

## Route 3: Helmsburg/Yellowwood (Paved & Gravel)

1. From the Visitors Center, head north  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile on Van Buren Street to the stoplight at the intersection of Main Street. Turn left on Main Street, which soon becomes Helmsburg Road. Travel west out of town for 6 miles to find yourself in tiny downtown Helmsburg.
  - For a quick detour just 1 mile from the stoplight, turn off of Helmsburg Road onto McClary Road to see **The Wood Frog's** homestead arts, or visit **Mud Horse Art** off of Annandale Drive.
  - Just before downtown Helmsburg is **Lightspinner Studio**, home of local artist Martha Sechler's watercolor paintings and gourd art.
2. From downtown Helmsburg, turn left onto State Road 45, heading 3 miles towards the next little neighborhood of Trevlac.
  - Take a hike through **Trevlac Bluffs Nature Preserve** to get off the grid and experience the fall foliage on foot!
3. *Optional scenic detour to Lake Lemon, if time allows:* Continuing on State Road 45, you'll have two options to head west for an out and back detour along **Lake Lemon**.
  - Detour 1: Take a right 3 miles from Helmsburg onto West Lower Bear Creek Road to East Northshore Drive (passing by **The Hand Maiden** studio on Slippery Elm Shoot Road). Continue along the lake; turn around to return to the loop route at your leisure.
  - Detour 2: Turn right 4 miles from Helmsburg onto South Shore Drive in Needmore, IN. Pass by the **Bohemian Hobbit Studio**, cross the causeway over the lake, then stumble upon the **Port Hole Inn** (3 miles from Helmsburg Road) – a great spot to grab some grub and a cold one! Continue along the lake for more views, or turn around to return to the loop route at your leisure.



4. From Trevlac, continue just over 2 miles down State Road 45 leading to a left turn onto Lanam Ridge Road. Then from here, travel a ½ mile to a right turn onto the gravel Yellowwood Lake Road leading you down a gravel path into the heart of beautiful Yellowwood State Forest, a favorite stop for hikers!
5. Continue traveling through the state forest for over 4 miles to reach Yellowwood Road, then turn left, heading 2 miles to State Road 46.
  - For a pitstop on Yellowwood Road, stop by **Sleepy Cat Studio** (housed in an old grain silo) and **Ferrer Studio**.
6. Turn left onto State Road 46 West to travel 6 miles back to Nashville!

Total mileage to each stop on route = Approx. 25 miles (without Lake Lemon detours)

1. ¼ mile from Visitors Center to stoplight at Main Street (Helmsburg Road)
2. 6 miles on Helmsburg Road from Main Street stoplight to downtown Helmsburg
3. 3 miles on State Road 45 from Helmsburg to Trevlac  
*\*Optional Lake Lemon detour mileage varies*
4. 2 miles on State Road 45 from Trevlac to Lanam Ridge Road
5. ½ mile from Lanam Ridge Road to Yellowwood Lake Road
6. 4 miles from Yellowwood Lake Road to Yellowwood Road
7. 2 miles from Yellowwood Road to State Road 46, then 6 miles on State Road 46 to Nashville

