

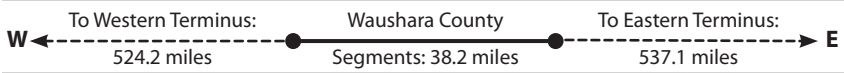
Waushara County



Trail miles: 19

Connecting route miles: 19.2

Segments & Points of Interest	Miles	E to W	W to E	Map No.
Marquette/Waushara county line		0	38.2	52f
<i>Connecting Route: Becker Rd. to I-39 southbound wayside</i>	2	2	36.2	52f
Chaffee Creek Segment I-39 southbound wayside to Czech Ave.	2.2	4.2	34	52f
<i>Connecting Route: Along Czech Ave.</i>	0.7	4.9	33.3	52f
Wedde Creek Segment Czech Ave. to Cypress Rd.	1.2	6.1	32.1	52f
<i>Connecting Route: Cypress Rd. to STH-21</i>	2.8	8.9	29.3	52f
Mecan River Segment STH-21 to 7 th Ave.	6	14.9	23.3	52f
<i>Connecting Route: Along 7th Ave.</i>	1.3	16.2	22	52f • 51f
Greenwood Wildlife Segment 7 th Ave. to 9 th Ave.	4.7	20.9	17.3	51f
<i>Connecting Route: Along 9th Ave.</i>	1.4	22.3	15.9	51f
Bohn Lake Segment CTH-B (9 th Ave.) to 9 th Ln.	1.2	23.5	14.7	51f • 50f
<i>Connecting Route: 9th Ln. to Beechnut Dr.</i>	1.7	25.2	13	50f
Deerfield Segment Beechnut Dr. to CTH-O	3.7	28.9	9.3	50f
<i>Connecting Route: CTH-O to Heffron Rd.</i>	9.3	38.2	0	50f • 49f
Waushara/Portage county line				



Part of the Central Sand Hills region, the Ice Age Trail corridor in Waushara County courses through a complex terminal moraine zone of the westward-flowing Green Bay Lobe. The moraines along the Trail were deposited during the late Wisconsin Glaciation. Most of these moraines were deposited after the Green Bay Lobe reached its maximum extent about 15,000 years ago. As the ice sheet retreated and advanced, it deposited a series of successive moraines. When the westward torrents of glacial meltwater flowed through the region, the moraines became pitted and meltwater channels sliced through them. The moraines were also partially covered by the glacial outwash debris.

The Ice Age Trail passes through the Chaffee Creek, Wedde Creek and Mecan River State Fishery Areas and Greenwood State Wildlife Area. New to this list is the Bohn Lake State Ice Age Trail Area that will be designated as a State Natural Area. These public lands protect a wide range of plant communities, including wetlands, restored prairie and rare oak and pine barrens. A mixture of farmland, woodlots, wetlands, small kettle lakes, cold-water streams and rural communities characterizes the county. A note for navigation: be aware that many of the roads have similar names with the only difference being “Drive,” “Road,” “Street,” “Lane,” “Court” or “Avenue.”

It is in southern Waushara County that the eastern and western routes of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail bifurcation are proposed to meet again. Currently, the Ice Age Trail is mainly built along the eastern branch. One segment will be built on the western bifurcation route in October 2008. It is located in the City of Baraboo. See the Western Sauk, Juneau & Adams Counties section of this book for information on the western bifurcation. Contact the IAPTF for suggestions on a connecting route along the western branch.

COUNTY INFORMATION

Waushara County information: www.co.waushara.wi.us

Waushara County Parks Department: 920-787-7037, www.co.waushara.wi.us/parks.htm

CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Waushara County Chapter actively works to maintain current and build new Ice Age Trail segments. They host several gatherings a year, including a fall colors hike and a winter candlelight snowshoe hike. They regularly present educational programs for area students about the Ice Age Trail.

Connecting Route

ATLAS MAP

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2
miles

Becker Rd.



