

Route 66 Trail-Breaking Event - Gardner to Joliet

June 2, 2007

Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total	Accom	Go	Dir	On	Miles	Total	Accom
								Coming soon - Midewin trail route: From Kankakee St, go L (NW) on either Kankakee River Dr or River Rd to get to the intersection of these two roads, where there will be a new trailhead. The trail will wind N/E 5.3mi to IL53, at a point 2.4mi S of Elwood. Further in the future - Wauponsee & Midewin trails will eliminate all of the IL53 segment. See alternate starting point*.			
L	N	302 N. Center St, Village Hall	0.3	0.3							
R	E	Washington St (to T-intersection)	0.2	0.5		R	E	River Rd (unmarked; paved shoulders; to T-int)	0.8	19.8	
L	N	IL 53	0.2	0.7		L	N/NE	IL 53 (busy divided road - use extra caution!)	5.8	25.6	
Advanced shortcut (busier): stay 3.2mi on IL53 to Braceville, L(W) on Main for 0.05 mi, R (NE) on IL129 for 2.1mi to Kankakee St											
						R	E	Mississippi Rd - Elwood	1.5	27.1	CS
L	NW/N	Carbon Hill Rd	2.5	3.2		R	S	Chicago Rd (unmarked curve/T-intersection)	1.0	28.1	
R	E	Braceville Rd /Division St (unmarked) - Braceville	2.5	5.7		L	E	Hoff Rd	3.9	32.0	
L	NE	IL 129 (before RR tracks) - Godley	0.8	6.5		L	NE	Wauponsee Glacial Trail (unpaved) - Manhattan	1.9	33.9	CS
L	N	Kankakee St / Hickory St	1.8	8.3			NW/NE	Wauponsee Glacial Trail (unpaved)	7.7	41.6	
R	E	Main St - Braidwood	0.9	9.2	CS,L	L	N	Rowell Ave (trail's end, just before I-80) - Joliet	0.6	42.2	CS,L,B,RR
L	N	Division St / IL 113 (busy)	1.7	10.9		R	E	2nd Ave (to T-intersection)	0.1	42.3	
S	N/E	Stripmine Rd (rough road; along I-55)	2.5	13.4		L	N	Boulder Ave	0.2	42.5	
L	N	IL 129 (caution: very busy)	0.3	13.7		L	W	Washington St	0.9	43.4	
R	E/N	Frontage Rd	0.7	14.4		R	N	Eastern Ave	0.2	43.6	
R	E/S	Widows Rd / 1st St (unmarked) - Wilmington	2.6	17.0	CS,L	L	W	Clinton St	0.4	44.0	
L	E	Baltimore/IL53 (stoplight; cross river -caution: busy)	0.5	17.5		R	N	Chicago St.	0.2	44.2	
L	N	Kankakee St (to T-intersection)	1.5	19.0				204 N. Ottawa is N of Cass, W of Chicagc			

NOTE: The route is NOT marked, so use your cue sheets for directions! Also, there are no support vehicles - bring a cell phone if necessary

Download PDF pages 4, 11, and 12 of www.bikelib.org/route66/segments.pdf for segment maps, accommodations, and attractions.

Accommodations in towns: C=convenience store, S=sit-down restaurant, L=lodging, B=bicycle repair, RR=Amtrak station

Gardner starting point: Village Hall, 302 N Center St, parking, water, restrooms

*Alternate starting point, avoiding IL53 and using new trail sections, is near Elwood, on Hoff Road 2 mi East of IL53 at Midewin Tallgrass Prairie

Use trail through Midewin (if open) or go east on Hoff Rd for 2 miles then L(N) on Wauponsee Glacial Trail

Another alternate starting point: Parking in Village of Symerton by the trail at Commercial Stree

Select your starting time so that you arrive by Noon at the Will County Forest Preserve tent at the Joliet Historical Museum, 204 N. Ottawa St., Joliet (815-723-5201). The noon-time even

highlighting the Route 66 Trail will be part of a much larger "Joliet Kicks" celebration of Route 66's 80-year anniversary. The celebration will include unveiling of th

Museum's new "Route 66 Experience" Exhibit. Vintage cars, 50's music, a drive-in movie, and other fun things are planned - see www.jolietkicks.com

Patrolled bike parking will be available in downtown Joliet near the museum. Food and drink vendors will be at the Joliet Kicks celebration.

Emergency: call 911, non emergency Will Co Sheriff 815-727-6191 (Braidwood North)

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