

boardwalks. The segment then passes through a meadow area where big blue-stem, Indian grass and assorted coneflowers commingle with invasive reed canary grass and Queen Anne's lace.

After passing through the meadow the segment enters mature woodlands of slightly higher elevation. Hikers can easily find wild geraniums, jack-in-the-pulpit, mayapple and wild raspberry colonies. The segment passes a large white oak on the southeast edge of these woods. Continuing east, the segment follows a fencerow through a field containing many summer-blooming bottle gentians. Hikers will then turn north and hike through shrub carr (a wetland community dominated by tall shrubs such as red-osier dogwood, silky dogwood, meadow-sweet and various willows) and an area of old drainage ditches. Upon reaching Spring Brook, the segment follows it east for a quarter mile before crossing the brook on a wooden bridge.

From the bridge the segment winds 0.2 miles north through shrub carr, meadow and prairie to the segment's terminus at the Island Road parking area.



AREA SERVICES

Whitewater: See Whitewater Lake Segment, p. 257. From the Island Rd. Trail access go east then north ~3 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Whitewater Lake Segment (Atlas Map 78f)

SNAPSHOT

4.6 miles: Clover Valley Rd. to USH-12

  *This hilly segment features wooded moraines, kettles and outstanding views of Rice and Whitewater lakes from atop a steep rise.*



At the Rice Lake Nature Trail, DNR contact station and State Rec Area/Campground.



From Whitewater Creek.



At Whitewater Lake Rec Area/Campground.



At Whitewater Lake Rec Area/Campground and USH-12 Trail access parking area.



A small portion of the Trail overlaps with a bridle/snowmobile trail.



Connects with Rice Lake Nature Trail and Whitewater Lake Recreation Area and DNR Contact Station spur trails.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

Clover Valley Rd.: From the south edge of Whitewater at the bypass intersection of USH-12 and STH-89, take STH-89 south 1.4 mi. At Anderson Rd. turn left and go east 0.8 mi. At the T-intersection, the road becomes Clover Valley Rd. Continue straight (east) following what is now Clover Valley Rd. for 2.6 mi. The road turns south and passes the artesian flowing well and Kiwanis International Wayside Park (**JW8**), before turning east again. Access the Trail on the northeast side of the road. Roadside parking. Park with tires off pavement.

USH-12: From *La Grange* take USH-12 west 3.0 mi to the parking area. From *Whitewater* at the bypass intersection of USH-12 and STH-89, take USH-12 east 5.0 mi.

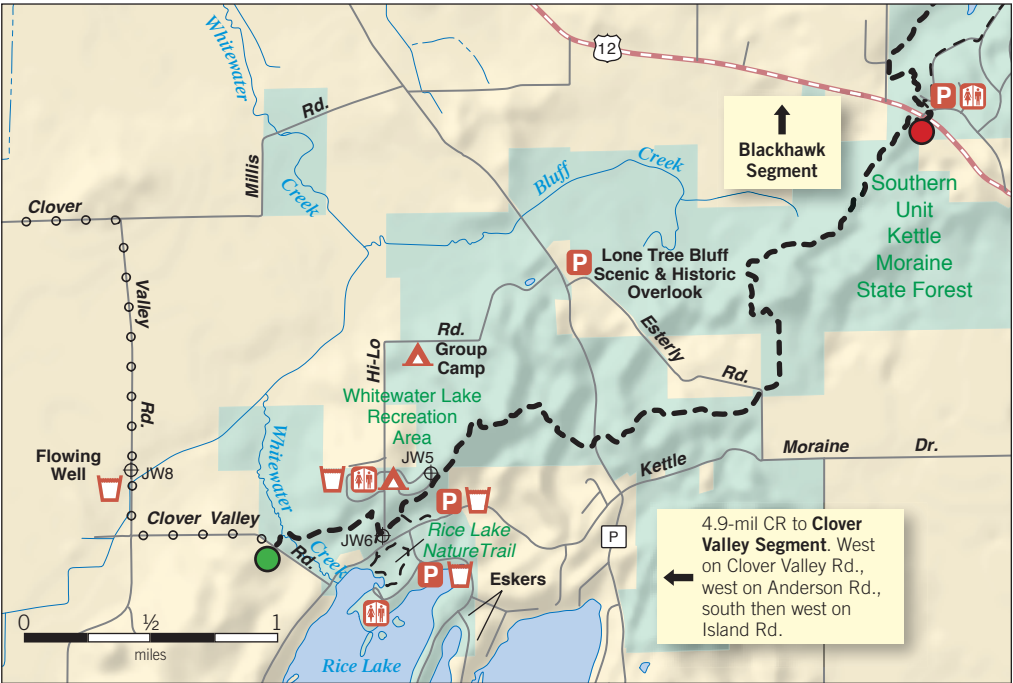
Additional Parking: (i) Rice Lake Nature Trail parking area on State Park Rd. To access the Ice Age Trail from the parking area, take the Rice Lake Nature Trail loop northwest for 0.4 mi. Continue on the blue-blazed spur trail 0.1 mi across Kettle Moraine Dr. to its junction with the Ice Age Trail near Hi-Lo Rd. (ii) Whitewater Lake DNR Contact Station parking area on Kettle Moraine Dr. A 0.2-mi spur trail leads from the parking area to the Ice Age Trail. (iii) Esterly Rd. Trail access, roadside parking.

