

Gibbs Lake Segment (Atlas Maps 72f)

SNAPSHOT

1 **1.3 miles:** W. Gibbs Lake Rd. to N. Eagle Rd.



Water pump and pit toilet at parking lot.

Picnic shelter and picnic area.

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



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



Segment shares a horse trail around the lake's east side and private driveway.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

1 W. Gibbs Lake Rd. Trail Access (42.78589, -89.18121): From I-39/90 at Janesville, take Exit 171A and follow STH-26 (Milton Ave.) south for 0.5 mi. At Humes Rd. (USH-14) turn right and go west 9.3 mi. At N. Eagle Rd. turn right and go north 2.8 mi. At W. Gibbs Lake Rd. turn left and go west 0.5 mi. **Parking:** Adjacent to Trail Access.

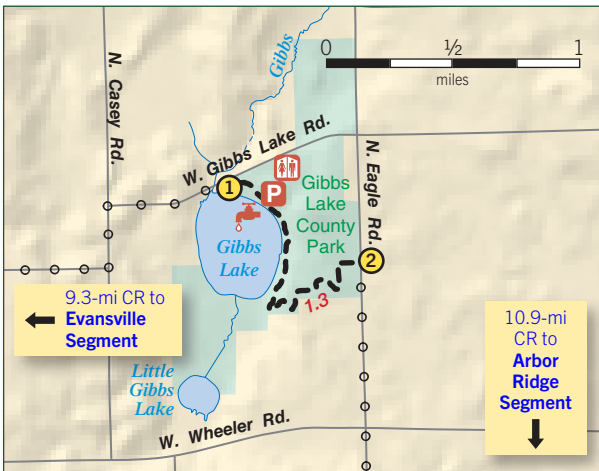
2 N. Eagle Rd. Trail Access (42.78101, -89.17130): From I-39/90 at Janesville, take Exit 171A and follow STH-26 (Milton Ave.) south for 0.5 mi. At Humes Rd. (USH-14) turn right and go west 9.3 mi. At N. Eagle Rd. turn right and go north 2.3 mi. **No Parking.** Instead, park at Gibbs Lake County Park main entrance on W. Gibbs Lake Rd.

THE HIKE

This segment highlights a tranquil 278-acre park hosting 73-acre Gibbs Lake. Ringed by woods, the lake is home to panfish, largemouth bass, and northern pike. The park

includes a picnic area, shelter, pit toilets, and lake access from a public boat landing. Enjoy a quiet respite between road walks along the connecting route.

From the Trail access at West Gibbs Lake Road, head east across the parking lot to connect with the Trail. Immediately join a horse trail and follow it south as it meanders through the woods. Enjoy occasional glimpses of Gibbs Lake



through the trees. Following the yellow blazes, you'll make your way to the segment's most southern point before turning east and following the Trail as it weaves along a tree line edging a field. A sharp left turn takes you north to a private drive. Turn right at the driveway and follow it to the segment's terminus at North Eagle Road.

AREA SERVICES

Evansville: See Evansville Segment, p. 258. Turn left onto W. Gibbs Lake Rd and head southwest 0.5 mi. Turn left onto N. Casey Rd. for 0.2 mi. Turn right onto W. Gibbs Lake Rd. and go 1.0 mi. Turn left at the first cross street onto N. Riley Rd. and go 1.2 mi. Turn right onto US-14 W for 4.4 mi.

Janesville: See Janesville Segment, p. 266. Turn right onto W. Gibbs Lake Rd. and head northwest 0.5 mi. Turn right onto N. Eagle Rd. and go 2.8 mi. Turn left onto US-14 E and go 9.2 mi.



CAMERON GILLIE

Gibbs Lake Segment: A calm morning creates a mirror image on the water.