

# 20 Avalon–Milton–Shopiere 31.2-23.8 miles 556'-280' Rolling Hills

## Avalon

This is ride for experience bicyclists. Leaving from Leeson Park, the closest starting point to I-90/I-39, go out of the park up a little hill to cross Milwaukee Rd. Travel on E Ridge Rd winding thru a nice residential area bearing left whenever you have to choose. Just before Ridge Rd ends in a cul de sac take the cement sidewalk angling off on the left. Stay on that sidewalk, passing over the creek, until the first stoplight, where you cross the usually busy Cranston Rd.

In a matter of minutes you are on a country road (Creek Rd.) with the Turtle Creek on your right. Early morning rides are frequently treated to a mist hovering over the cornfields on the left side. Continue straight on Patrick Rd which is parallel to I-90/I-39 for a mile or so, before turning left Townline Rd. Just ahead is a right turn on Read Rd with more cornfields and frequently you can smell a field of mint that is farmed and sold to chewing gum manufacturers.

Continue several miles past some cattle farms on the left and over two sets of railroad tracks. Go under the overpass and make a right. BE VERY CAREFUL crossing Hwy 11 as you make a left to pass over I-90/I-39. Enjoy the scenic farmland as you continue into the tiny village of Avalon. BE VERY CAREFUL as you turn right on to Hwy 140, a two lane highway, with a soft shoulder. Follow the road, turning right after you see the YELLOW INTERSECTION SIGN advising of E Creek Rd.

Settle in as there is a 7+ mile stretch on this road, including a mile or so of new pavement. Just past some railroad tracks on your left is the Tiffany Cafe, only open Sunday 7am to noon. Another mile up is a park, Sweet Allyn, with water and restrooms if needed, otherwise it's straight forward to the highway overpass, where you turn left, called S Creek Rd and head back into town.

#	Go	onto Road/Street	Mi	Total
<b>Start at Leeson Park, ballfield parking lot</b>				
1	R	Hickory Dr from parking lot	0.0	0.0
2	L	to stay on Hickory Dr	0.1	0.1
3	S	E Ridge Rd across WI 81 / Milwaukee Rd	0.6	0.7
4	L	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.3	1.0
5	L	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.2	1.2
6	L	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.5	1.7
7	L	sidewalk at end of cul-de-sac, then turn left on bike path over bridge	0.2	1.9
8	R	across Cranston Rd and take Collingswood Dr	0.4	2.3
9	L	White Oaks Dr	0.4	2.7
10	R	Cty S / Shopiere Rd	0.3	3.0
11	L	S Creek Rd	2.1	5.1
12	S	Patrick Rd	1.1	6.2
13	L	Town Line Rd	0.5	6.7
14	R	Read Rd	3.5	10.2
15	R	WI 11 / Avalon Rd entrance ramp	0.2	10.4
16	L	WI 11 / Avalon Rd	0.4	10.8
17	S	Avalon Rd	6.2	17.0
18	R	WI 140	2.3	19.3
19	R	E Creek Rd	6.7	26.0
20	L	S Creek Rd	2.2	28.2
21	R	Cty S / Shopiere Rd	0.2	28.4
22	L	White Oaks Dr	0.5	28.9
23	R	Collingswood Dr	0.4	29.3
24	S,L	Cross Cranston Rd and turn left on bike path over bridge	0.2	29.5
25	R	sidewalk and onto E Ridge Rd	0.4	29.9
26	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.2	30.1
27	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.3	30.4
28	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.6	31.0
29	S	Hickory Dr across WI 81/Milwaukee Rd	0.1	31.1
30	R	to stay on Hickory Dr	0.0	31.1
31	L	into parking lot	0.1	31.2
<b>End at Leeson Park, ballfield parking lot</b>				