THE HIKE

From the Trail access on Clover Valley Road, the segment starts off by passing through a shady pine plantation before crossing Whitewater Creek, the outlet stream from Rice Lake, on a series of puncheons and a 30-foot bridge. These structures protect the sensitive wetland bordering Whitewater Creek and offer tranquil views of the surrounding wetlands and valley. Many spring wildflowers, such as blue-flag iris and marsh marigold, along with skunk cabbage, line the creek valley.

After crossing Whitewater Creek the segment then skirts the Whitewater Lake Recreation Area’s walk-in campsites before reaching a junction (JW6) with a blue-blazed spur trail. The spur trail heads south across Kettle Moraine Drive to a self-guided 0.6-mile nature trail loop along the shore of Rice Lake. A large parking area is located off the loop trail.

From the junction with the spur trail the segment continues east, crossing Hi-Lo Road before reaching another spur trail, this one labeled “Office,” which heads southeast 0.2 miles to the Whitewater Lake DNR Contact Station parking area. After the path to the office, the segment encounters yet another side trail, this one to the entrance of the Whitewater Lake Recreation Area (JW5).



The segment continues east through rugged, rolling terrain past many trail-side kettles. After passing behind several Whitewater Lake Campground drive-in campsites the segment climbs a steep rise to a bench and lookout offering views of Rice and Whitewater lakes. The segment crosses CTH-P and rises steeply to another secluded pine plantation before crossing Esterly Road. The segment briefly joins a bridle/snowmobile trail before branching off and eventually crossing a cleared area beneath a power line. The headwaters of Bluff Creek lie below to the west and can be viewed off the segment by hiking north in the cleared area to the utility poles on top of the hill. A bench is located to the west of these poles. Just beyond the power line the segment passes through Bluff Creek State Natural Area. Here the segment travels across cavernous kettles with ancient oaks providing the canopy. This area is particularly beautiful after a wet-heavy snowfall. Shortly before the segment's end at USH-12, a clearing offers views to the west of the glacial outwash plain and the city of Whitewater from a trailside bench.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2007

AREA SERVICES

KMSF Southern Unit Whitewater Lake Recreational Area (seasonal): Camping Memorial Day to Labor Day. On Trail (262-473-7501, dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms/camping.html; reservations: 888-947-2757, reserveamerica.com).

Elkhorn: INN Style program lodging at Ye Olde Manor House B&B (262-742-2450, yeoldemanorhouse.com).

La Grange: Meals. From the USH-12 Trail access parking area go 3.0 mi east on USH-12 to the La Grange General Store (262-495-8600).

Whitewater: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, library, medical care. From the USH-12 Trail access parking area, go 5.0 mi west on USH-12, follow Business USH-12. INN Style program lodging at the Hamilton House B&B (262-473-1900, bandbhamiltonhouse.com). Lodging at the Super 8 Motel (262-472-0400). Meals at Randy's Restaurant and Funhunters Brew Pub (262-473-8000). Area info available from the Whitewater Chamber of Commerce (262-473-4005, whitewaterchamber.com).

Blackhawk Segment (Atlas Map 79f)

SNAPSHOT

7.0 miles: USH-12 to Young Rd.

 *This segment highlights scenic Lake La Grange, hardwood forests and the historic Ole Oleson Homestead.*



At nearby Nordic Trails parking area south of CTH-H Trail access.



From Lake La Grange.



At a walk-to trailside shelter (**JW3**) (reservations required).



At the USH-12 Trail access parking area and Backpack Shelter 3 (please respect those who have reserved the shelter) and parking areas for nearby John Muir and Nordic trails.



A small portion overlaps with a snowmobile trail.



White-blazed loop trail and several KMSF spur trails.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

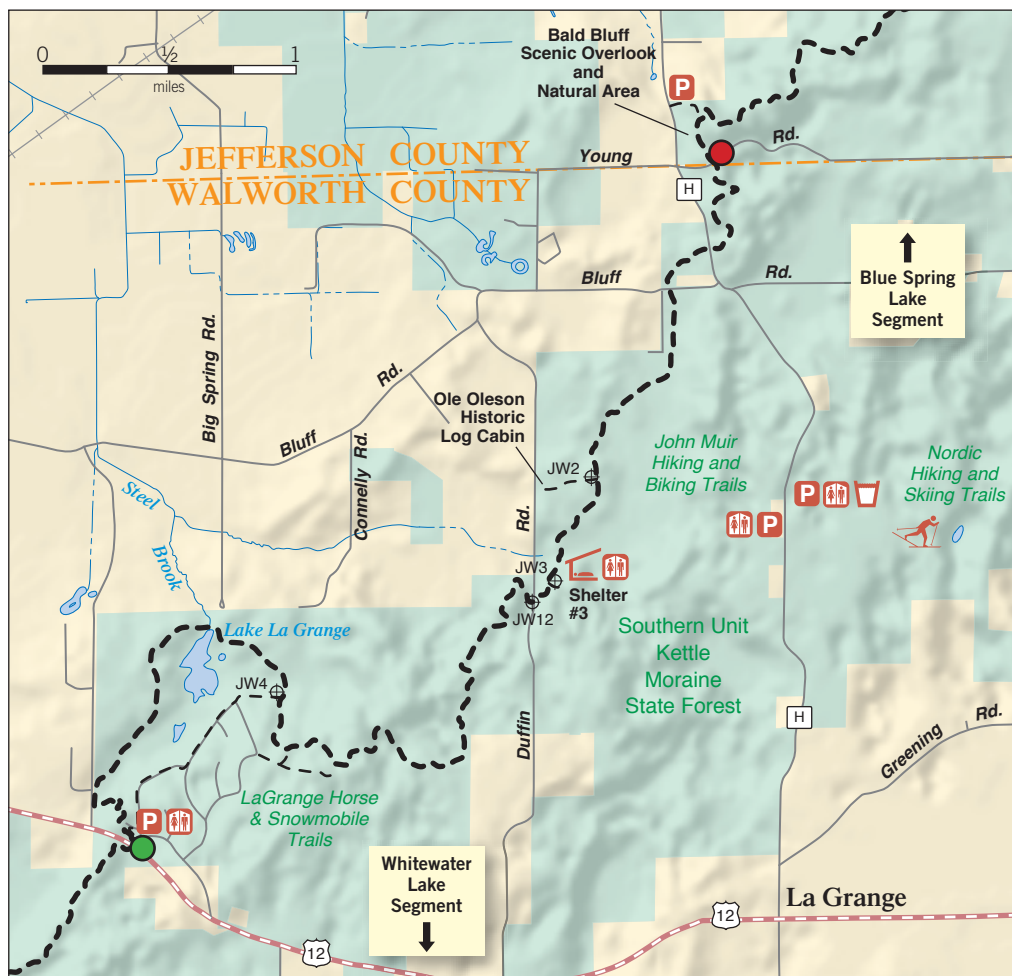
USH-12: From La Grange take USH-12 west 3.0 mi to the parking area. From Whitewater at the bypass intersection of USH-12 and STH-89, take USH-12 east 5.0 mi.

