Dunes Segment and City of Two Rivers Segment (Atlas Maps 95f, 96f)

SNAPSHOT

Dunes Segment—2.7 miles: STH-42 at Taylor St. to Columbus St.
City of Two Rivers Segment—2.8 miles: Columbus St. to Park Rd.

The Dunes Segment highlights Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve, an oasis of marshland, swamps, sandy meadows and wooded ridges.

At Aurora Medical Center.

All trails in Woodland Dunes Preserve are closed during gun deer hunting season.

By law, dogs are required to be on leash. Dogs are permitted on the Ice Age Trail through Woodland Dunes but are not permitted on other trails through the preserve.

On the City of Two Rivers Segment, hikers can experience the city's claims to fame—home of the original ice cream sundae and maritime history at the Historic Rogers Street Fishing Village.

Note: A reroute is planned in downtown Two Rivers on the east side of the East Twin River. Check with the Ice Age Trail Alliance (800-227-0046, iceagetrail.org) for details.

At nearby Zander Park and at Neshotah Park.

At a nearby private campground (see Area Services for Two Rivers).

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

Much of the segment is on sidewalks.

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

**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.

**Park Rd.:** From Two Rivers at the intersection of Washington St. and 22nd St., take 22nd St. east until it ends. (Note that 22nd St. turns right at Neshotah Park across from the water tower.) At Neshotah Rd. turn left and go north 0.1 mi. At Park Rd. turn right and go north 0.3 mi to the end of the road. Roadside parking.

**Additional Parking:** (i) Woodland Dunes Preserve parking area at the east end of Goodwin Rd. (ii) Columbus St. roadside parking. (iii) Neshotah Park parking area on Zlatnik Dr.

THE HIKE

From the starting point of the **Dunes Segment** at the intersection of Taylor Street and Memorial Drive (STH-42), hikers should cross cautiously at the stoplight and head north on Taylor Street. The segment heads west at Lake View Avenue to the Aurora Medical Center complex then veers left between the Aurora Medical Center hospital and a small stream. Quickly reaching a bridge, the segment crosses the bridge then turns right toward an Ice Age Trail sign at the northeast corner of the Aurora Medical Center clinic parking area.

North of the clinic parking area the segment enters a wooded area and soon crosses a utility corridor (former railroad right-of-way) and enters 1,200-acre Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve. The preserve represents a “tension zone” between two distinct areas of natural growth; found here are a tremendous amount of both northern and southern species of plants and birds. The resulting habitat makes it one of the premier birding areas in the country. Within the preserve is the Woodland Dunes State Natural Area. It has shoreline remnants of post-glacial Lake Nipissing, seen as ridges and swales. Many of these ridges have white
The nature center at Woodland Dunes offers educational nature programs and the preserve has miles of hiking and nature trails. The Ice Age Trail route is concurrent with the preserve’s Trillium Trail for much of its length within the property.

The segment exits the preserve and reaches its endpoint at the intersection of 12th Street and Columbus Street.

Continuing on the **City of Two Rives Segment**, hikers should take the following route through the city of Two Rivers: From the Columbus Street/12th Street intersection, head east for 1.0 mile on 12th Street. Along the way at Monroe Street pass the free Historic Farm Museum that is part of the Two Rivers Historical Society. At Washington Street (STH-42), turn left and head north for 0.1 miles, crossing the West Twin River. At East River Street turn right and go northeast for 0.2 miles. At Jefferson Street turn left and go north 0.2 miles to 17th Street. At this intersection hikers will find the historic Washington House (free admission, donations welcomed), home of the original ice cream sundae. This old hotel has beautiful murals and a ballroom on the second floor; antiques, restored period rooms and interesting collections are also on display.

At 17th Street hikers should turn right and go east across the East Twin River. At the intersection of 17th Street and Zlatnik Drive, hikers should turn left and continue northeast into Neshotah Park.

At the intersection of Zlatnik Drive and 22nd Street hikers should turn right and go east 100 feet, then turn left onto Neshotah Road and go north 0.1 miles, then turn right on Park Road and walk 0.3 miles to the segment’s endpoint.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

**Historic Rogers Street Fishing Village:** From the Trail’s route on 17th St. on the east side of the East Twin River, go north a few blocks on Jackson St. (920-793-5905, rogersstreet.com).

The Historic Rogers Street Fishing Village is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum village and historic park showcase over 170 years of commercial fishing with the Great Lakes Coast Guard Shipwreck Exhibit and many other historic artifacts, including climbable and symbolic 1886 North Pier Lighthouse.

**AREA SERVICES**

**Manitowoc:** See City of Manitowoc Segment, p. 326. From the STH-42 Trail access go south ~4 mi.


**I was overwhelmed with the utter kindness of people along my trip. I had no idea how I would be received walking into towns carrying my life on my back. After the initial glares and odd glances people seemed to naturally want to do something to make my life easier.**

ADAM HINZ, ICE AGE TRAIL THOUSAND-MILER