

North 50

50 miles	Red Granite Gravel	~1,450 ft	Small-town amenities nearby
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Trail details

The North 50™ is a classic central Wisconsin gravel loop that delivers big scenery in a manageable distance. Starting and ending at Athens Memorial Park, this route winds through peaceful Mennonite farm country where horse-drawn buggies and bicycles share the roads. Along the way you'll roll past iconic red barns, open dairy farmland, and quiet stretches of maple forest before crossing the legendary "Center of the World" area and looping back into town. With smooth gravel and gentle climbs, it's a perfect ride for intermediate riders or anyone looking for a scenic half-day adventure.

Distance: 50 miles

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Surface: Mostly hardpacked red granite gravel with some paved connectors

Elevation Gain: ~1,450 ft (est.)

Trailhead: Memorial Park, Athens, WI

Parking: Free parking available at Memorial Park

Trail Highlights

- Scenic Mennonite farm country (horse-drawn buggies + classic rural roads)
- Expansive maple forests and shaded gravel corridors
- Iconic Wisconsin red barns and dairyland views
- "Center of the World" landmark area ride-through
- Long quiet gravel stretches with minimal traffic
- Great loop option for a fast morning ride or relaxed afternoon cruise

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