

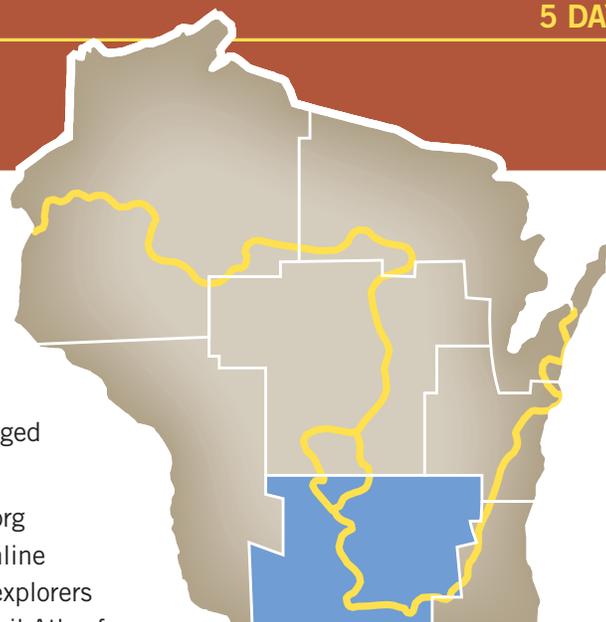
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There are countless stops hikers can make along the thousand-mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Ice Age Trail Alliance supporters have created a set of itineraries taking in the best spots for relaxation, education and enjoyment in all four seasons.

Some itineraries take place in state parks, and will require a state park sticker to park. Along the Trail, shuttles back to your vehicle may be arranged through the local Ice Age Trail Alliance chapter.

Prior to using the Ice Age Trail it is recommended hikers visit [iceagetrail.org](http://iceagetrail.org) for current trail conditions, to connect with local volunteers, to join the online conversation and find out how to support the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Trail explorers may want to pick up a copy of the Ice Age Trail Guidebook and Ice Age Trail Atlas for more detailed information.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance loves to hear from hikers. When you finish your trip please let us know how it went! Share your trail story at [iceagetrail.org/share-trail-story/](http://iceagetrail.org/share-trail-story/). Happy Trails!



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## DAY 1:

## DEVIL'S LAKE SOUTH SHORE

**Before your hike**

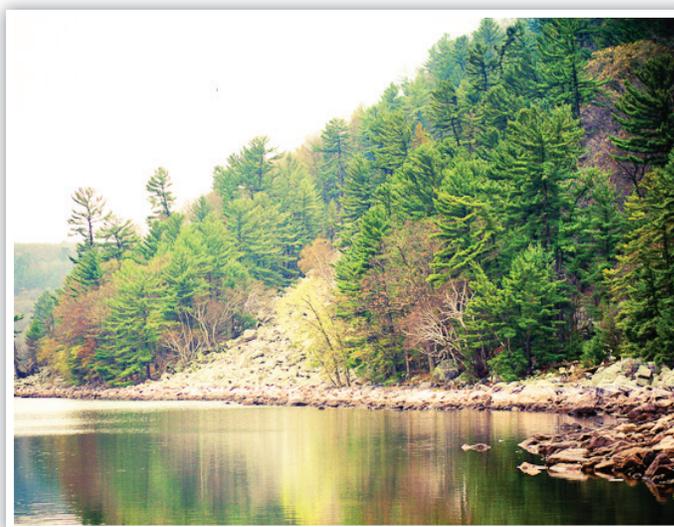
Park your car at the east end of the trip at the Hughes Rd. Parking area and get a shuttle back to Devil's Lake South Shore parking area.

Before you hit the Trail, visit the Circus World Museum in downtown Baraboo, or the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center.

**Hike**

Devil's Lake State Park is home to the Devil's Lake Segment of the Trail, and stunning 1.6 billion year old purple Baraboo quartzite rock. As you hike out of the park, you'll enjoy the wonders of the 1,800 acres of forest, prairie, savanna, wetlands and streams that make up the Merrimac Segment, which is managed by the Riverland Conservancy.

