# Wisconsin Rustic Roads - Northwest Region



- Ashland County: R111
- Barron County: R18, R67 and R83
- Bayfield County: R95
- Burnett County: <u>R15</u>, <u>R79</u>, <u>R80</u> and <u>R98</u>
- Chippewa County: R6
- Clark County: R73 and R76
- Douglas County: none
- Dunn County: R89 and R107
- Eau Claire County: R45
- Iron County: R100
- Pierce County: R51 and R92
- Pepin County: none
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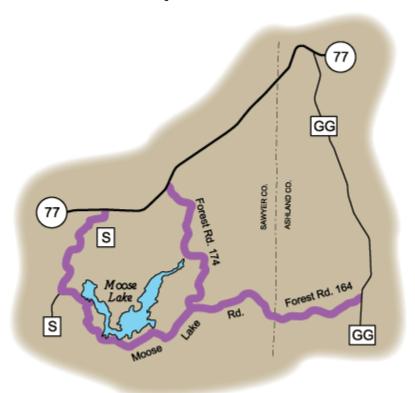
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**Location:** Sawyer and Ashland counties. Portions of County S, Moose Lake Road, Forest Road 174 and Forest Road 164 south of WIS 77.

Length: 25.5 miles

Surface: Paved and gravel portions

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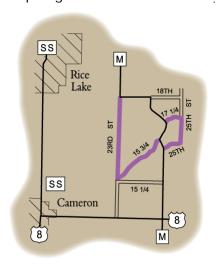
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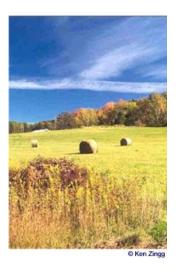
**Location:** Barron County. 23rd Street, 15¾ Avenue, 25th Street and 17¼ Avenue

beginning and ending at County M.

**Length:** 6.8 miles **Surface:** Paved

Dense stands of white oak, aspen and birch line this narrow rustic road. The nearly five-mile loop begins and ends on County M.



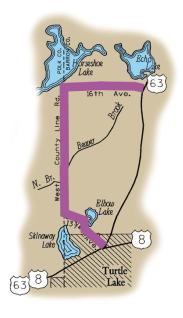


### **Rustic Road 67**

**Location:** Barron/Polk counties. Portions of Pine Road, 13 3/4 Avenue, West County Line Road and 16th Avenue, forming a loop from US 8 to US 63.

**Length:** 4.6 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

R-67 winds through woods and wetlands, along fields and forests, and around the edge of Skinaway Lake. Wildlife and wildflowers abound. This route provides a quiet, picturesque adventure through the northwestern Wisconsin countryside.





**Location:** Barron County. 13 3/4-16th Street/Narrow Gauge Road between County V and 30th Street at the Barron/Washburn County line.

Length: 4.6 milesSurface: Paved

R-83 is in the town of Bear Lake and is on Narrow Gauge Road, so-called because it follows the route of an old railroad line used in the logging era. The route meanders through 4,100 acres of Barron County forest land and intersects the Ice Age Trail. Narrow Gauge Road passes through diverse terrain with native wildlife and vegetation.



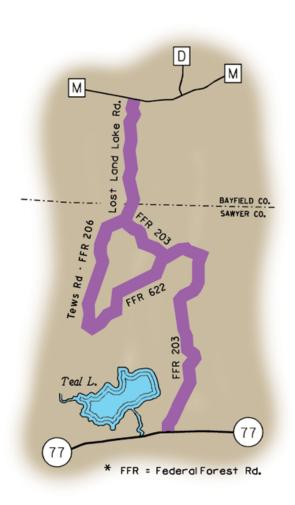
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**Length:** 16.4 miles **Surface:** Gravel

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# **Burnett County**

#### **Rustic Road 15**

**Location:** Burnett County. Skog Road between Fish Lake Road and Hickerson Road.

**Length:** 5.4 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

R-15 is close to Governor Knowles State Forest to the north and the Fish Lake State Wildlife Area to the south. This route offers beautiful vistas of coniferous and hardwood trees. Several hiking trails intersect with the road. R-15 is within a quarter-mile of the St. Croix River, a National Wild and Scenic River.



