

# DIRECTIONS

## From the North:

Head south on Cty Hwy I towards Cedarburg. Turn right (west) at Pleasant Valley Rd. Turn left (south) at Covered Bridge Rd. The park entrance will be on the left (east).

## From the South:

Head north on WI-181 / Wauwatosa Rd. Continue to follow WI-181 through Cedarburg. At the five-way intersection of WI-181 and WI-60, turn right (north) at Covered Bridge Rd. The park entrance will be on the right (east).

## From the East:

Head west on WI-60 toward Cedarburg. At the five-way intersection of WI-181 and WI-60, turn right (north) at Covered Bridge Rd. The park entrance will be on the right (east).

## From the West:

Head east on WI-60 toward Cedarburg. At the five-way intersection of WI-181 and WI-60, turn left (north) at Covered Bridge Rd. The park entrance will be on the right (east).



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# COVERED BRIDGE COUNTY PARK



1700 CEDAR CREEK RD.  
CEDARBURG, WI

*Discover the natural beauty of  
Ozaukee County...*



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**OZAUKEE COUNTY  
PARK SYSTEM**



# DISCOVER COVERED BRIDGE PARK

## WHY VISIT?

This park features the sole survivor of over 40 covered bridges that once dotted the Wisconsin countryside. Originally known as “Red Bridge,” it was built in 1876 to replace the periodically washed out bridges along the route.

The original span measured 120’ long by 12’ wide and was made of pine logs. The logs were cut and milled near Baraboo, Wisconsin and then hauled to the site.

Why cover the bridge? Some think it was to shelter travelers in storms while others suggest refuge from Native Americans. One legend states that it was to level off farmers’ hay loads as they passed underneath the covered bridge. More reasonably, it was to preserve the truss structure and to ease the fears of teams of oxen afraid to cross an open bridge over Cedar Creek. The park is also a great place to picnic, fish, and launch a canoe/kayak.



## THE HISTORY:

Covered Bridge County Park is home to the last original wooden covered bridge in Wisconsin. In 1940, the Ozaukee County Board voted to preserve and assume long-term maintenance of the bridge. In 1955, Ozaukee County did not have an established Historical Society, so the Port Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a plaque marking the bridge’s significance. In 1960, the Ozaukee County Board approved the purchase of a 12.73-acre parcel encompassing the bridge for \$7,500. That same year, the Board also established the Ozaukee County Historical Society. The Society officially retired the bridge in 1962 and erected a State Historical Society Official Marker on May 23, 1965.



## ACTIVITIES & AMENITIES:

Birding/Wildlife Viewing

Canoe/Kayak Access

Cedar Creek

Drinking Water

Fishing

Historic Feature

Leashed Dogs

Nature Trails

Pedestrian Bridge over Cedar Creek

Photography

Picnicking

Reservable Picnic/Wedding Areas

Restrooms

Snowmobile Access Area

**PARK SIZE:** 12.73 acres

**YEAR ACQUIRED:** 1960

**COST OF ACQUISITION:** \$7,500

Contact the Planning & Parks  
Department to reserve an area!  
262.692.2825



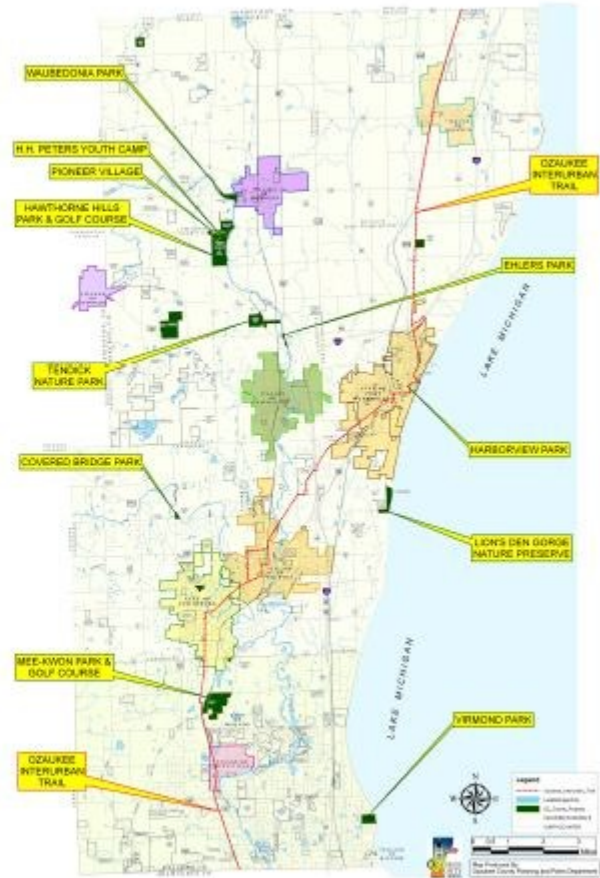


COVERED BRIDGE COUNTY PARK MAP



# OZAUKEE COUNTY PARKS GUIDE

	Madison Park & Golf Course 341-5868	Wood Park 343-1310	Claytonville Center 375-6851	Leeward Ridge Park 493-8825	Leeward Ridge Park 493-8825	East Oak Ridge Nature Preserve 493-8825	Swedish Nature Park 238-8257	Northwest Hills Park & Golf Course 493-8825	Superior Park 338-8157	Madison Park 493-2151	Madison Park 493-2825
Phone (502)											
Baseball	●	●									●
Canoe / Kayak Access				●	●			●			●
Camping											●
Disc Golf								●			
Drinking Water	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●
Fishing		●		●	●			●			●
Golf Course		●									●
Historic Feature(s)				●				●		●	●
Ice Skating / Rink(s)		●	●								
Lake Michigan Access							●				
Leashed Dogs	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
Lodger Rooms		●		●							●
Lodging											●
Nature Trails / Area	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
Picnic / Grills	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
Pro Shop				●							●
Restaurant		●									●
Restrooms / Toilets	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●
Sand Volleyball	●							●			
Shelter	●										●
Skating		●									●
Snowmobile Trail Access				●	●						●
Snow	●										●
Swims	●										●
Wildlife Viewing	●	●		●	●			●		●	●
X-Country Skiing	●	●					●	●		●	●



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