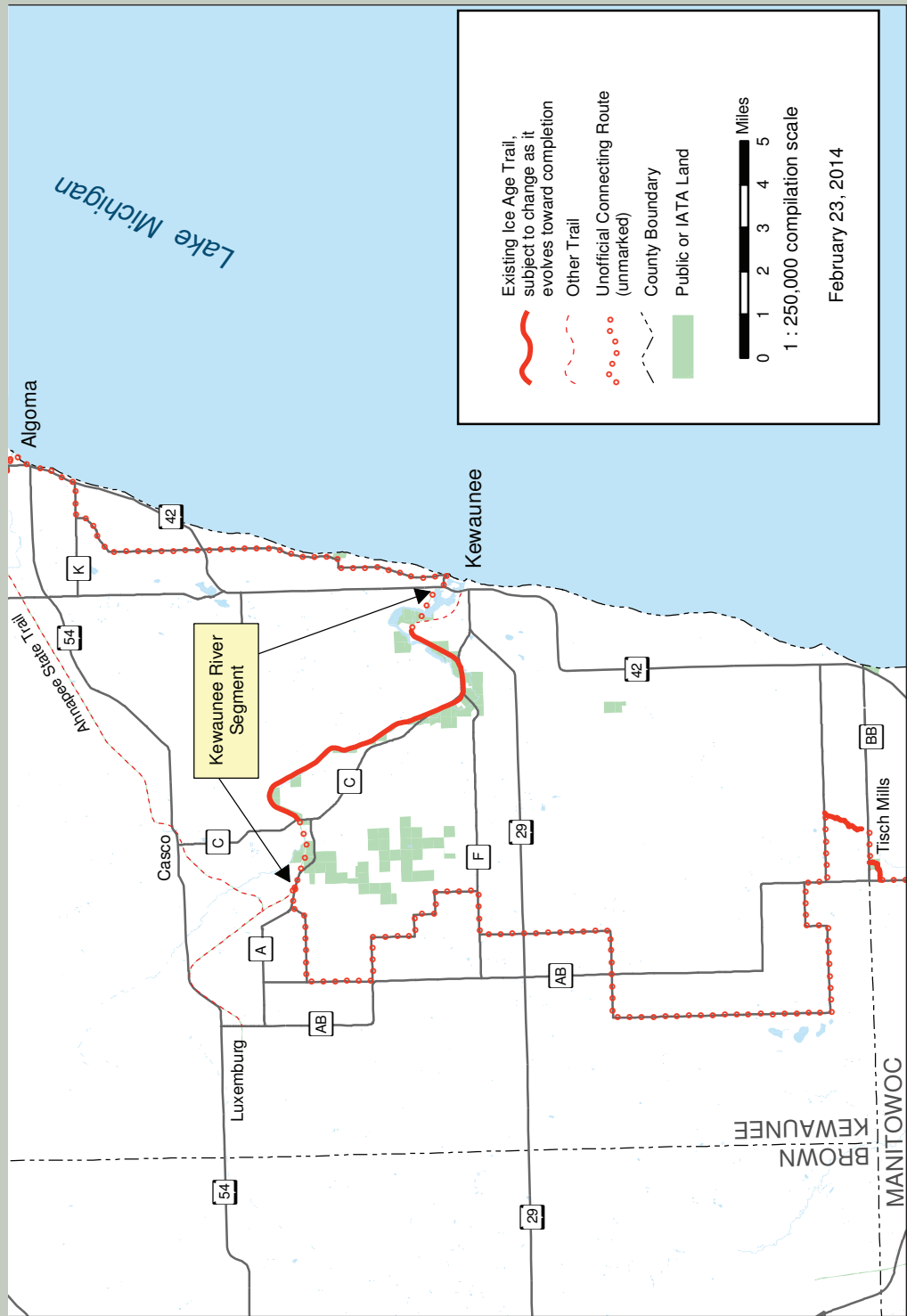





# Kewaunee & Door Counties



# Sturgeon Bay Segment (Atlas Maps 104f, 105f)

## SNAPSHOT

**13.7 miles:** CTH-H to Ice Age Trail Eastern Terminus in Potawatomi State Park

**2**  This segment offers hikers three widely varying experiences representative of the overall Ice Age Trail experience and is therefore a good place to wrap up or start a thousand-mile journey on the Trail. The segment starts with a rail-trail hike, transitions into an urban hike through a city with a rich cultural history, then finishes with a quiet, forested trek through a state park.



