

**BIKING**  
GUIDE TO  
**WABASHA**

and surrounding areas



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[wabashamn.org](http://wabashamn.org) (Wabasha-Kellogg Chamber of Commerce)

[mnmississippiriver.com](http://mnmississippiriver.com) (Great River Road)

## SAFETY

- Obey traffic laws.
- Ride no more than two abreast.
- Share the road with motorists.
- Stop completely at stop signs and stop lights.
- Signal when turning, slowing and stopping.
- Call out when passing: "On your left!"



Map Key	



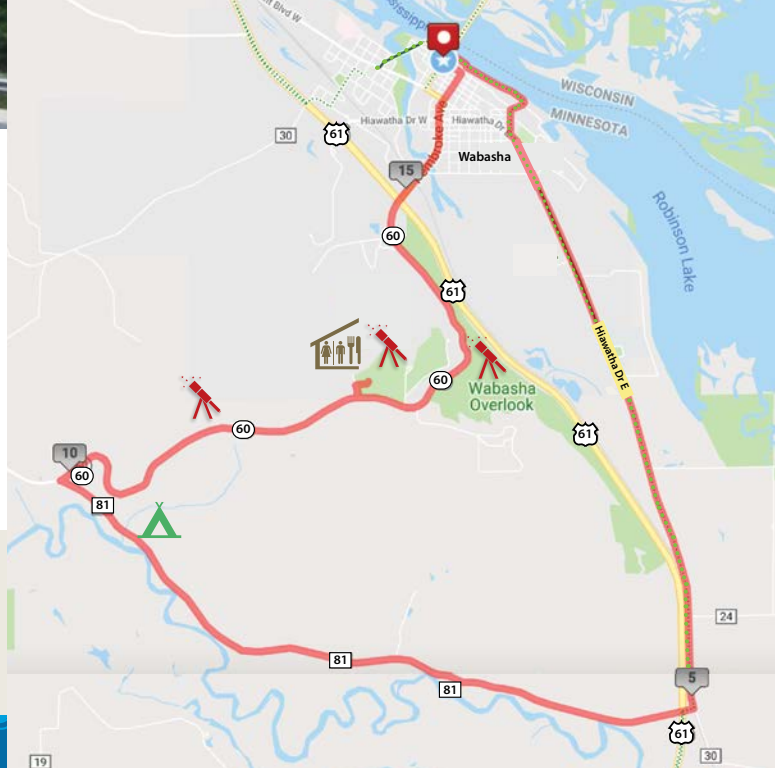
## The Hump

### A 16-mile ride over a challenging hill

Take the Mississippi River Trail downstream to CR 30 (Hiawatha Drive) and turn left to go out of town. In 4 miles, cross the railroad tracks and cross US 61. Go straight on CR 81 along the Zumbro River past Kruger Park (toilets, camping and hiking trails). Turn right on MN 60 to climb "The Hump." At the top, from a parking lot on the right, take a short walk to overlook the Zumbro Valley. In another mile, turn left into the golf course for a view up the Chippewa River Valley. Back on MN 60, a short distance down the hill is a view of Wabasha and the Mississippi. At the bottom, cross US 61 to return to Wabasha.

Watch for a canoe landing, soft sandstone and hard limestone.

