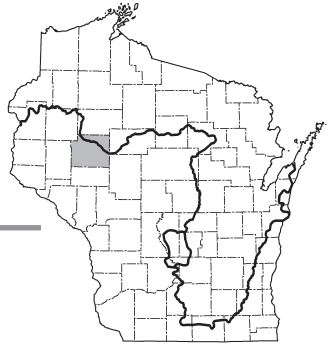


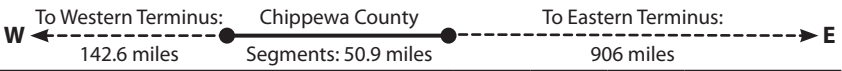
Chippewa County



Trail miles: 21.1

Connecting route miles: 29.8

Segments & Points of Interest	Miles	E to W	W to E	Map No.
Taylor/Chippewa county line		0	50.9	19f
<i>Connecting Route CTH-H to CTH-Z*</i>	24.5	24.5	26.4	19f • 18f • 17f
Chippewa River Segment CTH-Z to CTH-CC	1.8	26.3	24.6	16f
Firth Lake Segment CTH-CC to CTH-E	6.5	32.8	18.1	16f
Harwood Lakes Segment CTH-E to 167 th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.)	5	37.8	13.1	16f • 15f
Chippewa Moraine Segment 167 th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.) to 267 th Ave. (Oak Ln.)*	7.8	45.6	5.3	15f
<i>Connecting Route 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) to Round Lake Rd. (Plummer Rd.)</i>				
Chippewa/Rusk county line	5.3	50.9	0	15f • 14f



*Trail reroute or extension planned. Contact IAPTF for updated information.

The Chippewa Lobe formed Chippewa County’s prominent glacial features, including the Chippewa Moraine. The terminal moraine stands above the surrounding cultivated plains, with lakes and ponds set in a forested jumble of hills. Unlike the higher hills of the interlobate Kettle Moraine in southeastern Wisconsin, the features of the Chippewa Moraine are characterized by gentler hills of “dead ice” moraine. As the ice ceased to move, fissures crisscrossed the glacier.

Surface debris, transported by sliding ice and flowing meltwater filled many cracks and formed a variety of sharp ridges after the ice melted. When debris-covered blocks of ice melted, kettles formed, producing the area's knob-and-swale landscape. Ice-walled lake plains, flatter-topped areas formed by glacial lakebeds, are particular to this area.

The Chippewa Moraine National Scientific Reserve Visitor Center is perched high atop an ice-walled lake plain and offers views of the lake-dotted countryside. It has a 4.5-mile loop trail with interpretive signs and shorter nature trails that explore the area. Inside, modern in-depth displays and hands-on exhibits describe the Wisconsin Glaciation and its legacy in the area. Brunet Island State Park and Chippewa Moraine Reserve are waypoints on the Great Wisconsin Birding & Nature Trail.

Dispersed primitive camping is permitted on Chippewa County Forest land. Please camp at least 200 feet from waterways and trails. Refer to the *Ice Age Trail Atlas* for more details on camping location and county forest boundaries.

COUNTY INFORMATION

Chippewa County Tourism: 866-723-0331, www.chippewacounty.com

Chippewa County Forest and Parks Department: 715-726-7881

CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Chippewa Moraine Chapter officially formed in 1988 and sponsors hikes, work outings and presentations on glacial geology. The chapter maintains a close relationship with the Chippewa Moraine Reserve, where many events take place, like the annual Parade of Colors hike.

Connecting Route

ATLAS MAPS

19f • 18f • 17f

24.5
miles

CTH-H



CTH-Z

This route stays close to the terminal moraine and follows the proposed Trail corridor for Chippewa County. Watch for new Trail being developed along the route. Contact the IAPTF for updates. Shorter alternative routes are possible.