I-39 southbound
wayside

From the previous county section at the Marquette/Waushara county line on Becker Rd. at Shorewood Trl., turn right on Shorewood Trl. and go north 0.2 miles. Continue north on Henry Shore Dr. (Henry Shore Rd.) for 0.4 miles then east 0.5 miles. At 6th Ave. turn right and go south 0.4 miles to the end of the road. A blue-blazed access trail leads southeast to a T-intersection (**WS1**) with the Ice Age Trail in 0.2 miles. Continue south another 0.3 miles to the I-39 southbound wayside Ice Age Trail trailhead or turn left and go east on the Ice Age Trail for the rest of the Chaffee Creek Segment.

Chaffee Creek Segment

ATLAS MAP

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2.2
miles

I-39 southbound wayside



Czech Ave.

ACCESS AND PARKING

I-39 southbound wayside trailhead: From Coloma on I-39, go south 3.5 miles and exit at the highway wayside at Mile Marker 120. The trailhead is at the kiosk on the west end of the wayside.

Additional parking: (i) 6th Ave. cul-de-sac. An access trail leads 0.2 miles south to the Ice Age Trail.

Czech Ave. Trail access (WS2): From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 4.9 miles. At CTH-B, turn right and go south 0.7 miles. At CTH-JJ turn right and go southwest 2.1 miles. At Czech Ave. turn right and go west 1.2 miles to the Trail access. No parking available. An Ice Age Trail parking area is located 0.9 miles east on Czech Ave.

This segment begins at the I-39 southbound wayside at an Ice Age Trail kiosk (actually in Marquette County). Follow the blazes beyond the wayside borders. Situated within the Chaffee Creek State Fishery Area, cross Chaffee Creek over an impressive wooden bridge and continue through open prairie and meadow. The Ice Age Trail

gives access to the Upper Chaffee Creek Meadow, one of three units designated as the Upper Fox Headwaters State Natural Area (SNA no. 265). The unit recognizes the unique flora that grow in the Chaffee Creek valley consisting of wet-mesic prairie, wetland fen complex and sedge meadow. The area boasts over 100 native plants species such as marsh pea, Michigan lily, western sunflower, pale-spike lobelia, Kalm's lobelia, grass-of-parnassus, marsh fern and swamp lousewort. Prairie grasses identified here include big and little bluestem, blue-joint grass and slender wheat grass. An extensive restoration project for this SNA is visible along the Trail. See www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/sna/sna265.htm for more info.

At a marked T-intersection (**WS1**), the Ice Age Trail turns right and heads east under I-39 through two culverts along the creek. The access trail that continues north from the intersection leads 0.2 miles to the 6th Ave. cul-de-sac. On the east side of I-39, follow the Trail as it leaves the Chaffee Creek valley and continues in grassy meadows and mixed savanna woodlands. Pass several stands of oak and trailside kettles. The Ice Age Trail makes a sharp turn at a farm field then re-enters pines before the last quarter-mile exits between agricultural fields to Czech Ave. (**WS2**). The state plans to restore the agricultural fields to prairie in the future.

Connecting Route

ATLAS MAP

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0.7
miles

Along Czech Ave.

At Czech Ave. (**WS2**) turn right and go east 0.7 miles to the Trail access on the north side of the road (**WS3**).

*There is a cathartic value in just being there;
finding yourself in the wilderness,
and existing as one with nature.*

DR. PHILIP CHARD

Wedde Creek Segment

ATLAS MAP

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1.2
miles

Czech Ave.



Cypress Rd.

ACCESS AND PARKING

Czech Ave. Trail access (WS3): From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 4.9 miles. At CTH-B turn right and go south 0.7 miles. At CTH-JJ turn right and go southwest 2.1 miles. At Czech Ave. turn right and go west 0.6 miles to the Ice Age Trail access. No parking available. Instead, park at the Czech Ave. trailhead parking area, 0.3 miles east on Czech Ave. A spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.

Cypress Rd. Trail access (WS4): From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 4.9 miles. At CTH-B turn right and go south 0.7 miles. At CTH-JJ turn right and go southwest 1.5 miles. At Cypress Rd. turn right and go west 0.1 miles. Limited roadside parking.