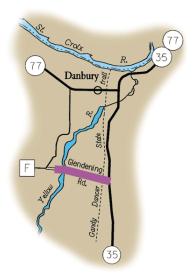


### **Rustic Road 79**

Location: Burnett County. Glendening Road beginning at WIS 35 and ending on County F.

**Length:** 1.2 miles **Surface:** Paved

R-79 is a quiet, scenic road which is under a canopy of oaks. The well known Gandy Dancer Recreational Trail, used by hikers, bikers and snowmobilers, bisects this route. Glendening Road crosses the Yellow River just east of the Danbury Wildlife Area.

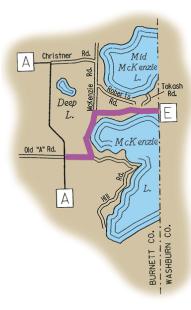




**Location:** County E beginning at the intersection of County A and paralleling McKenzie Lake until its intersection with Tokash Road near the Washburn County line.

**Length:** 2.1 miles **Surface:** Paved

R-80 is a winding road with gentle hills that border beautiful McKenzie Lake. Tall majestic oaks canopy the road during the summer months. Ducks, bear, deer and eagles are often visible throughout the year. The road is often used by pedestrians and bicyclists for recreational purposes.

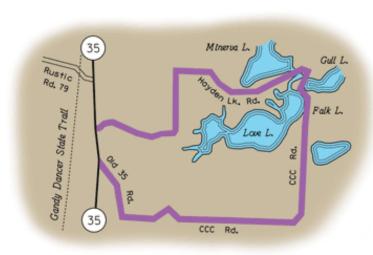


#### **Rustic Road 98**

**Location:** Burnett County, towns of Oakland and Swiss. Beginning at the junction of WIS 35 and Old 35 near Danbury, the route proceeds along CCC Road to Hayden Lake Road, forming a loop back to WIS 35.

Length: 8 miles Surface: Paved

R-98 passes several lakes, features prairie lands and canopied trees, along with abundant wildlife including waterfowl, deer, bear and eagles.



# **Chippewa County**

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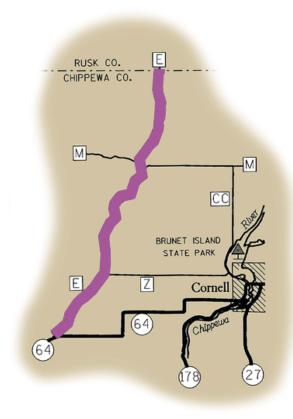
Location: Chippewa County. County E, from the junction of WIS 64 north to the Chippewa-

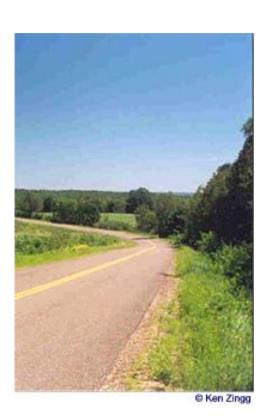
Rusk County line.

Length: 13.3 miles

Surface: Paved

Paved R-6 is part of the old Flambeau Trail, an important route for early settlers traveling north. The road traverses county forest lands and a part of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve in Chippewa County.





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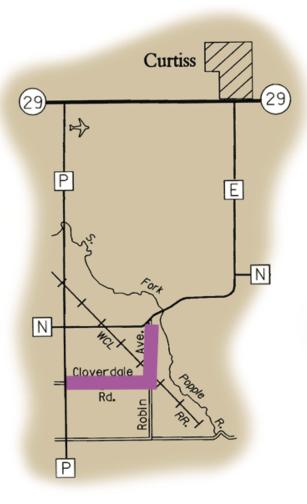
### **Rustic Road 73**

Location: Clark County. Robin Road and Cloverdale Avenue between County N and County

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**Length:** 2.5 miles **Surface:** Gravel

