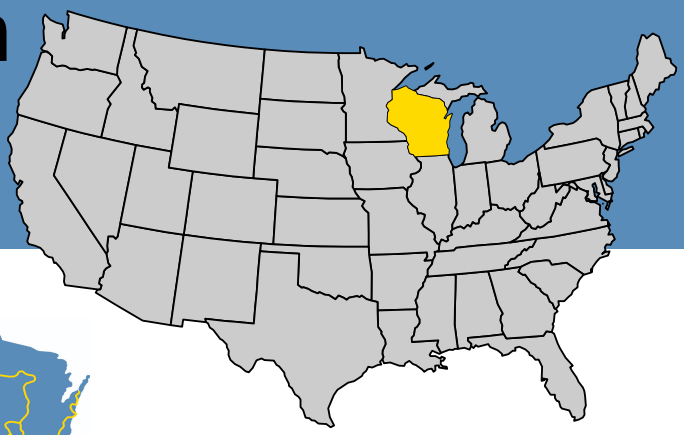
Hiking The Wisconsin Ice Age Trail



Legend
- Ice Age Trail
- Popular Hiking Segments

ICE AGE TRAIL ALLIANCE

What Is The Ice Age Trail Alliance?
Established in 1958, the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) is a nonprofit volunteer- and member-based organization whose mission is to create, support and protect a thousand-mile footpath tracing Ice Age formations across Wisconsin. The IATA supports the hundreds of volunteers who build and maintain the Ice Age Trail as well as working towards acquiring a permanently protected corridor for the Trail.

WISCONSIN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Saint Croix River
Turtle Flambeau Flowage
Lake Chippewa
Flambeau River
Menominee River
Wisconsin River
Harrison Hills
Chippewa Moraine
Red Cedar River
Chippewa River
Eau Claire
Saint Croix River
Hartman Creek
Green Bay
Wolf River
Fox River
Appleton
Petenwell Lake
Lake Butte des Morts
Lake Winnebago
Castle Rock Lake
Oshkosh
Mississippi River
La Crosse
Green Lake
Sheboygan
Cedar Lakes
Wisconsin River
Lake Mendota
Table Bluff
Madison
Waukesha
Milwaukee
Lake Kawkonong
Rock River
Racine
Janesville
Kenosha
Mississippi River

ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Background And History Of The Ice Age Trail
The Ice Age Trail is a 1,200-mile footpath snaking its way through Wisconsin's forests and prairies. It's the result of glacial ice that carved out the landscape over 12,000 years ago! Winding through 31 counties, it was first started in the 1950s and became official in 1980. It's one of the most easily accessible trails around, lying within 20 miles of 60% of Wisconsin residents. It's one of the nation's 11 scenic trails and since much of it is considered an "off-road" hiking trail, it's similar in feel to the Appalachian Trail. You can view all types of natural areas during your Ice Age Trail hike. While much of it displays its well-known rocky terrain, other segments lie in grassy prairies strewn with wildflowers. Or along bodies of water, like Lake Michigan and the Wisconsin River.

Conservation Efforts On The Ice Age Trail
The Ice Age Trail is not yet complete. One step in completing the Trail, and one of the conservation goals, is permanently protecting the land which hosts the Trail. Although 685 miles of the Trail are blazed, protecting the entire Ice Age Trail requires more than 1,000 land transactions to fill the current gaps in the Trail. The Ice Age Trail Alliance protects the Trail by acquiring land, conservation easements, and trail easements. When land is acquired, the Ice Age Trail Alliance becomes the owner of the property. On a private property that hosts the Trail, an easement allows the land owner to keep ownership while protecting the route of the Trail and, in many cases, the land surrounding it.

ICE AGE TRAIL COMMUNITY

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Approximately 1,200 Miles Long!

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