Young Rd.: From the intersection of STH-59 and CTH-H in Palmyra take CTH-H southwest 3.0 mi. At Young Rd. turn left and go east 0.1 mi. Roadside parking.

Additional Parking: (i) Duffin Rd. Trail access (**JW12**) 0.4 mi south of the Oleson Cabin; roadside parking. (ii) Oleson Cabin Historic site on Duffin Rd.; roadside parking. (iii) John Muir Hiking and Biking Trails parking area on CTH-H. (iv) Nordic Hiking and Ski Trails parking area on CTH-H. (v) Bald Bluff Scenic Overlook parking area. From the intersection of STH-59 and CTH-H in Palmyra, take CTH-H southwest 2.8 mi. Parking area on east side of road. The trail to Bald Bluff serves as a spur to the Ice Age Trail.

THE HIKE

The segment begins at the USH-12 Trail access information kiosk and parking area, a popular meeting point for events sponsored by the Ice Age Trail Alliance's local Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter. The segment crosses



through excellent bird habitat and many species can be seen.

From the USH-12 parking area, the segment briefly climbs a hill, offering long views of deciduous forests and a nice view toward Whitewater from a bench. The Trail descends on a serpentine course and then meanders north and east around Lake La Grange past marshes bordering the lake and through woods and open tall-grass prairies. Along the way a couple of benches offer scenic views of Lake La Grange.

The segment reaches an intersection (**JW4**) with a white-blazed path that heads south along the eastern shore of Lake La Grange back toward the USH-12 Trail access. From this junction, the Ice Age Trail continues eastward, passing through hardwood forest before descending 200 feet to Duffin Road (**JW12**).

Shortly after the Duffin Road crossing the segment intersects with a spur trail that leads 0.1 miles to Backpack Shelter 3 (**JW3**), situated atop a steep hill surrounded by dense forest.

A bit farther north from the shelter spur, the segment intersects with another spur trail (**JW2**), this one to the historic Ole Oleson Homestead, where an early Norwegian pioneer built a two-story tamarack log cabin. On display outside the cabin is an old sleigh similar to the one used by Ole Oleson to transport the logs for the house. Another spur trail leads east 0.6 miles to a pioneer limekiln with a descriptive plaque. This spur trail is not always maintained.

Continuing from the Ole Olson spur trail, the segment leads through dense forest, frequently passing along the rims of large kettle depressions, among a diverse and undisturbed quantity of flora and fauna. The Trail passes a small lake and then enters dense pine plantations.

After crossing Bluff Road, the segment goes through a section of red, black and jack pine before crossing CTH-H and climbing steeply through a savanna-like open forest of hardwoods, pockmarked by kettle depressions and scattered boulders. At the top there is a beautiful view to the horizon overlooking forests and the surrounding terrain. A short downhill trek takes hikers to the segment terminus on Young Road.

AREA SERVICES

KMSF Southern Unit Backpack Shelter 3: Camping. On Trail. Reservations (available only by calling 888-947-2757) are required to use the shelter and only one group per shelter per night is allowed. No potable water is available at the shelter.

La Grange: See Whitewater Lake Segment, p. 257. From the USH-12 Trail access go east 3.0 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Whitewater: See Whitewater Lake Segment, p. 257. From the USH-12 Trail access go west ~5 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Palmyra: See Blue Spring Lake Segment, p. 262. From the Young Rd. Trail access go west then north ~3 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Blue Spring Lake Segment (Atlas Map 79f)

SNAPSHOT

7.1 miles: Young Rd. to CTH-Z

 *This up-and-down segment features panoramic views from the top of Bald Bluff and the Stone Elephant, a massive granite erratic.*



At Horserider's Camp on Little Prairie Rd. and Emma Carlin Trails parking area.



From small ponds and springs near the segment.



Bald Bluff trails, Stone Elephant spur trail and Emma Carlin bike/hike trail system.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

Young Rd.: From the intersection of STH-59 and CTH-H in Palmyra take CTH-H southwest 3.0 mi. At Young Rd. turn left and go east 0.1 mi. Roadside parking.