Miles: 16.06 Elev. Start/Max: 685/1183 ft Total Gain: 811 ft





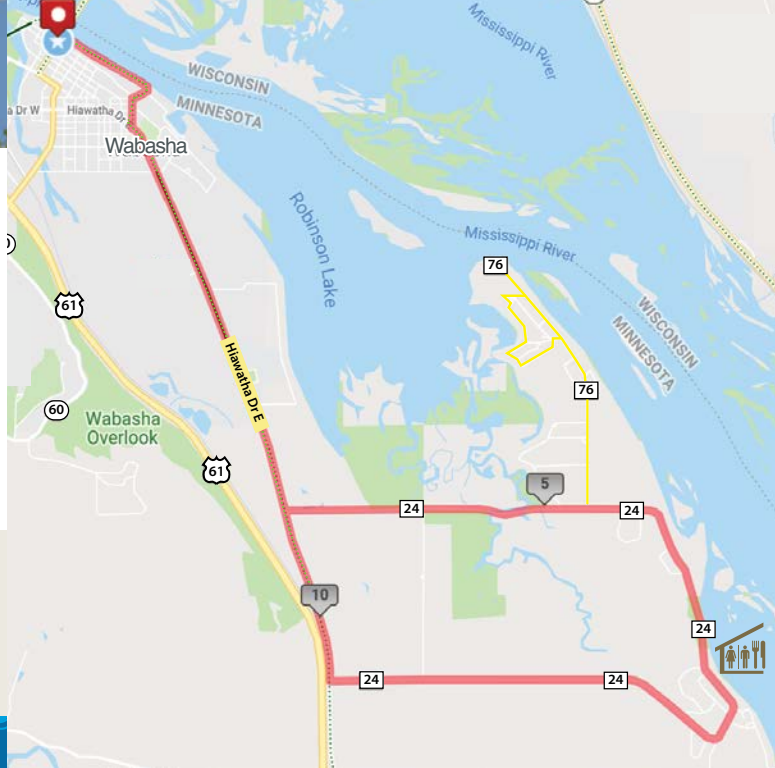
## Upper Sand Prairie Loop

*A flat 13-mile ride across a prairie and along the Mississippi*

Take the Mississippi River Trail downstream to CR 30 (Hiawatha Drive) and turn left. In 3 miles, turn left on CR 24 to enter the Upper Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Refuge. The Peterson Lake boat landing offers river access, and the nearby restaurant offers food, drink and a river view. For a close-up look at Lock and Dam 4, go left on 652nd Street, then right on 140th Avenue, and look for Public Water Access signs on the left. Back on CR 24, continue to CR 30, and turn right to return to Wabasha.

Watch for turtle crossings, a distant eagle nest, twin antique silos, and a horsedrawn plow.

Miles: 14.08 Elev. Start/Max: 685/712 ft Total Gain: 216 ft



ELEVATION



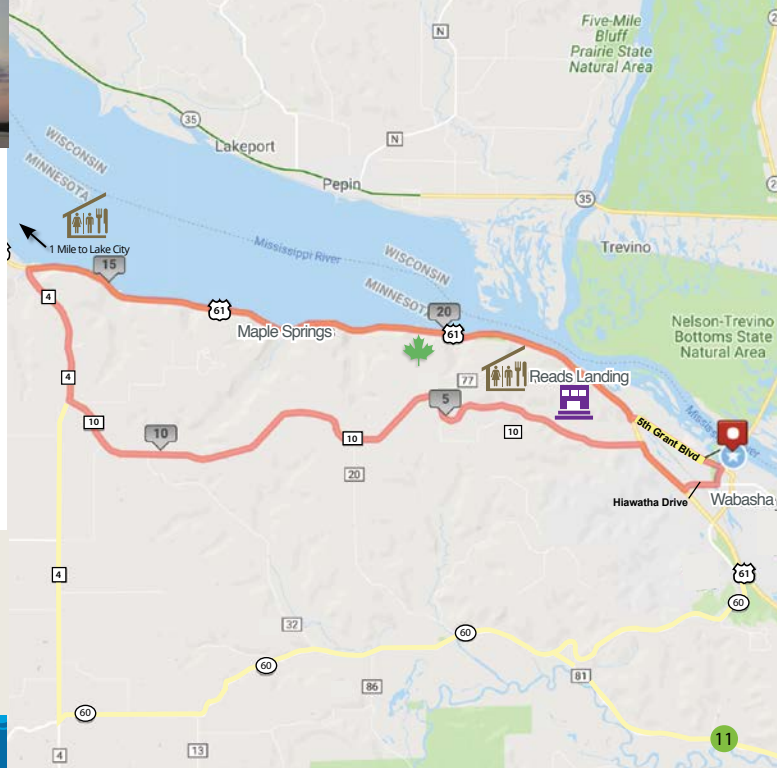
## Ten-Four, Good Buddy

*A 25-mile ride over the hills and along Lake Pepin, with a link to Lake City*

Go west on Main Street (one block), left on Bridge Avenue (6 blocks), right on Hiawatha (5 blocks), and right on US 61 (one mile). Turn left on CR 10 to climb a long hill. At CR 4, turn right to go down to US 61. Lake City, with many attractions and amenities, is one mile to the left. To return to Wabasha, turn right on US 61 to ride along Lake Pepin, where the Mississippi is more than two miles wide. At Reads Landing, turn left on CR 77 to take a break at a brew pub, or turn right to visit a history museum. CR 77 rejoins US 61 in  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. Turn left on CR 59 into Wabasha, and left again on Bridge Avenue.