Pick up the Ice Age Trail in the Wedde Creek State Fishery Area on the north side of the road (**WS3**). Enter through oak barrens and conifer forests. Farther east on the Trail a spur trail leads south to the Ice Age Trail parking lot off Czech Ave. On the main Trail, look for a large erratic in an oak opening on the side of the Trail. The route parallels above Wedde Creek for a short stretch, then descends to the creek crossing. Just before the crossing, the Trail intersects a snowmobile trail and shares the wooden bridge to cross the south branch of Wedde Creek. Curve around the end of a field being restored to prairie and enter a mixed deciduous forest before exiting on Cypress Rd. (**WS4**).

Connecting Route

ATLAS MAP

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miles

Cypress Rd.



STH-21

At Cypress Rd. (**WS4**) turn right and go east for 0.1 miles. At CTH-JJ turn left and angle northeast for 1.5 miles. At CTH-B turn left and go north for 0.3 miles. At Cumberland Ave. (not Cumberland Rd.), turn left and go west then north for 0.6 miles. From where Cumberland

Ave. turns west, continue north (straight) on 9th Ave. for another 0.2 miles to STH-21. At STH-21 turn right and go east 0.1 miles. An Ice Age Trail parking area is located on the north side of STH-21, between 9th Ave. and the Mekan River.

TOWN SERVICES

Richford: CTH-B and Cumberland Ave. Meals and lodging. B&B lodging at The River House B&B (715-228-3283).

Coloma (54930): 4 miles west on STH-21. Meals, lodging, camping, laundry and groceries. Lodging at the Coloma Hotel (123 Main St., 715-228-2401, www.colomahotel.com). Meals at the Coloma Coffee House (157 N. Front St., 715-228-5282).

Wautoma (54982): 10 miles east on STH-21. Meals, lodging, camping and groceries.

Mekan River Segment

ATLAS MAP
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miles

STH-21



7th Ave.

ACCESS AND PARKING

STH-21 trailhead: From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 4 miles. The trailhead parking area is on the north side of STH-21, between 9th Ave. and the Mekan River.

Additional parking: (i) CTH-GG roadside parking. From the STH-21 trailhead, take STH-21 west 1.3 miles. At CTH-GG turn right and go north 1.5 miles to the Trail crossing. (ii) 6th Ln. trailhead. From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 1.4 miles. At 6th Ave. turn left and go north 1.8 miles. At Chicago Rd. turn right and go east 1 mile. At 6th Ln. turn right and go south a few hundred feet to large trailhead parking area on the east side.

7th Ave. Trail access (WS7): From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 1.4 miles. At 6th Ave. turn left and go north 1.8 miles. At Chicago Rd. turn right and go east 1.1 miles. At 7th Ave. turn left and go north 0.5 miles. No parking available. Park at the 6th Ln. trailhead.

This Ice Age Trail segment passes through the oak woodland, prairie and grassland of the Mekan River State Fishery Area. Starting from STH-21 trailhead, follow the Trail north as it parallels the Mekan River and weaves through woods. At a horseshoe curve in the river,

the Trail exits the woods and takes 9th Ave. north 0.4 miles to avoid private property. The route leaves the road on the east side and re-enters into red pine plantation (**WS5**). It continues through deciduous forest and openings of prairie and wetlands along the river. Grassland habitat is where the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly lives, feeding off lupine in summer. The path follows the meandering river. Pass rock piles cleared from pioneer farmers' fields. Cross to the west of 9th Ave. and climb gradually through forest to the top of a ridge. On top, turn right (north), and then dip down to a gully and up another smaller ridge. Leave the woods heading west, and enter the Wisconsin Operating Engineer training grounds. For safety's sake, please stay on the Trail due to the heavy equipment operated on the nearby private property. The Trail runs between and parallel to a dirt berm built by the engineers and a barbwire fence. At one point, the route makes a sharp right turn north and a little farther up turns west again. The Trail returns to the woods through a cut in the fence and into pine forest. A rewarding side trip on the blue-blazed Mekan Vista Trail offers spectacular views of the Mekan River (**WS6**). Once again, the Trail runs parallel to and above the Mekan River, noted as one of the finest trout streams in central Wisconsin. Cross CTH-GG in open prairie and return to views of the Mekan River where it widens and is surrounded by wetlands. Many migratory and wetland birds that take advantage of the area include sandhill cranes, northern bobwhite quail, red-shouldered hawk and bald eagles. The views of Mekan Springs, more than a hundred feet below the Trail, are outstanding, particularly when the leaves change color. A glacial tunnel channel created the river valley. Mekan Springs State Natural Area (SNA no. 370) is on the northeast side of the springs and is best accessed from a parking lot on Chicago Rd. The State Natural Area protects the headwaters of the Mekan River, which are these large clearwater springs. See www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/sna/sna370.htm for more info.