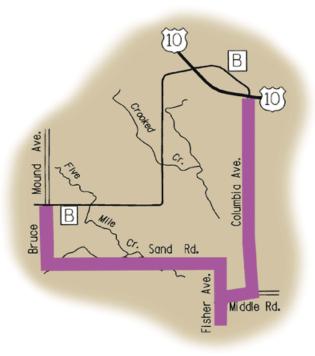
R-73 is a gravel road nestled between quiet woodlands and picturesque dairy farms. An old one-lane wooden bridge, which residents refer to as the "High Bridge," is located on Robin Avenue. It spans the railroad tracks. Near the intersection of Cloverdale Road and Sparrow Road is a pasture that is home to a herd of majestic buffalo. Travelers might also view an occasional Amish horse-drawn buggy.



**Location:** Clark County. Portions of Columbia Avenue, Middle Road, Fisher Avenue, Sand Road and Bruce Mound Avenue between US 10 and County B in the town of Hewett.

**Length**: 9 miles **Surface**: Gravel

R-76 meanders through Clark County Forest land. The traveler may see deer, sandhill cranes, wild turkeys and possibly a bald eagle. There is an abandoned trestle bridge used for recreational purposes over Wedges Creek on Middle Road. At the south end of the township on Fisher Road is the "Lone Grave Marker," the last remaining evidence of the community of Columbia, which dates back to the 1880s.





1880 stone house near Neillsville

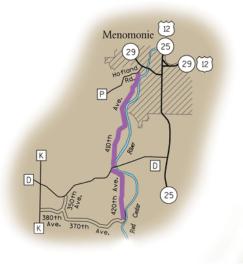
# **Dunn County**

#### **Rustic Road 89**

**Location:** Dunn County. Portions of Hofland Road, 410th Street and 420th Street between County P and 370th Avenue, the town line road.

**Length:** 5.3 miles **Surface:** Paved

This scenic road winds south from Menomonie through the bluffs of the Red Cedar River. R-89 parallels the Red Cedar Bike Trail; once a railroad bed, now a popular recreation trail. Halfway along the route is Devil's Punch Bowl—a miniature canyon with a small waterfall created by the last glacier 12,000 years ago—now a 2.9 acre scientific area.



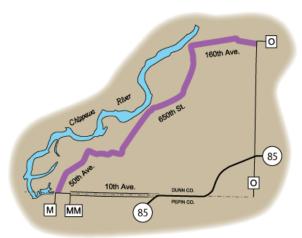


#### **Rustic Road 107**

**Location:** Dunn County. 160th Ave, 650th Street and 50th Ave from County 0 to County M, town of Peru.

**Length:** 6.7 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel

R-107 follows the Chippewa River. The traveler will find wooded areas with canopies over the road that open up to meadows and picturesque views. There are numerous water resources, with wetland habitat throughout. The Red Cedar Bike Trail crosses the route at two locations and connects to the Chippewa River Trail providing trail access to the entire area.



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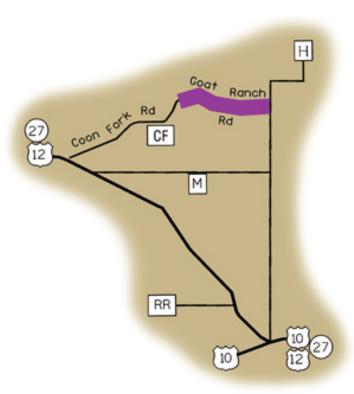
### **Rustic Road 45**

Location: Eau Claire County. Goat Ranch Road from County H.

Length: 2.7 milesSurface: Gravel

Goat Ranch Road is a narrow, scenic, gravel roadway carved through the heart of the Eau

Claire County Forest. Watch for deer and other wildlife.



# **Iron County**

### **Rustic Road 100**

**Location:** Iron County. County G from the Michigan/Wisconsin border, continuing south along County H to Mercer.

**Length:** 13.5 miles **Surface:** Paved

Wisconsin's 100th Rustic Road features numerous lakes and waterways, wildflowers and wildlife, including deer and wolves. The route follows part of the historic Flambeau Trail—Iron County's first transportation route serving Native Americans.



