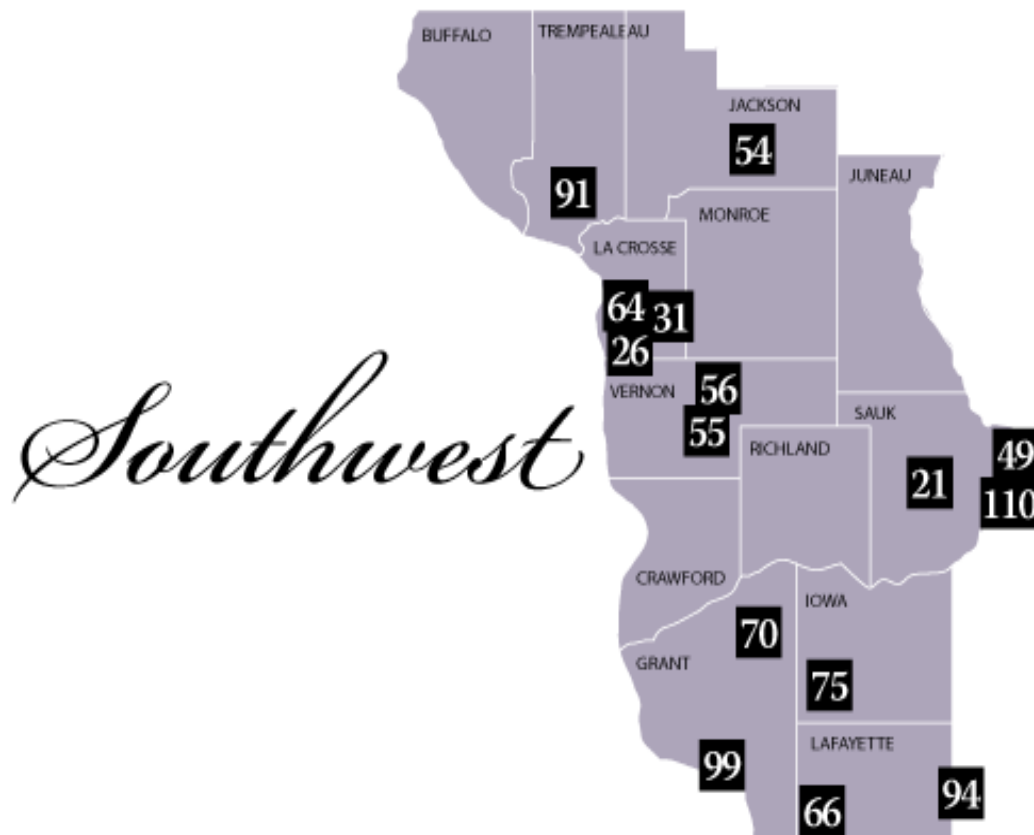


Wisconsin Rustic Roads - Southwest Region



- Buffalo County: none
- Crawford County: none
- Grant County: [R70](#) and [R99](#)
- Iowa County: [R75](#)
- Jackson County: [R54](#)
- Juneau County: none
- La Crosse County: [R26](#), [R31](#) and [R64](#)
- Lafayette County: [R66](#)
- Monroe County: none
- Richland County: none
- Sauk County: [R21](#), [R49](#)
- Trempealeau County: [R91](#)
- Vernon County: [R55](#) and [R56](#)