The Trail parallels 6th Ln. a short distance before reaching the trailhead parking area. Continue north through the parking area and pick up the marked Trail again. The Ice Age Trail crosses Chicago Rd. and heads north then east 0.6 miles on a mowed path through a large, open field. Whitetail deer are often seen here grazing at dawn and dusk. The segment ends on 7th Ave. (**WS7**).

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2003

Connecting Route

ATLAS MAPS
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Along 7th Ave.

At 7th Ave., turn left and go north 1.3 miles on this county road. The Greenwood Wildlife Segment starts on the west side of the road.

Greenwood Wildlife Segment

ATLAS MAP
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4.7
miles

7th Ave.



9th Ave.

ACCESS AND PARKING

7th Ave. trailhead: From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 1.4 miles. At 6th Ave. turn left and go north 2.6 miles. At Buttercup Dr. turn right and go east 1 mile. At 7th Ave. turn left and go north 0.5 miles. A small trailhead parking area is on the west side of the road.

Additional parking: (i) Brown Deer Ct. trailhead. From 7th Ave. trailhead, take 7th Ave. north 0.8 miles. At Brown Deer Ct. turn left and go west 0.3 miles. The parking lot is on the north side of the road.

(ii) 7th Dr. Trail access (**WS10**). Limited roadside parking.

(iii) CTH-GG Trail access. Limited roadside parking.

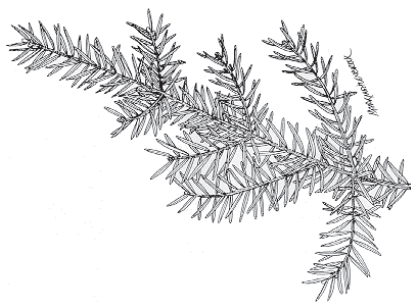
9th Ave. Trail access: From I-39 Exit 124 at Coloma, take STH-21 east 2.6 miles. At CTH-GG turn left and go north 4.5 miles. At Brown Deer Dr. turn right and go east 1 mile. At 9th Ave. turn left and go north 0.4 miles to the Trail access. No parking available. Park at CTH-GG Trail access site.

This segment is located between two major meltwater tunnel channels. To the south of the segment is the Mekan River tunnel channel. To the north of the segment is the Hancock Lakes tunnel channel. In late spring and early summer, many of the grassy openings throughout the segment are carpeted in blue lupine. The segment begins by sharing a wide grassy snowmobile trail for the first mile. Keep an eye out to the west through the oak woods for limited views of a 200-foot-deep kettle. The narrow banana-shaped kettle is almost a mile long and has four separate ponds in the bottom. After the glacial kettle, the snowmobile trail continues straight while the Ice Age

Trail makes a sharp right turn at a signed intersection (**WS8**). Look for blackberries on the west side of the Trail in late August and early September. The Ice Age Trail snakes east and north before exiting through prairie. At Brown Deer Ct. there is a row of rocks from the once-cleared farmlands of early settlers.