From the Taylor/Chippewa county line, take CTH-H west then south 1.5 miles. At 130th Ave. turn right and go west 1.5 miles. At 350th St. turn right and go north 1.5 miles. At 145th Ave. turn left and go west 1 mile. At CTH-G turn left and go north 1 mile. At 155th Ave. turn left and go west 1.8 miles. At CTH-S turn left and go south 0.7 miles, crossing the Yellow River. At 150th Ave. turn right and go west 1.1 miles. At CTH-D turn right and go north 0.8 miles. At 157th Ave. turn left and go west 1.5 miles. At this point, the street name changes to 155th Ave. continue west an additional 1.5 miles. At CTH-EE turn right and go north 5.5 miles. At 210th Ave. (Rufledt Rd.) turn left and go west 1.8 miles. At 265th St. (Eighth St.) turn right and go north 0.5 miles. At Baribeau Rd. turn left and go west 0.5 miles. At Johnson St. turn right and go north 0.1 miles. At STH-27 turn left and go south 0.1 miles to a marked connecting route along the power line right-of-way. Turn right and follow the footpath west for less than 0.1 miles. At the Old Abe Trail, a converted rail-trail, turn right and go north 0.6 miles to Main St. in Cornell. At the kiosk on Main St. turn left and go west 0.2 miles through Millyard Park to STH-64. In the park are the Cornell Area Visitor Center and the “Stacker.” This monster crane was used in the 19th century to hoist logs from the river to the sawmill. Like the Wisconsin River, the Chippewa River transported vast amounts of timber to mills in the 1800s. The park has water, restrooms, parking and a picnic area. At STH-64 turn right and go west 0.2 miles across the Chippewa River.

At this point new Trail is planned to leave STH-64 and go north, crossing CTH-CC at Riverview Dr. Watch for signage. Until it opens, continue on STH-64 to CTH-CC. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 0.8 miles. At CTH-Z turn left and go west 0.2 miles to the Trail access (CH1).

TOWN SERVICES

Cornell (54732): East on STH-64. All services. Camping at Brunet Island State Park (715-239-6888, www.wiparks.net; reservations: 888-947-2757, www.reserveamerica.com).

Chippewa River Segment

ATLAS MAP
16f

1.8
miles

CTH-Z



CTH-CC

ACCESS AND PARKING

CTH-Z Trail access (CH1): From the City of Cornell take STH-64 west. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 0.8 miles. At CTH-Z go turn left and go west 0.2 miles to the Trail access on the north side of the road. Limited roadside parking.

Additional parking: Perch Lake parking area; located on the west side of CTH-CC, just north of CTH-Z intersection.

CTH-CC trailhead: From Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 2.1 miles. Trailhead parking on the east side of CTH-CC.

From the Trail access on CTH-Z (**CH1**), walk west through mixed forest and come quickly upon an open power line area where summertime raspberry bushes grow. Continue in forest on rolling terrain with views of Perch Lake through forest. Several rock crossings keep feet dry during rainy periods. The Trail leaves the woods after crossing the neck of Perch Lake and entering the Perch Lake parking area. Continue north on CTH-CC for 0.4 miles paralleling the Chippewa River. Watch carefully for where the Ice Age Trail returns to an off-trail route on the east side of CTH-CC (**CH2**). It drops down off CTH-CC and follows the river in a forest offering stunning river views from the edge of rolling bluffs. The route finds its way through this area of braided, steep topography with vertical gains up to 70 feet. Several deep ravines transect the parcel west to east and water drains seasonally to the Chippewa River. The forest cover includes various species of ash, oak, and maple with an undergrowth of several varieties of seasonal woodland flowers. Near the north end, pass through a twisted gully before rising up and getting one last view of the river through the foliage. Exit the segment on an elevated wooden

puncheon that provides safe passage and protection of the sensitive surrounding wetland vegetation. The large CTH-CC trailhead parking area anchors the segment with a Trail kiosk.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2006

Firth Lake Segment

ATLAS MAP

16f

6.5
miles

CTH-CC



CTH-E

ACCESS AND PARKING

CTH-CC trailhead: From Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 2.1 miles. Trailhead parking on the east side of CTH-CC.

