

Groves-Pertzborn Segment and City of Lodi Segment (Atlas Map 63f)

SNAPSHOT

Groves-Pertzborn Segment—1.3 miles: CTH-J to Bilkey Rd.

2.4 mile Connecting Route

City of Lodi Segment—1.8 miles: Lodi School Complex to Pleasant St.

  *The quiet, hilly Groves-Pertzborn Segment features dense woods, diverse vegetation and a steep climb.*



No reliable sources of water.



Segment is closed during gun deer season.

  *The City of Lodi Segment saunters through a charming “Trail Town” and highlights the impressive Rainbow Bridge.*



At town public buildings.



Hikers will not have any interaction with hunting on this segment.



From Spring Creek.



Most of the segment follows town roads and sidewalks.



At Strangeway Playlot and Veterans Memorial Park and at nearby Goeres Park and Pool (175 Fair St.).



Portions of this segment may be suitable for those using wheelchairs or similar devices.



TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

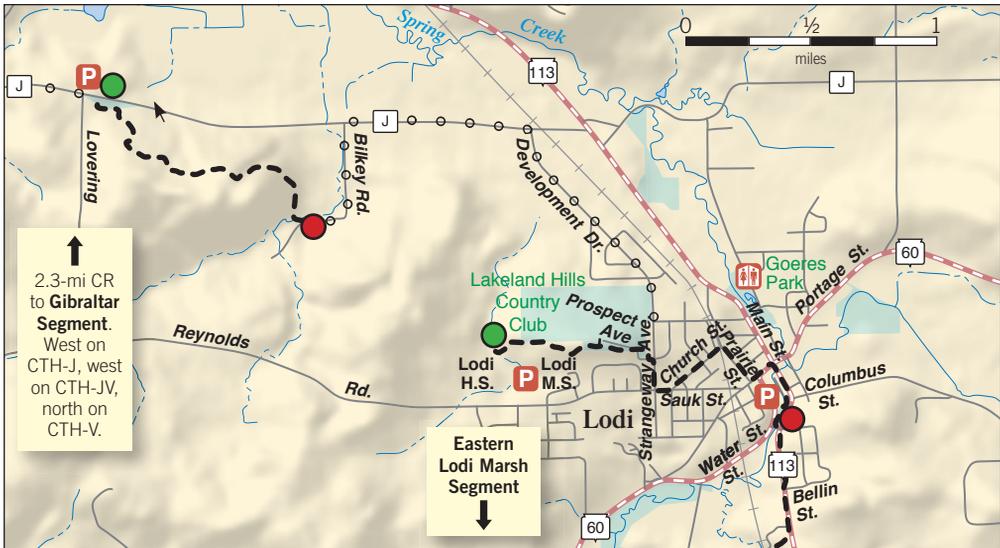
CTH-J: In Lodi, from the intersection of STH-113 and STH-60, take STH-113 north. At CTH-J turn left and go west 2.0 mi to the parking area on the south side of the road just before the intersection with Lovering Rd.

Pleasant St.: In Lodi, from the intersection of STH-113 and STH-60, take STH-113 south 0.3 mi to Pleasant St. Turn right and go over a bridge for roadside parking on Water St.

Additional Parking: (i) Bilkey Rd.: In Lodi from the intersection of STH-113 and STH-60, take STH-113 north. At CTH-J turn left and go west 1.0 mi. At Bilkey Rd. turn left and go south then west 0.5 mi. Roadside parking. (ii) Lodi Middle and High School Complex on Sauk St. Parking is available at the high school on the northeast side in the pool parking area. Walk north behind the high school toward the bridge to reach the Ice Age Trail. Additional parking reserved for Ice Age Trail hikers is located at Lodi Middle School on the east side of the school. Walk north through the prairie to reach the Ice Age Trail. (iii) City of Lodi public parking area. From the intersection of STH-113 and STH-60, take STH-113 south 0.1 mi, follow the right bend on STH-113 and immediately turn right into the public parking area.

THE HIKE

The **Groves–Pertzborn Segment** is in an area of rounded hills covered with a thin layer of glacial till supporting area fields and woods. The Ice Age Trail travels through dense woods filled with oak, basswood, aspen and other woodland species and climbs up and down a steep hill. Several species of fern as well as wild geraniums, wood anemone, Solomon’s seal, jack-in-the-pulpit and mayapple highlight the segment. The diverse vegetation, steep ravine and dense forest



canopy make this section feel like a rain forest. Be wary of poison ivy and wild parsnip along the segment, which ends at a Trail access point on Bilkey Road.

