City of Manitowoc Segment (Atlas Map 95f)

SNAPSHOT

7.3 miles: Rapids Rd. (CTH-R) at Broadway St. to STH-42 at Taylor St.

This urban segment highlights the city of Manitowoc and its rich maritime history and includes a lengthy stretch along the shores of Lake Michigan.

At Henry Schuette Park (upper parking area), Union Park, the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce and the Mariners Trail wayside south of Memorial Drive (STH-42) between Woodland Drive and Taylor Street.

At Henry Schuette Park (upper parking area).

At nearby Manitowoc County Expo Center grounds (see Area Services).

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

Much of the segment is on sidewalks and multiuse recreation trails.

The Mariners Trail extends north from the segment.

Portions of this segment may be suitable for those using wheelchairs or similar devices.
TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

Rapids Rd. (CTH-R) at Broadway St.: From I-43 take Exit 149 onto USH-151 and head east toward Manitowoc. At S. Rapids Rd. (CTH-R) turn left and go north 1.8 mi to Broadway St. Roadside parking on Broadway St.

STH-42 at Taylor St.: From I-43 take Exit 152 onto STH-42/USH-10 and head east then north 6.2 mi. No parking at the Taylor St. intersection. Instead, park at the Aurora Medical Center complex access from Taylor St. and Lake View Ave. in the hospital or clinic parking area. An Ice Age Trail sign is on the northeast corner of the clinic parking area.

Additional Parking: (i) Henry Schuette Park. (ii) Mariners Trail parking areas along Maritime Dr. and Memorial Dr. (STH-42). (iii) West of the Lake Gardens, 915 Memorial Dr. (STH-42).

THE HIKE

From the segment’s starting point at the intersection of Rapids Road (CTH-R) and Broadway Street, the route heads east on Broadway Street for 0.3 miles. At Clay Pit Road (the access road for Henry Schuette Park encountered shortly after crossing the Manitowoc River bridge), hikers should turn left and head north along the road for 0.2 miles to the park’s lower parking area. Here the segment departs Clay Pit Road and meanders through the park for 1.3 miles, mostly along the Manitowoc River, on the park’s gravel roads and footpaths. Note: Most of the facilities for Schuette Park are in the upper parking area, which is slightly off the segment route. The upper parking area is on Broadway Street just southeast of the intersection of Broadway Street and Clay Pit Road.

The segment connects up again with Clay Pit Road and heads southeast to its intersection with South 21st Street (Revere Drive). From here, hikers should take the following route through the city of Manitowoc: Head north on Revere Drive (which changes to North 18th Street as it crosses the river) past the Eternal Light Veterans Memorial to Michigan Avenue. Turn right and head east on Michigan Avenue (which turns into Huron Street). Turn right and head south on 11th Street (which turns into North Water Street). Turn left and head east on Park Street, passing the Rahr West Art Museum at the intersection with North 8th Street. At the Park Street/North 7th Street intersection, turn right and walk southeast through Union Park to the North 6th Street/State Street intersection. Head south on North 6th Street for 4 blocks.

The segment departs North 6th Street and heads south across Maritime Drive in the area of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, which is near the outlet of the Manitowoc River into Lake Michigan. The museum offers interactive educational exhibits that explore the maritime history.
of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes, and includes a tour of the World War II submarine the USS *Cobia*. Manitowoc residents are proud of the fact that the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company holds the unique distinction of being the only inland shipyard to build submarines for the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Near the museum south of Maritime Drive, the segment picks up a paved path and heads east along the river a short distance, offering views of the Manitowoc Breakwater Light situated on the north breakwater. The light has a 165-year history of guiding ships in and out of Manitowoc Harbor. During the summer months, hikers may catch a view of the SS *Badger* as it sets out across the lake, ferrying cars and people to Ludington, Michigan.

The segment then turns north along the shore of Lake Michigan to the Manitowoc Marina. This is the official southern terminus of the Mariners Trail (marinerstrail.net). The Mariners Trail connects the cities of Manitowoc and Two Rivers on sidewalks and paved blacktop with a guardrail to protect pedestrians from the traffic on Memorial Drive (STH-42). With the waves and shoreline of Lake Michigan to the east, the Mariners Trail boasts the longest continuous scenic view of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. Along the way, several waysides offer parking areas and trailside benches, and some even have free telescopes to gaze at ships passing.

Along the route of the Mariners Trail the segment passes by West of the Lake Gardens, which are open seasonally to the public with free admission. Situated on 6 acres next to Lake Michigan, the area offers a peaceful respite featuring ornate gardens and lovely fountains.

The segment continues northeast on the Mariners Trail past the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce building. Between the chamber building and the next wayside hikers are welcome to leave the Mariners Trail and explore the Lake Michigan beach. The segment ends a short distance northeast of the wayside at the stoplight at the Taylor Street/Memorial Drive (STH-42) intersection.

**AREA SERVICES**

**Manitowoc:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, library, medical service. On Trail. Most services on USH-151, USH-10 and STH-42. INN Style program lodging at the Westport B&B (888-686-0465, thewestport.com). For area info, contact the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce (920-684-5575, chambermanitowoccounty.org).

**Manitowoc County Expo Center:** Camping. From the Rapids Rd./Broadway St. Trail access, take Rapids Rd. south 1.0 mi. At Custer St. go west. At Vista Rd. go south 0.4 mi to the grounds (920-683-4378, co.manitowoc.wi.us/expo). Public camping available nonevent weekends and weekdays. RV with electric/water sites and tent gravel pads. Contact the main office for details.