Grant County

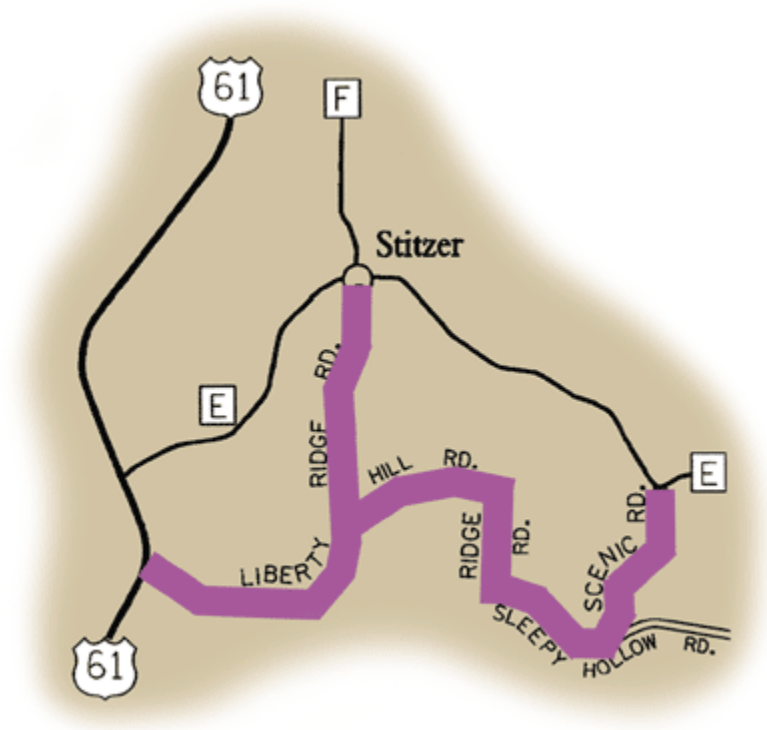
Rustic Road 70

Location: Grant County. Leave US 61 at Liberty Ridge Road; portions of Hill Road, Ridge Road, Sleepy Hollow Road, Scenic Road to County E.

Length: 10.1 miles

Surface: Gravel

R-70 meanders through the contour-stripped farms and the tree-covered hills of the Platte River Valley. Liberty Ridge Road passes a church built in 1861 by German settlers, then ambles into the quaint community of Stitzer. The other branches of R-70 pass through the rambling countryside. One of the few remaining one-room schoolhouses in the area is located on Scenic Road.



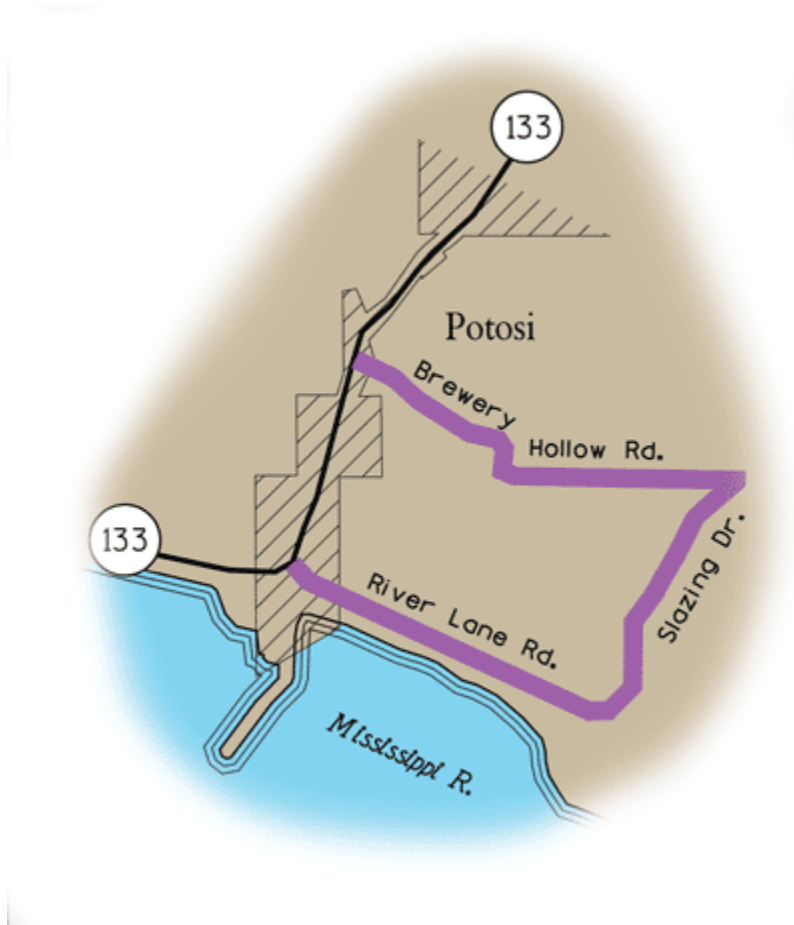
Rustic Road 99

Location: Grant County, town of Potosi. Segments of River Lane, Slazing and Brewery Hollow roads forming a loop off WIS 133.

Length: 3.4 miles

Surface: Paved

The route reflects the region's beer-brewing history and features hills, bluffs and rolling farmlands along with various types of wildlife. The River Lane Road segment represents the only Rustic Road section that follows the Mississippi River.



