

WEST BEND SEGMENT



From its starting point on Paradise Drive the West Bend Segment meanders north and soon intersects a short white-blazed loop trail that bubbles off to the east of the main segment. The segment bends west and enters the heavily wooded property of Camp Silver Brook at the south end of Lucas Lake. It continues past an esker and then drops to a marshy area with a bridge over Silver Creek, which flows northward from Paradise Valley Lake into Lucas Lake.

From here the segment makes its way up a steep ridge and bends north, passing over lands protected by the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation. The segment then meanders back onto Camp Silver Brook's property offering hikers glimpses of Lucas Lake to the right.

The segment enters Ridge Run Park and curves past an artesian well and small pond near a picnic area, crosses over a water-filled kettle/wetland on a boardwalk and soon heads north along picturesque Silver Creek and its chain of lily filled ponds and lakes. Continuity on, the Trail partially circles a ridge, then climbs the ridge, turns east and exits Ridge Run Park, briefly following a

driveway to connect with University Drive near its intersection with Chestnut Street. The segment heads north and follows sidewalks along University Drive for a half mile. The segment then heads west on busy Washington Street (STH-33/144), crosses at a stop light and then heads back east to a Trail access area on

the north side of the road, passing a large commercial area with most services. From here, the segment heads north ascending a forested ridge.

The segment passes through the scenic Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area traversing rugged terrain as it goes along a moraine and dips between ridges on its way toward the segment terminus at CTH-D. Shortly after crossing Park Avenue, the segment skirts a kettle and climbs to the top of an esker, following the crest of the esker to Beaver Dam Road. The Recreation Area features a network of hiking and biking trails, including two white-blazed loop trails.

West Bend became a Trail Community in 2018.