Catch the free 24-hour ferry to make the seven-minute trip across Lake Wisconsin before ascending to the Gibraltar DCA.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Ice Age Trail is one of only eleven National Scenic Trails.



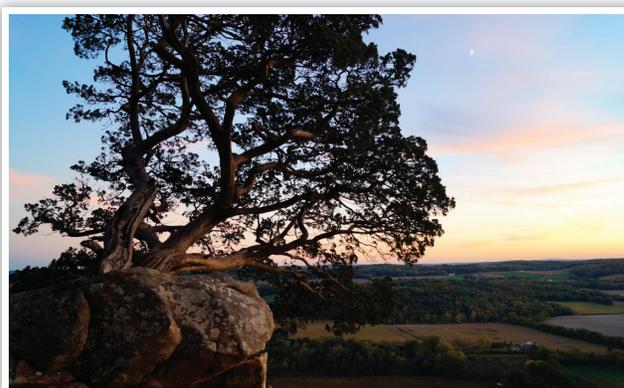
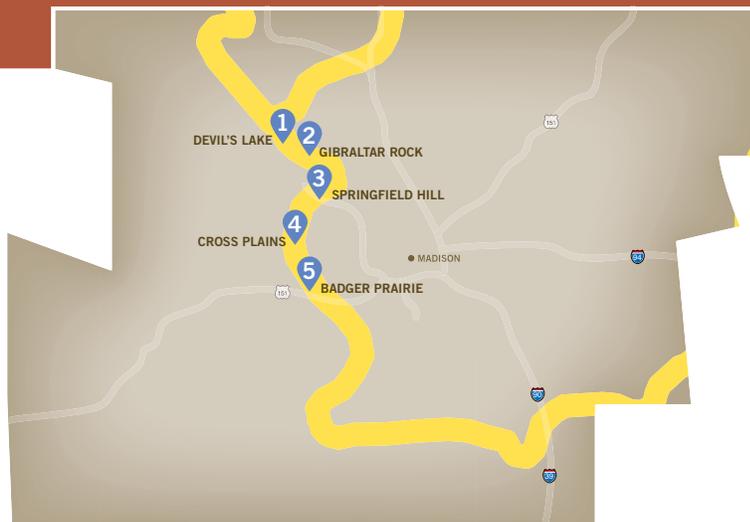
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## DAY 2:

## GIBRALTAR ROCK

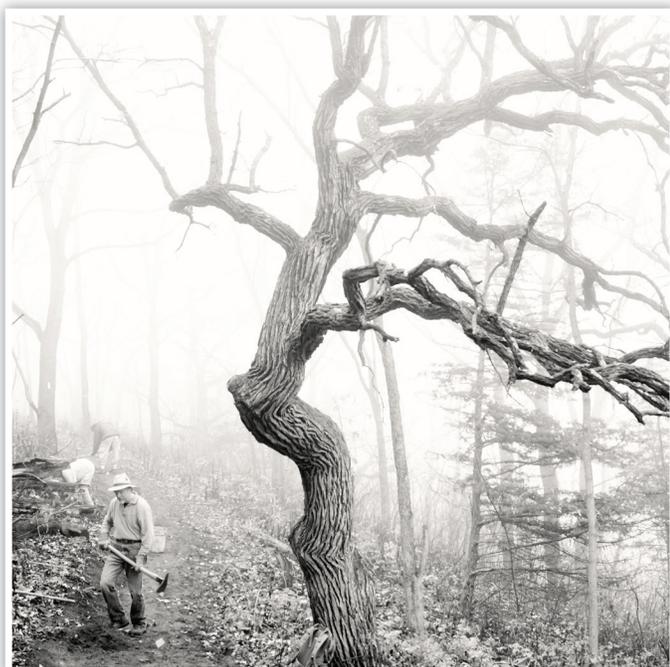
**Hike**

Upon leaving the DCA, you'll be on your way to the top of iconic Gibraltar Rock, a flat-topped butte situated 1,234 feet above sea level. It offers spectacular panoramic views of the Wisconsin River valley from the 200-foot sheer cliffs. Continue the hike south along connecting routes as you head into Lodi. There are multiple places to stock up or grab a cup of coffee for the final push from Downtown Coffee Grounds. Enjoy the sound of sandhill cranes as you traverse the Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area. A short connecting route will take you to the Springfield Hill Segment. Springfield Hill DCA is under development.