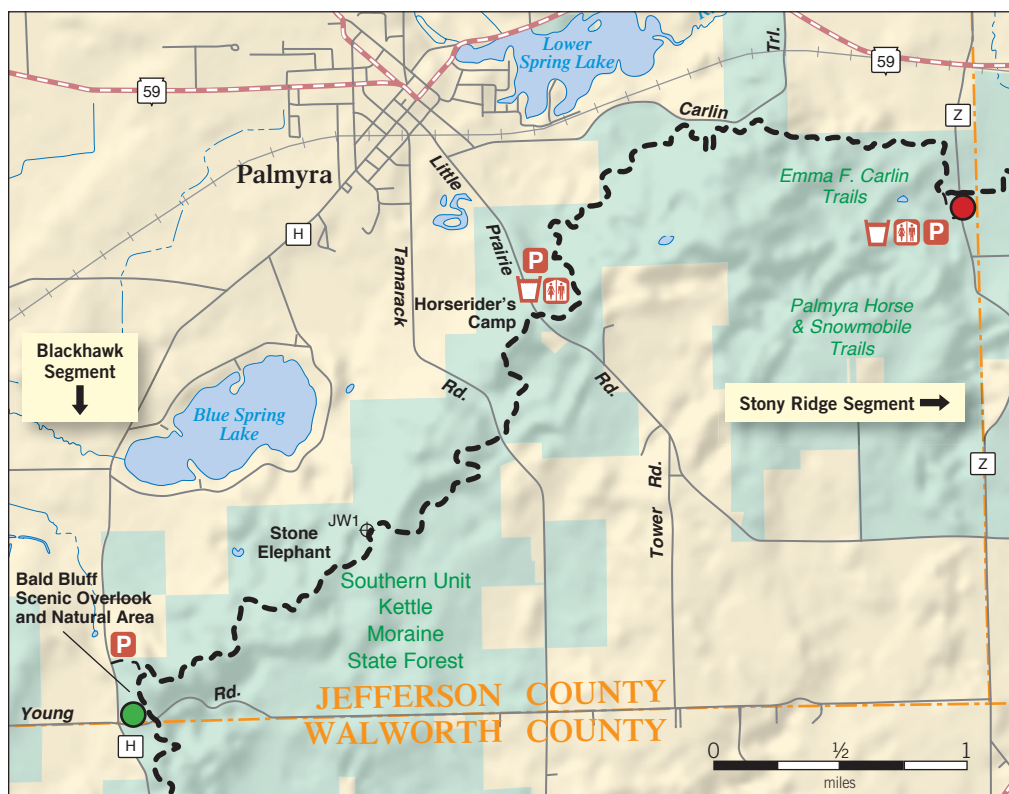
CTH-Z: From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 3.7 mi. At CTH-Z turn left and go south 0.6 mi. No parking. Use nearby Emma Carlin Trails parking area on CTH-Z south of the Ice Age Trail access. A short blue-blazed spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.

Additional Parking: (i) Bald Bluff Scenic Overlook parking area. From the intersection of STH-59 and CTH-H in Palmyra, take CTH-H southwest 2.8 mi. Parking area on east side of road. The trail to Bald Bluff serves as a spur to the Ice Age Trail. (ii) Tamarack Rd. Trail access; roadside parking. (iii) Horserider's Camp parking area on Little Prairie Rd.

THE HIKE

From the trail access point on Young Road the segment heads north and quickly intersects (0.3 miles) with a spur trail that leads west to the CTH-H Bald Bluff parking area. From this intersection the segment makes its way up Bald Bluff on a series of switchbacks. Bald Bluff is the largest and most diverse of the area's dry native prairie openings, which are often found on gravel knobs and steep south-and west-facing ridges. Here grow prairie flowers and grasses such as little bluestem, sideoats grama, prairie dropseed, silky aster, pasqueflower, grooved yellow flax and rough blazing star. Trailside benches encourage hikers to soak in the panoramic view. Bald Bluff is one of the highest points in Jefferson County at 1,050 feet above sea level and 200 feet above the surrounding area. Native Americans used the prominence as a lookout and for ceremonial dancing. Twice in July 1832, General Henry Atkinson camped with troops to the northwest of the bluff as he pursued the Sauk Chief Black Hawk in the Black Hawk War. A brochure for the self-guided nature trail is available at the KMSF's Southern Unit headquarters or at the Bald Bluff trailhead on CTH-H.

The segment descends down Bald Bluff and after a mile comes to a small clearing. Past the clearing the segment intersects with a short spur trail that leads downhill to the massive granite erratic known as the Stone Elephant (JW1). Prairie Potawatomi Native Americans visited the rock frequently and probably considered it a sacred area. Early settlers named the rock the Stone Elephant because of its color, size and general elephant-like shape. In the 1920s it was a popular day



outing, in which tourists traveled to the site by horse-drawn surrey.

Almost all of the portion of this segment between Young Road and Tamarack Road traverses the Kettle Moraine Oak Opening State Natural Area. This area is a mixture of oak openings and oak woodland dominated by open-grown bur and black oaks. The Trail also passes a few native dry prairie remnants along the way. The first is located 0.2 miles past the Stone Elephant spur intersection and is located in a field on the north side of the Trail. The showy rough blazing star, a dry prairie species, is found here; the best time to see this plant is late August. The second remnant is found about 0.3 miles east of the first remnant (or about 0.5 miles southwest of Tamarack Road) on a south-facing slope. Here are found flora such as silky aster, leadplant, goldenrod, purple prairie clover, flowering spurge, sunflowers, arrow-leaf aster and a number of prairie grasses. A trailside bench provides a rest stop with a view.