The Trail continues in the Greenwood State Wildlife Area on the north side of the road through the trailhead parking area. Walk in oak and pine forest to Pine Tree Point. Enjoy the panoramic view of the open prairie edged by oak savanna while putting up your feet on the beautifully crafted (and very comfortable) log couch and ottoman tucked under the shady pines. The restored prairie is one square mile and the largest in Waushara County. Seen growing in the prairie are bottle gentian, blazing star, leadplant and prairie willow. The Kettle Trail, a blue blazed spur trail, heads east then north from here through the prairie for 0.7 miles (one-way) to an impressive clear view of an entire 78-foot dry glacial kettle. Returning to the trail junction (**WS9**) at Pine Tree Point, the Ice Age Trail turns east (right) and follows the prairie's edge a short distance. Return to a mix of rolling terrain in savanna forest and pass two small openings. At 7th Dr. (**WS10**), emerge from the forest as the route takes a short road walk to the next off-road section of the segment. Turn right and go south on 7th Dr. 0.1 miles. At Brown Deer Ct. turn left and go east 0.5 miles. At CTH-GG look across the road and to the left for the Trail access.

The Ice Age Trail follows the upward slope of the land. George and Lois Siler and Family generously gifted 80 acres of this area, identifying the land gifted specifically for the Ice Age Trail. The Trail meanders along rolling hills and ridges with views on either side of deep kettles. The area topography is a fine example of the pitted glacial outwash. A mixed forest of stately oaks and various other woodland species keeps the Trail shaded. The Trail makes a sharp right turn as it enters a pine plantation and soon ends at 9th Ave.



Connecting Route

ATLAS MAP

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Along 9th Ave.

From the Trail access on 9th Ave. turn left and go north 1.4 miles. Trailhead and parking area on east side of the road.

Bohn Lake Segment

ATLAS MAPS

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miles

CTH-B (9th Ave.)



9th Ln.

ACCESS AND PARKING

CTH-B (9th Ave.) trailhead: From I-39 Exit 131 at Hancock, take CTH-V east 4.4 miles. At CTH-B (9th Ave.) turn right and go south 1.1 miles. Trailhead parking area is on the east side of the road.

9th Ln. Trail access: From I-39 Exit 131 at Hancock, take CTH-V east 4.4 miles. At CTH-B turn left and continue north on CTH-V/B 0.2 miles. Turn right and continue on CTH-V west 0.8 miles. At 9th Ln. turn right and go south 1 mile. The Trail access is on the west side of the road. No parking available.

Bohn Lake is destined to become a gem of the Ice Age Trail. The wild lake is part of a 14-mile-long glacial tunnel channel. The tunnel channel was created by a meltwater river flowing beneath glacial ice whose outlet was where the Village of Hancock stands today. The lake basins along and within the tunnel, such as Bohn Lake and Fish Lake, were created from buried blocks of ice left behind when the tunnel collapsed. The northwest part of the property contains a portion of an end moraine. The property will be designated a State Natural Area due to natural values that include an undeveloped 13-acre hard water seepage lake, mature oak forest and an unbroken lake edge (littoral zone) that varies considerably in width due to water levels that fluctuate with seasonal low and high water events, and from varying water table depths. The land is a mix of wetland, oak forest and open fields with lupine that are inviting to the endangered Karner blue butterfly.

Migrating geese and sandhill cranes are often seen if not heard on the lake. Beware that there are patches of poison ivy west of the lake.

The western pine plantation the Trail goes through will be thinned in the near future. Contact the IAPTF for possible route changes.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2007

Connecting Route

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miles

9th Ln.



Beechnut Dr.

At 9th Ln. turn left and go north 1 mile. At CTH-V (Beechnut Dr.) turn right and go east 0.5 miles, continue straight (east) 0.2 miles on Beechnut Dr. to the trailhead with kiosk display.

TOWN SERVICES

Hancock (54943): 4.8 miles west on CTH-V from 9th Ln. Meals, lodging, camping, laundry, groceries and Trail supporter Samsel's Sawshop, Millwork and Tree Farm (800-699-3793, www.samselsawmill.com). B&B lodging at the Walker House (715-249-3100, www.walkerhousewi.com). Camping at Hancock Village Campground (715-249-5521).

