

# PINE RIVER *Recreation Trail*

The Pine River Recreation Trail presents an unusual assortment of ecosystem, including lowland hardwood forests, cattail marshes, the Sextonville tamarack bog, an oak savannah, prairies, and jack pine barrens. Each of these ecosystems is briefly described on County-sponsored markers installed by an Eagle Scout. The trail traces the course of the meandering Pine River from Richland Center south to the swift-flowing Wisconsin River, near Gotham.

The 14.3 mile trail is generally flat and is constructed of asphalt in the City and of well-compacted crushed limestone in the County. Fifteen bridges along the route span lengths of 16 feet to 241 feet for the magnificent curved bridge south of

Twin Bluffs. In the City the trail is located on the dike on the east side of the Pine River. Be certain to note the historic footbridge which westsiders use to come into the central city. You may want to tarry a while in the City Arboretum, which has 65 species of trees, each labeled with a brief description. The Arboretum also contains over 100 shrubs and perennials. As it leaves the City, the trail is built on an abandoned railroad right of way, which runs all the way to Lone Rock.

The entire trail may be used for hiking and biking; outside of the city the trail may be used for snowmobiling, weather permitting. No other motorized vehicles are allowed. Dogs must be on a leash. This is a “carry-on, carry-off” trail, and you are invited to enjoy the picnic tables located along the trail for resting and picnicking. No permit or fee is required for using the trail. The trail is maintained by the City of Richland Center and by Richland County.

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