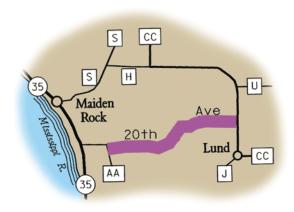
### **Pierce County**

#### **Rustic Road 51**

Location: Pierce County. Portions of 20th Avenue from County CC to County AA

**Length:** 4.3 miles **Surface:** Gravel

Located near rolling agricultural farmland, this narrow, winding, gravel road frequently crosses a trout stream in the midst of dense woodlands. At the intersection of 20th Avenue and County CC is a lovely old church dated 1881. Just a few miles south of County CC is a wayside historical marker and a replica of the house where Laura Ingalls Wilder grew up. She wrote about this house in the book *Little House in the Big Woods*.



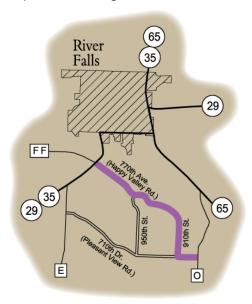


### **Rustic Road 92**

**Location:** Pierce County. Happy Valley Road (also known as 770th Ave. and 910th St) to Pleasant View Road (also known as 710th Ave) east until its intersection with County 0.

**Length:** 4.1 miles **Surface:** Paved

R-92 is a lovely, winding and hilly route that takes the traveler though a canopy of basswood, elm, maple and oak trees for part of the route—giving the traveler a feeling of entering a peaceful tunnel. During spring and summer, the sides of the road are lined with green foliage and wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, bloodroot, chamomile and hepatica. Rolling farm fields and steep tree-covered hills add to the beauty of the road.



# **Polk County**

#### **Rustic Road 28**

**Location:** Polk County. Mains Crossing (old Highway 8), beginning at the intersection of County H then extending east to County D.

**Length:** 5.2 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

Passing Apple River Park and crossing the scenic Apple River, this route is characterized by pleasant views of deciduous forests and open farmland. Located along the route are three small churches, two cemeteries and the Apple River Town Hall.



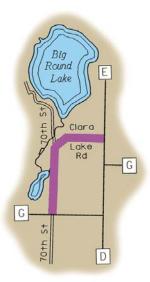


### **Rustic Road 41**

Location: Polk County. Clara Lake Road between County E and County G.

**Length:** 2.3 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

This road wanders past scenic woodlands and farmlands. Clara Lake Road passes the Hunky Dorey Resort, built in 1902 and still in operation. A canopy of trees shade the gravel portion of this beautiful road.

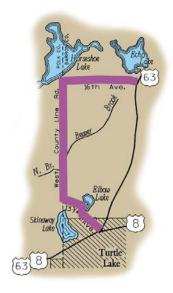




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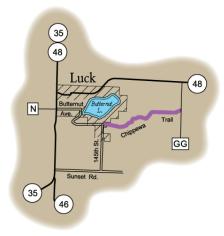
### **Rustic Road 93**

Location: Polk County. Chippewa Trail from 145th Street to County GG.

Length: 2.8 miles Surface: Gravel

R-93 is a beautiful country road that meanders through a wooded area in northwest Wisconsin in the town of Luck. A tree canopy covers the majority of this road. Chippewa Trail also curves around many ponds and wetland areas. Wildlife such as turkey and opossum abounds in this area and can be viewed by hikers, bikers and motorists. Local lore is that the Chippewa Indians used this route in pre-settlement times as they traveled between Butternut and Bone Lakes.

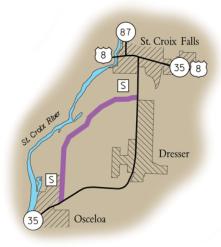
NOTE: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TRAVELERS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AREA ACCESS R-93 AT COUNTY GG.



**Location:** Polk County. County S forming a loop off WIS 35 between Osceola and St. Croix Falls.

**Length:** 4.3 miles **Surface:** Paved

R-101 features oak, cedar and pine trees, a trout stream, rock outcroppings and a variety of wildlife as it parallels the St. Croix River. The Osceola and the Chisago Trailheads are adjacent to the road. The traveler will also pass by the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Ranger Station and Maintenance facility.

