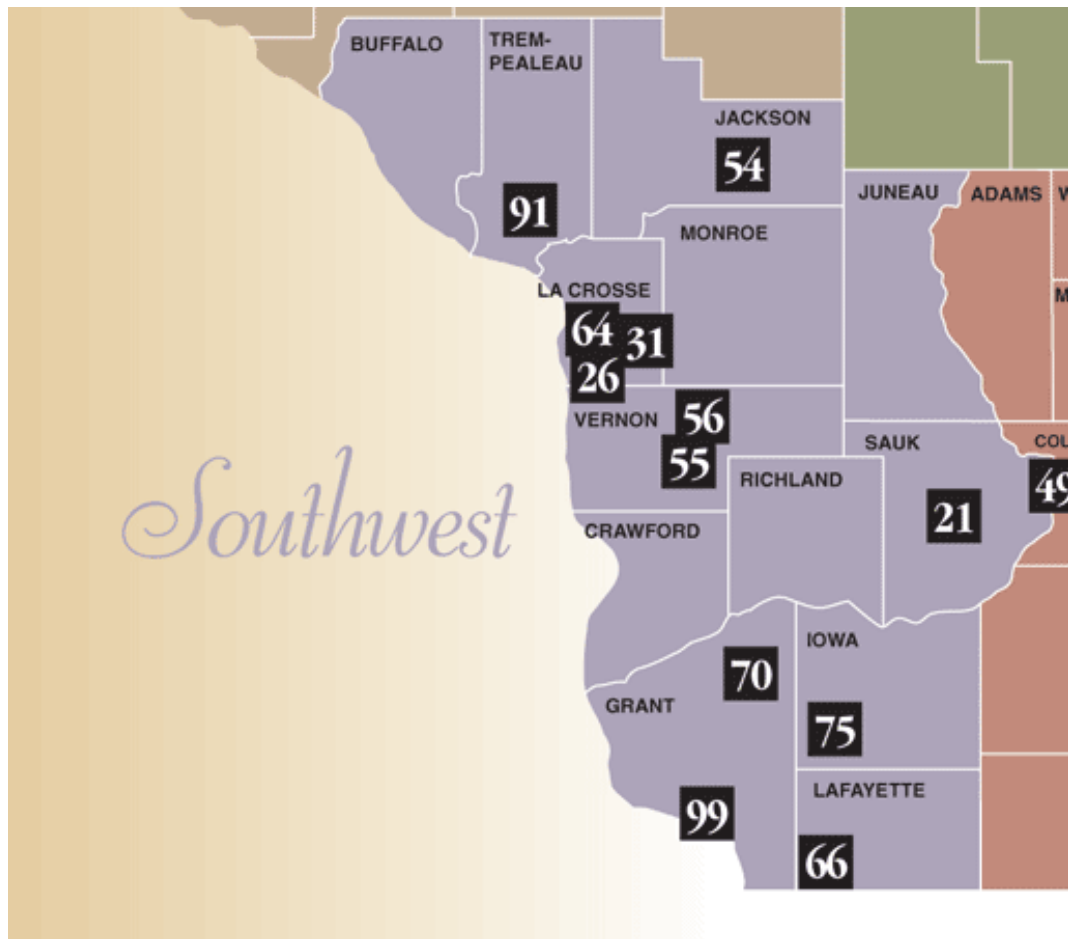


Wisconsin Rustic Roads - Southwest Region



- Buffalo County: none
- Crawford County: none
- Grant County: [R70](#) and [R99](#)
- Iowa County: [R75](#)
- Jackson County: [R54](#)
- Juneau County: none
- La Crosse County: [R26](#), [R31](#) and [R64](#)
- Lafayette County: [R66](#)
- Monroe County: none
- Richland County: none
- Sauk County: [R21](#)
- Trempealeau County: [R91](#)
- Vernon County: [R55](#) and [R56](#)

Grant County

Rustic Road 70

Location: Grant County. Leave U.S. 61 at Liberty Ridge Road; portions of Hill Road, Ridge Road, Sleepy Hollow Road, Scenic Road to County Highway E.