The segment leaves the State Natural Area, crosses Tamarack Road and then Little Prairie Road before climbing to the top of a steep, narrow ridge, where a clearing with a bench offers views to the northwest. From this bench, Horserider's Camp is 0.2 miles farther on.

The segment crosses through the Horserider's Camp and 0.2 miles east of the camp passes a small trailside pond. The segment continues east past a few more small ponds and small springs and eventually comes to an opening with a trailside map and a view of a barn across Carlin Trail (a road). From here hikers will travel up and down some hills and be rewarded with nice views down into the

forest on both sides of the segment. In early spring hikers should watch for fields of mayapples in this area.

In the final mile a careful observer may notice a rock seat embedded in a tree and discover an old foundation with day lilies. Just south of the segment's end point on CTH-Z a short spur trail leads to the Emma Carlin Trails parking area.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2003

AREA SERVICES

Palmyra: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, library, medical care. From the Little Prairie Rd. Trail access go 1.0 mi northwest on Little Prairie Rd. The library has limited hours.

Eagle: See Eagle Segment, p. 272. From the CTH-Z Trail access go north then east ~4 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.


I came to feel as though the Trail was my home. I walked along it by day and slept along it by night. I met people whose homes are established along it as well as animals living and dying there. Shelter could mean an empty culvert or an established campsite, a house or a hotel. I loved being with those who sheltered me for the night or hiked with me for a day or days. I left my warm and dry, comfortable "normal" home for a wider concept of home as being the state of Wisconsin. I fell in love with my state!

CHRIS MILLER (AKA "DANCING DOVE"), ICE AGE TRAIL THOUSAND-MILER

Stony Ridge Segment (Atlas Map 80f)

SNAPSHOT

3.1 miles: CTH-Z to STH-59

 *This segment winds through a pine plantation, oak forest and sections of dry prairie and passes by the Kettle Moraine State Forest's Southern Unit headquarters.*



At Emma Carlin Trails parking area and at Forest HQ and Visitor Center.



At a walk-to trailside shelter (**WK18**, reservations required).



At Emma Carlin Trails parking area, Forest HQ and Visitor Center and Backpack Shelter 2 (please respect those who have reserved the shelter).



Portion of segment crossing private land between CTH-S and STH-59 is closed during gun deer season.



Dogs must be leashed.



A short portion overlaps with roads.



Stony Ridge Nature Trail and other spur and horse trails.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

CTH-Z: From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 3.7 mi. At CTH-Z turn left and go south 0.6 mi. No parking. Use nearby Emma Carlin Trails parking area on CTH-Z south of the Ice Age Trail access. A short blue-blazed spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.

STH-59: From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 1.6 mi. No parking. Instead, head north on the gravel road a short distance east of the STH-59/CTH-S intersection. This DNR road leads to two large parking areas and provides access to the Ice Age Trail and a dog training area.

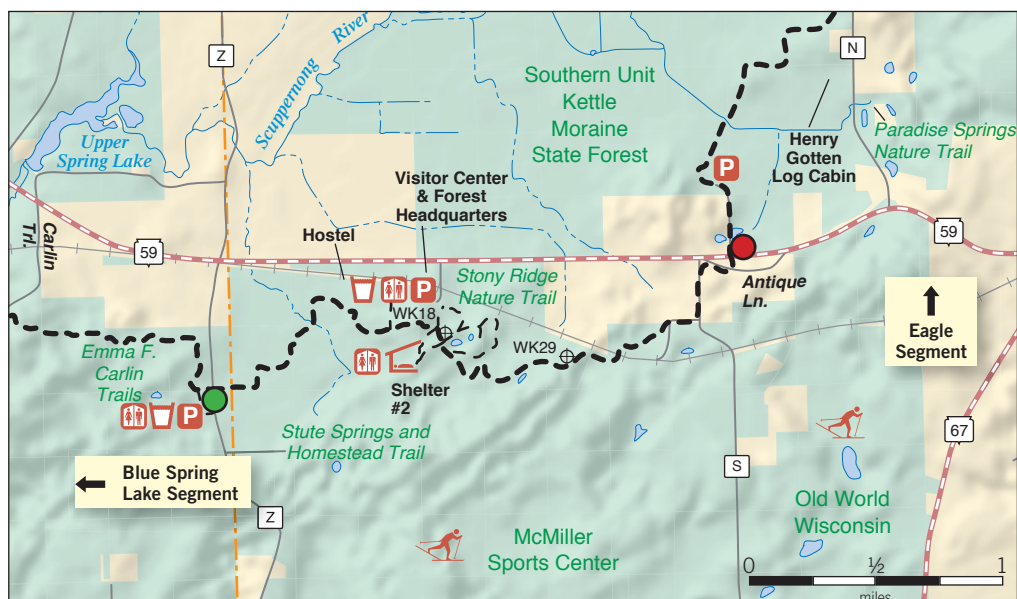
Additional Parking: Southern Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest Headquarters on STH-59, 2.6 mi west of Eagle. A spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.

