

= F @-@ 41 (Michigan county highway) =

F @-@ 41 is a county @-@ designated highway in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan . It was previously designated as M @-@ 171 , a former state trunkline highway , until 1960 , running from US Highway 23 (US 23) just north of Oscoda , and coming back to US 23 about 20 miles (32 km) south of Alpena . The road runs through rural , forested areas of Iosco and Alcona counties , inland from Lake Huron .

Although it has been a county road since 1960 , F @-@ 41 was a state highway in 1919 when the state trunkline highway system was formed . It was a segment of the original M @-@ 10 that was replaced by US 23 in 1926 . Later changes to US 23 shifted that road closer to Lake Huron , and the Michigan State Highway Department (MSHD) created two different routings for M @-@ 171 out of the former US 23 routings in the area . The second of these highways has been designated F @-@ 41 since 1970 .

= = Route description = =

F @-@ 41 begins at an intersection with US 23 on the north side of Oscoda . The route travels to the northwest away from town , passing between Van Etten Lake and what was previously Wurtsmith Air Force Base . The road continues north through a rural area of Alcona County on Somers and Mikado roads , running parallel , but inland , to the Lake Huron shoreline . It passes through the small communities of Mikado and Gustin before coming to a junction with M @-@ 72 . After crossing M @-@ 72 , F @-@ 41 turns east into the community of Lincoln along Traverse Bay State Road , 2nd Street and Main Street before leaving town to the north . The road continues on to the north on Barlow Road through Alcona County before terminating at a second junction with US 23 . The highway travels through wooded terrain along its routing .

= = History = =

The first highway designation to run from Oscoda toward Spruce to Alpena was the original M @-@ 10 on July 1 , 1919 . This segment of highway was later redesignated as a part of US 23 in 1926 when the United States Numbered Highway System was established . Realignments of US 23 created both versions of M @-@ 171 .

The initial incarnation of M @-@ 171 served as a loop route off US 23 which departed the main highway east of Spruce , traveled west through Spruce , then north past Hubbard Lake and through Wilson before returning to US 23 near Alpena . This roadway was part of US 23 before it was redesignated M @-@ 171 in 1932 . This routing is now occupied by the present day routings of Spruce , Hubbard Lake and Wilson roads . This version of M @-@ 171 was removed from the system in 1934 .

The second version of M @-@ 171 that ran between Oscoda and Caledonia Township in Alcona County was assumed into the state trunkline system in 1936 . This was another former segment of US 23 . Expansion of the Oscoda Army Air Field (later Wurtsmith Air Force Base) in the early 1940s shifted M @-@ 171 eastward , more closely following the west shore of Van Etten Lake . Portions of the old route were taken up by the expansion , while the rest became part of present @-@ day Skeel Avenue . M @-@ 171 existed along the Oscoda to Caledonia Township route for 24 years before being decommissioned in late 1960 or early 1961 . The routing was then assigned County Road F @-@ 41 after October 5 , 1970 , and has retained that designation ever since .

= = Major intersections = =