

## Beckman Mill Loop – 45 Miles

From its starting point at Palmer Park, this route is one of our favorites. Why is it so well liked? I think it is because at the halfway point you have a cool shaded rest stop in the picnic area adjacent to Beckman Mill, but more on that later.

Leaving Palmer Park you will travel on city streets that soon turn to rural roads; our goal is the new city bike path that skirts the south side of Janesville. The route crosses the tracks on Read Road and immediately turns right to cross the Highway 11 bypass and the start of the paved trail along Avalon Road. As you head west we will start on a rolling series of hills that will cross the Rock River and pick up the 3 foot wide bike lane on County D (Afton Rd.).

The route will take you on Bass Creek Road to give you a quiet time; enjoy the full canopy of trees. If the season is right we will have the chance to stop at the Apple Hut for fresh made apple donuts or taffy apples.

Our goal is Beckman Mill, a lovingly restored grist mill that opened in 1999. This project is a wonder and credit to the Friends of Beckman Mill. Take some time to tour the grounds, mill, gift shop and dam. Use the newly constructed park facilities in Beckman Mill Park. For a complete orientation of the mill pick up one of their many publications or visit [www.beckmanmill.org](http://www.beckmanmill.org).