Length: 10.1 miles **Surface:** Gravel

This rustic road meanders through the contour-stripped farms and the tree-covered hills of the Platte River Valley. Liberty Ridge Road passes by a church built in 1861 by German settlers and into the quaint community of Stitzer while the other roads pass through the rambling countryside. One of the few remaining one-room school houses in the area is located on Scenic Road.

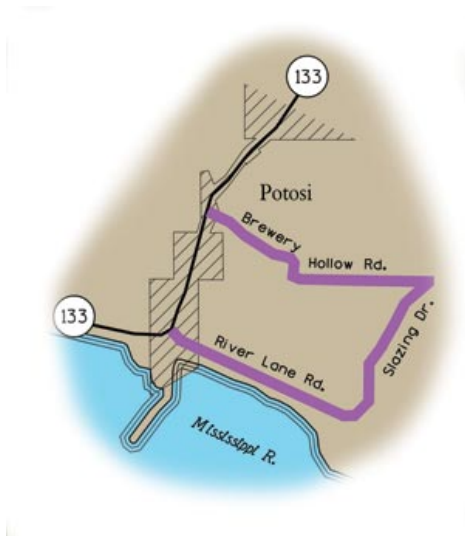


Rustic Road 99

Location: Grant County, Town of Potosi. Segments of River Lane Road, Slazing Road and Brewery Hollow Road forming a loop off WIS 133.

Length: 3.4 miles **Surface:** Paved

The route reflects the region's beer-brewing history and features hills, bluffs and rolling farmlands along with various types of wildlife. The River Lane Road segment represents the only Rustic Road section that follows the Mississippi River.



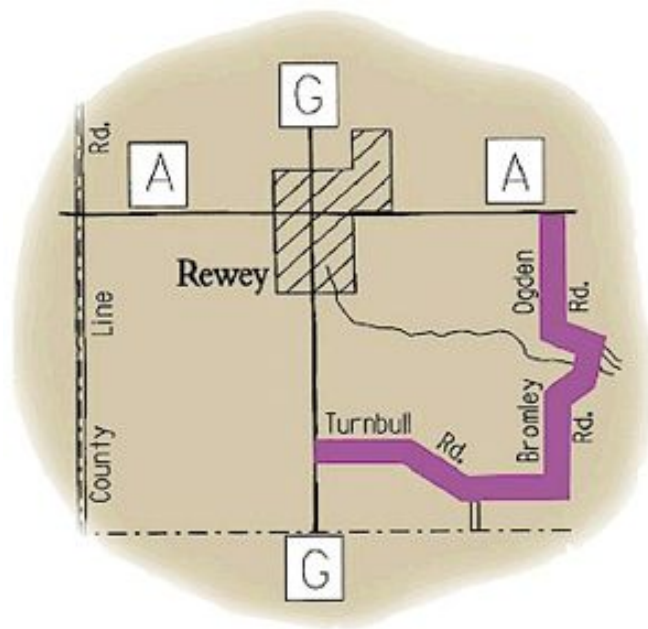
Iowa County

Rustic Road 75

Location: Iowa County. Portions of Ogden Road, Bromley Road, and Turnbull Road between County A and County G in the Town of Mifflin.

Length: 3.7 miles **Surface:** Paved

R75 resides in the "Welsh Settlement" area - so named because immigrants from Wales settled in Iowa County during the mid 1800's. The countryside is beautiful during all seasons. Wildflowers and wildlife abound.



