

Taste of the Trail

Bike or hike your way through the Root River Trail System and enjoy all of the wonderful features of each community along the trail.

THREE SATURDAYS AFTER LABOR DAY IN SEPTEMBER

- » FIRST SATURDAY
Lanesboro, Peterson & Whalan
- » SECOND SATURDAY
Harmony, Preston & Fountain
- » THIRD SATURDAY
Rushford Area & Houston



Each community will give you a "taste" of their town with different activities, food, music and much more! Enjoy what is special about each community while you pedal your way through the beauty of Bluff Country along the Root River.

60 - Mile Garage Sale

Third Friday & Saturday in June

When the nine Root River Trail Towns team up the same weekend to hold garage sales, you have a huge 60-Mile Garage Sale!



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WHALAN Located just four and a half miles east of Lanesboro on the Root River Bicycle Trail. Whalan offers a wealth of cultural, year-round recreational and sporting opportunities. Enjoy the scenic beauty of the 300-foot bluffs while you take a break in our gazebo next to the trail. Discover the past with a visit to Whalan's Museum and Ernie's restored 1917 filling station.

PETERSON This charming community awaits your visit! Choose from an inn, suites, or campground before venturing on the trail. Our paddle/tube outfitter will get you on the adjacent Root River. Dine at Burdey's Café, enjoy bandstand concerts, shop local art, enjoy the Legion, or tour the museum and visitor center. *Take Root!*

HOUSTON In the beautiful Root River Valley, the City of Houston lies in *The Best of Bluff Country*. Houston's Nature Center and Natural Playground at Trailhead Park and International Owl Center offer visitors a one-of-a-kind small town experience. Find places to eat and stay at inns or campgrounds in Houston!

RUSHFORD VILLAGE This city, nestled between bluffs and forest, covers 33 square miles and surrounds Peterson and Rushford. Travel Highway 16 – a National Scenic Byway following the Root River. Fish many trout streams. Paddle or tube the Root. Snowmobile for miles. Stay at a campground or bluff-top B&B. *Take Root!*

RUSHFORD Visit our scenic community for outdoor fun. Bike the state trail, hike Magelssen Bluff trails, enjoy Root River activities, shop our diverse stores, dine at various restaurants, and stay awhile – with camping or motels. Stop by the Rushford Depot Museum & Visitors Center. *Take Root!*

FOUNTAIN sits atop a gentle rise with plenty to offer trail users. Enjoy picnic areas, restrooms, play equipment and more at the City Park. Walk a short distance into town for one of Minnesota's finest furniture stores, the local bank, a brewery, places to eat and shop, and the county's museum and genealogy library.

PRESTON Also known as "Minnesota's Trout Capital," Preston is a welcoming, family-friendly destination with entertaining, educational and recreational activities. Bike 60+ miles of paved trails, hike, fish, dine and stay with us! We're home to a beautiful State Veterans Cemetery and we pride ourselves in being Veteran Friendly. We're lucky to have beautiful Historic Forestville and a State Park right in our backyard. *Get Hooked TODAY!*

HARMONY So much awaits you in friendly Harmony! Visit fascinating Niagara Cave, enjoy an Amish tour and explore unique antique and gift shops. Delight in excellent restaurants and lodging options. Stop in the Harmony Trailhead Visitor Center before you bike through beautiful, pastoral settings. *Find Harmony in your life!*

LANESBORO Tucked along the banks of the Root River you'll find a hidden gem - Historic Lanesboro. Discover a slower pace of life with no chain stores, fast food franchises or stoplights. This quaint town offers outdoor adventures, breathtaking views, rich artistic and cultural experiences, unique shopping and fine dining.

Plan your visit to beautiful Bluff Country today!

ROOT RIVER TRAIL TOWNS



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The mission of the Root River Trail Towns non-profit organization is to promote the Root River State Trail System as a regional destination and to link people to an outdoor experience while fostering community connections. Our group includes representatives from Fountain, Preston, Harmony, Lanesboro, Whalan, Peterson, Rushford Area, and Houston.

Root River & Harmony-Preston Valley State Trails

