

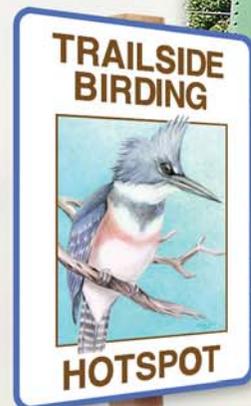
Welcome from the Trail Advisory Council

"The Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Council was formed to assist in the planning and implementation of the Trail. The Council, whose mission is to promote and facilitate the safe public use of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail for transportation, recreation, health, education, economic development, and enjoyment of Ozaukee County's unique cultural, historical and natural resources, encourages the exploration of these unique natural habitats up close and in person using this wonderful off-road Trail. For more information, visit the Ozaukee Interurban Trail website at: www.interurbantrail.us."

It is certainly true that Ozaukee County is for the birds. Our geographic location and divergent land uses create a great environment for birds and for bird watching. Some of the best birding in Wisconsin, throughout the year, is done at key locations in the County. During migration, the Lake Michigan shoreline guides numerous species of ducks, geese, gulls, hawks, shorebirds, and many Neotropical migrant landbirds to their breeding and wintering sites within, and far away from, Ozaukee County.

The Milwaukee River corridor provides important feeding and resting habitat to a multitude of migrating warblers, sparrows, thrushes, and wrens. The fields, forests, and farmsteads also serve as breeding habitat for many of these species. We also have our resident woodpeckers, cardinals, finches, chickadees, and jays that brave the winter and stay fed at our feeders.

The hospitality in Ozaukee County is second to none. While visiting, enjoy wonderful lodging, restaurant, and retail establishments, along with amazing views and plentiful birding opportunities.



Historic Interurban Bridge over Cedar Creek in the City of Cedarburg.

The Ozaukee Interurban Trail is a 30-mile regional, paved, transportation and recreation shared-use trail spanning the length of Ozaukee County, through diverse habitats including hardwood woodlands, wetlands, farmlands, Cedar Creek, the Milwaukee River, and Lake Michigan. The Trail connects the Ozaukee County communities of Mequon, Thiensville, Cedarburg, Grafton, Port Washington, and Belgium along the historic Interurban Electric Railway right-of-way owned by We Energies.

Birds found along the Trail are a reflection of the habitat that it passes, so be prepared to add raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds, warblers, and other songbirds to your list. The map of birding hotspots included in this guide, along with the kingfisher logo signs, are intended to direct you to the locations that offer the greatest birding success. So pack your binoculars and field guide, and head outdoors to hike, bike, in-line skate, or cross-country ski to see your favorite species.

