

# Manitowoc Segment (Atlas Map 95f)

## SNAPSHOT

**21** **7.5 miles:** Rapids Rd. (CTH-R) at Broadway St. to STH-42 at Taylor St.



At Henry Schuette Park (Upper parking area), Union Park, Lighthouse Park, the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce, and the Spirit of the Rivers Monument and Wayside.



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



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



At Henry Schuette Park (upper parking area), Union Park, and Lighthouse Park.



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



The Mariners Trail extends north from the segment.



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



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



## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

① **Rapids Rd. (CTH-R) at Broadway St. Trail Access (44.09747, -87.70069):** From I-43 take Exit 149 and follow USH-151 east (north) for 0.2 mi. At S. Rapids Rd. (CTH-R) turn left and go north 1.8 mi to Broadway St. **Parking:** Roadside.

② **STH-42 at Taylor St. Trail Access (44.12581, -87.61477):** From I-43 take Exit 152 and follow USH-10 (Waldo Blvd.) east 4.3 mi. At STH-42 (Memorial Dr.) roundabout, take STH-42 north 1.9 mi. **No Parking.** Instead, park at the Aurora Medical Center complex. 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).

## THE HIKE

This segment highlights Manitowoc, an Ice Age Trail Community filled with lots to see and do. Grand views of Lake Michigan immediately foster a vacation state of mind. Satisfy your post-hike cravings at numerous dining establishments, including breweries, coffee shops, and wine bars. Locate souvenirs and one-of-a-kind items in well-curated shops.

The segment travels through Schuette Park and past the Eternal Light Veterans Memorial, Rahr-West Art Museum, and the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, all worth exploring. The latter offers interactive educational exhibits exploring Wisconsin's naval history and the Great Lakes. In addition, it includes a tour of a World War II submarine, the USS *Cobia*. Manitowoc residents are proud that the Manitowoc Shipbuilding

Company is the only inland shipyard to build submarines for the U.S. Navy in World War II.

The hike also features the Manitowoc Breakwater Light, with its 165-year history guiding ships in and out of Manitowoc Harbor. During the summer, you may see the SS *Badger* as it sets out across Lake Michigan, ferrying cars and people to Ludington, Michigan.

The route also shares the Mariners Trail, which connects the cities of Manitowoc and Two Rivers on sidewalks and paved blacktop along 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 give you a closer look at passing ships. Along the route of the Mariners Trail, the segment passes West of the Lake Gardens, which are open seasonally to the public with free admission. Situated on six acres next to Lake Michigan, the gardens offer a peaceful respite featuring ornate plantings and lovely fountains.

The segment also passes the "Spirit of the Rivers." This monument, a trio of 10-foot-tall bronze figures carrying a birch bark canoe between two navigable waters, celebrates the culture and history of the area's



earliest inhabitants and Manitowoc's rich maritime history. It is the work of internationally recognized artist and Manitowoc native R.T. "Skip" Wallen.

From the Trail access at the intersection of Rapids Road (CTH-R) and Broadway Street, head east on Broadway Street. At the entrance road for Lower Henry Schuette Park, encountered shortly after crossing the Manitowoc River bridge, turn left and head north along the road to the park's lower parking area.

Depart the parking area and meander through the park, mainly 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 the Lower Henry Schuette Park entrance. An access trail leads from the lower parking area to the upper parking area.* Connect with Clay Pit Road and head southeast to its intersection with South 21st Street.

Then, take the following route through the city of Manitowoc: Head north on South 21st Street, which changes to Revere Drive as it crosses the river. At the Eternal Light Veterans Memorial, continue straight on North 18th Street (Revere Drive turns right). Turn right and head east on Michigan Avenue, which becomes Huron Street. Then, turn right and head south on North 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 and North 7th Street intersection, turn right and walk southeast through Union Park to the North 6th Street and State Street intersection. Head south on North 6th Street.

At the end of North 6th Street, head south across Maritime Drive and through the Wisconsin Maritime Museum's parking lot. At the edge of the lot, pick up a paved path and head east along the river. Follow the path as it curves north to follow the Lake Michigan shoreline. At this curve, the Manitowoc River empties into Lake Michigan. You can also see the Manitowoc Breakwater Light situated on the north breakwater. Continuing north, you'll pass behind a hotel and arrive at the Manitowoc Marina, the official southern terminus of the Mariners Trail.

Join the Mariners Trail and continue heading northeast. You'll pass Lighthouse Park with water, restrooms, picnic tables, and a small beach. Continue past West of the Lake Gardens, the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce building, and the Spirit of the River Monument Wayside. The segment ends at the stoplight at the Taylor Street and Memorial Drive (STH-42) intersection.

## AREA SERVICES

**T C** **Manitowoc:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, laundry, medical service. On Trail. Most services on USH-151, USH-10 and STH-42. For area info, contact the City of Manitowoc Tourism ([visitmanitowoc.com](http://visitmanitowoc.com)).

**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](http://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.



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*Manitowoc Segment: Lake Michigan provides a colorful pollinator garden its backdrop.*