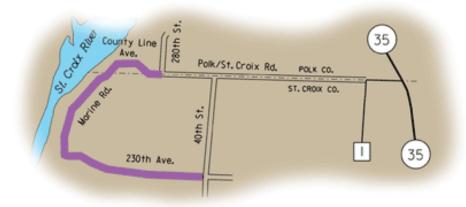


### **Rustic Road 103**

**Location:** St. Croix and Polk counties. Portions of 230th Avenue, Marine Road, County Line Avenue and Polk/St. Croix Road through the town of Somerset in St. Croix County and the town of Farmington in Polk County.

**Length:** 2.8 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel

This route leads to the historic Somerset Landing—a river access point in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway that features a boat launch and other amenities. R-103 features sandstone bluff outcroppings, tree canopies, prairie and farm views. A snowmobile route crosses Polk/St. Croix Road and a marked bike route connects to R-103 at 40th Street.



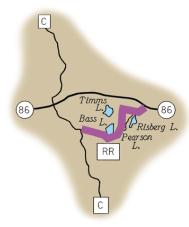
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#### **Rustic Road 62**

**Location:** Price County. County RR, beginning at the intersection of County C, northeasterly to the intersection with WIS 86.

**Length**: 2 miles **Surface**: Paved

Although this rustic road is short in distance, it is long in aesthetic quality. R-62 offers the only access to Timms Hill County Park, the highest point in the state of Wisconsin. Hikers will enjoy the Timms Hill National Trail and nearby Ice Age Trail. Bass Lake, which borders R-62, teems with Northern Pike.

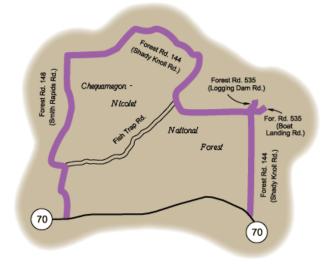


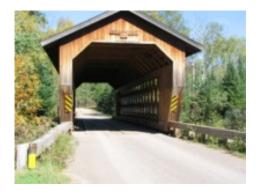
### **Rustic Road 105**

**Location:** Price County. Forest Road 148 (Smith Rapids Rd) and 144 (Shady Knoll Road) forming a loop off WIS 70 and Forest Road 535.

**Length:** 13.0 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel

This 13-mile loop off WIS 70 winds through the scenic Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Wildlife viewing, forests, scenic farmland and views of the rambling South Fork of the Flambeau River enhance the drive. On Forest Road 148, the traveler will pass through the beautiful Smith Rapids Covered Bridge, which spans the river, and pass by the adjacent equestrian campground and trails. The traveler will also encounter the restored historic 1876 logging dam on Forest Road 535.





# **Rusk County**

### **Rustic Road 114**

**Location:** Rusk County. Firelane, Perch Lake, North and South Buck's Lake Roads, between

County O and County F

Length: 13.1 miles

Surface: Gravel

R-114 is located in the scenic Blue Hills area of Rusk County. The route includes access to trails for biking, hiking, skiing and hunting, along with two county campgrounds and multiple lakes including Perch, Audie, Bucks, and Murphy Flowage. R-114 also provides a very picturesque canopy of fall colors.



### St. Croix County

#### **Rustic Road 3**

**Location:** St. Croix County. R-3 beginning at WIS 128 and follow the outer edges of a watershed and county park. R-3 is Jerdheim Road between WIS 128 and County E, south of Glenwood City.

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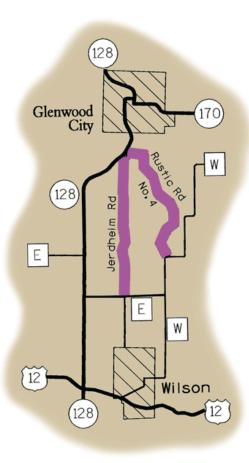
This narrow road borders the heavily wooded Glen Hills County Park area, as well as privately owned farm land. The blacktop road curves over many hills with open views of farmland to either side. Picnic at the nearby county park, or enjoy the beach on Glen Lake. A bike trail is posted along the route.