At Cherry Blossom Park and various locations in Potawatomi State Park (PSP).

From Sturgeon Bay.

At PSP and nearby private campground (see Area Services).

At the S. Neenah Ave. Trail access (DK6), Cherry Blossom Park, Otumba Park and PSP.

By law, dogs are required to be on leash on the Ahnapee State Trail and in PSP. Dogs are not permitted in PSP facilities or on groomed ski trails.

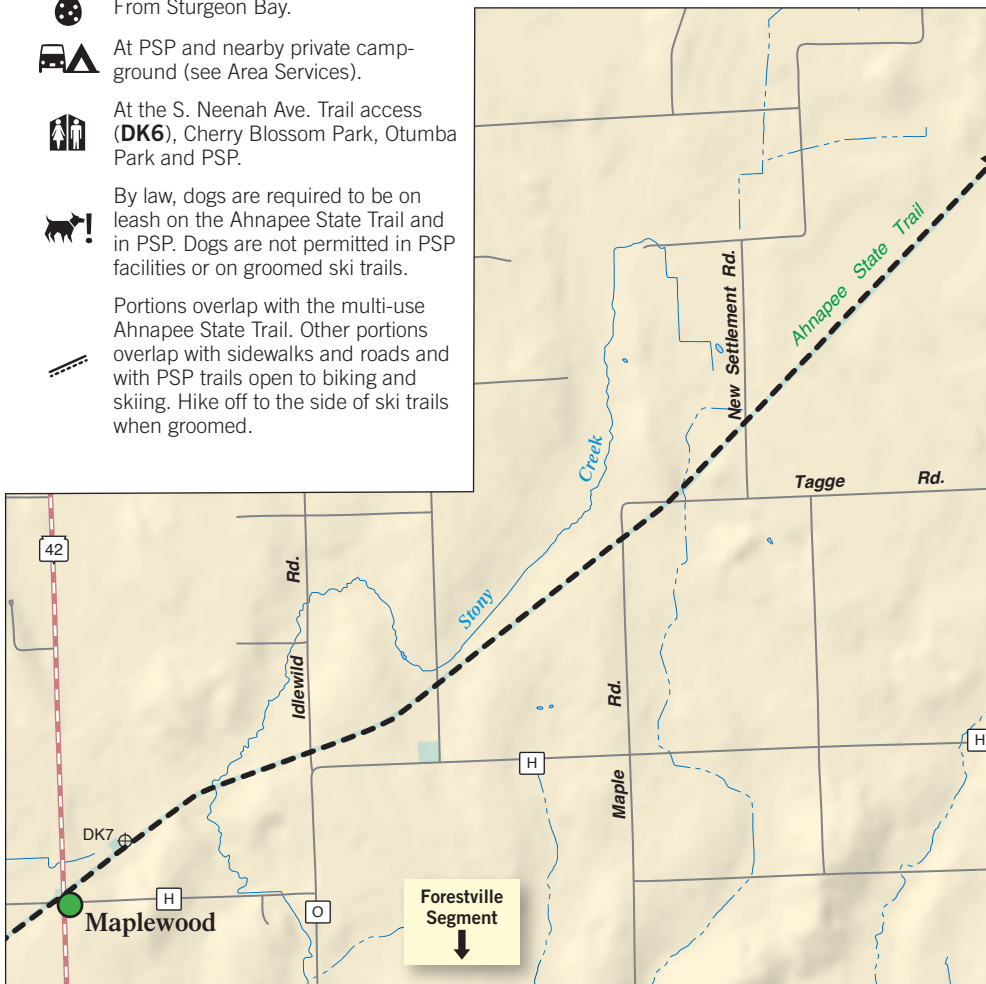
Portions overlap with the multi-use Ahnapee State Trail. Other portions overlap with sidewalks and roads and with PSP trails open to biking and skiing. Hike off to the side of ski trails when groomed.

