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The Nelson Family Heritage Crossing is a 1,100-foot pedestrian/bicycle bridge crossing the Fox River between the downtown



accessible for those using mobility aids and the route is lit during dusk hours. The trail is open from dawn to 11 p.m.

The Nelson Family Heritage Crossing is a 1,100-foot pedestrian/bicycle bridge crossing the Fox River between the downtown districts of the Village of Little Chute and the City of Kaukauna. Along with enjoying scenic views of the river, residents and visitors can use the bridge while walking, biking, running, commuting, birdwatching, and fishing.

From Little Chute, trails provide access to the crossing from Island Park (100 Monroe Street) and Heesakker Park. From downtown Kaukauna, a sidewalk connection and a paved rail-trail along Third Street leads to the crossing. The distance from the bridge to downtown Kaukauna is about a mile, and from the bridge to the trailhead parking is roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. The trails leading to the crossing and the bridge crossing itself are



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Outagamie

Length: 1.5miles

Trail end points: Heesakker Park (Little Chute) to Bicentennial Court (Kaukauna)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

In Little Chute, parking is available at several locations by Heesakker Park (in the small parking lot at the end of Sanitorium Road, or there's street parking on Lincoln Avenue and on Garfield Avenue).

In Kaukauna, parking is available at the trailhead off Bicentennial Court.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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