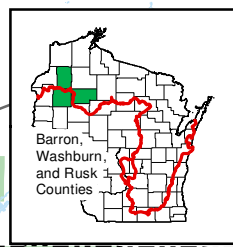


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Timberland Hills Segment

Blueberry Segment

Tussock Segment

Grassy Lake Segment

Bear Lake Segment

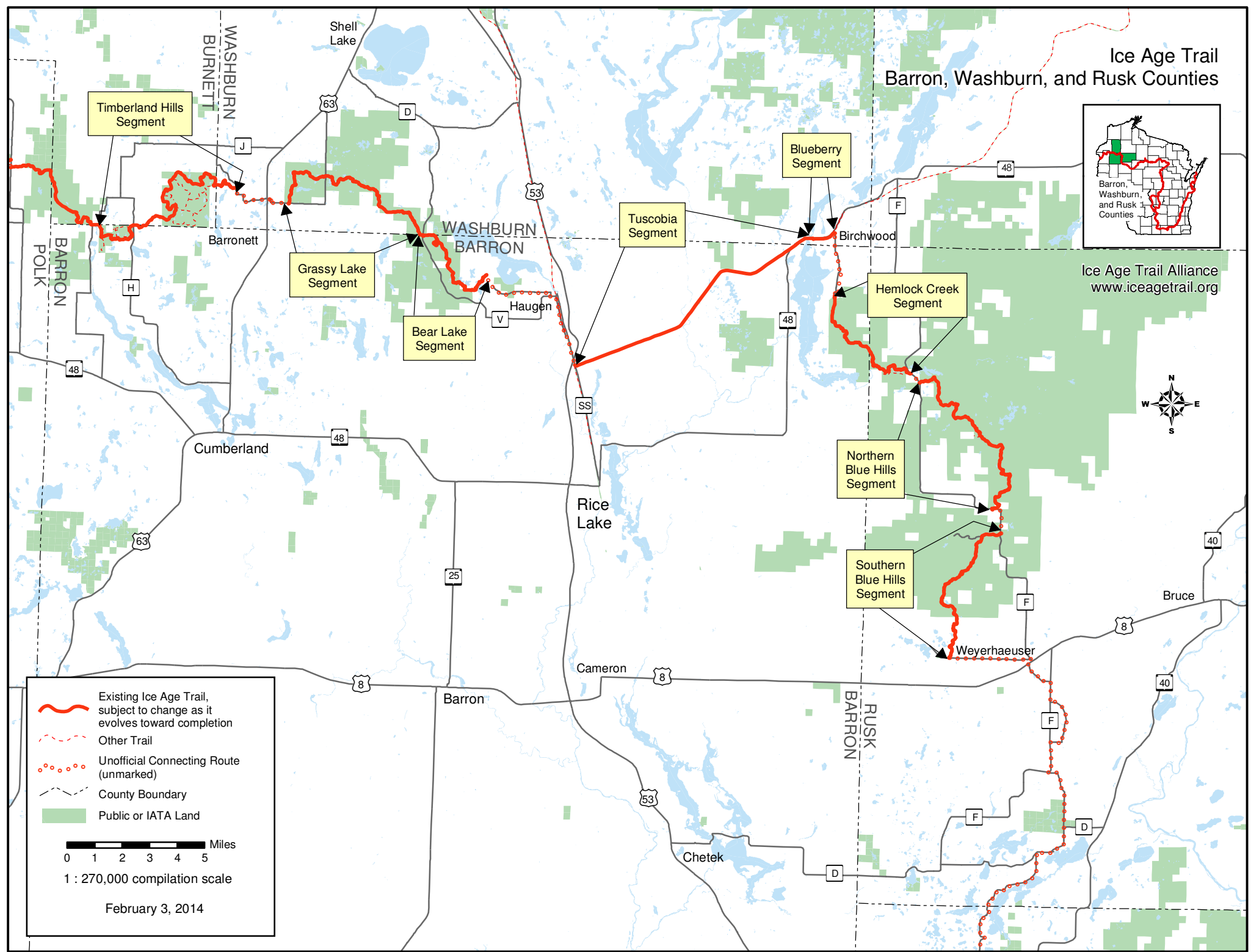
Hemlock Creek Segment

Northern Blue Hills Segment

Southern Blue Hills Segment

Existing Ice Age Trail, subject to change as it evolves toward completion
 Other Trail
 Unofficial Connecting Route (unmarked)
 County Boundary
 Public or IATA Land

Miles
 1 : 270,000 compilation scale
 February 3, 2014




Northern Blue Hills Segment (Atlas Map 11f)

SNAPSHOT

9.3 miles: Bucks Lake Road at CTH-F to CTH-F Southern Trail Access

Note: It is anticipated that volunteers will build a new section of Trail in 2014 north of Bucks Lake Road. The new route is shown as “Future Trail” on the accompanying map. Check with the Ice Age Trail Alliance (800-227-0046, iceagetrail.org) for more details.