Watch for dredge sand, a concrete hog, longhorn cattle, eagle nests, and a geological marker.

**Miles:** 25.23 **Elev. Start/Max:** 684/1184 ft **Total Gain:** 2892 ft



ELEVATION (ft)





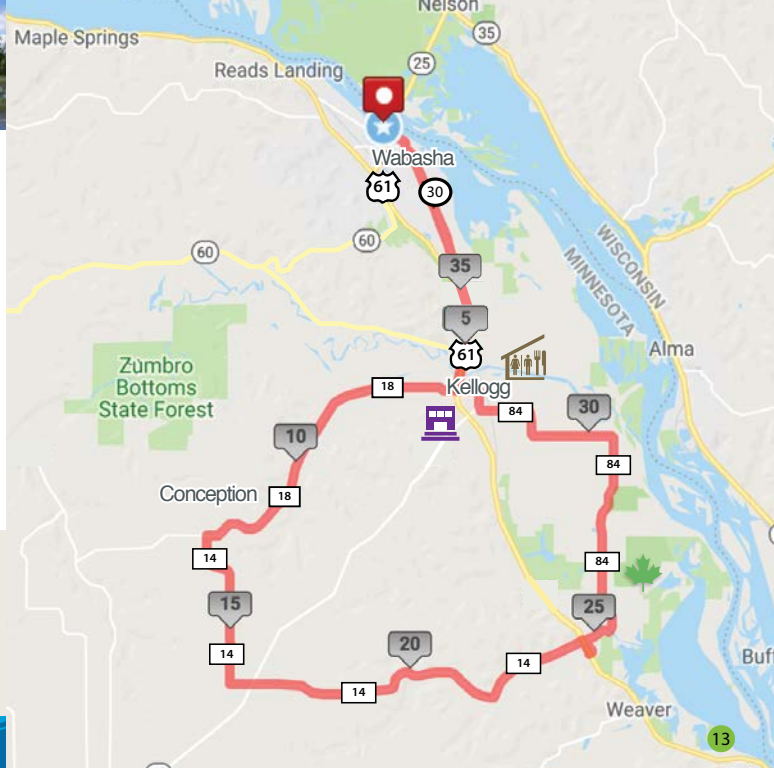
## East Indian Creek Loop

*A 39-mile ride through bluffs, farms, dunes and prairies*

Take the Mississippi River Trail downstream to CR 30 (Hiawatha Drive) and turn left. Go 4 miles and cross the railroad tracks. Turn left on US 61 and go one mile. At CR 18, turn right, go up the Zumbro Valley and climb a hill. At Conception church, go left on CR 14 for 4 miles, then turn left on 580th Street (gravel for a half mile). Cross MN 42 and rejoin CR 14 to enjoy a long descent down Rattlesnake Ridge along Indian Creek. At US 61, go right for ¼ mile, then left on CR 84 through Kellogg-Weaver Dunes, home of rare Blanding turtles. At 622nd Street, a 3-mile side trip leads to West Newton and the Mississippi backwaters. Continue on CR 84 to its end, go right into Kellogg, then left on the MRT. At US 61, turn right to return to Wabasha.

Watch for sandstone topped with limestone, dairy cows, sand dunes and a world-famous toy museum.

