

West Edgar Loop

63 miles	75% hardpacked red granite gravel	River crossings	County parks
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Trail details

The West Edgar trailhead, one of two located in Oak Street Park, offers a welcoming start to your ride. This 8-acre park features a historic log cabin, several shelters, a treehouse, a playground, restrooms, and access to potable water. Conveniently situated in the center of the village, the park provides ample parking and is just a short walk from local coffee shops, the IGA grocery store perfect for grabbing a quick lunch, and a couple of bars to enjoy a cold drink after your adventure. The trail itself covers 63 miles, with more than 75% made up of well-maintained red granite gravel, earning an “Easy” rating as it meanders through some of the most scenic areas in western Marathon County. Along the route, you’ll cross the Big Eau Pleine River, pass through several county parks, and travel by Mennonite dairy farms, where it’s common to see both horse-drawn buggies and bicycles. For the best experience, consider riding the trail in a counterclockwise direction.

Leaving the village, you’ll head west and soon pass Minnow Pond Park on your left. The route then turns north, crossing State Highway 29, before taking a left onto Wuerzburg Road. As you ride past dairy farms, you’ll be greeted by the occasional sound of cows. After crossing the Big Eau Pleine River, turn south onto Rosendahl Lane—note the house on the corner, a former one-room schoolhouse dating back to the early 1900s.

The route crosses State Highway 29 once more, then turns east onto Huckleberry Road, again crossing the Big Eau Pleine River. Continuing south on County Road F, you’ll meet County Road N and discover one of Marathon County’s hidden treasures—Cherokee Park. It’s the perfect place to take a break: hike the park’s trails along scenic rapids, enjoy your packed lunch from the IGA, and relax to the sounds of rushing water. Facilities include an open shelter, restrooms, a playground, and potable water.

Winding through Mennonite farms, the trail invites you to slow down and appreciate the countryside. Make sure to stop at March Rapids and, after crossing the Big Eau Pleine River again, head north on County Road P. Follow County Road E to Blackberry Road, then turn south on State Highway 97, where you’ll pass Country Aire Restaurant and Bar—an excellent spot to enjoy a meal or drink thanks to their warm hospitality.

As you continue south, consider taking the detour west on Big Rapids Road to visit Big Rapids Park. The park features scenic rapids, shelters, a playground, restrooms, and beautiful views of the Big Eau Pleine River. From there, head east to pick up the rail-to-trail segment, which will guide you northeast through the Village of Fenwood and back to Edgar and Oak Street Park, bringing your journey full circle.

Distance: 63 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Surface: 75% hardpacked red granite gravel

Elevation Gain: 1,100 ft

Trailhead: Oak Street Park, Edgar

Parking: Available at Oak Street Park (Edgar)

Trail Highlights:

- Oak Street Park trailhead amenities (restrooms, water, shelters, playground)
- Mennonite dairy farm scenery and horse-drawn buggies
- Multiple crossings of the Big Eau Pleine River
- Cherokee Park stop with rapids and facilities
- March Rapids scenic area
- Country Aire Restaurant and Bar stop option
- Big Rapids Park detour with river views and amenities
- Rail-to-trail segment through Fenwood

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