CTH-E trailhead: From Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 1 mile. At CTH-Z turn left and go west 5.3 miles. At CTH-E turn right and go north 2.8 miles. Limited roadside parking.

Beginning at the trailhead on the west side of the highway, the Trail crosses part of the Maple Hill End Moraine (**CH3**). There are fence stiles and board bridges throughout the segment. The first 1.3 miles are on private property and feature a 0.3-mile-long walk through an extensive ice-walled lake plain (**CH4**) before entering Chippewa County Forest. The Trail traverses a second-growth northern mesic forest of birch, red maple, ash and balsam, with an understory of fern, clintonia, blue bead lily, bloodroot, Indian pipe and red baneberry. Pass an alder swamp near Mile 2, and a half mile farther reach Firth Lake, the focal point of the segment. This 52-acre shallow lake, surrounded by a northern sedge meadow, comes complete with water lily, cattails, swamp milkweed, beaver lodges, frogs and loons. The Trail crosses a 500-foot boardwalk over an old beaver dam and joins a logging track along the west side of the lake. After passing a Leopold bench, turn left (**CH5**), and away from the lake as the Ice Age Trail enters the Pike's Peak End Moraine, a hilly, uneven forested area of parallel ridges. Notice two closely spaced eskers formed by glacial runoff deposited from the higher land to the northwest. The Trail meanders through old-growth forest of white and red pine, spruce, aspen and oak. Raspberries are present in late July. Intersect two logging roads,

but continue straight to reach 245th Ave. (Moon Ridge Trail). The path travels across roller-coaster-type terrain for the next half mile before veering left along a small stream. Just before crossing the eleventh bridge of the segment at Mile 5.6, notice the trailing arbutus on the north slope of the moraine (CH6). At CTH-E turn right and go north 0.5 miles along the road.

Harwood Lakes Segment

ATLAS MAPS

16f • 15f

5
miles

CTH-E



167th St.
(Plummer Lake Rd.)

ACCESS AND PARKING

CTH-E trailhead: From Cornell take STH-64 west across the Chippewa River. At CTH-CC turn right and go north 1 mile. At CTH-Z turn left and go west 5 miles. At CTH-E turn right and go north 3 miles. Limited roadside parking.

Additional parking: Deer Fly Trail in the large, grassy area.

167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.) trailhead: From USH-53 take the CTH-M/New Auburn exit. Travel east 12 miles on CTH-M. At 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.) turn right and go south 1 mile to the trailhead parking on the west side of the road near the boat landing area (day-use parking only).

This segment is dotted with many trailside benches and bridges built by the Wisconsin Conservation Corps. From the trailhead on CTH-E, the Ice Age Trail crosses a Scout camp property and passes within view of three lakes. In an open area, the Trail skirts the base of Baldy Mountain then crosses Picnic Lake's tributary on a bridge. Not far from the crossing, a Leopold bench sits overlooking Paul's Lake (CH7). Cross a bridge to enter Chippewa County Forest at Mile 1 and continue through spruce, pine and fir forest, occasionally using old logging trails. The Ice Age Trail crosses a footbridge at the base of an enormous beaver dam, which creates a flowage to the south with several heron nests (CH8). Continue past a massive glacial erratic on the south side of the Trail before coming to the Deer Fly Trail (road).

The Trail re-enters woods. Shortly after crossing a small stream and the county ATV trail, follow a historic logging track downhill to a swamp. Along the north side of the Trail are ruts from when loggers cut trenches in the ground and filled them with water to create

iced tracks to run their logging sleds on (CH9). A bench overlooks a boardwalk and several large white pine trees.

In rolling topography, the Trail offers a view of the Mud Brook Valley (CH10) and crosses Mud Brook on a series of bridges. Just beyond Mile 4, a ridge top overlooks the Harwood Lakes. Slightly farther, a spur trail leads north, down off the ridge to a small, primitive campsite (no privy) on the narrows between the two Harwood Lakes (CH11). The sign for the trail to the campsite is frequently knocked down. About 200 feet past the spur trail, a WCC bench provides a lovely view of the lake (CH17). The Ice Age Trail descends the ridge and levels out as it approaches the west end of the segment and enters the Chippewa Moraine Reserve, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. At 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.), turn right and go north 0.2 miles across a narrow causeway between Plummer Lake and a wetland. The next segment starts on the west side.