Iowa County

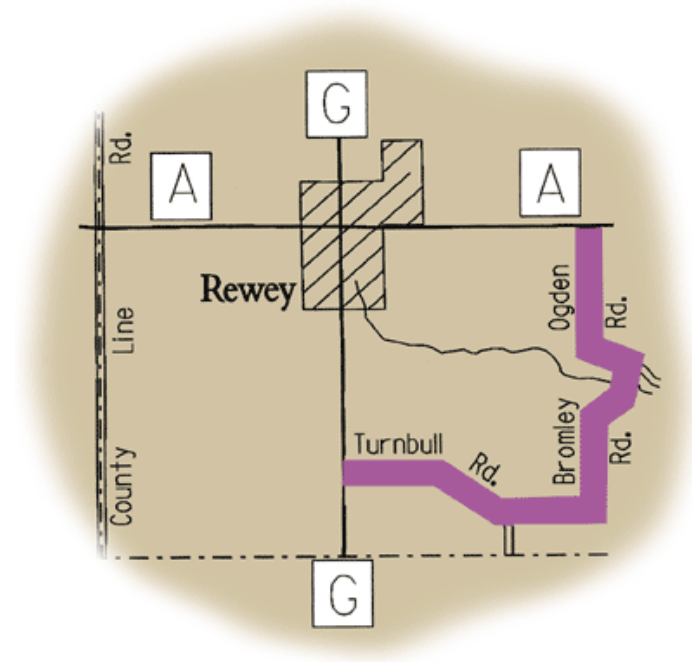
Rustic Road 75

Location: Iowa County. Portions of Ogden Road, Bromley Road and Turnbull Road between County A and County G in the town of Mifflin.

Length: 3.7 miles

Surface: Paved

R-75 is located in the "Welsh Settlement" area, so named because immigrants from Wales settled in Iowa County during the mid 1800s. The countryside is beautiful during all seasons. Wildflowers and wildlife abound.



Jackson County

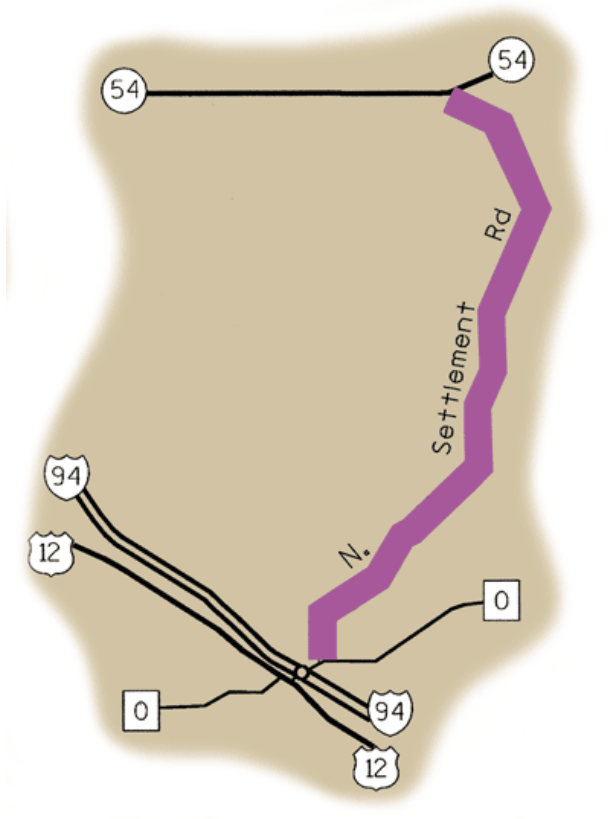
Rustic Road 54

Location: Jackson County. North Settlement Road, from County O north to WIS 54. Exit off I-94 at the Millston exit.

Length: 12.3 miles

Surface: Paved

This road travels through the Black River State Forest which boasts beautiful hardwood stands and pine tree plantations. R-54 follows a portion of the Wazee Trail past the Pigeon Creek Campground and the Dike 17 Lookout Tower where miles of marsh are visible. Sandhill cranes, bald eagles, ducks, geese and other wildlife are abundant. The traveler may see a variety of plant life including sphagnum peat moss beds and native wildflowers.



