

Town of Bayfield, Wisconsin
Salmo Trail Elevated Boardwalk Materials
Bid Proposals Due: 5:00 PM - February 19th, 2026

Request for Bid Proposals: The Town of Bayfield is accepting bids for materials for elevated boardwalk, 328 feet long by 4.5 feet wide, through wetlands along the Salmo Lakewalk Trail; plus, a 10'x16' platform with ADA railing.

Bid proposals are due by 5:00 PM - February 19th, 2026.

Bids may be submitted via email to clerk@townofbayfieldwi.gov or hand delivered to the Bayfield Town Hall, 85450 County Highway J, Bayfield, WI 54814. Office Hours are Tuesdays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. A drop box is also available. Please label the sealed bids "Salmo Trail Boardwalk Materials Bid". Go to www.townofbayfieldwi.gov for detailed bid requirements and project information. The Town of Bayfield reserves the right to reject any and all bids based on the best interest of the town.

Project Location: The materials being sought are for the construction of elevated boardwalk, 328 feet long by 4.5 feet wide, on the segment of the Salmo Lakewalk Trail ending at a beach on Lake Superior's shoreline. A 10'x16' platform with ADA railing will be constructed at the end of the boardwalk, adjacent to the beach.

The Salmo Lakewalk Trail is accessed from State Highway 13 approximately 2 miles south of Bayfield, WI across from the Les Voigt State Fish Hatchery. Because the trail traverses wetland habitat as well as four short open water crossings, galvanized wetland and swamp pans and associated hardware are necessary for setting/stabilizing posts. All boardwalk wood must be treated in compliance with Wisconsin DNR requirements for wetlands and over-water applications. Due to the narrow and confined nature of the construction location, the boardwalk panel frames must be preassembled to facilitate ease of transportation to the installation location and on-site construction. Hardware design must allow for adjusting the height of the boardwalk. The boardwalk will be installed by volunteers with assistance from the Wisconsin Conservation Corps (WisCorps). The WisCorps crew is scheduled to work July 20 – 31, 2026.

Specifications: Please provide a materials list, itemized cost, and full bid for the following:

- 328' x 4.5' boardwalk, 2 feet above the ground surface, including:
 - frames/panels.
 - posts.
 - decking.
 - curb railing.
 - hardware designed to allow for adjusting boardwalk height.
 - include one, 45-degree corner.
- Galvanized wetland pans and hardware for the entire length of the boardwalk, minus 22 swamp pans to be used for open water crossings (see below).

- Materials for open water crossing locations:
 - 8 galvanized swamp pans for open water crossing location (the Township already has 14 swamp pans and hardware in their possession).
 - Each of the four open water crossings will include a post in the middle of each crossing in 3-foot-deep water. Thus, 8 of the boardwalk posts will need to be 5 feet tall; vs. the 2 ft. posts for the majority of the boardwalk.
- 10'x16' platform with ADA railing, 3 ft. above the ground surface, with pans for all posts. Include all necessary hardware for the platform construction.
- Note: frames/panels for the boardwalk and platform should be preassembled prior to shipping.
- Shipping to Bayfield, WI 54814; specific location TBD.

Supplemental Information Requested:

- Drawing set and installation instructions.
- Statement of qualifications.
- Three examples of successful projects using materials similar to those being submitted in the bid.

Bidding and Project Schedule:

- Bids Due: Thursday, February 19th, 2026 at 5:00 PM (submit via email or hand deliver – see above).
- Bids opened: At Bayfield Town Board Meeting, Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
- Bid selection decision: By Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 at 5:00 PM.
- Bid bond delivered: By Monday, March 23rd, 2026, the selected bidder will provide a bid bond in the form of a bank certified check or cashier's check for 5% of the bid value.
- Notice to proceed: Tuesday, March 31st, 2026, assuming the bid bond is received.
- Materials Delivered to Specified Location: By July 10th, 2026. Specific logistics will be coordinated with the selected bidder in advance by the project coordinator, Kate Kitchell.

Evaluation of Proposals: Proposals will be evaluated based upon the following: completeness and quality of the proposal, cost for products, professional qualifications, and proven track record of producing and delivering these types of materials as a complete package.