Chippewa Moraine Segment

ATLAS MAP
15f

7.8
miles

167th St.
(Plummer Lake Rd.)



267th Ave.
(Oak Ln.)

ACCESS AND PARKING

167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.) trailhead: From USH-53 take the CTH-M/New Auburn exit. Follow CTH-M east 12 miles. At 167th St. (Plummer Lake Rd.) turn right and go south 1 mile to the trailhead parking on the west side of the road near the boat landing area (day-use parking only).

Additional parking: (i) 260th Ave. (Rattlesnake Hill Rd.). North side of 260th Ave., 0.05 miles west of 167th St. (overnight parking permitted).
(ii) Chippewa Moraine Reserve Visitor Center on CTH-M.

267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) Trail access (CH16): From USH-53 take the CTH-M/New Auburn exit. Follow CTH-M east for 7 miles. At STH-40 turn left and go north 0.7 miles. At 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) turn right and go east 0.7 miles to the Trail access on the south side of the road. Limited day-only roadside parking just west of Trail.

This segment highlights several significant ice-walled lake plains, including the one the Chippewa Moraine Reserve Visitor Center is built on. For the first six miles, the Ice Age Trail passes 21 kettle lakes in hardwood forest. West of 260th Ave. (Rattlesnake Hill Rd.), the

Ice Age Trail climbs atop the Plummer Lake ice-walled lake plain. Cross a dry stream channel and come to a bench overlooking Dumke Lake (**CH12**). The view here can give a hiker a visual appreciation of how ice-walled lake plains formed. During the Wisconsin Glaciation period, small lakes filled depressions in the ice surface and became walled-off by enormous ice blocks. The lakes often formed on the debris-covered parts of the glacier and over time, fine sediment accumulated on the lake's floor. When the ice surrounding the lake melted, the sediment that accumulated in the lake remained. This formed a high, flat-topped area on the landscape. Often dish-shaped, these plateau-like areas have rich soil for farming. The coarse material deposited near the ice block wall and glacial lake's shoreline forms a higher "rim"-like ridge around the lake plain. After the glacial lake drained, parts of the ice wall continued to melt and water flowed across the now dry lakebed, carving the channel to the left that you crossed earlier. The channel actually flowed away from Dumke Lake, demonstrating that the ice wall continued to melt long after the original glacial lake was dry. The ice block disappeared last, leaving Dumke Lake well below.

The Ice Age Trail descends past Dumke Lake, across 160th St. (Town Line Rd.) and along Horseshoe Lake's north shore. The rest of the segment passes kettle lakes in hardwood forests and a marsh area near Dam Lake. Shortly after crossing CTH-M, a signed 300-foot spur trail leads north to a small, primitive campsite with a privy and fire ring (**CH13**). The Ice Age Trail intersects several shorter trails of the Chippewa Moraine Reserve. Signage is excellent, making it easy to stay on the Trail. The Ice Age Trail continues to the Visitor Center. Check in if you plan to use a primitive campsite. At 0.7 miles past the Visitor Center, a second signed spur trail leads 750 feet to a primitive campsite with a privy and fire ring (**CH14**). The Ice Age Trail splits off the Reserve's Circle Trail, veering right, northwest, at a signed intersection. A short climb tops a hill that offers a view, when the forest is leafless, of five different bays (**CH15**). The Ice Age Trail meanders along the east and north side of the segment's second Horseshoe Lake and past numerous wetlands in mixed hardwood forest. Currently the Ice Age Trail exits on 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) (**CH16**).

