

# Road Trip Five



## Traveling to Oxford and Northwest

1. You are in the Village of Oxford. Before we turn off State Highway 23 onto County Road A, look down the street and you will see Neenah Creek and the mill pond on the right. A sawmill sat on Neenah Creek in 1850 and later there was also flour mill and a school. Today, Oxford has a library, elementary school, fire department, post office and many businesses. It is a fun place to visit.
2. This is an area south of the Village of Westfield called Russell Flats. It was settled very early and up until about 1854, settlers from here travelled all the way to Kingston now in Green Lake County to get their wheat and other grain crops ground.
3. At the junction of County Roads E and A is the small community of Lawrence. A mill was built on Lawrence Creek in 1856, creating a mill pond now called Lawrence Lake. Settlers began arriving in 1850 and a school house was built here in the late 1850s. Lawrence Lake is in a long Tunnel Channel, made by the glacier about 10,000 years ago when water from melting ice flowed under the glacier and carved out a long tunnel.
4. The Caves Creek State Natural Area is here, part of the Upper Fox Headwaters.
5. We're here. First, at Hugh Illtis Prairie owned and maintained by David and Shelley Hamel and then over to Eagle's Nest with Robert and Judy Kohel.
6. Westfield High School with the Westfield Community Trail, a great place to saunter! Also has the Andy Polk Memorial Labyrinth.
7. Harrisville...watch for the historic mural on the Harrisville Sportsman's building on the right and the purple martin bird house on the left at the wildlife refuge. Then, as we turn onto County Road B, watch for the old Harrisville school/town hall behind the Harris Volunteer Fire Department.