

Scotch Creek Singletrack

21.7 miles	95% red granite gravel hardpack	Singletrack access	Rail-to-trail segment
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Trail details

Set out from one of two welcoming trailheads at Oak Street Park in the heart of the Village of Edgar and get ready for an unforgettable adventure. Stretching 21.7 miles, this scenic trail is made up of over 95% red granite gravel hardpack, providing a smooth and inviting ride perfect for both seasoned cyclists and casual explorers. For the best experience, follow the route counterclockwise—the signs marked with number 35 will guide your journey as you enter or leave the village. This “Easy” rated trail meanders past picturesque dairy farms, tracing the historic path of the abandoned Chicago & Northwestern railroad, which once transported the abundant timber from the forests that flourished before farmland shaped the landscape you see today.

As you leave Edgar near peaceful Minnow Pound Park on the north side, your journey continues along tranquil Chesak Road, then turns south onto Pioneer Drive, and east onto Big Rapids Road. The rails-to-trails portion begins just past Rock Creek, leading you northeast through the charming Town of Fenwood. Your return trip brings you back into Edgar on the southwest side at Scotch Creek Park, where the trail gently winds through the village and links up with the delightful Scotch Creek Woodland Preserve. The loop then brings you full circle, exiting once again at Oak Street Park—capping off a ride filled with natural beauty and local history.

Distance: 21.7 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Surface: 95% red granite gravel hardpack

Elevation Gain: 450 ft

Trailhead: Oak Street Park, Edgar (Route 35 signage)

Parking: Available at Oak Street Park (Edgar) and Scotch Creek Park

Trail Highlights:

- Oak Street Park trailhead amenities (restrooms, water, playground)
- Scenic dairy farm riding and quiet backroads
- Historic Chicago & Northwestern railroad corridor segment
- Minnow Pond Park pass-through
- Rail-to-trail stretch near Rock Creek
- Fenwood community ride-through
- Scotch Creek Park connection
- Scotch Creek Woodland Preserve singletrack access

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