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Tomorrow River State Trail *Wisconsin*



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espite its futuristic name, the Tomorrow River State Trail takes users on a tour of a historic rail-trail through beautiful Portage and Waupaca Counties. Trail users will find a good start at the trailhead along Twin Towers Drive in Plover, just south of Water Way, about 1.5 miles from the trail's start at Hoover Avenue South. However, those starting on Hoover Avenue South will be rewarded with the sweet smells coming from a nearby food-processing plant.

This rural trail alternates between open fields and shaded woodlands. There is a separate adjacent path for horseback riders—who, along with cyclists, need a State Trail Pass to use the trail.

After about 10 miles, you'll reach Amherst Junction,

where the trail crosses over an active rail line adjacent to a trailhead with parking. Here, the trail takes a brief on-road detour to bypass an incomplete section between Second Street and Alm Road. From the parking area, turn left onto Second Street, right onto County Road KK, left onto School Road, and left onto Alm Road to complete the 1.5-mile detour and return to the off-road trail.

The trail's namesake, the Tomorrow River, flows under the trail at a bridge 1.5 miles east of Amherst Junction. Just to the south, you'll find Cate Park, with parking and restrooms, along Tomorrow River Road.

The town of Scandinavia lies another 8.5 miles down the trail from the Tomorrow River crossing. A trailhead with parking is available at the WI 49 overpass, and users can take a brief detour into town to the general store and Viking statue (a great photo op). Other Scandinavia-themed businesses give the town some color and embrace the town name.

The last 10 miles of trail cut through fields and forests and provide solitude and quiet, even with County Road B nearby. The trail ends just outside the town of Manawa, east of Wolf Road. There is no trail parking here, and the direct connection to Manawa is incomplete due to a closed bridge crossing at the Little Wolf River. However, rail enthusiasts are encouraged to take a look at the bridge, which provides a great slice of railroad history and a view of what could be in the future.

NOTE: A State Trail Pass (\$25 annually/\$5 daily) is required for bicyclists and horseback riders ages 16 and older on the Tomorrow River State Trail. Snowmobilers must display either a Wisconsin registration or a snowmobile State Trail Pass. For information, go to <u>dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/</u> <u>trailpass.html</u>.



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Tomorrow River State Trail

States: Wisconsin

Counties: Portage, Waupaca

Length: 29.2miles

Trail end points: Hoover Ave. S. just north of

Plover Road (Plover) to Wolf Road just north of

Westwood Dr. (Manawa)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair

Accessible, Horseback Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at several locations along the trail, including:

- Twin Towers Dr, Plover
- Custer Rd, Stevens Point
- 2nd St/County Rd Q, Amherst Junction
- Cate County Park (4186 Tomorrow River Rd, Amherst), where there are restrooms.
- S Main St/WI-49, Scandinavia
- Moore St, Ogdensburg (a small dirt parking area right on the trail, about 5 miles from the east end of the trail in Manawa)

Visit the <u>TrailLink map</u> for exact locations and detailed directions.



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