Recommendations



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400 State Trail	400 State Trail	22	Limestone	Wetlands, wildlife, sandstone bluffs, rolling croplands and pastures are just a few of the sights you can enjoy on the 400 State Trail as it repeatedly crisscrosses the Baraboo River. The entire length of the 22-mile crushed limestone trail follows along the river valley from Elroy to Reedsburg.
Ahnapee State Trail	Ahnapee State Trail	48	Limestone	From downtown Sturgeon Bay, this 48-mile crushed limestone trail winds south along the beautiful Ahnapee and Kewaunee rivers to Algoma, Casco, Luxemburg and Kewaunee, passing by a mixture of evergreen glades, farmland, prairies and wooded areas teeming with wildlife and native wildflowers. Near Sunset Road in Kewaunee County, the trail branches off in three directions, west to Luxemburg, northeast towards Algoma and southeast towards the city of Kewaunee.
Badger State Trail	Badger State Trail	40	Asphalt 6 miles, limestone 34 miles	The Badger State Trail travels 40 miles between Madison and the Wisconsin-Illinois border while traversing farmlands, woods, rolling hills, scenic meadows, remnant prairies, ravines, glacial topography and several small communities. The Badger State Trail also connects to many local parks and the Capital City and Sugar River state trails.
Bearskin State Trail	Bearskin State Trail	21.5	Granite	Named for the Bearskin Creek the trail follows, this former railroad corridor is an opportunity to experience the Northwoods of Wisconsin. The trail is a 21.5-mile recreation corridor between Minocqua and Tomahawk, surfaced with compacted granite suitable for walking and bicycling in summer and snowmobiling in winter.
Capital City State Trail	Capital City State Trail	17	Asphalt	The Capital City State Trail is the link around and through Madison between the Military Ridge State Trail, Badger State Trail and, eventually, the Glacial Drumlin State Trail. Nine miles of the trail go through the scenic Capital Springs State Recreation Area (Dane County E-way) south of Madison between Verona Road and Industrial Drive near Nob Hill.

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Chippewa River State Trail	Chippewa River State Trail	30	Asphalt 18 miles, seal coat 12 miles	This 30-mile trail extends from Phoenix Park in downtown Eau Claire, at the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa rivers and travels south along the Chippewa River through a wide variety of habitat including river bottoms, prairies, sandstone bluffs and wetlands. The trail joins the Red Cedar State Trail in the Dunnville Wildlife Area near the confluence of the Red Cedar and Chippewa Rivers and ends at the town of Durand.
Devil's River State Trail	Devil's River State Trail	15	Limestone	This scenic rail trail in Brown and Manitowoc counties travels through four small communities while passing by a wide variety of scenery, including farmlands, prairies, rivers and wetlands. The trail features two dramatic railroad trestles crossing the Devil's River and tributaries.
Eisenbahn	Eisenbahn State Trail	25	Asphalt 5 miles, limestone 20 miles	This 25-mile trail extends from the historic city of West Bend into the scenic countryside of eastern Wisconsin past the glacial landscape of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. The trail passes through the communities of West Bend, Kewaskum and Campbellsport, ending in Eden at the village park.
Elroy-Sparta State Trail	Elroy-Sparta State Trail	32	Limestone	Considered the first rail-to-trail in the United States, the Elroy-Sparta State Trail remains one of the most popular trails in the country. With three rock tunnels and five small towns along its 32.5-mile route, the trail is a favorite Wisconsin bicycling destination. Traveling between Sparta and Elroy, the trail stretches through the communities of Norwalk, Wilton and Kendall, passing by wetlands, prairies, farmland and unglaciated areas.
Fox River State Trail	Fox River State Trail	14	Asphalt 5.4 miles, limestone 8.6 miles	From downtown Green Bay, the Fox River State Trail winds along the beautiful Fox River before extending for 25 miles along a former rail corridor. The Fox River corridor has a rich history, beginning with the Native Americans who used footpaths to travel between their villages located along the river. The early French explorers, missionaries and traders built their posts and missions along these trails

