

Dunes Segment and Two Rivers Segment

(Atlas Maps 95f, 96f)

SNAPSHOT

2 2 **Dunes Segment—2.7 miles:** STH-42 at Taylor St. to Columbus St.



At Aurora Medical Center.



All trails in Woodland Dunes Preserve are closed during gun deer and muzzleloader hunting seasons.



Dogs must be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times. **Dogs are permitted on the Ice Age Trail through Woodland Dunes but are not permitted on other trails through the preserve.**



A short portion is on sidewalks and follows paved surfaces on the Aurora Medical Center complex property.



Woodland Dunes Preserve trail network.

1 1 **Two Rivers Segment—3.0 miles:** Columbus St. to Park Rd.



At nearby Zander Park, Coast Guard Park, and Neshotah Park. Porta-potty at Harbor View Park.



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At a nearby private campground **▲**.



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



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Much of the segment is on sidewalks.



South Breakwater Trail.



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

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

1 **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.

2 **Columbus St. Trail Access (44.14442, -87.59022):** **Parking:** Roadside.



3 Park Rd. Trail Access (44.15759, -87.54547): From Two Rivers at the intersection of Washington St. and 22nd St. (along STH-42), take 22nd St. east until it ends. *Note: 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. **Parking:** Roadside.

Additional Parking: (i) Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve on Goodwin Rd. (ii) Neshotah Park on Zlatnik Dr.

THE HIKE

Dunes Segment

This segment features the 1,200-acre Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve, an oasis of marshland, swamps, sandy meadows, and wooded ridges. It represents a “tension zone” between two distinct areas of both northern and southern species of plants and birds, making it one of the premier birding areas in the country. The Woodland Dunes State Natural Area is within the Preserve, with shoreline remnants of postglacial Lake Nipissing seen as ridges and swales. White birch, aspen, beech, and hemlock trees populate many of these ridges.

The Woodland Dunes Nature Center offers educational nature programs, and the

Preserve has miles of nature trails.

From the Trail access at the intersection of Taylor Street and Memorial Drive (STH-42), cross cautiously at the stoplight and head north on Taylor Street. At Lake View Avenue, turn left into the Aurora Medical Center complex and veer left between the medical center’s hospital and a small stream. Cross a bridge and then turn right, heading toward an Ice Age Trail sign at the northeast corner of the medical center’s clinic parking area.



North of the clinic parking area, enter a wooded area, cross a utility corridor (former railroad right-of-way), and enter the Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve. The Trail heads northeast and shares the southeast part of the Preserve’s Trillium Trail for a time.

Toward the segment’s end, cross 10th Street, bearing slightly to the left. Exit the Preserve and reach the segment’s endpoint at the 12th Street and Columbus Street intersection.

Two Rivers Segment

This segment highlights Two Rivers, an Ice Age Trail Community brimming with seaside-like charm. Enjoy 50 acres of groomed sand at Neshota Beach, where beachcombers search for sea glass. Famished hikers will delight in authentic supper clubs and homey restaurants serving delicious meals. Finally, plan a stop at the 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.

The segment also offers two quick side trips. One is to the Historic Rodgers Street Fishing Village (see Points of Interest). Another is along the blue-blazed South Breakwater Trail, connecting Mariners Trail and the South Breakwater on Lake Michigan. It features interpretive signage conveying the harbor's history and a 100-foot-long mural depicting fish of Lake Michigan.

From the Trail access at 12th Street and Columbus Street in Two Rivers, take the following route through the city: head east on 12th Street. You'll pass the free Historic Farm Museum, located at the corner of 12th and Monroe Street, which is part of the Two Rivers Historical Society.

Arriving at Washington Street (STH-42), you can take a side trip. To explore the blue-blazed South Breakwater Trail (mentioned above), cross Washington Street (STH-42) and follow Lake Street to connect with it.

To remain on the route, turn left and head north at Washington Street (STH-42), crossing the West Twin River. At East River Road, turn right and go northeast. Then, at Jefferson Street, turn left and go north to 17th Street. The historic Washington House (mentioned above) is on the southeast corner of this intersection.

Turn right on 17th Street and go east across the East Twin River. At East Street, there's an opportunity for another side trip. Turning left and heading north will take you to the Rogers Street Fishing Village.

However, turn right on East Street and continue south to remain on the route. Turn left on Harbor Street and then right on 16th Street. 16th Street turns into Zlatnik Drive and continues into Neshotah Park. At 22nd Street, turn right, go east briefly, then left onto Neshotah Road. At Park Road, turn right and continue to the segment's endpoint at the end of Park Road.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Rogers Street Fishing Village: From the intersection of 17th St. and East St., go northeast on East St. then north on Jackson St. (2102 Jackson St., Two Rivers, 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 more than 170 years of commercial fishing with the Great Lakes Coast Guard Shipwreck Exhibit and many other historic artifacts, including the climbable and symbolic 1886 North Pier Lighthouse.

AREA SERVICES



Manitowoc: See [Manitowoc Segment](#), p. 354. From the STH-42 Trail access go south ~4 mi.



Two Rivers: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, lodging, camping, library, medical service. On Trail. Most services on Washington St. (STH-42). Area info available from the City of Two Rivers (920-793-5523, two-rivers.org).