INTRODUCTION



The Pine Line is a rail-trail in Taylor and Price Counties, Wisconsin. It is named for the huge quantities of eastern white pine shipped on the route between 1876 and 1988 by the Wisconsin Central Railroad and because of the beautiful stands of pine which presently clothe the trail.

The actual rail trail is 26.2 miles long, starting on Morner Road in Price County and ending on Allman Street in Medford. Plans are underway to extend the trail into downtown Prentice and Medford. A temporary trailhead can be accessed via town and county roads at Buccaneer Park in Prentice (April 1 - November 30 only).

The southernmost three miles are surfaced with limestone screenings. The remainder of the trail is surfaced with crushed gravel. The northern portion of the trail runs through the terminal moraine left by the Wisconsin glacier 12,000 years ago. Hardwood forests cover the hummocks and hills. Numerous cedar swamps and bogs boast interesting wetland vegetation. The southern half of the trail is typified by picturesque Wisconsin dairy farms. Wildlife is abundant. Numerous active beaver dams can be seen adjacent to the trail.

The trail is owned by Price and Taylor Counties and managed by the Price-Taylor Rail Trail Commission.

There are no fees for trail use. The trail is supported by area snowmobile clubs and users.

AREA TRAILS

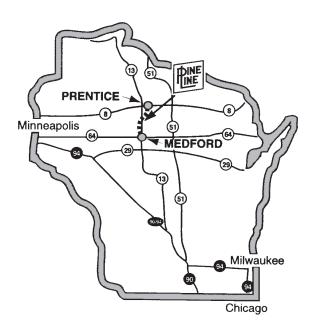


The area boasts additional notable trails. A forty-five mile segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail starts three miles west of the Pine Line and travels through the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest. The Ice Age Trail - Rib Lake Segment and the Timm's Hill National Trail and High Point Ski Trail offer cross country skiing, hiking and mountain biking east of the Pine Line.

Bicyclists can connect to a series of recommended bike routes on town and county roadways in Price County. Contact Price County Tourism for details.

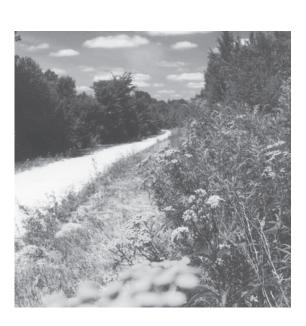
Snowmobilers can access 500 miles of Price County and 300 miles of Taylor County snowmobile trails. ATV users can access all Taylor County snowmobile trails. Please call Price County Tourism in regard to trail segments open to ATV users in Price County.

Cross-country skiers can enjoy the 20-mile Rib Lake Area ski system and the spectacular High Point Ski Trails at Timm's Hill, Wisconsin's highest geographical point. Timm's Hill is located six miles east of Ogema.





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USES



APRIL 1 - NOVEMBER 30: Non-motorized activities such as bicycling, hiking, wildlife viewing, and jogging are allowed. Motorized vehicles are prohibited during this period. Horses may use the four feet of trail to the right.

DECEMBER 1 - MARCH 31: Snowmobile and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are allowed during this period provided the trails are declared officially open (no non-motorized use).

HUNTING is prohibited on the Pine Line at all times.

Communities along the trail schedule events on the trail throughout the year. The Pine Line Marathon, Run/Walk is held annually on the fourth Saturday of April.

FACILITIES



PARKING for the trail is available at the Allman Street trailhead in Medford, on municipal streets in Ogema, Westboro, Chelsea, the Whittlesey parking lot and at the Buccaneer Park trailhead in Prentice.

FOOD is available at Medford, Whittlesey, Westboro, Ogema and

CAMPING is featured at Medford City Park, Rib Lake Village Park, and the Mondeaux Flowage Campground (8 miles west of Westboro).

GROCERY/CONVENIENCE STORES are found in Medford, Westboro, Ogema and Prentice.

WELL WATER is available during the summertime at the Medford City Park, Chelsea Lake County Park (1/4 mile west of trail in Chelsea), Rib Lake Village Park and Buccaneer Park in Prentice.

Lodging is available at Medford, Rib Lake, Timm's Hill and Prentice.

TRAIL ETHICS



- Wear suitable clothing. Be ready for changing weather conditions.
- Make sure equipment is in proper working condition.
- Know your physical limitations and stay on the marked trails. Use caution at road crossings.
- Inform someone of your plans, your destination and your expected time of return.
- Carry out and properly dispose of refuse. Do not start fires.
- Respect adjacent property to the trail. Do not disturb plants and animals.
- Ride defensively. Travel on right side of the trail and signal when overtaking.
- Report trail damage, vandalism and accidents to law enforcement authorities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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