


# West Bend Segment (Atlas Maps 85f, 86f)

## SNAPSHOT

 **West Bend Segment—6.7 miles:** Paradise Dr. to CTH-D

**Note:** A reroute is planned south of Washington St. (STH-33/144). Check with the Ice Age Trail Alliance (800-227-0046, [IceAgeTrail.org](http://IceAgeTrail.org)) for details.



At Ridge Run Park.

From Silver Creek.

Five ColdCache sites on segment.



Dogs must be leashed (6-ft max) and under control at all times.



Portions overlap a gravel driveway and sidewalks. A small portion in Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area is open to mountain biking.



Several spur trails and three white-blazed loop trails.

## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**1 Paradise Dr. Trail Access (43.39815, -88.21099):** From West Bend on USH-45, take Exit 63 and follow Paradise Dr. west for 1.0 mi. **Parking:** Adjacent to Trail Access.

**2 CTH-D Trail Access (43.45550, -88.20845):** From the West Bend area on USH-45, take Exit 73 and follow CTH-D west for 0.1 mi. **Parking:** Roadside.

**Additional Parking:** (i) Ridge Run Park on Wheat Ridge Ln. or University Dr. (ii) Washington St. (STH-33/144) commercial parking area near Culver's. (iii) Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area on Beaver Dam Rd.

## THE HIKE

This segment features the city of West Bend, an Ice Age Trail Community situated at the point where the Milwaukee River turns east and flows into Ozaukee County. West Bend's historic downtown offers visitors plenty of dining, shopping, and lodging options. It also boasts outstanding trails, parks, and recreational spaces. The Trail route takes advantage of the city's green spaces. South of STH-33/STH-144, it traverses Ridge Run Park, with parking, water, skiing, picnic grounds, and several side trails. It travels north of STH-33/STH-144 through Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area, with a parking lot, mountain biking, and hiking trails, including two white-blazed loop trails.

From the Trail access on Paradise Drive, meander north. Soon you'll meet a short white-blazed loop trail arcing to the east. After you meet the other end of this loop, bend west and enter the heavily wooded property of the Girl Scouts' Camp Silver Brook at the south end of Lucas Lake. Continue past an esker and then drop to a marshy area with a bridge over Silver Creek.

Climb a steep ridge and bend north, passing over lands protected by the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation. Then head back onto Girl Scout property, where glimpses of Lucas Lake are possible to the right.

Enter Ridge Run Park and curve past an artesian well and a small pond near a picnic area. Soon you'll head north along picturesque Silver Creek and its chain of lily-filled ponds and lakes. Partially circle a ridge and then climb it. Turn east,

and exit Ridge Run Park, briefly following a driveway to connect with University Drive near its intersection with Chestnut Street. Head north, following sidewalks along University Drive for a short way.

To cross busy West Washington Street (STH-33/144) at a stop light, first head west a block to the crossing, then head east along the sidewalk on the other side of the road. You'll pass a commercial area with most services. Depart the sidewalk at the Trail access area on the north side of the road. From here, head north, ascending a forested ridge.

Enter the scenic Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area, traversing rugged terrain following a moraine and dip between ridges. Shortly after crossing Park Avenue, skirt a kettle and climb to the top of an esker, following the crest of the esker to Beaver Dam Road. Cross Beaver Dam Road and continue north to the segment's end point at CTH-D.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**Lizard Mound State Park:** From the Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area on Beaver Dam Rd., continue onto Jefferson St., turn right onto N. Main St., turn left onto Barton Ave. (STH-144) and travel 2.9 mi, turn right onto CTH-A (2121 CTH-A, West Bend, 262-626-2116, [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/lizardmound](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/lizardmound)).

This park is one of the most well-preserved Native American effigy mound sites in the nation. Its 28 extant conical and linear mounds represent spiritual and animal-like forms, including bird, panther or water spirit, and the eponymous lizard.

### AREA SERVICES

**TC West Bend:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, library, medical service. On Trail. Most services are located either 0.7 mi east from the Paradise Dr. Trail access parking area or along Washington St. (STH-33/144). For area info contact the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce (262-338-2666, [wbachamber.org](http://wbachamber.org)).





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*West Bend Segment: A charming downtown view in an Ice Age Trail Community.*