Deerfield Segment

ATLAS MAP

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miles

Beechnut Dr.



CTH-O

ACCESS AND PARKING

Beechnut Dr. trailhead: From I-39 Exit 131 at Hancock, take CTH-V east 4.3 miles. Join CTH-B and go north 0.2 miles. At Beechnut Dr. turn right and go east on Beechnut Dr. (CTH-V) for 0.5 miles. Continue straight (east) on Beechnut Dr., where CTH-V turns north, for 0.2 miles. The trailhead kiosk and limited roadside parking is on the northeast corner. Be cautious of soft sand on the west side of road and a sharp drop-off in front of the kiosk.

CTH-O Trail access (WS13): From I-39 Exit 131 at Hancock, take CTH-V east 4.3 miles. Join CTH-B and go north 0.2 miles. Continue north on CTH-B 1.3 miles where CTH-V turns east. At CTH-O turn right and go east 3.6 miles. The Trail access is on the south side of the road. Limited roadside parking.

This segment starts out following the south rim of a glacially formed deep tunnel channel (**WS11**) and continues in the forest-covered moraines of the Green Bay Lobe's western edge. Area private landowners are a vital partner in the development and maintenance of this segment of Trail. An example of private sustainable forestry can be seen as the Trail travels through red pine plantations. The thinned red pines allow room and light for the white pines to regenerate naturally in the forest understory. Keep an eye out for heavily laden blackberry bushes in summer along this section of Trail. The Ice Age Trail intersects a variety of types of trails, including the Wagon Trail (**WS12**), a track laid down by stagecoaches that regularly traveled between Wautoma and Plainfield in the 19th century. Bluebird houses line the Trail as it passes through a prairie managed by the landowner. Beware of poison ivy on the east shoulder where the Trail crosses 12th Ave.

This segment is closed for the nine-day gun deer hunting season in late November.

Connecting Route

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This route is on lightly traveled rural roads.

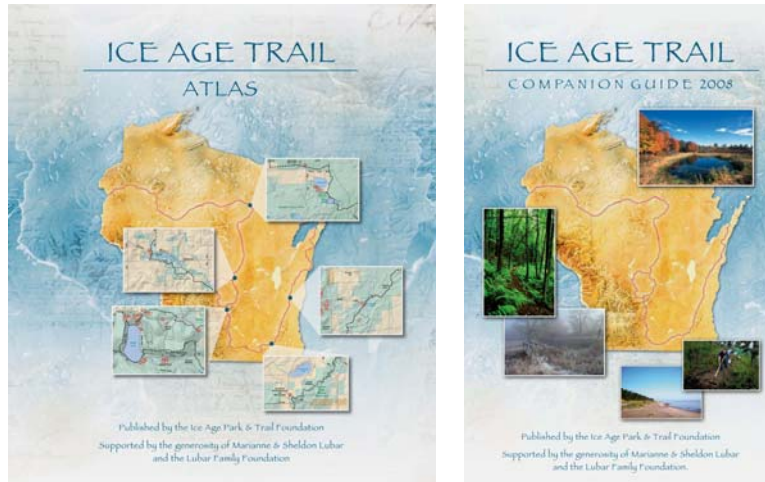
At CTH-O (**WS13**) turn right and go east for 2.7 miles. At 15th Rd. turn left and go north for 4.2 miles. At CTH-P turn right and go east for 0.2 miles. At CTH-AA turn left and go north for 2.1 miles. At Akron Ave. turn right and go east 0.1 miles to the Heffron Rd. (unmarked) intersection. See the next county section for the continued connecting route.

TOWN SERVICES

Wild Rose (54984): 3.5 miles east on CTH-A from 15th Rd. Meals, lodging, camping, laundry and groceries.

Heffron: At Akron Ave. and Heffron Rd. Meals.

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.

Both books were written and published by the Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation. All proceeds for each book help build and maintain the Ice Age Trail. Please call the IAPTF at (800) 227-0046 with any questions.

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