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The trail is open to snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers; however, note that the trail is not groomed. A separate trail for horseback riding runs between the towns of Springfield and Lyons (Walworth County).

NOTE: A State Trail Pass (\$25 annually/\$5 daily) is required for bicyclists and horseback riders ages 16 and older. Snowmobilers must display either a Wisconsin

registration or a snowmobile State Trail Pass. For information, go to dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/trailpass.html.

About the Route

The 12-mile western segment rolls through the glaciated landscape of southern Wisconsin, featuring woodlands, farm fields, creeks, and its namesake White River. Lake Geneva is located approximately 5 miles south of the trail just before passing the historic villages of Lyons and Springfield. This section runs through Walworth County and reaches its eastern end on the outskirts of Burlington where Spring Valley Road meets the Burlington Bypass in Walworth County.

The eastern end of the trail leaves off from where it connects with the Seven Waters Bike Trail and heads south through Wehmhoff Jucker Park. The trail continues on city sidewalks until passing Adams St. The trail here crosses Fox River and then passes through Bushnell Park - which offers sports fields, walking trails, picnic facilities, a playground, and restrooms.

As the trail heads through downtown Burlington, football fans may recognize the town as the hometown of NFL quarterback Tony Romo. Chocolate fans will be welcomed by the strong scent of chocolate chip cookies, due to the ongoing production of a Nestlé plant in town (Burlington hosts its annual ChocolateFest every Memorial Day weekend).

Heading east, trail users will be treated to classic Wisconsin farmland along a gentle grade, crossing bridges and passing by scenic vistas and wetlands along the way. The trail reaches its easternmost endpoint along Vendenboom in Kansasville, where a stretch of unused rail corridor is clearly visible from the parking lot on the east side of the road.

Connections

In Burlington, the trail connects to the [Seven Waters Bike](#)



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Racine, Walworth

Length: 19.7 miles

Trail end points: Co Hwy H (Elkhorn) to Spring Valley Rd (Burlington) to Riverside Park, 517 Congress St (Burlington) to Vandebloom Rd (Kansasville)

Trail surfaces: Concrete, Crushed Stone, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Horseback

Parking & Trail Access

The White River State Trail runs between Co Hwy H (Elkhorn) and Spring Valley Rd (Burlington), and Riverside Park, 517 Congress St (Burlington), and Vandebloom Rd (Kansasville), with parking available at both ends of the trail.

Parking is also available at:

- 4077 Co Hwy NN (Elkhorn)
- Bushnell County Park, 32100 Bushnell Rd. (Burlington)

Please see [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.