#### **Rustic Road 4**

**Location:** St. Croix County. South of Glenwood City beginning at WIS 128 south to its intersection with County W.

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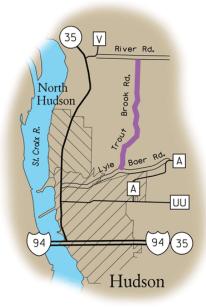
R-4 runs south parallel to R-3 and borders the east side of the Glen Hills Watershed Park area. Beautiful fall colors mark the road in autumn, along with many coniferous trees. Watch for glacial rock formations and wild turkeys.



Location: St. Croix County. Trout Brook Road between County A and River Road

Length: 3 miles Surface: Paved

The third road to be designated in St. Croix County passes through hilly terrain along the western edge of scenic Willow River State Park. This route meanders through heavily wooded areas past several artesian wells.

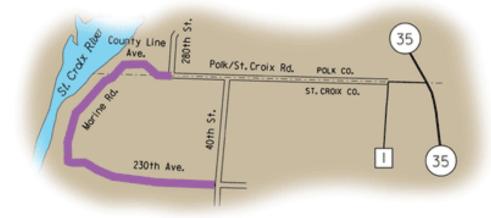


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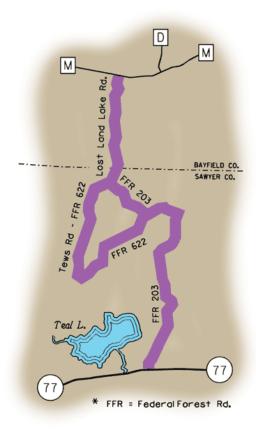
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**Location:** Sawyer County. Northern Lights, Boedecker, Seely, and Janet Roads from WIS 63 to County OO, towns of Lenroot and Spider Lake.

**Length:** 3.4 miles **Surface:** Gravel

R-108 meanders through the Sawyer County Forest and is bordered by many species of trees including maples, oaks, birch, red and white pine which are home to many birds and mammals. Originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a logging road in the 1930s, travelers will catch a glimpse of the old "Dynamite Shack" which stored the explosives used to construct the road through the hills. R-108 is crossed by the Birkebeiner cross country ski trail and numerous ATV, mountain bike and snowmobile trails. This road offers all nature lovers a northwoods experience.

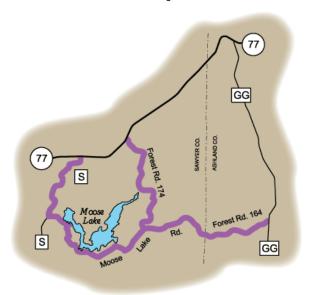


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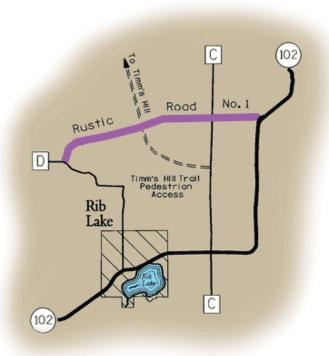
# **Taylor County**

### **Rustic Road 1**

Location: Taylor County. Between WIS 102 and County D near Rib Lake.

**Length:** 5 miles **Surface:** Gravel

Wisconsin's first Rustic Road was dedicated in 1975. A historical marker alongside the road commemorates the designation. R-1 crosses through hills and valleys created by the last Wisconsin glacier nearly 12,000 years ago. Timms Hill National Trail, connecting the nearby Ice Age Trail with R-62 and Timms Hill Observation Tower nine miles to the north, is open year round for hiking, skiing and snowshoeing. A public beach is located at South Harper Lake.





# **Washburn County**

### **Rustic Road 71**

Location: Washburn County. Lake Road and Little Stone Road between WIS 70 and County

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Length: 2.2 milesSurface: Paved

R-71 skirts the western shore of Stone Lake where deer, raccoons, loons and other waterfowl can frequently be seen. The trees along the route form a graceful arch overhead creating a tunnel of green over much of this two-mile Rustic Road.