From the Bilkey Road Trail access, hikers can reach the next segment via the following 2.4-mile connecting route: hike northeast on Bilkey Road for 0.5 miles. Turn right and hike east on CTH-J for 0.8 miles. Turn right and hike south on Development Drive (which turns into Strangeway Avenue) for 1.1 miles to the intersection of Strangeway Avenue and Prospect Avenue.

From the intersection of Strangeway Avenue and Prospect Avenue, the first order of business for those wanting to explore the full **City of Lodi Segment** is to hike a short out-and-back stretch of Ice Age Trail to the west of Strangeway Avenue. Head west on Prospect Avenue and go 100 feet to Strangeway Playlot. The segment leaves the pavement here. Follow the posts with blazes through the playlot, across the street and into the woods paralleling Lakeland Hills Country Club.

The segment passes prairie restoration efforts behind Lodi Middle School before crossing the largest human-made structure on the Ice Age Trail, a 150-foot-long footbridge spanning a ravine between Lodi’s middle and high schools. Based on a 16th century Chinese Rainbow Bridge, the bridge was designed by U.S. Forest Products Lab forester and IATA Lodi Valley Chapter member Ron Wolfe. The twin arches, decking and railing are constructed of black locust and demonstrate the economical use of small-diameter invasive species. It is handicap accessible. Hundreds of volunteer hours of Ice Age Trail Alliance members, students and community members have gone into this collaborative project. This bridge is a dynamic symbol and traditional centerpiece in Lodi High School’s senior graduation ceremony.

From the western end of the bridge, the Trail continues another 200 feet to the end-of-segment sign. From here, backtrack 0.6 miles to Strangeway Avenue to resume hiking the remainder of the City of Lodi Segment.

For the remainder of the City of Lodi Segment, the Trail is well-marked with yellow blazes on light poles and street signs throughout this “Trail Town.” From the intersection of Prospect Avenue and Strangeway Avenue, hike south on

Strangeway Avenue for 0.1 miles. Turn left and hike east on Sauk Street for 0.1 miles. Turn left and hike northeast on Church Street for 0.3 miles. Turn right and hike southeast on Prairie Avenue for 0.2 miles. Turn left and hike northeast on Lodi Street (STH-60) for 0.2 miles. Turn right and hike southeast on Main Street (STH-113) for 0.1 miles.

The segment then departs from Main Street and turns southwest, passing through Country Doctor Park to a parking area, then on to a footbridge over Spring Creek. The segment then follows a grassy path southward along the creek through Veterans Memorial Park. It then turns southeast and recrosses Spring Creek on the Pleasant Street road bridge. Continuing eastward, the segment ends where Pleasant Street meets Corner Street (STH-113).

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2009

AREA SERVICES

Lodi: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, lodging, medical care. On Trail. Services along Main St. or on STH-60 and STH-113. Meals at Lodi Coffee Roasters (107 S. Main St., 608-592-3325). INN Style program lodging at Victorian Dreams B&B (608-592-0362, victoriandreamsbnb.com). For area info, contact the Lodi and Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce (608-592-4412, lodilakewisconsin.org).

Eastern Lodi Marsh Segment and Lodi Marsh Segment (Atlas Map 63f)

SNAPSHOT

Eastern Lodi Marsh Segment—3.2 miles: Pleasant St. to Lodi-Springfield Rd. (Robertson Trailhead)

Lodi Marsh Segment—1.6 miles: Lollipop trail on west side of Lodi-Springfield Rd. (Robertson Trailhead)

 **4** *The Eastern Lodi Marsh Segment transitions from a Trail Town to a beautiful ridgetop natural area with outstanding restored prairies and stunning views.*



No reliable sources of water.



By law, dogs must be leashed April 15 to July 31 in the State Wildlife Area.



Portion of segment crossing private land between STH-113 parking area and Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area is closed during gun deer season.



A short portion parallels STH-113.



Spur trail leading to additional parking area.

 **3** *The Lodi Marsh Segment is a quiet lollipop hike that highlights a remarkable prairie in a quintessential rural setting.*



From Spring Creek and numerous springs.



By law, dogs must be leashed as much of this segment traverses a State Natural Area.

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