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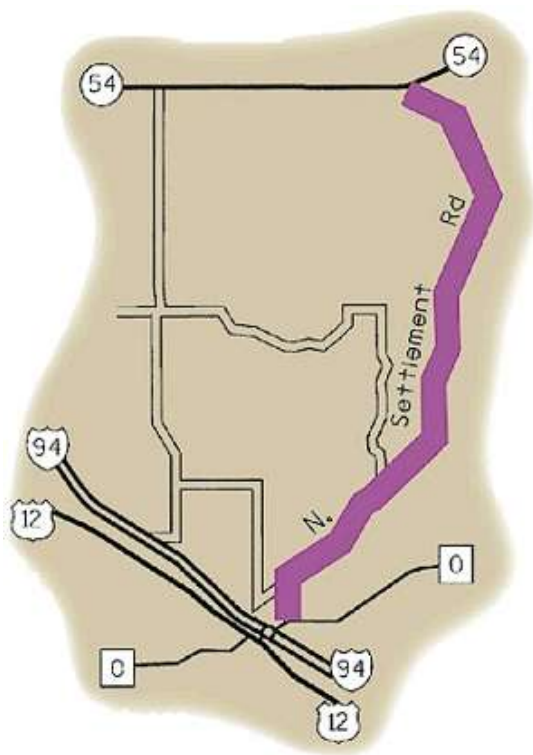
Jackson County

Rustic Road 54

Location: Jackson County. North Settlement Road, from County Highway O North to WIS 54. Exit off I-94 at the Millston exit.

Length: 12.3 miles **Surface:** Paved

This road travels through the Black River State Forest with beautiful forests and pine tree plantations. R54 follows a portion of the Wazee Trail past the Pigeon Creek Campground, numerous flowages, and the Dike 17 Lookout Tower where miles of marshes are visible. Sand hill cranes, bald eagles, ducks, geese and other wildlife are abundant, as is the variety of plant life, including sphagnum moss beds and native wildflowers.



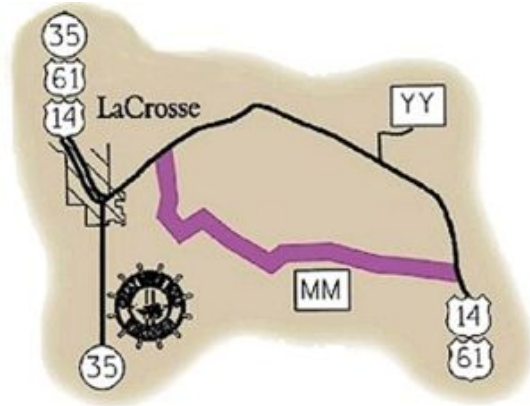
La Crosse County

Rustic Road 26

Location: La Crosse County. County MM, beginning at the intersection of US 14 and US 61 east to its intersection once again with US 14 and US 61.

Length: 5.3 miles **Surface:** Paved

La Crosse County MM combines beautiful scenery and history. It offers the traveler views of the Mississippi River Valley and the Morman Coulee Creek Valley. "Brinkman's Ridge" provides a wide panorama of the Mississippi River, including the Goose Island wildlife refuge. This route also passes by the Oehler Mill site first built in 1854 and a 111-year old root cellar.



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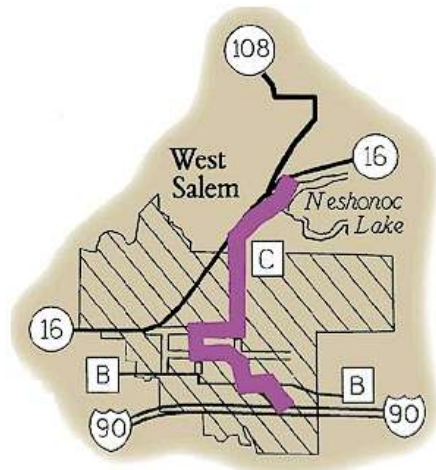
Oehler Mill site - 111-year-old root cellar

Rustic Road 31

Location: La Crosse County. R31 travels on several streets in the Village of West Salem to County Highway C, north to WIS 16, then loops around Swarthout Lakeside Park, back to WIS 16.

Length: 2.6 miles **Surface:** Paved

Rustic Road travelers can view such historic spots as the Gullickson Octagon House, on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Hamlin Garland Homestead, where the late Pulitzer prize-winning author, who was born near West Salem, did much of his writing. Other points of interest include the former home of Thomas Leonard, founder of West Salem, and Swarthout Lakeside Park, a recreation area near Lake Neshonoc.

