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# **Tri-County Corridor Trail** *Wisconsin*



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Get away from it all on the Tri-County Corridor Trail. Pick up this North Woods rail-trail in Superior, where it connects with the more urban <u>Osaugie Trail</u>, which extends farther west. Spanning the three counties of Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas, the Tri-County Corridor Trail is a west-to-east shot between Superior and Ashland. Most of the trail is crushed limestone and open to a wide variety of uses. (If asphalt is what you're after, head east to Ashland's Central Railyard Park for a short, smooth trip on the trail's 3-mile strip of pavement.)

Bicyclists, hikers, and equestrians share the trail with allterrain vehicles from spring through fall, while snowmobiles dominate in winter. Signs specify that motorized users keep to one side of the trail, which keeps the surface suitable on the opposite side. However,



increased ATV traffic, especially on weekends, can make for a bumpy bike ride in some sections because of sporadic patches of loose gravel.

Even though US 2 parallels most of the trail and is somewhat visible, the long ride from Superior to Ashland feels secluded and peaceful. Wildlife is abundant. Scenic Amnicon Falls State Park, just 7 miles outside Superior, is home to fox, porcupine and other small animals. Farther along, peer into the beautiful stands of birch trees lining the path to find deer quietly hiding. Bridges and old railroad trestles high over churning rivers and streams create a peaceful respite for bird watching.

Amenities along this trail are scarce. The town of Iron River, at mile 40, is the first—and last—chance to find refreshments or a restroom (take County Road A south into town) until the trail's end.

Nearing Ashland, at mile 60, the trail becomes a paved backyard path, intersecting sleepy neighborhood streets. This 3-mile section is the only portion suitable for wheelchairs and in-line skaters. Ashland, with beautiful views of Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay, is the perfect end to this scenic trail.

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States: Wisconsin Counties: Ashland,Bayfield,Douglas Length: 61.8miles Trail end points: Ashland Marina on Pulp Hoist Rd. (Ashland) to Osaugie Trail at Moccasin Mike Rd. (Itasca) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: ATV,Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Horseback Riding,Mountain

## **Parking & Trail Access**

To reach the Tri-County Corridor Trail in Ashland from the west, take State Route 137 east into town. The road becomes West 6th Street. Parking is available at Central Railyard Park across from the intersection of 4th Avenue West and West 6th Street.

From the east, take US 2 west into Ashland, where it becomes Lakeshore Drive East. Turn left on Ellis Avenue (SR 13) and a right on West 6th Street. Look for parking at Central Railyard. Park to your right across from the intersection of 4th Avenue West and West 6th Street.

To reach the trail from Superior, take East 2nd Street south out of town. Immediately after it becomes US 53 south, take a left on Moccasin Mike Road (also 57th Avenue East). Take the first left into a parking lot and the trail will be on your right.



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