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Friendship State Trail	Friendship State Trail	4	Limestone	The four-mile Friendship State Trail passes through woods and scenic farmland in Calumet County while traveling between the communities of Forest Junction and Brillion. The trail connects to the Fox River State Trail in Forest Junction. In Brillion, parking is available at Horn Park.
Gandy Dancer State Trail	Gandy Dancer State Trail	47	Limestone	The southern segment of the Gandy Dancer State Trail travels for 47 miles in Wisconsin through the communities of Centuria, Milltown, Luck, Frederic, Siren and Webster, ending in the town of Danbury at the Minnesota border. Here a 520-foot trestle crosses the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway into Minnesota.
Glacial Drumlin State Trail	Glacial Drumlin State Trail	49	Asphalt 7.5 miles, limestone 41.5 miles	Running between Wisconsin's two largest urban areas, this trail stretches for 52 miles through farmlands and glacial topography. The trail travels through 10 small towns from Cottage Grove to Waukesha. The trail is on an abandoned rail corridor, except for a 1.5-mile section northeast of Jefferson, between State Highway 26 and County Highway Y, which uses public roads as the trail route.
Great River State Trail	Great River State Trail	24	Limestone	This 24-mile trail travels through prairies and backwaters of the upper Mississippi River valley. Built on an abandoned Chicago-Northwestern railroad line, the trail has a finely crushed limestone surface suitable for walking and bicycling for much of the year and snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter. The Great River State Trail links to the La Crosse River State Trail via a short road route in the city of La Crosse.
Great Sauk State Trail	Great Sauk State Trail	10.5	Asphalt	The Great Sauk State Trail parallels the Wisconsin River through the communities of Prairie du Sac and Sauk City, extending through the heart of the Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area. Built on a former rail corridor, this 10.5-mile trail is paved with asphalt. Visitors can enjoy beautiful views as they pass through two historic towns nestled above the Wisconsin River. Parking and accommodations are available in each community.

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Green Circle State Trail	Green Circle State Trail	29	Asphalt and granite	Encircling the city of Stevens Point, this trail meanders along the scenic Wisconsin and Plover rivers, recalling the history of the lumber-making and pioneer settlements of the area, while connecting secluded natural and wildlife areas, the Schmeckle Reserve and many city parks. The trail, including all spurs, is 31 miles long and features river scenery, forests, wetlands, prairies, boardwalks and quiet neighborhoods. A 4-mile spur on Hoover Road connects to the Tomorrow River State Trail in Plover.
Hank Aaron State Trail	Hank Aaron State Trail	12	Asphalt	Named in honor of baseball legend Hank Aaron, this trail provides a continuous connection between American Family Field, home of the Milwaukee Brewers, and the Lake Michigan lakefront. The Hank Aaron State Trail also links to famous Milwaukee landmarks such as the Ward Theatre on the grounds of the Historic Soldiers Home, the Wisconsin State Fair Park and the Pettit National Ice Center.
Hillsboro State Trail	Hillsboro State Trail	4	Limestone	This 4-mile, county operated trail connects the communities of Hillsboro and Union Center, while crossing wooded and agricultural lands, winding streams and the Baraboo River. The Hillsboro State Trail connects to the 400 State Trail in Union Center. The 400 State Trail connects to the Elroy-Sparta State Trail in Elroy.
La Crosse River State Trail	La Crosse River State Trail	22	Limestone	The 22-mile La Crosse River State Trail has been developed from the abandoned Chicago and Northwestern Railroad between Sparta and La Crosse. The trail is open to pedestrians and bicyclists spring through fall and snowmobiles in winter. Packed-limestone screenings provide a smooth surface for recreation.
Mascoutin Valley State Trail	Mascoutin Valley State Trail	21	Limestone	This trail goes past farms, prairies and wetlands in Green Lake, Winnebago and Fond du Lac counties. The Mascoutin Valley State Trail, built on a former railroad corridor, is divided into two sections totaling 21 miles. The western section travels between Berlin and Ripon and the eastern section travels between Rosendale and the city of Fond du Lac. The gap in the two sections, between Ripon and Rosendale, is in private ownership.

