

Legend

Town Roads

This is the most extensive system of local roads in the state. These could not be individually evaluated or classified as part of this map in the same way county and state highways were. Most are likely to have narrow pavements with no paved shoulders and low volumes of traffic. Traffic volumes are likely to be heavier when traveling these roads into cities. Town roads will be quite steep with poor sight lines in the Southwestern and Mississippi Valley areas of the state. The map depicts whether town roads are paved or unpaved, as well as identifying undesirable town roads with higher levels of traffic.



Best Conditions for Bicycling

These county and state highways will have light volumes of traffic and may have many other favorable factors such as good sight distance and minimal truck traffic. This classification also includes highways approaching a moderate level of traffic but with paved shoulders.



Moderate Conditions for Bicycling

These roadways have moderate traffic volumes for the amount of pavement width present. This classification may also include county highways and state highways with paved shoulders, but slightly more traffic. Due to moderate traffic volumes, less experienced bicyclists should use care on these segments.



Higher Volume, Wider Paved Shoulders

These roadways have moderately-high car and/or truck volumes, but have wider paved shoulders (generally 4 or 5 feet). This classification also includes a select number of 4-lane highways that have wide paved shoulders and moderate levels of traffic. Due to traffic volumes, less experienced bicyclists should use care on these segments.



High Volume, Undesirable Conditions

These roadways have moderately-high traffic volumes with no paved shoulders, or high traffic volumes with narrow paved shoulders, and many have moderate to high truck traffic. This classification could also include some moderate volume roadways, but with an assortment of negative factors for bicycling. Bicyclists should try to plan around these roads and/or use considerable caution when using them. Bicyclists should have appropriate amounts of expertise with these types of riding conditions if choosing these roads.



Bicyclists Prohibited

These roadways are 4-lane Interstates and freeways posted as "Pedestrians Bicycles Non Motorized Traffic Motor Bicycles Prohibited". There are some 4-lane divided highways that will permit bicycling, but pay close attention to how they are rated on the map.

Services

- Full Services Available (Lodging, Food, Service Station)
- Hotel/Bed & Breakfast/Cabins
- Restaurant
- Service Station
- Grocery Store
- Bicycle Service
- Campground
- Lock & Dam

Bicycle Touring Trails

These are bicycling trails that include state, regional, and local trails. The state trails are often a finely screened limestone. These trails are excellent for use with hybrid and mountain bikes and most are also suitable for road bikes. Most of the trails are paved in urban areas. Many of these trails are particularly good for children and inexperienced bicyclists.



Urban Escape Routes

These routes are likely to be the best connections into and out of large cities and are often routes recommended by area bicyclists. However, many have moderate or high traffic volumes without bike lanes or paved shoulders.



Major Urban Streets

Bicycling conditions are not presented for these streets. They are likely to have high volumes of traffic. The urban boundaries depicted on this map are based on a combination of municipal boundaries, speed zones, and built-up areas.



Rustic Roads

Wisconsin's designated system of scenic, lightly-traveled country roads. Many of these roads are identified with the word "Rustic" near the name of the road. See wisconsin.gov for additional information.



Scenic Byways

Wisconsin Scenic Byways are formally designated routes that maintain and promote some of our most scenic and historic state highway corridors. These routes offer wonderful scenery and access to unique recreational or cultural opportunities. These highways may have moderate conditions for bicycling or higher traffic volumes and are identified with scenic byway logo signs along the route.



Mississippi River Ferry

Cassville, Wis. to Turkey Creek, Iowa, (608) 725-5180; Contact directly for schedules and rates, or visit wisconsin.gov.



Amtrak Service

Passenger rail service is available through part of the state. However, only certain stations (Milwaukee, Columbus, La Crosse and Winona, MN) provide the baggage service necessary to transport a bicycle. Bicycles must be boxed; you may provide the carton or purchase one from Amtrak. The boxed bicycle will be included as one of the two allowed pieces of checked luggage and a nominal fee is charged. See www.amtrak.com for the most current information.



Highway Symbols

- Interstate Highway
- US Highway
- State Highway
- County Highway

Route Symbols

- Great River Road Bikeway
- Alternate Route
- Section Start/Finish Line (Matchline)

Map Symbols



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