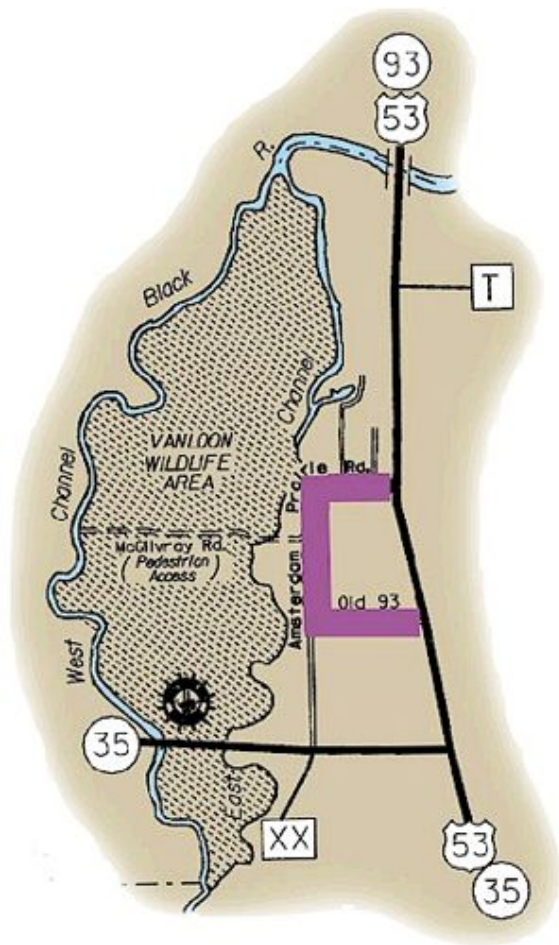


Rustic Road 64

Location: La Crosse County. Northwest of Holmen, R64 makes a loop off US 53/WIS 93, following Amsterdam Prairie Road and Old 93.

Length: 2.7 miles **Surface:** Paved

Located near the Van Loon Wildlife Area, this route offers a rather unique combination of historic transportation architecture and scenic views. From Amsterdam Prairie Road, it is possible to enter by foot historic McGilvray Road, also know as 7-Bridges Road. McGilvray Road is on the National Register of Historic Places because of its rare bowstring arch bridge construction.



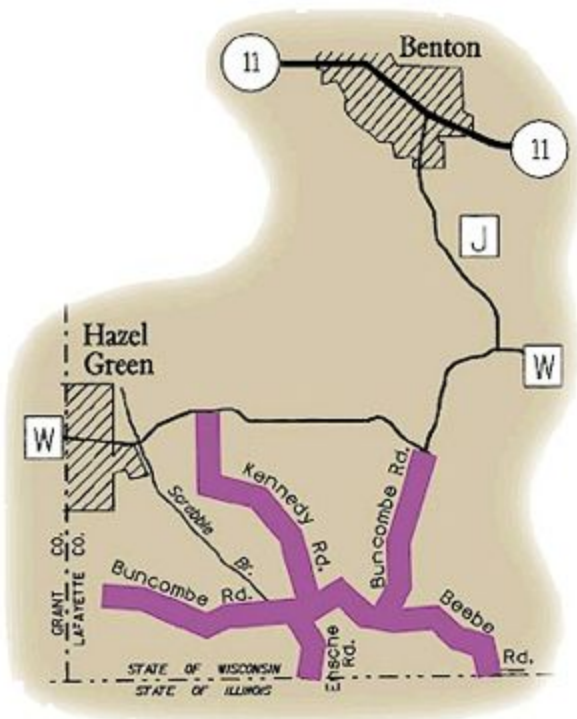
Lafayette County

Rustic Road 66

Location: Lafayette County. Just off County W in the Town of Benton, follow portions of Buncombe, Kennedy, Beebe, and Ensche Roads.

