

The Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail



The Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail (PTNT) became a Rock County Park through the hard work of Gerry Pelishek and the Clinton Fencehopper's Snowmobile Club. Pelishek purchased the corridor in the '90s. The land was held until Rock County

was able to obtain grants to buy the corridor in 1995. Local tax levy monies were not used to acquire the trail. Rather, 50% percent of the funding came from the state snowmobile trail program and 50% came from the state Stewardship program. The Pelishek Nature Trail was designated for public use as a multi-use trail connecting the east side of Clinton to Allens Grove.

Pete Tiffany, of Clinton, has been instrumental in long-time volunteer trail maintenance. The Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation, a citizens group connected with the park, wanted to honor him and at their urging, the park was renamed Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail in 2008.



About the Trail

PTNT is six miles long, averaging 100 feet wide. The corridor contains 64.3 acres of land. The trail can be said to start in either Clinton or in Allens Grove – railroads never refer to points as beginning or endings, just terminuses.

The trail provides hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, and bird watching opportunities in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter. This is truly a community-based trail providing a much needed public recreational opportunity.

The state snowmobile trail program provides operation and maintenance funds for snowmobile purposes. Volunteers from the Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation do much of the summer maintenance. They have created numerous rest stops, memorials, and flower plantings.

Trailhead in Clinton

Farmer's Park in Clinton serves as the PTNT trailhead. It is not a Rock County Park, but the County provided development assistance by building the restroom facility. Amenities include parking, a covered bridge, picnic tables, and a restroom. The Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation is currently raising funds to build a pavilion in this park.



Railroad History

The Racine, Janesville & Mississippi Railway was chartered in 1852; the same year Allens Grove was platted. Because Janesville failed to provide financial backing, the name was changed to the Racine & Mississippi Railroad and it took a more southerly route through Allens Grove reaching Clinton and then Beloit in 1856.

In 1879 the railroad ran into financial difficulties and became part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, known more informally as the Milwaukee Road. The Milwaukee Road entered bankruptcy in 1977 and sold to the Soo Line in 1985. The track section between Clinton and Allens Grove was abandoned in 1980 to help cover costs.

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hoof prints or track of your skis, take only
memories and photos.**

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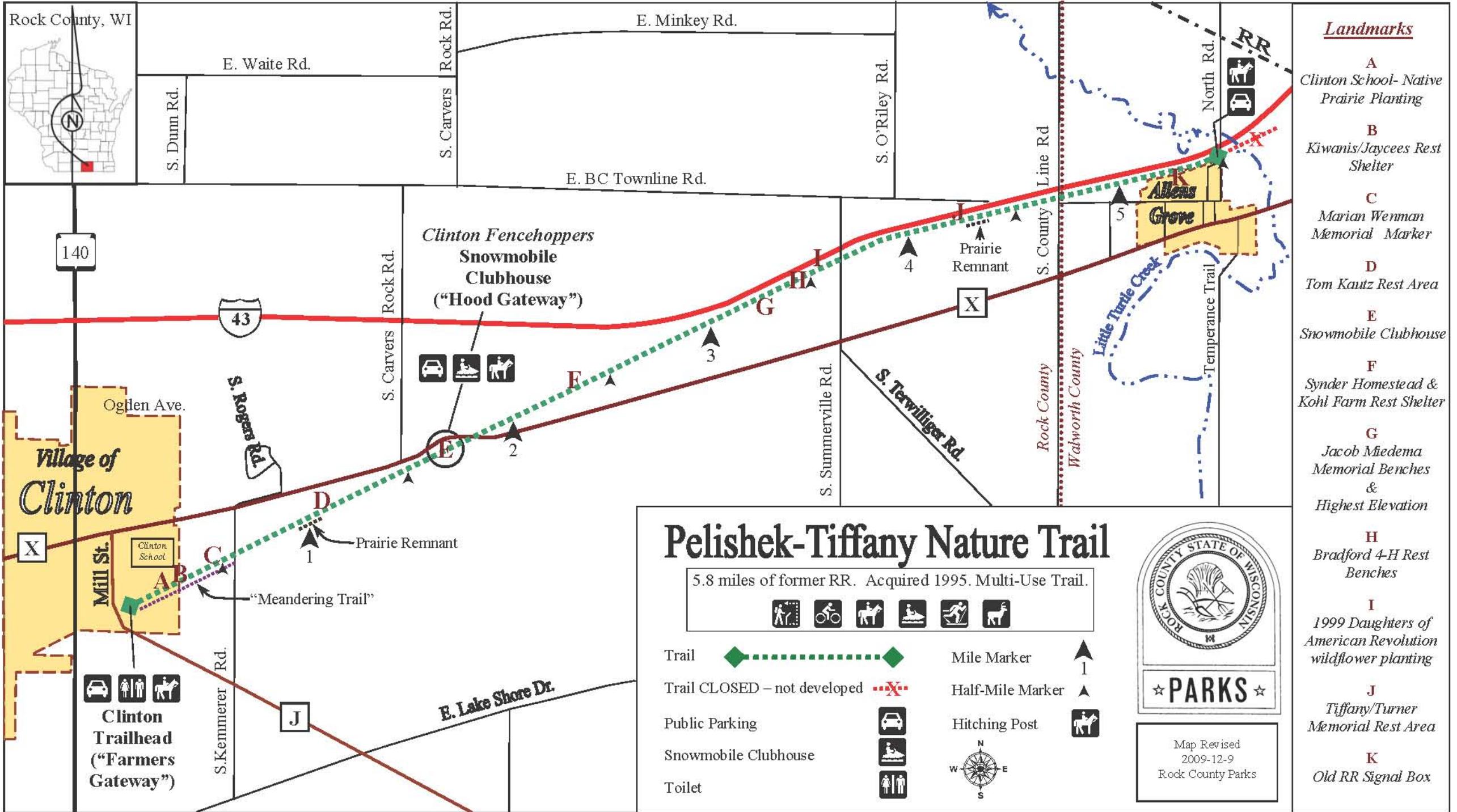
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**Connecting Clinton, Rock County
to Allens Grove, Walworth County**



Hiking
Horseback Riding
Bicycling
Snowmobiling





Landmarks

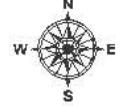
- A** Clinton School- Native Prairie Planting
- B** Kiwanis/Jaycees Rest Shelter
- C** Marian Wenman Memorial Marker
- D** Tom Kautz Rest Area
- E** Snowmobile Clubhouse
- F** Synder Homestead & Kohl Farm Rest Shelter
- G** Jacob Miedema Memorial Benches & Highest Elevation
- H** Bradford 4-H Rest Benches
- I** 1999 Daughters of American Revolution wildflower planting
- J** Tiffany/Turner Memorial Rest Area
- K** Old RR Signal Box

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5.8 miles of former RR. Acquired 1995. Multi-Use Trail.



- Trail
- Trail CLOSED - not developed
- Public Parking
- Snowmobile Clubhouse
- Toilet
- Mile Marker
- Half-Mile Marker
- Hitching Post



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