## Milton-Shopiere

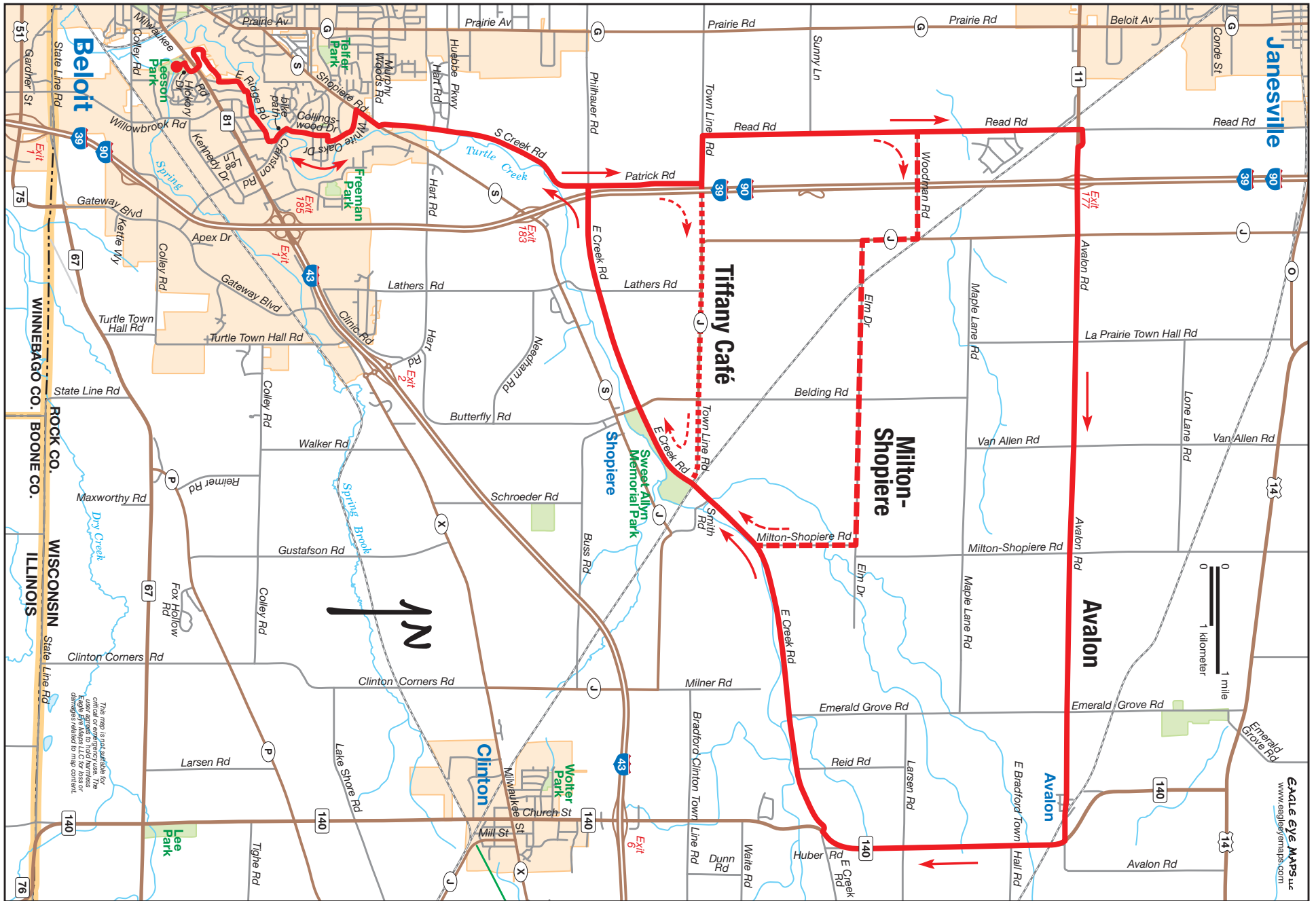
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In a matter of minutes you are on a country road (S Creek Rd) with Turtle Creek on your right. Early morning rides are frequently treated to a mist hovering over the cornfields on the left side. Continue straight on Patrick Rd which is parallel to I-90/I-39 for a mile or so, before turning left on Townline Rd. Just ahead is a right turn onto Read Rd with more cornfields and frequently you will smell a field of mint that is farmed and sold to chewing gum manufacturers.