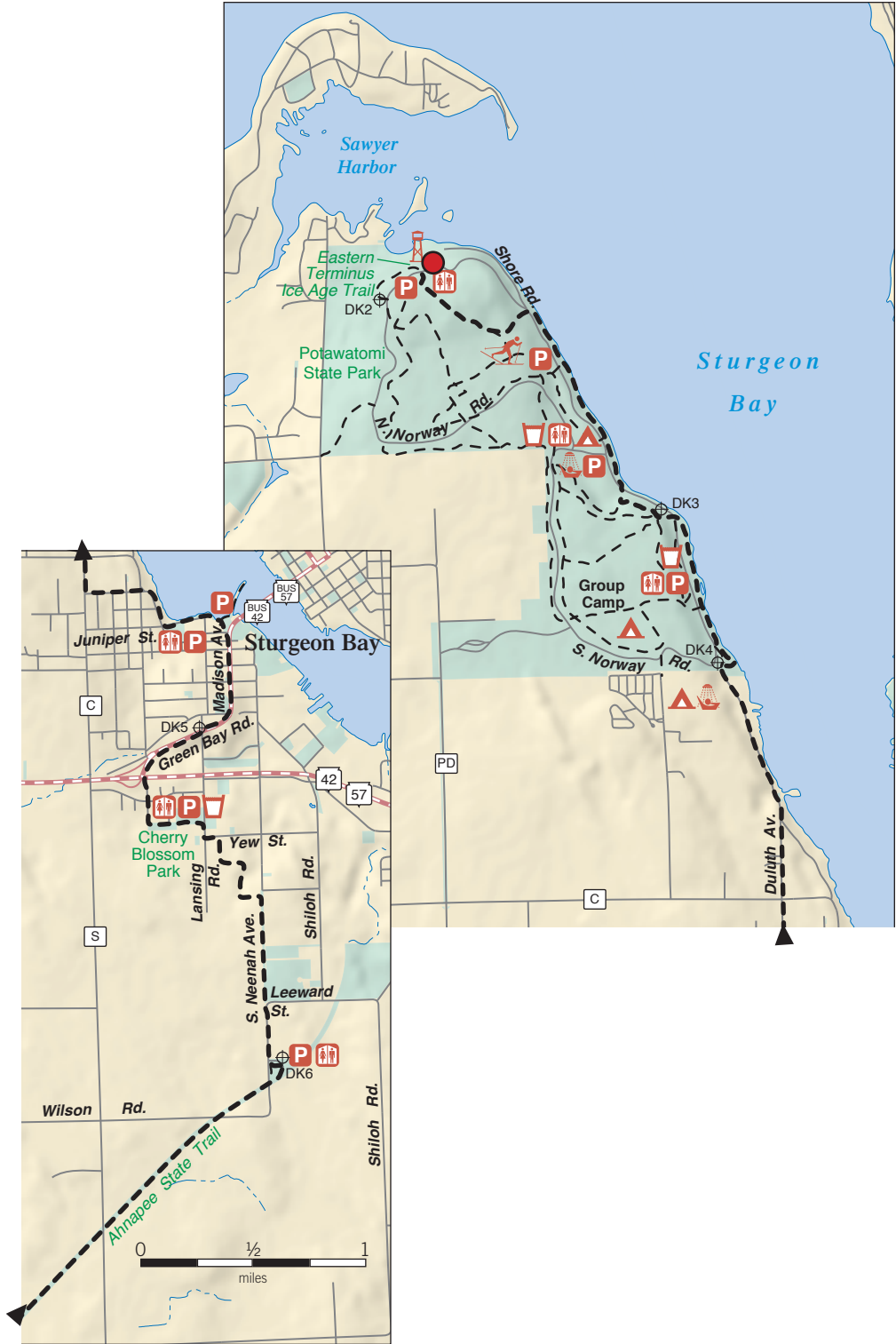


PSP trail network.



Portions of this segment may be suitable for those using wheelchairs or similar devices.





## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**CTH-H:** From Sturgeon Bay, take STH-42 south 9.0 mi to CTH-H in Maplewood. Roadside parking.