THE HIKE

Before starting out on this segment, hikers looking for an interesting side trip can follow CTH-Z south 0.2 miles to Stute Springs and Homestead Trail. A self-guided loop takes hikers around early 20th-century farm buildings, past natural springs, through ancient woods and up to the top of Big Hill at 1050 feet.

From its starting point on CTH-Z, the segment heads east through a relatively flat stretch of woods and meadow, emerging into open prairie on the bed of Glacial Lake Scuppernong. The segment crosses a bridge over a small stream filling in with plant growth, rises gradually across a grassy savanna and climbs a wooded esker on rocky outwash. Less than 2 miles east of CTH-Z the segment reaches a spur trail leading to the Kettle Moraine State Forest's Southern Unit Headquarters. Its natural history museum has displays and videos on glacial geology, Native American and pioneer history and animal and plant life throughout the Southern Unit and surrounding areas. Self-guided brochures are available in the gift shop for the many nature trails found near the Ice Age Trail, including Stute Springs and Homestead Trail. The self-guided Stony Ridge Nature Trail also starts at the headquarters.

Near the spur trail to the headquarters the segment intersects (**WK18**) with another spur, this one heading 0.2 miles south to Backpack Shelter 2. Continu-



ing east from this junction, the segment climbs between a long pond and a deep water-filled kettle, descends into an open field and winds on a sandy track through a fire-scarred forest. It then climbs atop a long, steep sided esker (WK29) with kettles and marshes at the bottom of the slopes. After descending the esker, the segment crosses railroad tracks and travels through a pine plantation en route to CTH-S. The segment ends with a short walk north along CTH-S and east paralleling Antique Lane before reaching its endpoint on STH-59.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Old World Wisconsin: From the STH-59 Trail access, go east on STH-59 for 1.6 mi. At STH-67 turn right and go south 1.4 mi (262-594-6301, oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org).

Old World Wisconsin is America's largest outdoor museum of rural life. Live characters recreate daily historical scenes of farm and village life from a century ago. Farmsteads and settlements representing German, Finnish, Polish, Norwegian, African American, Danish and Yankee pioneers dot nearly 600 acres. Open every day during spring, summer and fall. There is an admission fee.

AREA SERVICES

Southern Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest Headquarters: Information. From the STH-59 Trail access, go west on STH-59 1.1 mi (262-594-6200, dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kmsf).

KMSF Southern Unit Backpack Shelter 2: Camping. On Trail. Reservations (available only by calling 888-947-2757) are required to use the shelter and only one group per shelter per night is allowed. No potable water is available at the shelter. Hikers should obtain water from the Forest HQ, 0.2 mi north of the shelter.

Eagle Home Hostel: Lodging. From the CTH-Z Trail access go 1.0 mi north on CTH-Z then east on STH-59. An unmarked side trail off the Ice Age Trail leads to the hostel. Please call ahead for dates of operation and reservations (262-495-8794 or 262-442-6360). No walk-ins.


Eagle: See Eagle Segment, p. 272. From the SKMSF Headquarters on STH-59 go east ~3 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Palmyra: See Blue Spring Lake Segment, p. 262. From the SKMSF Headquarters on STH-59 go west ~4 mi.

Eagle Segment (Atlas Map 80f)

SNAPSHOT

5.6 miles: STH-59 to STH-67 Wayside

 *This segment passes through extensive prairie restoration areas, oak savannas and wetland areas with springs and features Brady's Rocks, a portion of the Niagara Escarpment.*



At the STH-67 wayside.



From small ponds and springs.



Dogs must be leashed.



A short portion overlaps with a road.



Brady's Rock white-blazed loop trail and two short spur trails. Paradise Springs Nature Trail is nearby.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

STH-59: From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 1.6 mi. No parking. Instead, head north on the gravel road a short distance east of the STH-59/CTH-S intersection. This DNR road leads to two large parking areas and provides access to the Ice Age Trail and a dog training area.

STH-67 Wayside: From I-94 at Oconomowoc, take Exit 282 onto STH-67 and go south 11.2 mi to the parking area.

Additional Parking: (i) CTH-N small parking area. (ii) Wilton Rd. roadside parking. (iii) STH-67 parking area northeast of Brady's Rocks.

THE HIKE

From its starting point on STH-59 the segment heads a short distance up a gravel drive and then northeast across a prairie toward CTH-N. The openness of the landscape provides hikers with views of the expansive natural prairie seasonally filled with blooming wildflowers. The segment crosses a small stream coming from Paradise Springs. About 0.4 miles west of CTH-N hikers will find a bench and a nearby Scuppernong River Habitat Area map.

North of the CTH-N crossing the segment skirts the Scuppernong Prairie State Natural Area, one of the oldest of Wisconsin's State Natural Areas and part of Scuppernong River Habitat Area that highlights the largest native wet prairie east of the Mississippi. The prairie is growing in the bed of the former Glacial Lake Scuppernong.

After passing by Scuppernong Prairie the segment reaches Wilton Road. Hikers should turn right and head east 0.1 miles, where the segment leaves Wilton Road and continues due north. In this area the segment skirts the edges of the Kettle Moraine Low Prairie State Natural Area. The low prairie has been the site of controlled burns and tree removal since 1999. The entire area has returned to its original condition and long-dormant plant species specific to the low prairie have dramatically reappeared. It's often a wet area in spring, and ground-nesting birds can be observed among the many types of flowers in bloom.