Length: 7.5 miles **Surface:** Paved

Beautiful scenery and history distinguish this rustic road. R66 runs through the unglaciated, "driftless area" of southwestern Wisconsin. Tree-lined roads wind through the hilly fields and farmlands. In autumn, R66 provides spectacular sights of the fall harvest and colors. An abandoned lead mine complete with tin shacks, rusted ore buckets and piles of tailings is visible from Kennedy Road. This serves as a legacy to the mining industry in Wisconsin that once produced 85% of the nation's lead.



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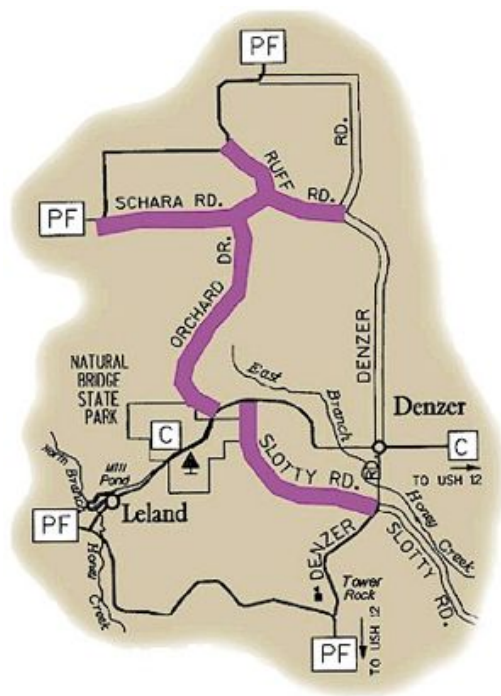
Sauk County

Rustic Road 21

Location: Sauk County. Just off County PF, follow portions of Schara Road, Ruff Road and Orchard Drive, and Slotty Road.

Length: 8.6 miles **Surface:** Gravel

Ruff Road, Orchard Drive, and Slotty Road are narrow, gravel roads. They wind through rolling, rugged terrain, near Natural Bridge State Park where the Raddatz rock shelter is located, the oldest documented site of primitive man in the upper-midwest. Schara Road extends along a ridge bordered by oaks, maples, basswoods and hickories. Remains of an old barn and home foundation are visible from the road. A walk during the spring and summer reveals many wildflowers along the roadside and in the open fields. Note: Slotty Road was added in 1996.



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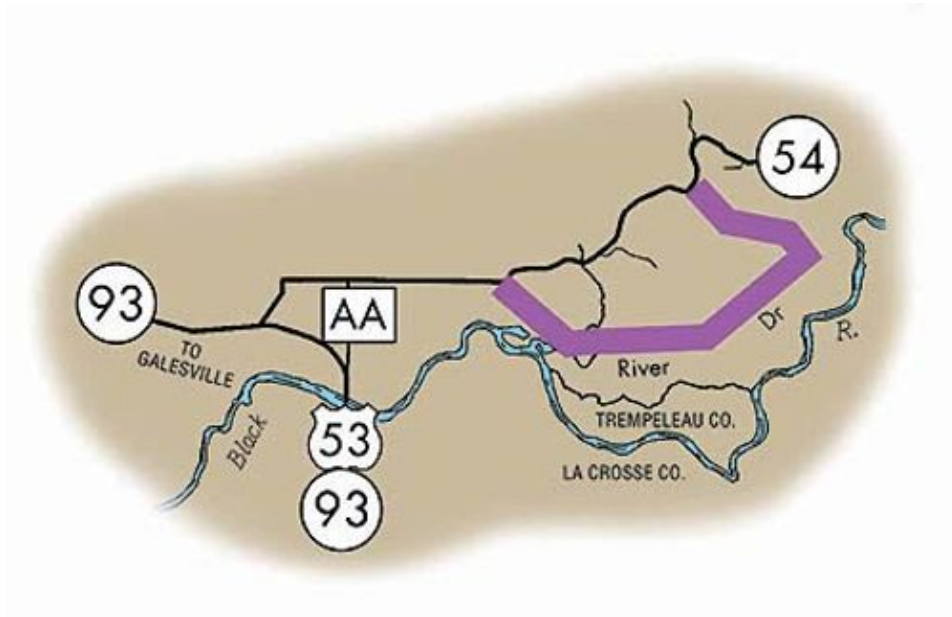
Trempealeau County