Plans are in progress to extend the Ice Age Trail north to STH-40. Check with the IAPTF for updates.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2004

POINT OF INTEREST

Chippewa Moraine Reserve Visitor Center, Atlas Map 15f

Access: From USH-53 take the CTH-M/New Auburn exit. Follow CTH-M east for 9 miles. Turn left at the entrance sign and follow the winding road up to the visitor center and parking area. (13394 CTH-M, 715-967-2800, http://www.chippewacounty.com/maps/chippewa_moraine.html)

Open year-round, the Visitor Center features exhibits, maps, drinking water and helpful staff. Check here for information regarding the primitive campsites. Three loop trails start from here and share parts of the Ice Age Trail: the Circle Trail (4.5 miles; the southern portion of this trail was formerly part of the Ice Age Trail), Dry Lake Trail (1.8 miles) and Mammoth Trail (0.7 miles). These trails feature numerous interpretive signs described in *Hiking Field Trip Guide for Glacial Landforms*, available at the Center.

TOWN SERVICES

Camping: At Chippewa Moraine Reserve Visitor Center's Harwood Lakes and North Shattuck Lake primitive campsites. For more information see Points of Interest, above.

Meals and convenience store at CTH-M: 0.7 miles south on STH-40 from 267th Ave.-Oak Ln.

New Auburn (54757): 8.5 miles west from the Chippewa Moraine Reserve Visitor Center on CTH-M. Meals and convenience store.

Connecting Route

ATLAS MAPS

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miles**

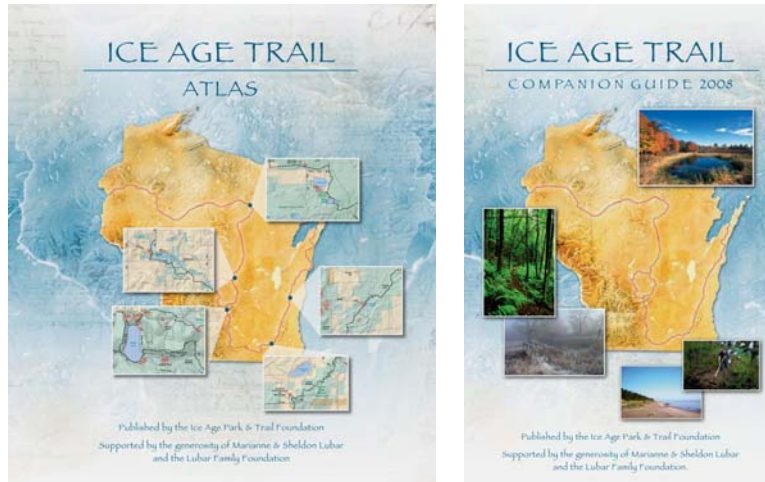
**267th Ave.
(Oak Ln.)**



**Round Lake Rd.
(Plummer Rd.)**

The route travels through wooded and lakeside resort areas along rural roads. Exiting the Chippewa Moraine Segment, turn left on 267th Ave. (Oak Ln.) (**CH16**) and go west 0.7 miles. At STH-40 turn right and go north 0.9 miles. At Round Lake Rd. (117th St.) turn left and continue north 3.7 miles to the county line. Along the way pass Round Lake County Park, open seasonally. The picturesque park has water, restrooms, parking, picnic area, reservable shelter, boat launch, natural beach and fine swimming. Continue the road walk into Rusk County, where Round Lake Rd. changes names to Plummer Rd.

Must-Have Ice Age Trail Books!



The popular *Ice Age Trail Companion Guide* was written for thru, section and day hikers and includes a complete description of the entire thousand-mile Ice Age Trail, including connecting roads; trailhead access information; resupply, dining and lodging information at nearby towns and GPS waypoints for significant Ice Age Trail landmarks.

Since the Companion Guide doesn't contain hiking maps, you'll also want to own the *Ice Age Trail Atlas*. It includes more than 100 color maps showing every mile of the Ice Age Trail route, the locations of parking areas, toilets, campgrounds, shelters, dispersed camping areas, topography and more. The Atlas also includes a gazetteer that describes many of the place names along the Trail.

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