**Eastern Terminus in Potawatomi State Park:** From Sturgeon Bay take STH-57/42 southwest to CTH-PD (Park Dr.). Turn right and go north 2.4 mi to Potawatomi State Park. Follow the park's entrance drive 3.5 mi to the Ice Age Trail eastern terminus at the observation tower. Park at the Ice Age Trail long-term parking area at the old ski hill (**DK2**), located 3.3 mi from the main entrance. An un-blazed spur trail leads from the parking area to the Ice Age Trail at the observation tower.

**Additional Parking:** (i) S. Neenah Ave. Ahnapee/Ice Age Trail access parking area (**DK6**). (ii) Cherry Blossom Park. (iii) Bayview Park. (iv) Otumba Park. (v) Potawatomi State Park parking areas along Shoreline Road.

## THE HIKE

From its starting point on CTH-H in Maplewood, the segment heads northeast on its way to Sturgeon Bay, sharing the route with the Ahnapee State Trail, a wide, hardpacked limestone multi-use recreational trail that was formerly the rail bed of the Ahnapee and Western Railroad. The route quickly traverses the southern extent of the Maplewood Swamp (**DK7**), a unique peat swamp where waterlogged soil prevents dead vegetation from fully decomposing, creating a spongy layer of peat. As it continues northeast, the segment passes by Stoney Creek Swamp and crosses the creek itself. Dark swamp water creeps within a foot of the raised trail bed as it cuts through these swamps. From here, the segment bends gently through forests, orchards and farmland, sometimes under the cover of overhanging trees and sometimes in openings.

Shortly after crossing Neenah Avenue, the segment arrives at a trailhead for the Ahnapee State Trail (**DK6**). From the trailhead area the segment heads north along Neenah Avenue for 0.7 miles. The segment departs Neenah Avenue and heads west and north on a path that skirts and weaves through an industrialized area between Neenah Avenue and Lansing Road, eventually arriving at Yew Street. The route follows Yew Street west briefly, then Lansing Road north briefly, before heading west off-road and following the southern perimeter of Cherry Blossom Park, a grassy neighborhood park. The Trail continues beyond the park and through the adjoining neighborhood to Hudson Road.

At Hudson Road the segment turns north and follows the road under STH-42/57 to Green Bay Road, where it then heads east through a commercial area. On the southwest corner of the Green Bay Road/Lansing Road intersection the segment arrives at an Ahnapee State Trail/Ice Age Trail access area (**DK5**) marked with an Ice Age Trail sign and a brown-and-white Ahnapee Trail sign. This is where the City Trail Extension of the Ahnapee State Trail ends. From here, hikers may wish to take an interesting side trip to the Cardy Paleo-Indian Camp archaeology site (see Points of Interest, below).

From the Green Bay Road/Lansing Road intersection hikers should cross to the north side of Green Bay Road and continue east. The road curves north and becomes Madison Avenue. Downhill, over the roofs of stores and restaurants, hikers can see shipyards, dry docks, towering cranes and the city's old steel bridge. At the intersection of Madison Avenue and Larch Street the segment angles northwest through Bayview Park, which highlights the Sturgeon Bay Canal. Since 1882, Great Lakes freighters from Green Bay have bypassed going

around the tip of the Door County peninsula, known as “Death’s Door,” and have instead traveled through the canal to Lake Michigan. Not only is it a safer passage, it reduces the travel distance from Green Bay to Milwaukee and Chicago by 150 miles.

The segment exits the park and follows Juniper Street west, Joliet Avenue north and Hickory Street west to Duluth Avenue. It follows Duluth Avenue north to the end of the road (DK4), where there is a large Ice Age Trail sign as the Trail continues north into Potawatomi State Park. A nearby informational sign shows a map of the park with marked trails.

Potawatomi State Park is named after the Native Americans who inhabited Green Bay’s shores and islands. Potawatomi means “Keepers of the Fire,” a reference to the Council of Three Fires, a Potawatomi alliance with the Ojibwe and Ottawa. Bedrock outcrops of the Niagara Escarpment can be found throughout the area among cedar, birch, maple and pine forests. In the southern portion of the park, the segment route overlaps with the park’s Hemlock Loop; in the northern portion, the segment shares the park’s Tower Loop. A highlight of the segment’s route through the park is a set of rock steps in Niagara dolomite (DK3) constructed by Ice Age Trail Alliance volunteers in 2002.