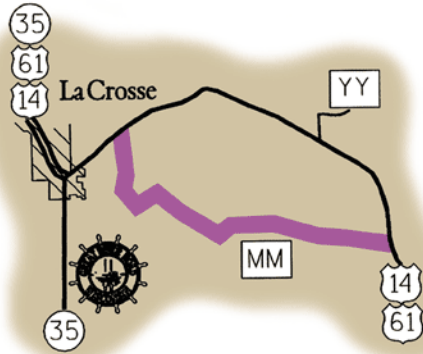
La Crosse County

Rustic Road 26

Location: La Crosse County. County MM, beginning and ending at US 14 and US 61.

Length: 5.3 miles **Surface:** Paved

La Crosse County MM combines beautiful scenery and history. It offers the traveler views of the Mississippi River Valley and the Mormon Coulee Creek Valley. "Brinkman's Ridge" provides a panorama of the Mississippi River, including the wildlife refuge at Goose Island. This route also passes the 1854 Oehler Mill site, as well as a century-old root cellar.



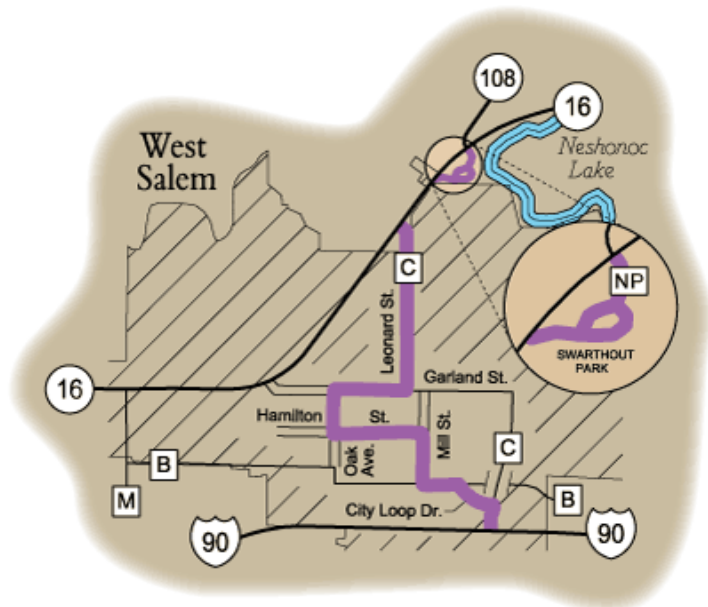
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Rustic Road 31

Location: La Crosse County. R-31 travels on several streets in the village of West Salem to County C, north to WIS 16, then loops around Swarthout Lakeside Park, back to WIS 16.

Length: 2.6 miles **Surface:** Paved

R-31 travelers can view a pair of historic homes: the Gullickson Octagon House, on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Hamlin Garland Homestead, where the late Pulitzer prize-winning author, who was born near West Salem, did much of his writing. Other points of interest include the former home of Thomas Leonard, founder of West Salem, and Swarthout Lakeside Park, a recreation area near Lake Neshonoc.