**Miles:** 39.46 **Elev. Start/Max:** 684/1203 ft **Total Gain:** 1117 ft



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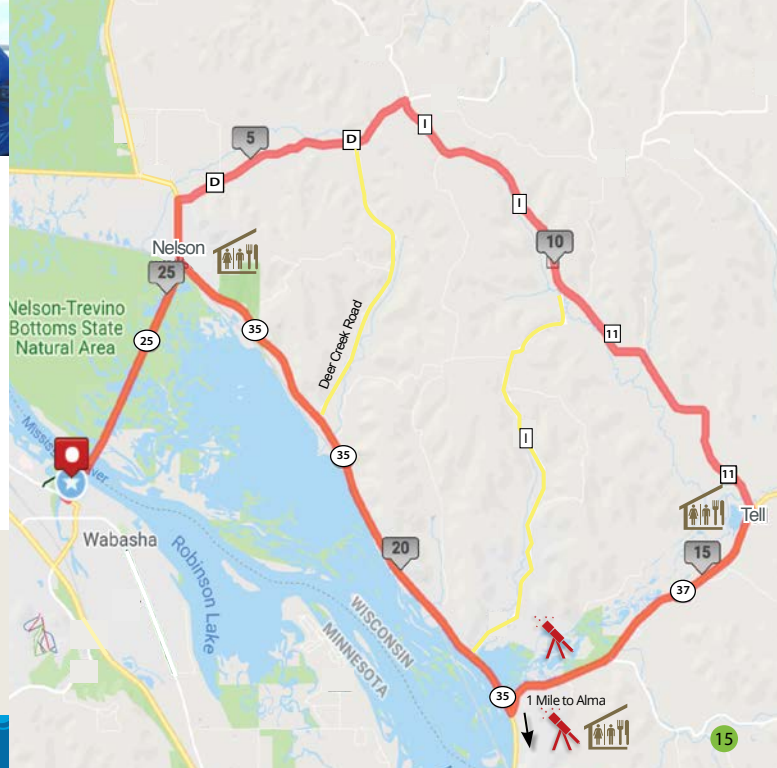
## Tell Ride

*A 28-mile ride with a climb and easy descent to the Buffalo River*

Cross over the Mississippi bridge and take the dike road through the backwaters. Watch for waterfowl and turtles. At Nelson, go straight on WI 25 for ½ mile, then turn right on CR D. Climb on D to CR I. Turn right on I, enjoy a nice 3-mile descent, then follow CR II to the tiny village of Tell (a tavern and a church). Turn right on WI 37 and follow the Buffalo River. At WI 35, turn left to go one mile to Alma, home of many attractions and amenities, or turn right and ride WI 35 along the Mississippi back to Nelson. Turn left on WI 25 to the dike road and back to Wabasha.

Miles: 27.78 Elev. Start/Max: 684/1128 ft Total Gain: 1172 ft

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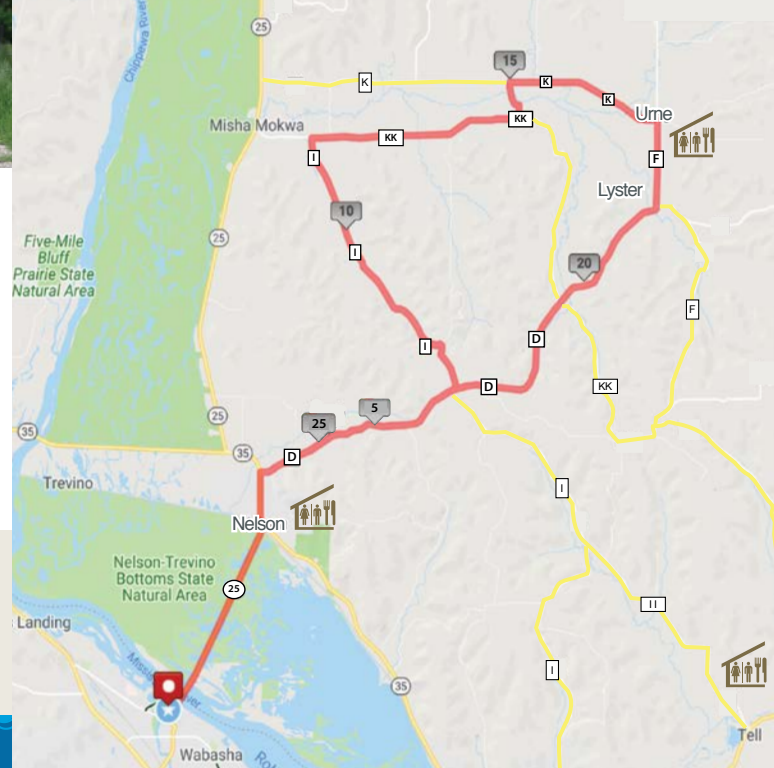


## Urne Ride

*A 30-mile ride with climbs and descents and beautiful scenery*

Cross over the Mississippi bridge and take the dike road through the backwaters. Watch for waterfowl and turtles. At Nelson, go straight on WI 25 for ½ mile, then turn right on CR D. Climb on D to CR I. Turn left on I, descend into a pastoral valley, and pass Rattlesnake Bluff. At CR KK, turn right at the old schoolhouse and proceed to Little Bear Creek Road. Turn left and follow it to CR K. Go right on K to the village of Urne, where food and drink is available. Turn right on CR F to Lyster church, then right again on CR D. Take the climbs up to CR I, then descend on D to WI 25. Turn left to return to Wabasha.

