

Fall and Early Winter 2009 Events

Dane County Chapter, Ice Age Trail Alliance

Meeting locations and contact information on other side

***** *Special activities are in bold, with major projects or events in italics* *****

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
Sa Sep 19	9 A	New trail corridor clearing	Prairie Moraine County Park	Dave Lonsdorf
Su Sep 20	9 A	Savanna, prairie seed harvest	3254 Timber Ln, T. of Middleton	Tom Wise
Sep 24-27	3.5 days	<i>Mobile Skills trail/ bridge constr.</i>	<i>Town of Montrose (Belleville)</i>	Brad Crary
Sa Sep 26	9 A	Fall hike (w/Madison Audubon)	Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area	Gary Werner
Th Oct. 1	7 P	Moonlight hike (w/Sierra Club)	Indian Lake County Park	Theresa W.
Sa Oct 3	9 A	New trail construction	Cross Plains (Lewis St. end)	Andrew Bent
Su Oct 4	9 A	Prairie restoration	Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area	Gary Werner
Oct 8 – 11	3.5 days	<i>Mobile Skills trail maintenance</i>	<i>Wood L. (Lincoln-Taylor ctys)</i>	Tim Malzhan
Su Oct 11	9 A	Restore prairie – remove brush	Lodi Marsh – Coyle Rd.	Jon Bishop
Sa Oct 17	9 A	Trail signage upgrade	Indian Lake County Park	Rach. Roberts
Su Oct 18	9 A	Savanna restoration	Table Bluff (north)	Gary Werner
Sa Oct 24	9 A	New trail construction	Cross Plains (Lewis St. end)	Andrew Bent
Su Oct 25	9 A	Trail maintenance	Brooklyn State Wildlife Area	Dan Wallace
Sa Oct 31	9 A	Trail corridor clearing (w/Sierra)	Verona (gravel pit)	Dave Lonsdorf
Sa Oct 31	4 P	Costume & game party	Belleville (RSVP for directions)	Theresa W.
Su Nov 1	9 A	New trail corridor clearing	Cross Plains (Hickory St. end)	Tom Gross
Sa Nov 7	9 A	Prairie planting (w/Sierra)	Liebetau Prairie	Gary Werner
Nov 14-15	9 A	Trail repair--build puncheon	Verona – Lincoln St. Bridge	Dave Lonsdorf
Sa Dec 5	9 A	Prairie planting	Cross Plains Ice Age Reserve	Gary Werner
Sa Dec 12	9 A	Invasives removal	Brooklyn State Wildlife Area	Dan Wallace
Su Dec 13	9 A	Invasives removal/brush burning	Lodi Marsh – Twin Pines	Jon Bishop
Sa Dec 19	9 A	Restoration--remove/burn invasives	Cross Plains Ice Age Reserve	Gary Werner
Sa Jan 9	9 A	Restoration--remove/burn invasives	Prairie Moraine County Park	Dave Lonsdorf
Su Jan 10	10 A	X Country ski/snowshoe/hike	Brooklyn State Wildlife Area	Dan Wallace
Sa Jan 16	9 A	Restoration--remove/burn invasives	Cross Plains Ice Age Reserve	Gary Werner
Su Jan 17	9 A	Restore prairie--remove/burn brush	Lodi Marsh – Twin Pines	Jon Bishop
Sa Jan 23	9 A	Fencerow tree/brush clear/burn	Liebetau Prairie	Gary Werner
Su Jan 24	9 A	Restoration--remove/burn invasives	Prairie Moraine County Park	Dave Lonsdorf
Sa Jan 30	9 A	Savanna restoration	Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area	Gary Werner
Su Jan 31	10 A	X Country ski/snowshoe/hike	Brooklyn State Wildlife Area	Dan Wallace
Su Jan 31	?	Annual chapter meeting/election	To be determined	Gary Werner

Ice Age Trail Alliance web site:
<http://www.iceagetrail.org/>

Dane County Chapter web site:
<http://www.madison.com/communities/iceage>

Meeting Locations

See the Dane County Ice Age Trail map or other road map for event locations. Contact the event leader for better directions or for locations not listed. Directions are from Madison.

Brooklyn State Wildlife Area: Take Fish Hatchery Rd (Cty D) ~ 15 miles south of Madison, turn left onto Cty DD and go .8 mile south to the BWA parking lot on left (east) side of Cty DD.