 *This remote and rugged segment crossing through the Blue Hills features a number of scenic stream crossings and several beautiful wetland areas.*



At the nearby Murphy Flowage Picnic Area and Murphy Flowage Camp-ground.



From Devil's Creek and other small streams/creeks and lakes/wetland areas.



Primitive camping on county forest lands.



Nearby campgrounds at Rusk County Remote Campsite 6 and Murphy Flowage Recreation Area and at Audie Flowage-Perch Lake Recreation Area, ~5 mi east (see Area Services).



Portions overlap with logging/forest roads and gravel Bucks Lake Rd.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

Bucks Lake Rd. at CTH-F: From Birchwood at the intersection of Main St. and STH-48, take STH-48 east 2.3 mi. At CTH-F turn right and go south 8.5 mi. Roadside parking on Bucks Lake Rd. Alternatively, park at the Murphy Flowage Picnic Area located on CTH-F 0.5 mi north of the Bucks Lake Rd./CTH-F intersection on the west side of the road. Follow access road around to the picnic area.

CTH-F Southern Trail Access: From Weyerhaeuser on USH-8 take CTH-F north then west 6.6 mi. Roadside parking.

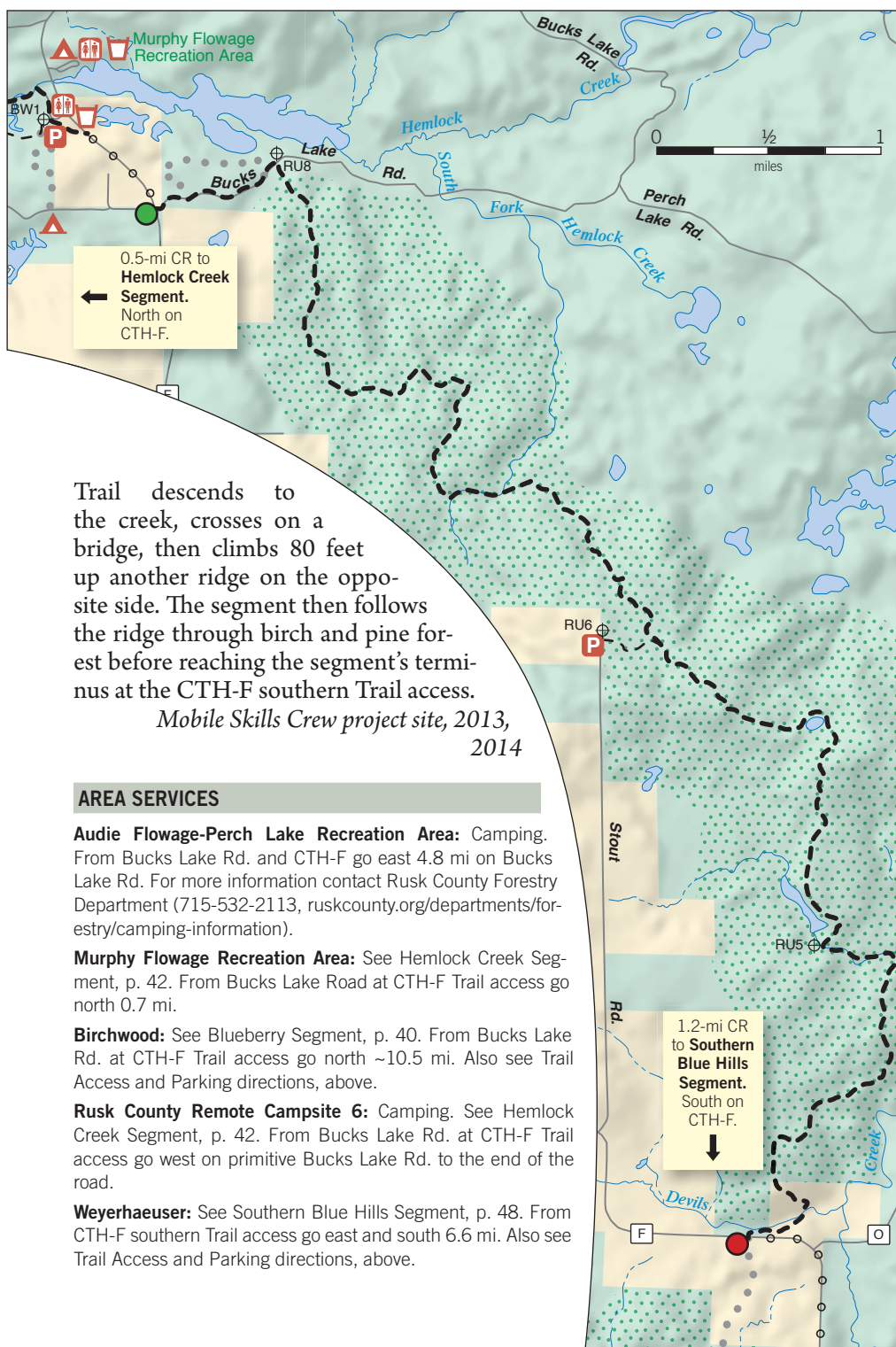
Additional Parking: (i) Bucks Lake Rd. where the Trail goes off-road (**RU8**). Roadside parking. (ii) Stout Rd. Trail access parking area (**RU6**).