Make a right turn after passing the silo of Arndt Farms and cross over I-90/I-39. There a short piece of road with no shoulder but the drivers are biker friendly. Lots more cornfields on a mostly flat road until the halfway point. Quick traverse back to E Creek Rd with the scenic Turtle Creek on your left as you head back going up a gradual hill that you usually don't realize is there, reaching the Tiffany Cafe, open Sunday AM only from 7am until noon.

Continue on E Creek Rd past a firehouse on the right, Sweet Allyn Park on the left to a short climb over the Interstate. Turn left just after that overpass but you are on S Creek Rd as you head back into Beloit.

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# 20 Avalon–Milton–Shopiere–Tiffany Café

31.2-23.8-17.2 miles 556'-280'-241' Rolling Hills

# 20 Milton-Shopiere–Tiffany Café 23.8-17.2 miles 280'-241' Rolling Hills

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1	R	Hickory Dr from parking lot	0.0	0.0
2	L	to stay on Hickory Dr	0.1	0.1
3	S	E Ridge Rd across WI 81 / Milwaukee Rd	0.6	0.7
4	L	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.3	1.0
5	L	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.2	1.2
6	L	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.4	1.6
7	L	sidewalk at end of cul-de-sac, then turn left on bike path over bridge	0.3	1.9
8	R	across Cranston Rd and take Collingswood Dr	0.4	2.3
9	L	White Oaks Dr	0.4	2.7
10	R	Cty S / Shopiere Rd	0.3	3.0
11	L	S Creek Rd	2.1	5.1
12	S	Patrick Rd	1.1	6.2
13	L	Town Line Rd	0.5	6.7
14	R	Read Rd	2.0	8.7
15	R	Woodman Rd	1.0	9.7
16	R	Cty J	0.5	10.2
17	L	Elm Dr	2.9	13.1
18	R	Milton Shopiere Rd	0.9	14.0
19	R	E Creek Rd	0.8	14.8
20	R	Town Line Rd	0.9	15.7
21	S	Cty J / Town Line Rd	1.4	17.1
22	S	Twon Line Rd	0.6	17.7
23	L	Patrick Rd	1.0	18.7
24	S	S Creek Rd	2.2	20.9
25	R	Cty S / Shopiere Rd	0.2	21.1
26	L	White Oaks Dr	0.5	21.6
27	R	Collingswood Dr	0.4	22.0
28	S,L	Cross Cranston Rd and turn left on bike path over bridge	0.1	22.1
29	R	sidewalk and onto E Ridge Rd	0.5	22.6
30	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.2	22.8
31	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.3	23.1
32	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.6	23.7
33	S	Hickory Dr across WI 81/Milwaukee Rd	0.1	23.8
34	R	to stay on Hickory Dr	0.0	23.8
35	L	into parking lot	0.0	23.8
<b>End at Leeson Park, ballfield parking lot</b>				

## Tiffany Café

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Turn right (East) to go under the Interstate on Townline Rd. Settle in for a 3 mile straightaway, with farms on either side. The road curves but YOU GO STRAIGHT until there is no option but to follow the curve right past a few silos, and a small mill. In front of you is the Tiffany Cafe open only on Sunday 7am-noon. The creek is now on your left and at the first intersection, County Rd J, there a small park (Sweet Allyn) with restrooms and water.

Continue on E Creek Rd past a small cemetery and speed up to help get over the highway overpass. Don't pick up too much speed because you take that first left turn, called S Creek Rd back into town.

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22	R	sidewalk and onto E Ridge Rd	0.5	16.0
23	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.2	16.2
24	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.2	16.4
25	R	to stay on E Ridge Rd	0.7	17.1
26	S	Hickory Dr across WI 81/Milwaukee Rd	0.0	17.1
27	R	to stay on Hickory Dr	0.1	17.2
28	L	into parking lot	0.0	17.2
28	S	WI 213 / 4th St	0.1	24.8
29	R	into parking lot	0.0	24.8
<b>End at Leeson Park, ballfield parking lot</b>				