



# Byron to Lomira/Theresa

0.0 Turn left from Byron Town Hall heading south on the Yellowstone Trail.

0.1 Luedke's General Store/ Byron Post Office on right. Old garage on left, now B.G.'s Small Engine and Performance, began as Ruck's Garage, an authorized Ford service garage.



Figure 1 George Tice General Store, later known as Luedtke's



Figure 2 Ruck's Garage, now B.G.'s Small Engine and Performance

1.5 Fond du Lac/Dodge county line.

2.6 Stop sign. Cross Hwy. 49.

3.3 Entering Lomira. You will be turning left in .9 miles on Main Street. We will be making a small detour off the Yellowstone Trail to visit Lomira Historical Society's Silver Leaf School in Sterr Park.

4.1 Former gas station on left built in 1931 as a two-pump Shell station by Eli Hesprich. Across the road on right was Strobel's Campsite which offered camping for auto tourists, lunches, soft drinks, and ice cream. Six cottages were also available for rent.



Figure 3 Hesprich gas station circa 1932, 964 Milwaukee St.



Figure 4 Strobel's Campsite



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- 4.2 Turn left on Main Street when you see Cole's BP gas station. The oldest part of the building near the road was built in 1914 as Beitz Garage.
- 4.6 At top of hill, turn right on Pleasant Hill Ave.
- 4.7 Silver Leaf School is in Sterr Park on your left. Parking on right side of street. Enjoy your visit! When leaving Sterr Park, continue south on Pleasant Hill Ave.
- 4.9 Stop sign. Turn right on Church St.
- 5.2 Stop sign. Turn left on Hwy. 175, back on the Yellowstone Trail.
- 7.7 Pass St. Paul's Lutheran Church on left ("Halfway Church"- midway between Theresa and Lomira.)
- 8.8 Roundabout. Continue south.
- 9.6 Entering Theresa. "Pass cemetery on right". King's Official Route Guide, 1915.
- 9.8 On the southeast corner of Depot Road (DD) and Hwy.. 175 (Across the road from Dollar General) was John Beck's service station, along with an early drive-in which sold refreshments to travelers.
- 9.9 The Shell gas station on your left was the former location of Theresa Auto Company, starting as a Buick and Regal dealership and later selling Chevrolets. The Theresa State Bank is on the location of the former Bachhuber Ford garage, which began as a blacksmith shop.



Figure 4 John Beck service station

Figure 5 Theresa Auto Company



Figure 6 Approaching bridge from north. Ford sign on left





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10.0 Hungry? Confections for Any Occasion is on your left at the corner of Hwy. 175 and East Rock River St. in the former Bartelt and Loehrke general store built in 1916. An original Yellowstone Trail tin marker sign is on display inside. The American Legion is holding a brat fry on West Rock River St. A block south at Henni St. is the Pioneer Keg, with Widmer's Cheese 1 ½ blocks west of that corner.

10.1 Be sure to visit the Theresa Historical Society on your left just south of Henni Street. The grounds include the last home of Solomon and Josette Juneau, founders of Milwaukee and Theresa, Wisconsin. The museum grounds also include two other early homes and the relocated Beck tourist cabin from the Yellowstone Trail era. Park downtown, along Henni St. or Menominee St. and walk up the 1934 Works Progress Administration steps on the north end of the limestone "THERESA" wall, if you are able.



If you can't do steps, enter the museum grounds through the alley from the south off Bonduel Street, where limited parking on the museum grounds is available. Modern restrooms are available at Rivers Edge Park one block east of the museum grounds.

