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Note: Rural sections of the trail are gravel and can be rough and prone to washouts.

About the Route

In the east, a 4-mile stretch joins the small towns of Brillion and Forest Junction along US 10. The crushed stone pathway offers scenic woodland and rural countryside views from a former Chicago and North Western Railway corridor. Biking, walking, and horseback riding are permitted year-round, as well as snowmobiling in the winter.

The trail's southeastern end is not far from the Brillion State Wildlife Area, which offers hiking trails through a mix of marsh, forest, and prairie habitats. From its other endpoint, trail-goers can connect to the Fox River State Trail, which continues 25 miles north to Green Bay.

A longer stretch of the Friendship State Trail is open farther west between the eastern limits of Menasha and Clayton in rural Winnebago County. The trail begins by paralleling Plank Road/State Route 114 but quickly turns south at the edge of the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve. Along the Lake Winnebago waterfront, the paved pathway runs through Jefferson Park, which features ball fields, picnic pavilions, open space, and a public pool.

An on-road route leads from the park to the stunning Friendship Trestle. The 1,600-foot-long converted railroad bridge over Little Lake Butte des Morts is the longest pedestrian bridge in Wisconsin. A unique, short lift bridge over the Menasha Lock allows boats to pass under the trail at the trestle's eastern end.

In the Town of Menasha on the western shore of the lake, the trail runs along Jacobsen Road to US 10. The trail is never far from the highway for the rest of its trek westward, and the surface changes from asphalt to crushed stone. Between Pioneer Road and Hickory Avenue, the trail intersects the Wiouwash State Trail, which travels south to Oshkosh and north to Hortonville. The Friendship State Trail currently ends in the west at County Road M.

Connections

At the western end of the eastern trail segment, trail users can connect to the [Fox River State Trail](#).

Near the western end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Wiouwash State Trail](#).



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States: Wisconsin

Counties: Calumet, Winnebago

Length: 18.3 miles

Trail end points: County Rd. M (Larsen) to Oneida St. (Menasha) to Fox River Trail (Brillion) to Center Rd. (Brillion)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback Riding, Inline Skating, Snowmobiling, Walking, Wheelchair

Parking & Trail Access

The Friendship State Trail runs between County Rd. M (Larsen) and Oneida St. (Menasha) and Fox River Trail (Brillion) and Center Rd. (Brillion).

Parking is available at:

- Fritsee Park, 937 N Lake St (Neenah)
- Jefferson Park, 989 Kargus Dr. (Menasha)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



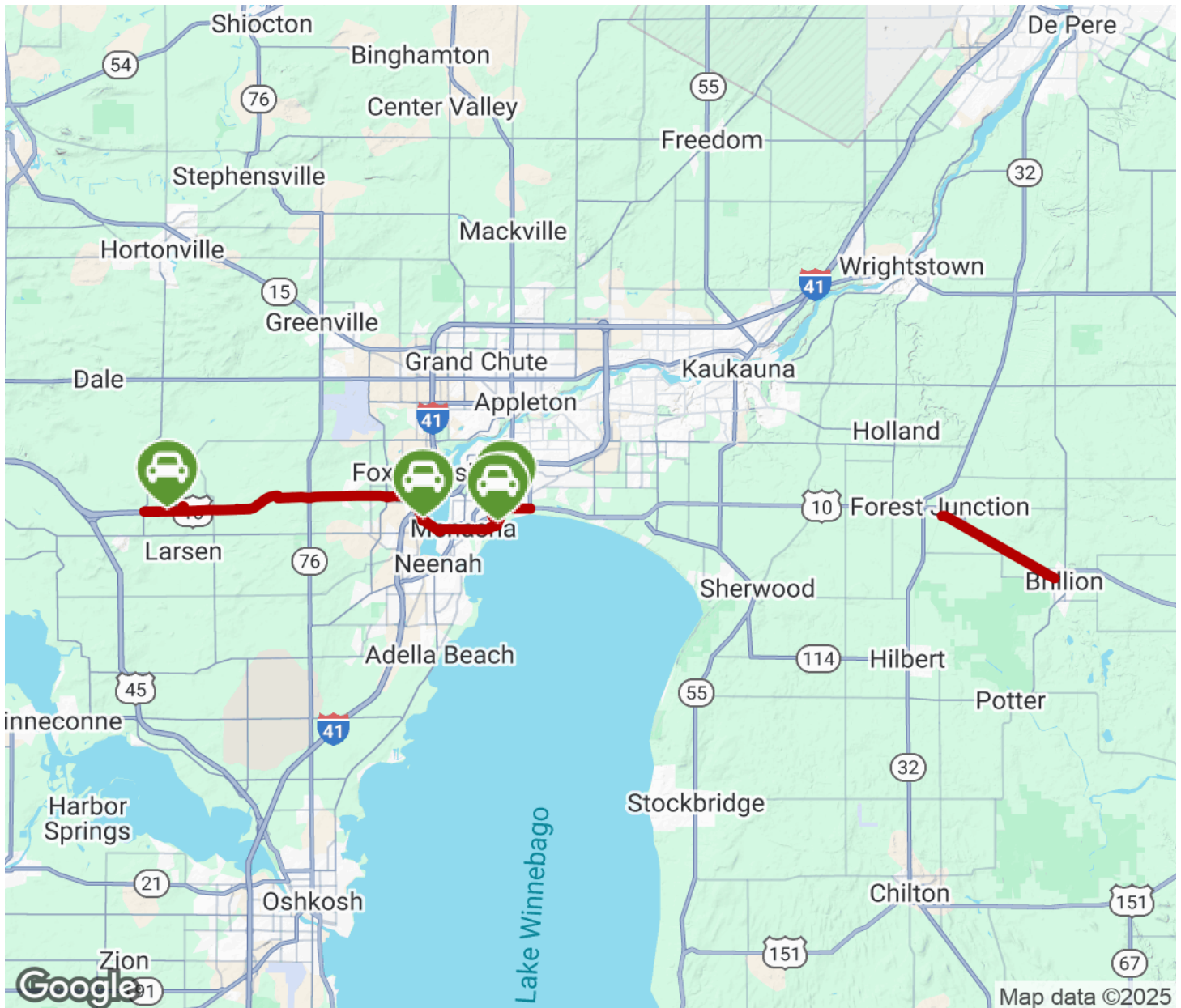
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