The segment bends south and leads to a white-blazed loop trail (**WK17**) weaving between the 8-foot-high outcroppings of Brady's Rocks, named for Irish immigrants Michael and Kathleen Brady who settled here in 1855. These outcroppings

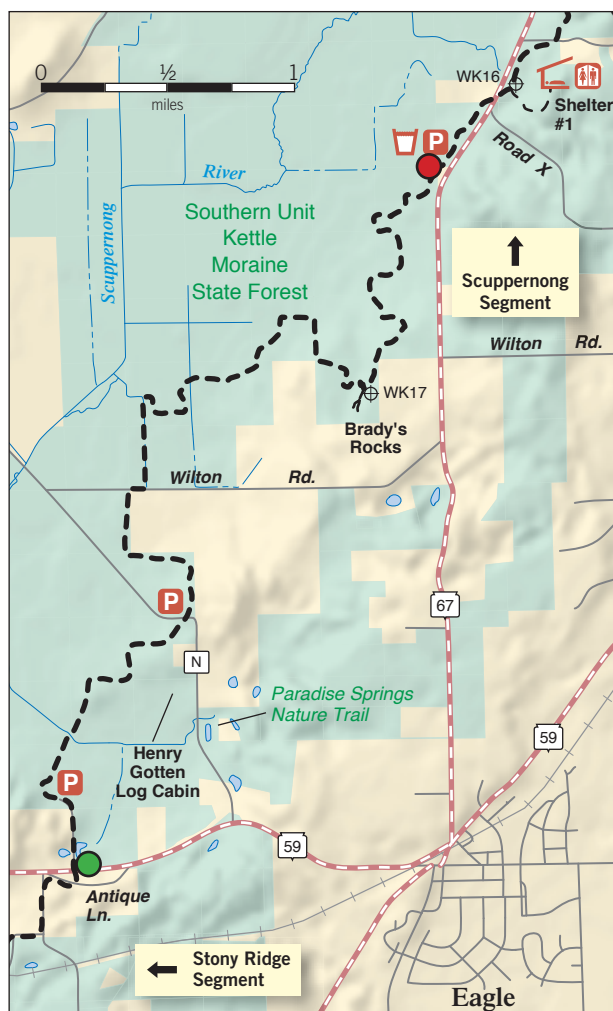
are a portion of the Niagara Escarpment, a thick layer of dolomite that extends through Door County, dips under Lake Michigan and the state of Michigan and reemerges at the end of Lake Erie at Niagara Falls. The cool, shaded area of Brady's Rocks has a unique fern population, including the walking fern, fragile fern and cliff brake fern, found growing out of cracks in the dolomite bedrock.

Past the Brady's Rocks loop trail, the segment passes remnants of a rubble stone fence from the Bradys' farm and climbs to the top of a grassy knoll and, at a Leopold bench dedicated to David P. Moritz, offers nice views to the north of the prairie and drained Glacial Lake Scuppernong. A spur trail shortly beyond the bench leads to a scenic overlook.

After crossing a gravel road, another short spur trail leads to some springs

and the segment crosses over an intermittent spring-fed creek in the shadows of a cluster of inspiring old oaks. Continuing north the segment passes over a series of three puncheons and a small bridge, totaling close to 400 feet in length, built during a 2007 Mobile Skills Crew project hosted by the IATA's Waukesha/Milwaukee County Chapter. The segment ends at a wayside on STH-67.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2007



AREA SERVICES

Eagle: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, lodging, library, medical care. From the STH-59 Trail access go 1.6 mi east on STH-59. INN Style program lodging at the Eagle Centre House B&B (262-363-4700, eagle-house.com).

North Prairie: See Scuppernong Segment, p. 274. From the STH-59 Trail access go northeast ~7 mi.


Palmyra: See Blue Spring Lake Segment, p. 262. From the STH-59 Trail access go west 4.5 mi.

Southern Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest Headquarters: See Stony Ridge Segment, p. 270. From the STH-59 Trail access go west less than 1 mi.

Scuppernong Segment (Atlas Maps 80f, 81f)

SNAPSHOT

5.6 miles: STH-67 Wayside to CTH-C

 *This segment courses over hilly terrain, through hardwood forests and past many trailside kettles.*



At STH-67 wayside, CTH-ZZ Scuppernong Trails trailhead and Pinewoods Campground.



From McKeawn Springs.



At a walk-to trailside shelter (reservations required).



At Pinewoods Campground and nearby Ottawa Lake Campground.



At nearby Ottawa Lake Campground.



At Backpack Shelter 1 (please respect those who have reserved the shelter), CTH-ZZ Scuppernong Trails trailhead and Pinewoods Campground.



Dogs must be leashed.



A small portion of the segment overlaps with a campground road..



Spurs to McKeawn Springs, Backpack Shelter 1, two blue-blazed spur trails to parking areas and the Scuppernong ski/hike trail network.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

STH-67 Wayside: From I-94 at Ononomowoc, take Exit 282 onto STH-67 and go south 11.2 mi to the parking area.

CTH-C: From I-94 at Oconomowoc, take Exit 282 STH-67 and go south 8.5 mi. At CTH-C turn left and go east 0.8 mi to the Trail access on the south side of road. Roadside parking.

Additional Parking: (i) Piper Rd. roadside. (ii) CTH-ZZ Scuppernong Hiking and Ski Trail parking areas. There is a parking area on each side of CTH-ZZ. Each parking area has a blue-blazed spur trail leading to the IAT. (iii) Pinewoods Campground on G Rd. off Waterville Rd. Enter campground and go to the group camp loop. Park near restrooms.