## DAY 3:

## SPRINGFIELD HILL (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

**Hike**

After waking up in grand oaks, head south to Indian Lake County Park. Dip your toes in the cool water or enjoy a break in one of the rustic shelters. Take the connecting route to Cross Plains. This section includes some rural roads where you can enjoy the scenery of driftless terrain. Take time to enjoy the pavilion atop the overlook on the Table Bluff Segment. Follow the connector to the Cross Plains DCA. Enjoy an evening atop a ridge nestled in a nice wooded area.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter coordinators are Ice Age Trail Alliance members who can help you plan your hike. Learn more at [IceAgeTrail.org](http://IceAgeTrail.org).



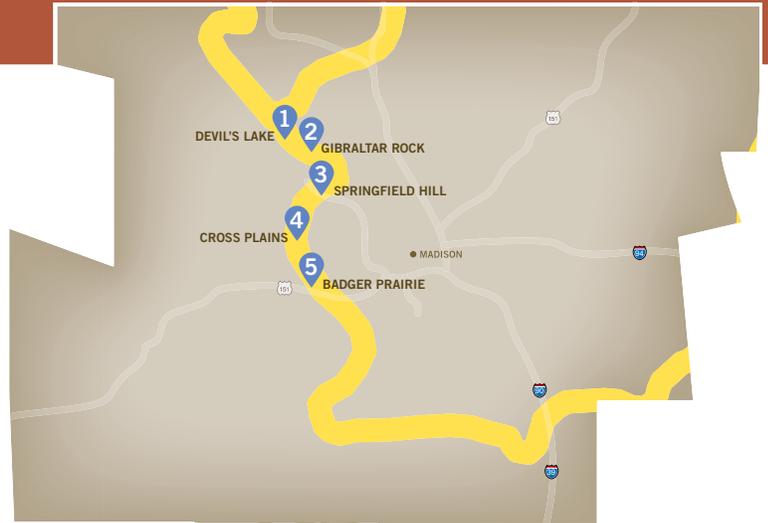
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## DAY 4:

## CROSS PLAINS

**Hike**

As you depart the DCA be sure to stop in the Ice Age Trail Alliance headquarters. You can't miss it as the Trail goes right by the front door! Grab that morning cup of coffee at Crossroads Coffeehouse prior to continuing your trek south. You will pass by the future home of the National Park Service. This area is under development so be sure to check [iceagetrail.org](http://iceagetrail.org) for updates. After a couple short connecting routes you will cross one of the best prairies in the state. Be sure to enjoy rattlesnake master, big blue stem and compass plant! The next DCA is located near the Verona water tower.



## DAY 5:

## BADGER PRAIRIE

**Hike**

As you depart the Badger Prairie DCA you will enjoy a quiet walk through Verona. Restocking options are available a short distance west of the Trail. Along the way you will pass restored prairie, oak savannah and large moraines. After a connecting route walk you will reach the Montrose Segment. Follow the rock outcroppings to restored prairie and dense woods. Hunker down for one last night at the DCA. Your hike out in the morning will be about 4 miles to the Hughes Road parking area.

**Activity**

Be sure to stop in the Ice Age Trail Alliance headquarters in Cross Plains to talk with staff and stock up on maps. Quench your thirst at the Wisconsin Brewing Co. located in Verona. This local favorite is a must-visit while you are in the area.