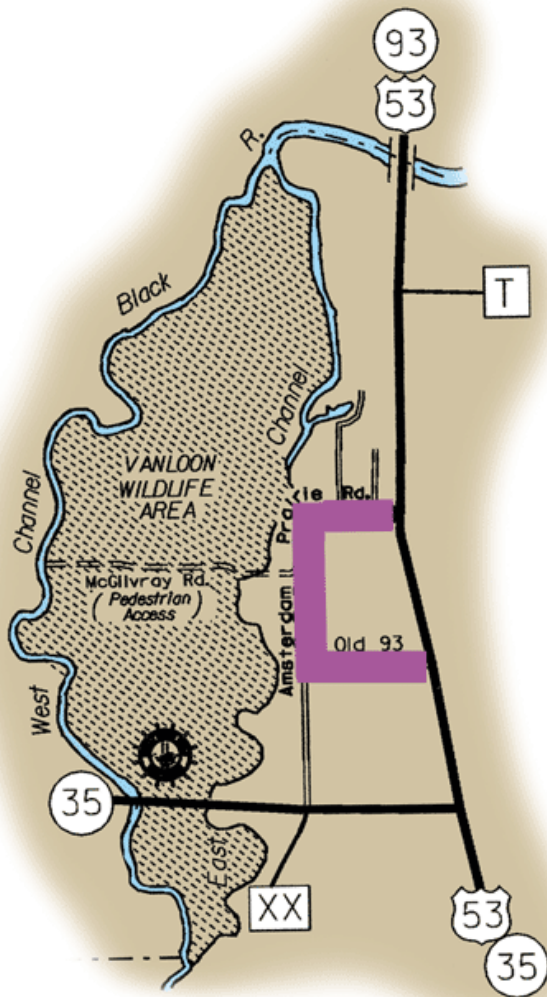
Rustic Road 64

Location: La Crosse County. Northwest of Holmen, R-64 makes a loop off US 53/WIS 93, following Amsterdam Prairie Road and Old 93.

Length: 2.7 miles

Surface: Paved

Located near the Van Loon Wildlife Area, this route offers a rather unique combination of historic transportation, architecture and scenic views. From Amsterdam Prairie Road, it is possible to enter by foot historic McGilvray Road, also known as 7-Bridges Road. McGilvray Road is on the National Register of Historic Places because of its seven rare bowstring-arch bridges.



Lafayette County

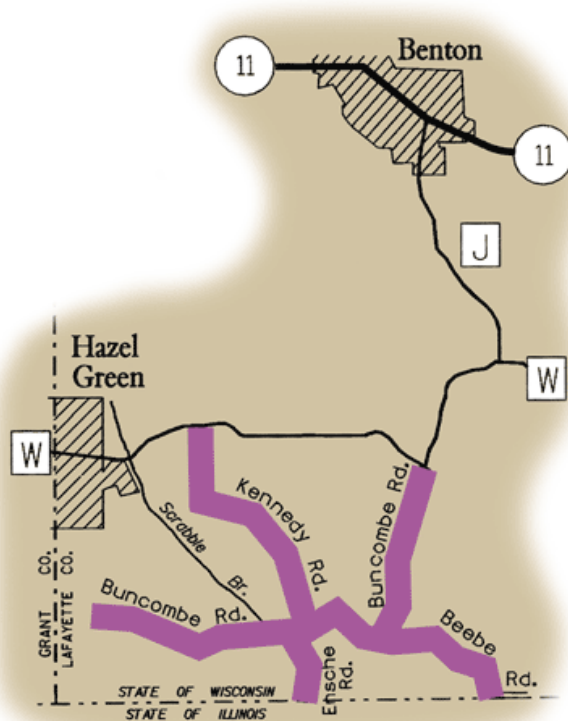
Rustic Road 66

Location: Lafayette County. Just off County W in the town of Benton, following portions of Buncombe, Kennedy, Beebe and Ensche roads.

Length: 7.5 miles

Surface: Paved

Beautiful scenery and history distinguish this Rustic Road. R-66 travels the unglaciated "Driftless Area" of southwestern Wisconsin. Tree-lined roads wind through the hilly fields and farmlands. In autumn, R-66 displays spectacular fall colors. An abandoned lead mine, complete with tin shacks, rusted ore buckets and piles of tailings, is visible from Kennedy Road. The mining industry in this part of Wisconsin once produced 85% of the nation's lead.



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Sauk County

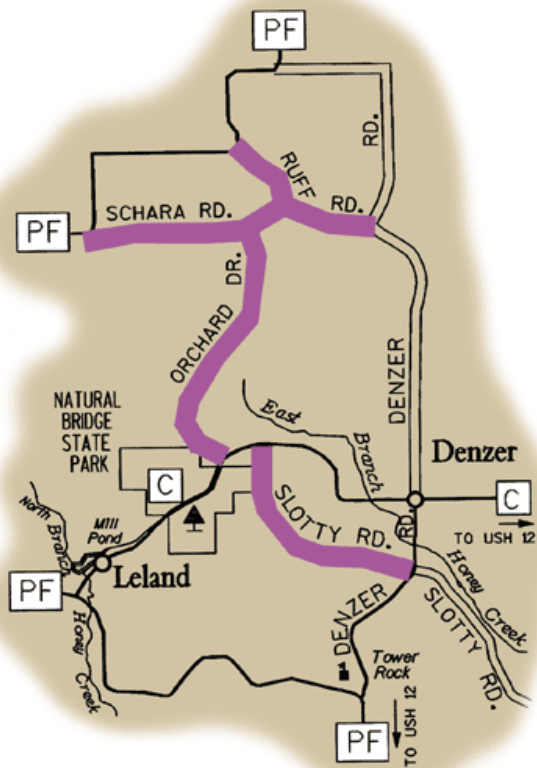
Rustic Road 21

Location: Sauk County. Just off County PF, follows portions of Schara Road, Ruff Road, Orchard Drive and Slotty Road.