Point of Contact: Inquiries should be directed to: Bayfield Area Trails Committee Chair Kate Kitchell at bayfieldareatrails@gmail.com or 541-452-3079.

Alternative Point of Contact:

Bayfield Town Clerk, Kelly Faye at clerk@townofbayfieldwi.gov or 715-779-5671.

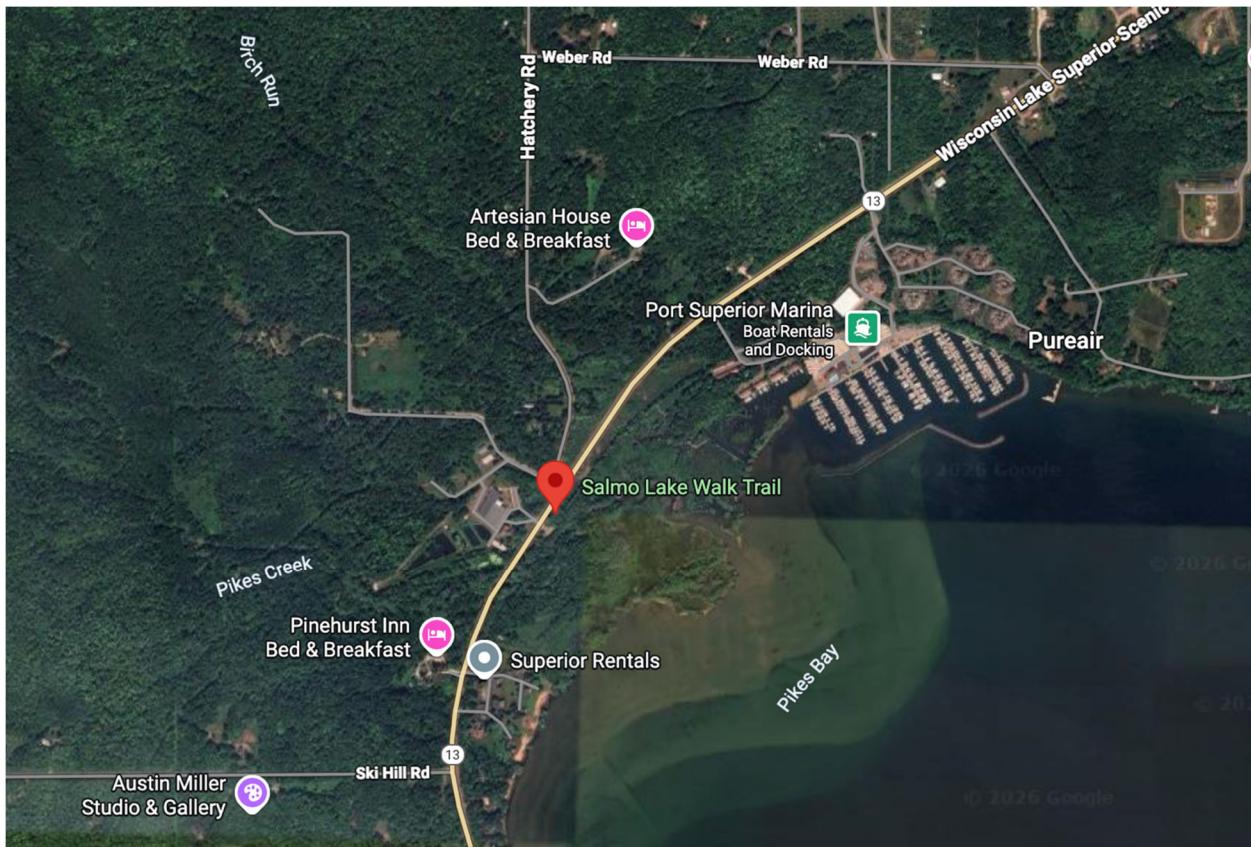


Diagram of Salmo Accessibility Project
Note the labels for 330 ft. boardwalk plus viewing & fishing platform



Example location of where the elevated boardwalk will be installed