THE HIKE

From its starting point at the STH-67 wayside, the segment continues along the west side of STH-67 for less than half a mile before crossing over to the east side of the road and then intersecting with a spur trail (**WK16**) leading up to Backpack Shelter 1. Perched atop Spy Glass Hill, the vista from the shelter area is of a flat plain left behind after water drained from Glacial Lake Scuppernong. Just past the spur to the shelter a second spur trail leads to McKeawn Springs, which flow into a trout pond and Scuppernong Creek.

The segment crosses Piper Road and travels through hilly terrain. A short distance south of CTH-ZZ, the segment intersects with a blue-blazed spur trail. Hikers can follow the spur to the Scuppernong Trail network's southside parking area. Shortly after crossing CTH-ZZ hikers will encounter another blue-blazed spur trail leading to the Scuppernong Trail network's northside parking area and trailhead, with restrooms and water. The segment heads east and then north, skirting around the Mackie Group Picnic Area.

North of CTH-ZZ the segment traverses a roller coaster of hills set in hardwood forests among numerous trailside kettles. The segment reaches its highest point (1066 feet) at a location (**WK28**) marked with a bench and crosses the Scup-

pernong skiing/hiking trail several times as it continues north and west. The segment passes through the Southern Unit's Pinewoods Campground, then bends to the west and makes its way to its endpoint on CTH-C.

AREA SERVICES

North Prairie: Restaurant, convenience store. From the Piper Rd. Trail access go 3.5 miles east on Piper Rd. to State Rd.

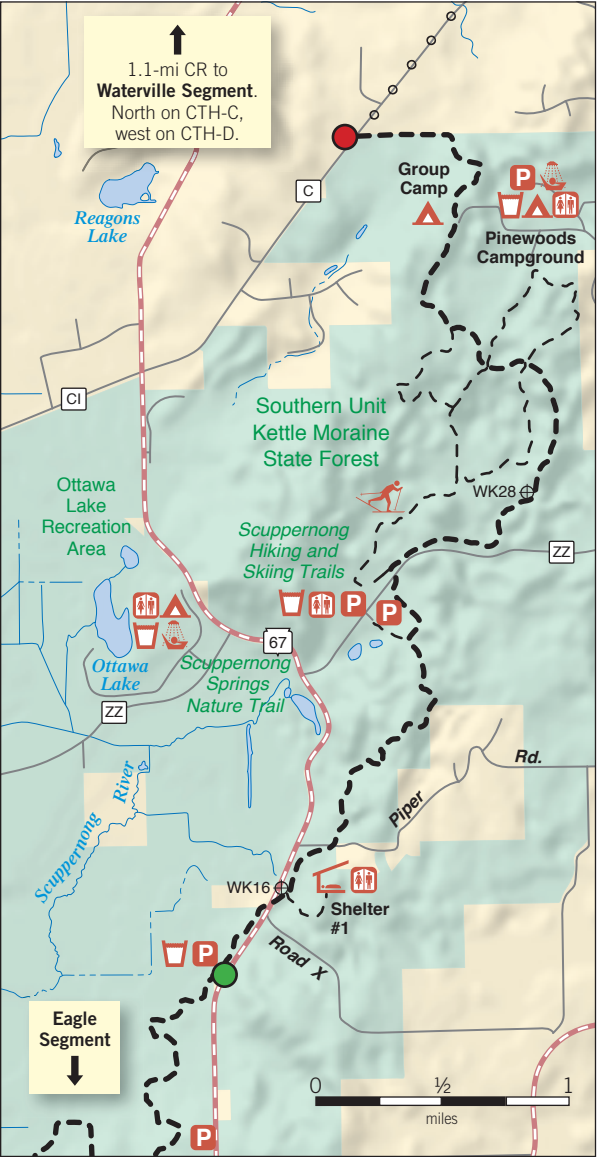
KMSF Southern Unit Backpack Shelter 1: Camping. On Trail. Reservations (available only by calling 888-947-2757) are required to use the shelter and only one group per shelter per night is allowed. No potable water is available at the shelter. Hikers should obtain water from the STH-67 wayside, 0.4 mi south of the shelter's spur trail intersection with the Trail.

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Eagle: See Eagle Segment, p. 272. From the STH-67 wayside go south ~3 mi.

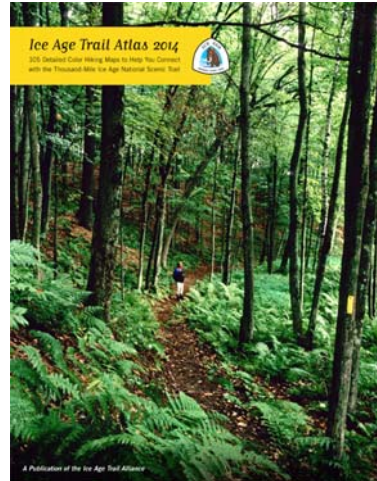
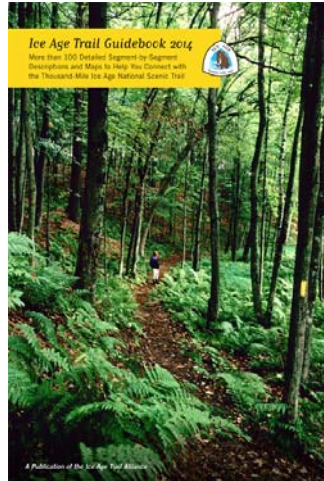
Dousman: See Waterville Segment, p. 276. From the STH-67 wayside go north ~8 mi.



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