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Guides



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State Trail**
Wisconsin



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In Union Center you can hook up with the [400 State Trail](#), which connects to the [Elroy-Sparta](#) and [Omaha](#) state trails to the north. Access this longer trail system for amenities such as campsites, trail information kiosks, picnic rest areas and restroom facilities. The Hillsboro State Trail does have parking, restrooms, and water stations at its southern trailhead in the Town of Hillsboro.

In Hillsboro you have your pick of activities: Outdoor

types will find hiking opportunities in Wildcat Mountain State Park, canoeing on the Kickapoo River, bird-watching at the Wildcat Mountain State Park Wildlife Reserve or trout fishing at Hillsboro Lake. Shoppers will enjoy the farmer's market (May to October), with local produce and Amish baked goods brought to market by buggies from the surrounding Amish community. History buffs will want to stop by the Field-Veteran's Memorial Park to pay tribute to local veterans. And architecture enthusiasts can explore one of the largest concentrations of round barns in the United States. Many were built and designed by Alga Shivers, an African-American settler and son of a slave who escaped to the area via the Underground Railroad.

Finally, the calendar of events in this town will hold anyone's interest. Hillsboro stakes its claim as the "Czech Capital of Wisconsin," and every June a week-long celebration marks local heritage with spirited music and dancing, handmade crafts and Czech fare, such as roast pork, sauerkraut and dumplings. The town also hosts a 2-day tractor pull around July 4 and the region's largest Labor Day celebration, complete with a parade, carnival and softball tournaments.

Whether you come to Hillsboro for a day or a week, be sure to travel its hometown rail-trail as a way to immerse yourself in the flavor of this lively community.



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Juneau, Vernon

Length: 4.3 miles

Trail end points: Air Rail Ave at the airport (Hillsboro) to Hahn St at the 400 State Trail (Union Center)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

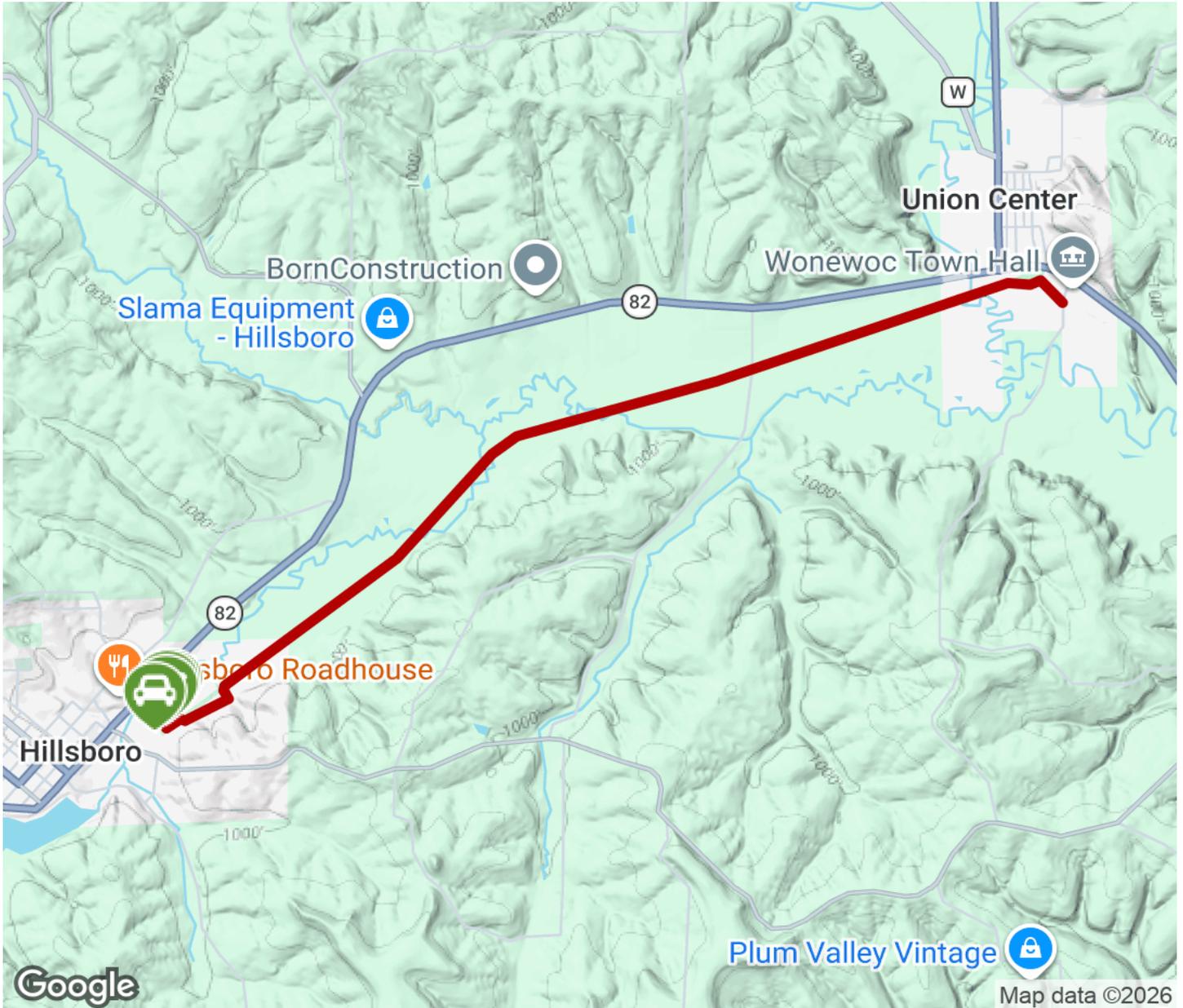
Parking & Trail Access

Take WI-33/WI-82 into the Town of Hillsboro, where the route becomes Water Avenue. Turn left on East Madison Street and go 2 blocks to the trailhead on your left.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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