Rustic Road 91

Location: Trempealeau County. River Drive, forming a loop off WIS 54

Length: 5 miles **Surface:** Unpaved

River Drive is a scenic, unpaved loop between WIS 54 and the Black River. It crosses over Grant Creek and passes through river bottoms alternating between wild, wooded area and open farmland. Drive slowly; you are likely to spot stately sandhill cranes as well as wild turkey and deer.



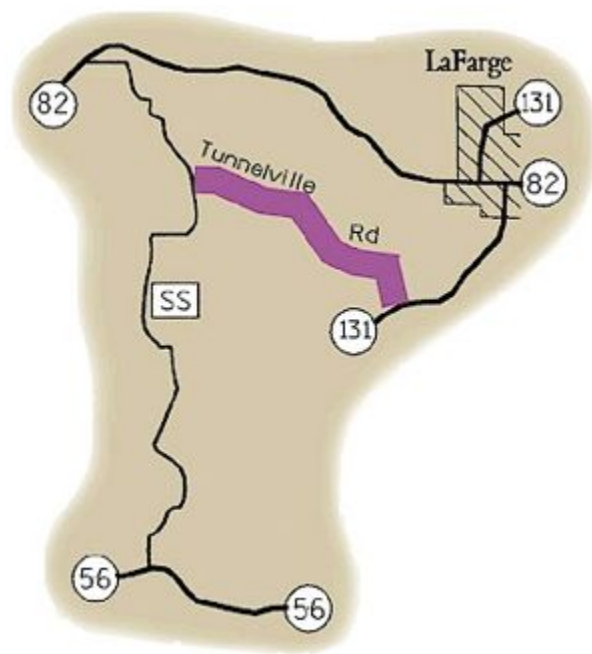
Vernon County

Rustic Road 55

Location: Vernon County. Tunnelville Road, beginning at its junction with WIS 131 to the intersection of Tunnelville Road and County SS.

Length: 2.8 miles **Surface:** Paved and gravel portions

In the spring, Tunnelville Road traverses fields of trilliums, while summer lines the steep road edges with ferns and wildflowers. The fall foliage is always colorful and in winter the traveler will appreciate the views of the hillsides coated with snow and the wealth of trees along the road.

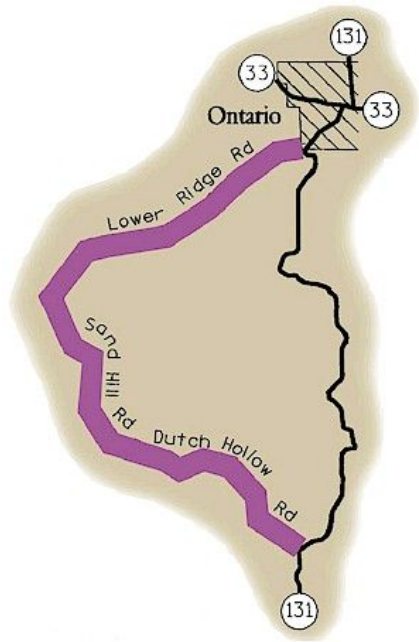


Rustic Road 56

Location: Vernon County. Portions of Dutch Hollow Road, Sand Hill Road, Hoff Valley Road, and Lower Ridge Road. R56 begins at the intersection of Dutch Hollow Road and WIS 131, extending to the intersection of Lower Ridge Road and WIS 131.

Length: 8.6 miles **Surface:** Paved

This route offers many scenic views including Wildcat Mountain State Park, Amish farms, log cabins, a round barn, and examples of contour farming.



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