Cross Plains (Hickory St.): Take Hwy 14 into Cross Plains 8 blocks past the light at Cty P. Turn right on Hickory St, then through right/left dogleg to end of Hickory Hill St.

Cross Plains (Lewis St.): Take Hwy 14 into Cross Plains 4 blocks past the light at Cty P. Turn right on Caesar St and then left on Lewis. Go past the trailhead sign to the cul de sac at the end of Lewis.

Cross Plains Ice Age Reserve: Take Old Sauk Rd exit west from Beltline for ~ 4 miles to end. Right on Timber Lane, which curves hard left and then becomes Old Sauk Pass. Go another .5 miles west and park near entrance gate.

Indian Lake Cty Park: Hwy 12 NW of Middleton ~ 8 miles (past Springfield Corners), then left 3.2 miles on Hwy 19.

Liebetrau Prairie: Take Hwy 14 ~ 0.2 miles west of Cross Plains. Turn right on Cty KP; go ~ 2.5 miles to Pine Rd, then ~ 0.5 miles on Pine. Park along road or prairie edge.

Lodi Marsh – Coyle Rd: Take Hwy 113 ~ 2.5 miles past Village of Dane to Coyle Rd (on left). Go to the T at Coyle's end; turn right to end. Park on left.

Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area: Take Hwy 113 ~ 2 miles past Village of Dane to Lee Rd. Turn left for 1 mile, then right on Lodi-Springfield Rd. 0.7 miles to parking lot (w/ kiosk).

Lodi Marsh – Twin Pines: ~ 0.3 miles north of kiosk lot (see above) on right (east) side of road.

Prairie Moraine County Park: Take Hwy 18-151 exit 79 southeast of Verona. Turn left on Cty PB for .7 miles to Prairie Moraine Park parking lot on the left.

Table Bluff north: Take Hwy 14 ~ .2 miles west of Cross Plains to Cty KP. Turn right for 2 miles, then left on Table Bluff Rd for ~ .3 miles. Park along road edge by rocks.

Town of Montrose (near Belleville): Receive directions by email after registering online (preferred), or call leader.

Verona – Gravel Pit: Take Hwy 18/151 (Verona Rd) SW to Exit 79 (Cty PB), then south 0.3 miles to Cty M, then right on M for ~ 1.2 miles. Park near pit area on right.

Verona – Lincoln St.: Take Hwy 18/151 (Verona Rd) SW to Exit 81 (Cty MV, Verona Av). Go ~ 1.3 miles west on MV to Lincoln St., then left ~0.6 miles to end.

Clothing, Gear and Personal Needs

For Trail projects bring water, and lunch or a snack if staying into the afternoon. Work gloves and clothes, rugged footwear, long pants and long-sleeved shirt are recommended. A hat, sunscreen, bug spray or raingear may help. Wear old clothes made of natural fibers (no synthetics) when burning brush. Most worksites lack improved toilet facilities. We provide hand tools.

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Chain saws or brush cutters may be used with safety gear and training. For sawyers, we require chaps, helmet, eye and ear protection, cut proof boots and accredited training.

Schedule Changes and Other Events

Other evening hikes (see Oct. 1) may be scheduled on or near full moon nights. The Alliance may schedule a Mobile Skills project for the last October weekend. Other additions, updates or changes may occur. Contact the event leader if you are uncertain about the weather or have questions.

Advance sign-up by individual volunteers is strongly preferred for Mobile Skills projects, and is appreciated for other events. Leaders will try to notify known participants of last-minute cancellations or delays due to weather, etc. Groups should notify the event leader in advance to ensure we have sufficient tools, resources and appropriate work.

We also may be able to offer other opportunities for adult or youth groups to get involved with the trail by scheduling activities to fit your skills and interests. If there are other events or opportunities we might offer or you might want to lead, call or e-mail Gary Werner.

Other sources of updates are the events calendars on the Ice Age Trail Alliance and Dane County Chapter websites listed at the bottom of the schedule. We also are hoping to resume some form of the monthly e-news shortly.

Prairie Seed Collecting

We have a number of restored prairies along the Trail, in part due to strong support from Dane County Parks. If you are interested in prairie seed collecting, please contact Rhea Stangel-Maier at 224-3601 or stangel-maier@co.dane.wi.us.

We usually hold chapter meetings during the last week of the month and mail an agenda a few days before to those who ask for one. Contact Gary Werner at 249-7870 or nattrails@aol.com.