ment route soon reaches a viewpoint that offers great views during the leaf-off season of the surrounding hills and Wisconsin River Valley. From here, the segment drops almost 200 feet on a series of switchbacks through a woods of white pine and oaks, eventually reaching a boulder-studded dry ravine. The segment crosses the ravine and ascends to the Slack Road parking area and rejoins with the white-blazed loop.

From the parking area, hikers should follow a 0.9-mile connecting route. From the Slack Road parking area go east and south 0.4 miles. At CTH-V turn right and continue southwest 0.4 miles to Gibraltar Rock Road. Hikers should turn left on Gibraltar Rock Road and walk through the parking area for the Gibraltar Rock State Ice Age Trail Area to a kiosk and the start of the next portion of the segment.

The Trail enters the forest, quickly intersects a mixed gravel and crumbling blacktop DNR access road leading to the top of Gibraltar Rock, then continues to wind its way through a second-growth forest of white pine, hickory and oak. Hikers will climb a series of 50 steps constructed by volunteers that lead to the top of Gibraltar Rock. Just after the last steps, a marked loop trail stretching across the backside of Gibraltar Rock provides hikers with another option to pass across the top, thus avoiding proximity to sheer cliffs.

Rising 1,234 feet above sea level, Gibraltar Rock is a flat-topped butte, an outlier of the Magnesian escarpment, with a thin dolomite cap over St. Peter sand-
stone. Its 200-foot sheer cliffs offer spectacular panoramic views of the Wisconsin River valley and Lake Wisconsin. On the south side of the butte is a rock face bluff overlooking a large leather-leaf bog and a bucolic valley.

At the top of Gibraltar Rock there are no safety guardrails and hikers should use extreme caution when hiking near or along the bluff. A memorial plaque (SC13) commemorating the Richmond Memorial Park of the Rock of Gibraltar, a park dedicated in 1929 in memory of James and Emma F. Richmond and other early pioneers, sits at a high point near where the DNR access road emerges.

The segment meanders along the top offering several views of the countryside below from rock outcrops framed by weathered red cedars. The segment leaves the big views and begins its gradual descent, first through a maple forest and then a white-pine-dominated woods as the Trail winds around the base of the bluff. Black locust and stone retaining walls line much of the route.

The segment emerges from the woods to the full panoramic “Horton Vista” (SC12). This vantage point offers outstanding long views of the field opening, the valley below and the Baraboo Hills in the distance.

Hikers will continue through the former farm field to the mulberry tree growing prominently along the Trail and can pause to further take in the views. The segment returns to a wooded canopy and continues to descend past the field opening and soon reaches the parking area on the former site of the Horton family homestead.


POINTS OF INTEREST

Merrimac Ferry: See Merrimac Segment, p. 202

AREA SERVICES

Merrimac: See Merrimac Segment, p. 202. From the ferry wayside Trail access take the ferry across to the north side of Lake Wisconsin. On STH-113 go north then east 1.0 mi.

Devil’s Lake State Park: See Devil’s Lake Segment, p. 197. From the ferry wayside Trail access take the ferry across to the north side of Lake Wisconsin. Take STH-113 north and west ~10 mi.

Baraboo and West Baraboo: See Baraboo Segment, p. 192. From the ferry wayside Trail access take the ferry across to the north side of Lake Wisconsin. Take STH-113 north ~12 mi.

Lodi: See Fern Glen Segment and City of Lodi Segment, p. 209. From the ferry wayside Trail access take STH-113 south 6.0 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Okee: Restaurant, lodging. From the CTH-V Trail access, go east on CTH-V for 2.0 mi.
Fern Glen Segment and City of Lodi Segment  
(Atlas Maps 62f, 63f; Databook pages 58–59)

**SNAPSHOT**

**Fern Glen Segment—1.3 miles:** CTH-J to Bilkey Rd.

2.4-mile Connecting Route

**City of Lodi Segment—2.2 miles:** Lodi School Complex to Corner St. (STH-113)

The quiet, hilly *Fern Glen Segment* features dense woods, diverse vegetation and a steep climb.

No reliable sources of water.

Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.

A short spur trail to “Susie’s Rock”

The *City of Lodi Segment* saunters through a charming Ice Age Trail Community and highlights the impressive Rainbow Bridge.

At town public buildings. Restrooms also available at Goeres Park.

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

Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.

Most of the segment follows city roads and sidewalks.

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.

**Corner St. (STH-113):** In Lodi, from the intersection of STH-113 and STH-60, take STH-113 south 0.7 mi to the parking area on the west side of STH-113.

**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) At 1100 Sauk St. Park at the pool parking area on the northeast side of high school. Starting from the kiosk, walk southeast along a ravine and across a bridge, then continue along the 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 *Fern Glen 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 a dense hardwood forest and climbs up and down a steep ravine. Several species of ferns and spring ephemerals highlight the segment, although be wary of poison ivy and wild parsnip.

The segment departs the CTH-J parking area and shortly begins its steady climb up a steep hill with a bench near a beautiful oak tree at its apex. The plaque
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