**Miles:** 29.81 **Start/Max Elev.:** 681/1201 ft **Total Gain:** 1836 ft



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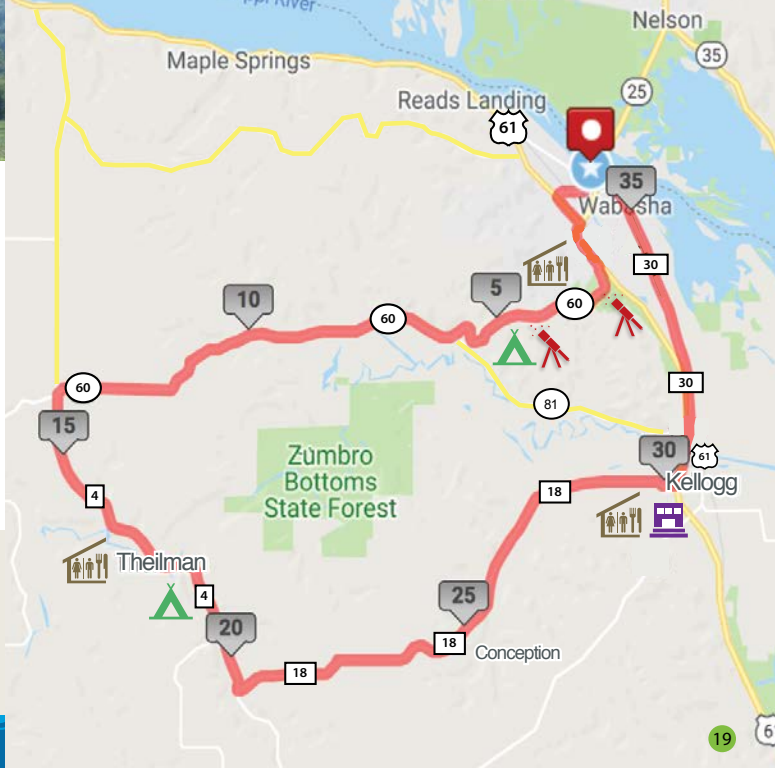


## Theilman Loop

*A 36-mile ride to visit an old railroad town*

Take MN 60 west out of Wabasha. Cross US 61 and go up the bluff (6% grade), past the golf course and down into the Zumbro River valley. Climb another hill, pass CR 13 and continue to CR 4. Turn left again at CR 4 and descend into Theilman, an old railroad town with a restored opera house. Snacks and drinks may be available in Theilman or at nearby Whippoorwill campground. Continue on CR 4 across the Zumbro River and into the West Indian Creek valley. At CR 18, turn left and climb (9% grade) to farmland and the village of Conception. Stay on CR 18 to descend to Kellogg and US 61. To return to Wabasha, turn left on US 61, go one mile, then right on CR 30.

