

# Glidden Drive Access Lanes

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A search of the records at the Door County Courthouse about Glidden Drive's "access lanes" has turned up some interesting information. My intention was to clear up questions about ownership and lane widths, but it also turned up lanes marked on maps but not evident today.

On August 1, 1937, Olive T. Glidden, Orrin Glidden's widow, submitted the Long Beach Plat to the Town of Sevastopol and it was accepted the following year. This tract of land reached from today's south entrance of Glidden Drive to Goldenrod Lane, and included these roads and lanes:

- **Glidden Drive:** The same road we have today.
- **Schmock Drive:** Approximately parallel to Glidden, it exists today only as an unmarked dirt track extending from County T to Shivering Sands Creek, where it curves along the creek and joins Glidden at the Shivering Sands bridge. It is shown on the maps as diverging and continuing on the other side of the creek to Fernwood Lane also. It has been suggested that acceptance of the plat by the Town constitutes ownership transference of *all roads and land designated as public*, which would include both the obvious, currently used roads and the land originally planned for roads but never developed.

The following lanes are listed from the south to the north as they cross or intersect Glidden Drive:

- **Evergreen Lane:** The first beach access from the south. Like all the other lanes, ownership is not indicated on the original Long Beach plat. County records say it is 60 feet wide from the

lake, across Glidden to Schmock Drive.

Evergreen Lane, from Glidden to the shore only, was moved at some time and for some reason not presently known.

On either side of Evergreen Lane, but only near the shore, are 60-foot wide areas that look like "wings" from the air, marked on the Long Beach Plat as "Dedicated to lot owners." County records show no more information about this (in all such cases, Sevastopol Town is shown as owner of the lane only). The other dimension is not given and the original map is not accurate enough to scale from; we will have to assume this was intended to be "beach" only.

- **Deerpath Lane, Hemlock Lane, Bittersweet Lane:** Similar to Evergreen.
- **Short Street:** Aptly named at less than 50 feet long, it extends from Glidden Drive to the edge of Shivering Sands Creek, shown only on maps.



Oak Lane

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- **Woodland Lane:** Not marked on the road, but 50 feet wide from Glidden to Schmock Drive three lots north of Shivering Sands Creek (it does not go to the beach).
- **Arrowhead Lane:** Similar to Evergreen.
- **Fernwood Lane:** Not marked on the road, but 50 feet wide from Glidden to Schmock Drive slightly south of Goldenrod lane (it does not go to the beach). Schmock Drive appears to end here.
- **Goldenrod Lane:** 50 feet wide from Glidden Drive to the beach, owned by Sevastopol. No “wings” on either side on the beach.

Long Beach Plat ends here.

- **White Pine Lane:** According to John Brogan, a portion of Glidden Drive from Goldenrod Lane to White Pine Lane ran along the shore when first built. Presumably due to the small creek (Fischer) and the swampy area that made road building difficult, the planners took the easy route around the swamp on gravel, rocky shore and forded the stream rather than building a bridge. Some years later, the lake had other ideas and washed out the shore route. When the road was repaired by rerouting much farther inland, the portion of the original road that returned from the old shore to the new main road became a stub, and was relabeled White Pine Lane. It is now listed as a Town Road.

The following lanes were created by Glidden Drive Estates in the 1960's and deeded to the nonprofit Glidden Drive Association in 1992:

- **Oak Lane:** 50 feet wide from Glidden Drive to the lake.
- **Elmtree Lane:** A surveying error in the 1990s showed this lane as 54 feet wide. It was recently corrected to 6 feet as shown in the 1992 Estates/Association transfer.



Goldenrod at the end of Cherry Lane

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- **Pebble Lane:** 183 feet wide on the road, much less on the lake, from Glidden Drive to the lake (platted as a .79 acre lot).
- **Yew Lane:** 6 feet wide from Glidden Drive to the lake. The location of this lane was moved, but detail on this has not been researched.
- **Beech Lane, Birch Lane, Cherry Lane, Cedar Lane, Maple Lane, Spruce Lane, Balsam Lane:** 6 feet wide from Glidden Drive to the lake.

There is a small 1.2 acre piece of land adjacent to Shivering Sands Creek and Glidden Drive, on the northeast that is marked on the 1937 plat as “Dedicated to the public for park purposes.” According to Holly Hansen at the County Real Property Listing office, the Assessor has decided to mark this property as owned by Sevastopol Town on the same grounds as mentioned above about Schmock Road. It is presently an unmarked, undeveloped Town Park. It does not extend to Lake Michigan.

The Nature Conservancy owns one or more access lanes from Glidden to the interior as well as many lots and large tracts to the west of Glidden. It has been suggested that some of the undeveloped lanes may have become their property. More research is needed to settle this question.