From the end of Duluth Avenue, the segment heads east briefly toward Sturgeon Bay before resuming a northward course along the shoreline. Near Picnic Area 4, the segment joins up with the Hemlock Loop and continues north between Shoreline Road and Sturgeon Bay. The segment crosses Shoreline Road and angles west toward the park campground. The Trail then departs from the Hemlock Loop and turns north, crossing Shoreline Road again and continuing along between the road and the bay, passing near the campground’s South Camp Area and then the North Camp Area. Hikers can enjoy several bay vistas along the way. The segment joins up with the Tower Loop near the North Camp Area. A little farther on, hikers should skip a Tower Loop cutoff trail and continue north.

The segment crosses Shoreline Road a final time and heads inland climbing steeply into a forested area, eventually emerging onto Norway Road and the park’s observation tower. From the tower, an unblazed spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail long-term parking area (DK2) at the old ski hill. Situated atop a 150-foot dolomite bluff, the park’s 75-foot tower, built in 1932, offers views of Sawyer Harbor, Sturgeon Bay, Green Bay and the surrounding area. At the base of the tower the Ice Age Trail eastern terminus is marked with an official terminus marker (similar to that found at the western terminus) affixed to a large rock.

*Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2002*

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

**Cardy Paleo-Indian Camp Archaeological Site:** From the Ice Age Trail at the intersection of Green Bay Rd. and Lansing Rd., head north on Lansing Rd. then turn left at Spruce St. and walk west 0.2 mi to 322 W. Spruce St.

The Cardy Paleo-Indian Camp archaeological site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is considered one of the most important archaeological finds in Wisconsin. The Cardy Site, marked by a kiosk and plaque, preserves the remains of a campsite used by Native Americans at the end of the Ice Age. An extensive dig in 2003 unearthed spear points, tools, a fire pit and other artifacts. Archeologists believe that Native Americans lived and worked in this area 11,000 years ago near the shore of Glacial Lake Algonquin and within walking distance of the receding continental ice sheet. This camp is



unusual for its far north location. Glacial Lake Algonquin occupied the Lake Michigan and Lake Huron basins at the end of the Ice Age and would have been about 25 feet higher than Green Bay is today.

#### AREA SERVICES

**Maplewood:** Restaurant. From the CTH-H Trail access go west 0.2 mi on CTH-H.

**Sturgeon Bay:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, library, medical care. On Trail. Most services located on Green Bay Rd. (STH-42/57) and downtown at Michigan St. and 3rd Ave. INN Style program lodging at the White Lace Inn (877-948-5223, [WhiteLace-Inn.com](http://WhiteLace-Inn.com)) and the Black Walnut Guest House (877-255-9568, [blackwalnut-gh.com](http://blackwalnut-gh.com)). Camping at Tranquil Timbers Camping Resort located just south of Potawatomi State Park (920-743-7115, [tranquiltimbers.com](http://tranquiltimbers.com)). Area info available from the Sturgeon Bay Visitor Center (920-743-6246, [sturgeonbay.net](http://sturgeonbay.net)).

**Potawatomi State Park:** Camping. On Trail (920-746-2890, [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/Potawatomi](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/Potawatomi); reservations: 888-947-2757, [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com)). There are several other state parks in Door County.

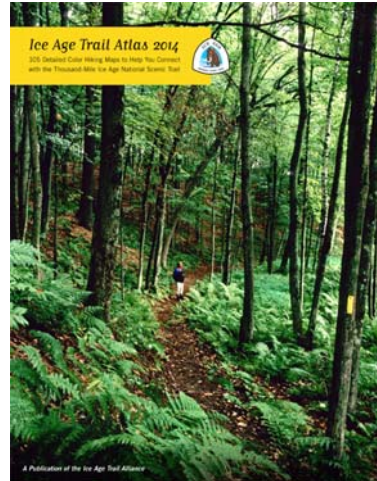
**Ahnapee State Trail:** See Kewaunee River Segment, p. 344.



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*View of Sturgeon Bay from the observation tower at the Ice Age Trail's eastern terminus.*

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