Miles: 30.41 Start/Max Elev.: 692/1119 ft Total Gain: 810 ft



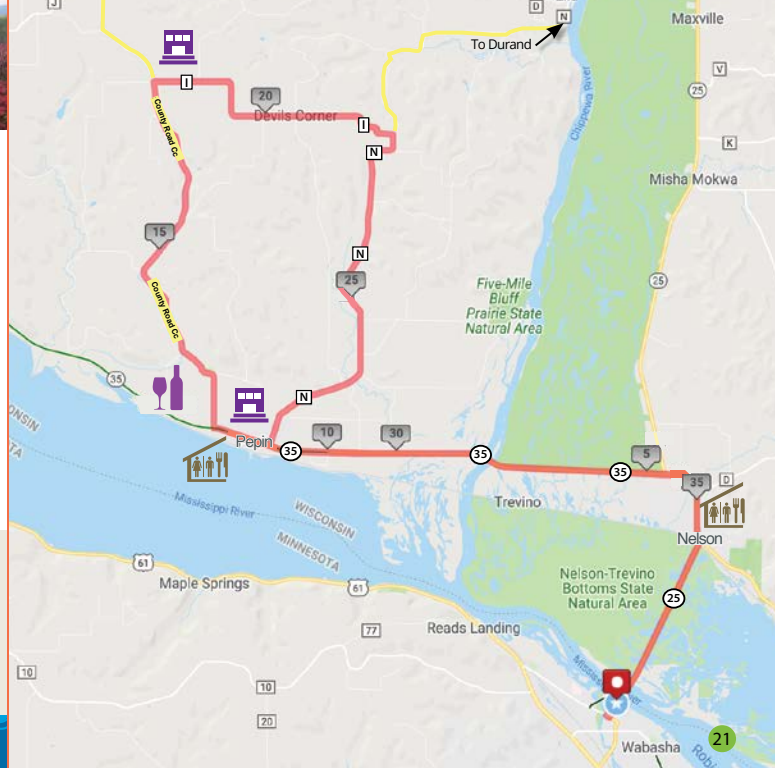


## Little House Ride

*A 39-mile ride to a museum and birthplace of Laura Ingalls Wilder*

Cross over the Mississippi bridge and take the dike road through the backwaters. Watch for waterfowl and turtles. At Nelson, WI 25 merges with WI 35. Take WI 35 North for about six miles to Pepin. Watch for wildlife and an old railroad bed in the backwaters. Vineyards will appear as you enter Pepin. Food and drink is available and a Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum. Continue on WI 35 past the historical marker and turn right at the vineyard (CR CC). Follow CR CC up the hills past an old brick schoolhouse to CR I. Here you can continue on CR CC for ¾ mile to the cabin that was the birthplace of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Return to CR I and turn left and continue on the rolling hills of CR I. Turn right on CR N and descend to Pepin. Turn left on WI 35 and return to Nelson and Wabasha.

**Miles:** 38.85 **Start/Max Elev.:** 684/11705 ft **Total Gain:** 1142 ft





## Wabasha City

Wabasha has laid out three routes for walking or biking along city streets. The one-mile, three-mile and five-mile routes are marked by pavement signs and mileposts. Each route begins at the riverfront fountain by the National Eagle Center, where the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) meets Pembroke Avenue. The one-mile ride goes down Lawrence Boulevard and doubles back on Main Street. The 3-mile route starts the same as the one-mile route, but branches off at Main Street. The 5-mile route follows the 3-mile route until it crosses Pembroke Avenue, then winds through Malone Park and the west side of town, circles St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and crosses a pedestrian bridge over the slough near a marina, then follows the MRT back to the starting point.



**Green Route**

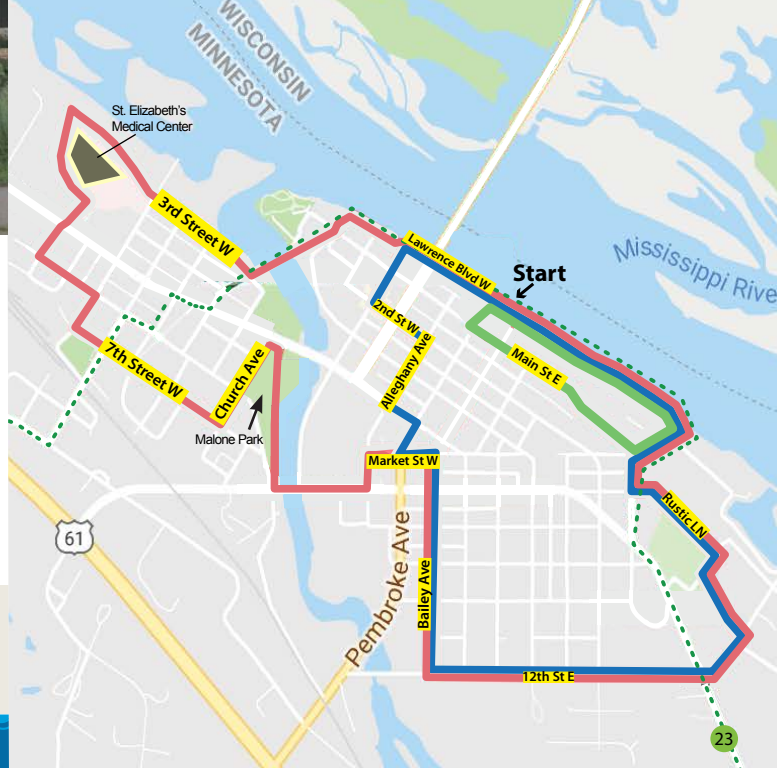
**Miles: 1**

**Blue Route**

**Miles: 3**

**Red Route**

**Miles: 5**



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