Length: 8.6 miles

Surface: Gravel

Ruff Road, Orchard Drive and Slotty Road are narrow, gravel roads. They wind through rolling, rugged terrain near Natural Bridge State Park. The park is the location of the Raddatz rock shelter, the oldest documented site of primitive man in the upper Midwest. Schara Road extends along a ridge bordered by oaks, maples, basswoods and hickories. Remains of an old barn and home foundation are visible from the road. A walk during the spring and summer reveals many wildflowers along the roadside and in the open fields.



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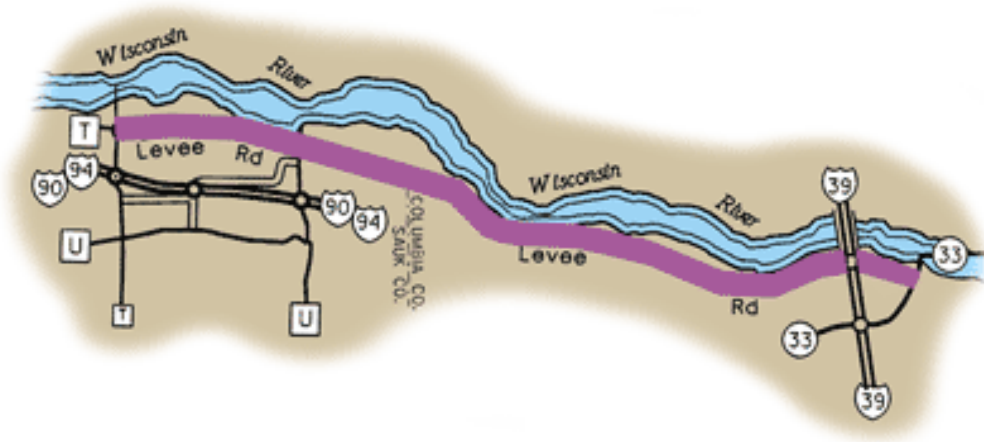
Rustic Road 49

Location: Sauk and Columbia counties. Levee Road, beginning at County T in Sauk County east to WIS 33 in Columbia County.

Length: 9.8 miles

Surface: Paved

Levee Road travels through the Aldo Leopold Reserve along the Wisconsin River. Motorists, bikers and hikers can see prairie grasses, wildlife, trees and marsh along the river's south shore.



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Trempealeau County

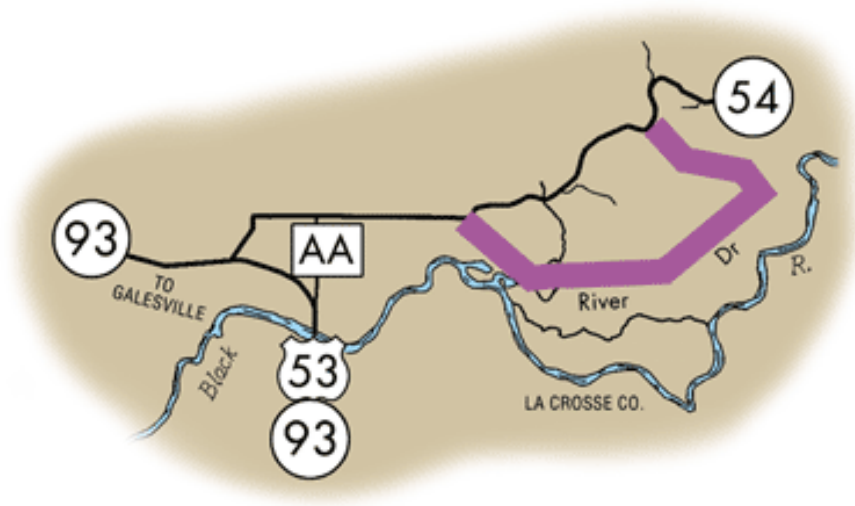
Rustic Road 91

Location: Trempealeau County. River Drive, forming a loop off WIS 54.