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Military Ridge State Trail	Military Ridge State Trail	40	Asphalt 2.5 miles, limestone 37.5 miles	The 40-mile Military Ridge State Trail, in Iowa and Dane counties, connects Dodgeville and Madison by way of an 1855 military route between Verona and Dodgeville. The trail runs along the southern borders of Governor Dodge and Blue Mound state parks passing by agricultural lands, woods, wetlands and prairies.
Mound View State Trail	Mound View State Trail	7	Asphalt	This pleasant, gently-rolling trail in southwest Wisconsin connects the communities of Platteville and Belmont. Enjoy traveling along charming streams and through the open countryside where two large mounds rise above farm fields on the north side of the trail. The world's largest "M" easily identifies Platte Mound which is about midway between the two communities.
Mountain-Bay State Trail	Mountain-Bay State Trail	83	Limestone	The Mountain-Bay State Trail is one of the longest rail-trails in Wisconsin. The trail travels for 83 miles between the two geologic features it is named for; Rib Mountain and Green Bay. On the western end, the trail ends in Weston, just east of Wausau. On the eastern end, the trail ends at Howard Memorial Park near the city of Green Bay. There is a short gap in the trail in the city of Shawano near the Wolf River where local roads are used to connect the trail.
Newton-Blackmour State Trail	Newton-Blackmour State Trail	22	Limestone	The Newton Blackmour State Trail spans 22 miles on a former rail corridor in Outagamie County. The trail name is derived from the four communities the trail passes through: New London, Shiocton, Black Creek and Seymour. The trail's eastern end in Seymour connects to the Duck Creek Trail, which travels east towards Green Bay for 5 miles.
Oconto River State Trail	Oconto River State Trail	8	Limestone	This 8-mile trail passes through the forests and farms of Oconto County between the communities of Oconto and Stiles Junction. Outside of Oconto, the trail parallels the Oconto River. The river has a long history of human activity, dating back 6,000 years to the early Native Americans who lived along the river, to the fur trading and logging operations of the last few centuries, to present-day recreation activities such as canoeing and kayaking.

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Old Abe State Trail	Old Abe State Trail	20	Asphalt	The Old Abe State Trail is a paved 20-mile trail connects Lake Wissota State Park and Brunet Island State Park. The trail is on an abandoned railroad grade and winds through agricultural and forest land while following the undeveloped shoreline of the beautiful Chippewa River. The trail features an abundance of wildlife and natural beauty, with many historical sites along the way.
Red Cedar State Trail	Red Cedar State Trail	15	Limestone	This 14.5-mile rail trail shadows the steep walls of the Red Cedar Valley from Menomonie to its connection with the Chippewa River State Trail. Along its route, the trail passes through the communities of Irvington and Downsville and the Dunnville State Wildlife Area. The trail passes by prairies, marshland bottoms, forests and farmlands, including sandstone bluffs and other unique rock formations.
Stower Seven Lakes State Trail	Stower Seven Lakes State Trail	14	Limestone	Built on a former railroad corridor, this 14-mile trail begins in Amery, travels through the communities of Deronda, Wanderoos and Nye, ending about one mile from Dresser at 90th Avenue. The trail passes through maple and oak forests, wetlands, prairies and farmlands and past seven picturesque lakes. The trail crosses between the North Twin and South Twin lakes in Amery, then skirts Bear Trap, Kinney, Dwight, Horse and Lotus lakes.
Sugar River State Trail	Sugar River State Trail	24	Asphalt 1 mile, limestone 23 miles	The Sugar River State Trail follows an abandoned railroad line in south central Wisconsin for 24 miles from New Glarus to Brodhead. A short access trail connects the Sugar River State Trail to New Glarus Woods State Park. Fourteen trestle bridges cross over the Sugar River and its tributaries, while the trail passes by farmlands, woods, rolling hills, and remnant prairies. The trail has also been designated as a National Recreational Trail.
Tomorrow River State Trail	Tomorrow River State Trail	29	Limestone	This 29-mile rail trail travels through scenic glacial terrain and farm country from Plover in Portage County to just outside the village of Manawa in Waupaca County, while passing through the communities of Amherst Junction, Scandinavia and Ogdensburg. The western end of the trail connects to the Green Circle State Trail at Hoover Road in Plover.

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White River State Trail	White River State Trail	16	Limestone	This 19-mile trail follows a former rail corridor as it travels between Elkhorn in Walworth County and Dover in Racine County, with a short gap in Burlington. The trail passes by numerous bridges, scenic vistas, quaint towns, farmlands and wetlands. The trail is operated by Walworth and Racine counties and is within five miles of Lake Geneva and Big Foot Beach State Park.
Wild Goose State Trail	Wild Goose State Trail	34	Limestone	This 34-mile rail trail skirts the western edge of the vast Horicon Marsh, a National Wildlife Refuge and world-famous home to over 250 migrant bird species. The trail runs from State Highway 60 in Clyman Junction to the city of Fond du Lac, passing by several small communities.