THE HIKE

The segment starts at the intersection of Bucks Lake Road and CTH-F. Hikers should head east on Bucks Lake Road for 0.6 mi. *This distance will be shorter once volunteers construct a new section of Trail north of Bucks Lake Road. Watch for signage at approximately 0.2 mi east of CTH-F that will direct hikers to the new route.* The current segment route leaves (**RU8**) Bucks Lake Road and heads south on a logging/forest road. The segment traverses rolling hills through a mixed hardwood forest in an area showing evidence of extensive beaver activity.

Reaching the wide, grassy road/spur trail to the Stout Road parking area, the segment continues southward through rolling, hummocky glacial topography in a mix of hardwood forest. This portion of the segment is mostly on a two-track footpath, occasionally mixing in short sections of current and old logging roads. Hikers should pay close attention to Trail signage at intersecting logging/forest roads. After reaching the outlet of a large wetland (**RU5**), the Trail follows a branch of Devil's Creek through a scenic and peaceful shallow valley, crossing a series of bridges.

The segment continues its southward course through hummocky terrain. Eventually the segment makes its way to a ridge overlooking Devil's Creek. The



Trail descends to the creek, crosses on a bridge, then climbs 80 feet up another ridge on the opposite side. The segment then follows the ridge through birch and pine forest before reaching the segment's terminus at the CTH-F southern Trail access.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2013, 2014

AREA SERVICES

Audie Flowage-Perch Lake Recreation Area: Camping. From Bucks Lake Rd. and CTH-F go east 4.8 mi on Bucks Lake Rd. For more information contact Rusk County Forestry Department (715-532-2113, ruskcounty.org/departments/forestry/camping-information).

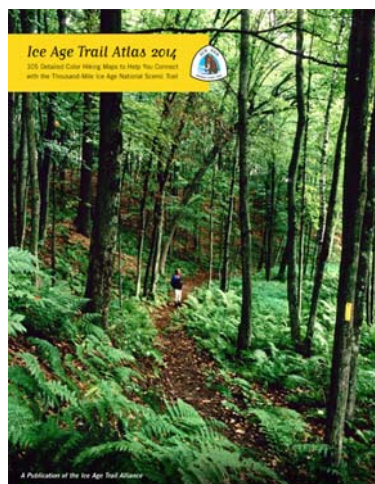
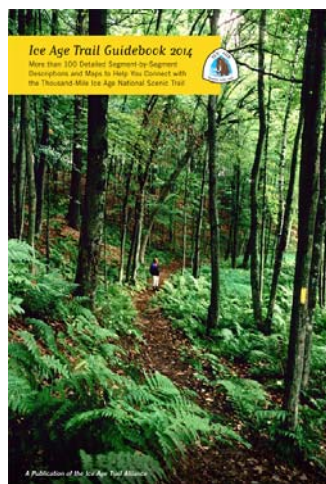
Murphy Flowage Recreation Area: See Hemlock Creek Segment, p. 42. From Bucks Lake Road at CTH-F Trail access go north 0.7 mi.

Birchwood: See Blueberry Segment, p. 40. From Bucks Lake Rd. at CTH-F Trail access go north ~10.5 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Rusk County Remote Campsite 6: Camping. See Hemlock Creek Segment, p. 42. From Bucks Lake Rd. at CTH-F Trail access go west on primitive Bucks Lake Rd. to the end of the road.

Weyerhaeuser: See Southern Blue Hills Segment, p. 48. From CTH-F southern Trail access go east and south 6.6 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

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