Length: 5 miles

Surface: Unpaved

River Drive is a scenic, unpaved loop between WIS 54 and the Black River. It crosses over Grant Creek and passes through river bottoms alternating between wild, wooded areas and open farmland. Drive slowly; you are likely to spot stately sandhill cranes as well as wild turkey and deer.



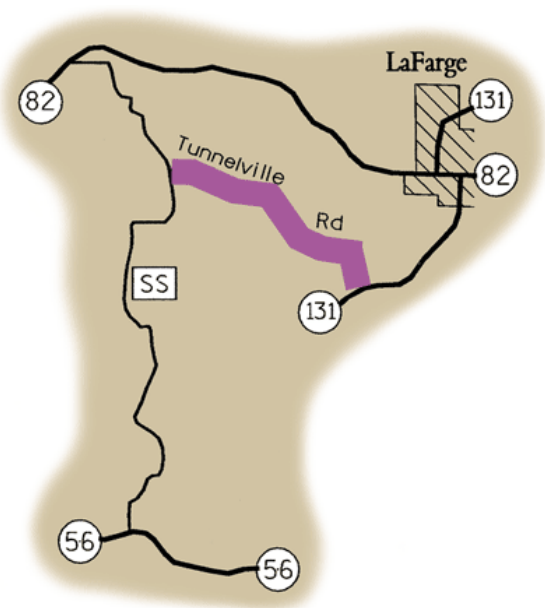
Vernon County

Rustic Road 55

Location: Vernon County. Tunnelville Road, beginning at its junction with WIS 131 to its intersection with County SS.

Length: 2.8 miles

Surface: Paved and gravel portions In the spring, Tunnelville Road is characterized by fields of trillium. In summer, ferns and wildflowers line the steep road edges. The fall foliage is always colorful, and in winter the traveler will appreciate the views of the hillsides covered with snow.



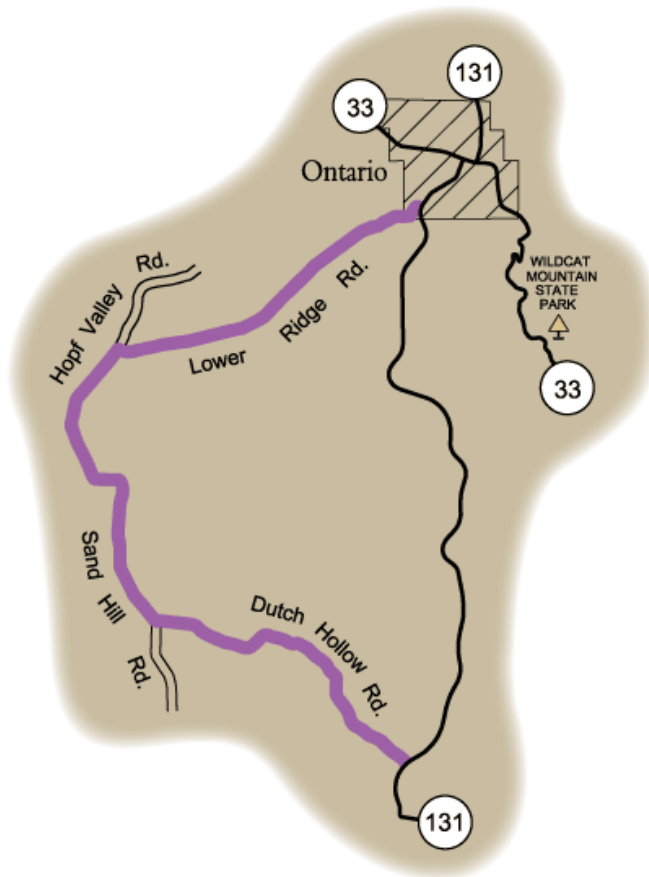
Rustic Road 56

Location: Vernon County. Portions of Dutch Hollow Road, Sand Hill Road, Hoff Valley Road and Lower Ridge Road. R-56 begins at the intersection of Dutch Hollow Road and WIS 131, extending to the intersection of Lower Ridge Road and WIS 131.

Length: 8.6 miles

Surface: Paved

This route offers many scenic views including Wildcat Mountain State Park, Amish farms, log cabins, a round barn and examples of contour farming.



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