

LOOK WHAT'S PLANNED: 2022 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Welcome Hike

▶ Hartman Creek Segment, Portage and Waupaca Counties

Saunter through the rolling oak forests and savannas of Central Wisconsin followed by a brewery stop. This hike takes you through the Hartman Creek State Park portion of the segment, which is located on terrain formed as the Wisconsin glacier retreated down a regional slope. Along the way you'll pass by one of the Ice Age Trail's largest erratics.

Hike: 4.5 miles, hilly terrain (shorter distance available), 30-minute bus ride. An hour-long stop at Central Waters Brewing Company. Box lunches provided.

Limit: 80 participants.



Photo by IATA staff.

Session Highlights

- ▶ **How an Idea Becomes the Ice Age Trail:** A ribbon-cutting ceremony at a newly completed segment may well be 20-plus years in the making. Come learn what it takes to turn a good idea into miles of sustainable tread.
- ▶ **Geography Vignettes:** Be in the know as you learn about some of the best places along the Ice Age Trail to experience the glaciers' landscape story.
- ▶ **Guess the Trail Segment:** The wildly popular game is back with different segments, new visuals, new clues, and new prizes!
- ▶ **Thousand-Mile Adventures:** Sit, listen, be inspired. Tales from recent Thousand-Milers are sure to entertain.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Choose Your Adventure

▶ Skunk and Foster Lakes Segment, Waupaca County

A portion of this segment (and the focus of this hike) passes through the Skunk and Foster Lakes State Natural Area. This beautiful area contains crystal clear pot-hole lakes, large erratics, and mature forest. There is an option for an additional 0.8-mile loop for those who want to further stretch their legs.

Hike: 1.8 miles or 2.6 miles, moderate terrain, 25-minute bus ride. Lunch at the conference center.

Limit: 80 participants.



Photo by Shana and Steve Stangler.

▶ A Field Trip Across the Moraines of Eastern Portage County

Discover the striking landscape changes along US-54 from I-39 in Portage County while putting the segments of Central Wisconsin into a broader glacial geological context. This driving tour, with stops for observations, discussions, photos, and rock sampling, is led by Terry Gerlach, retired Geologist, US Geological Survey. The route will follow the retreat of the Late Wisconsin Glaciation from its westward-most extent. Learn how the Arnott, Hancock, and Almond moraines and the Elderon ice margins shaped the region's landscape.

Hike: Driving tour, primarily. Short walks near bus for photos, discussion, etc. Lunch at conference center.

Limit: 30 participants.

For a complete list of workshops and to register, visit iceagetrail.org/annual-conference

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 *continued*

Session Highlights

- ▶ **Future in the Outdoors:** A summit for young adults seeking to facilitate their careers working with natural resources and outdoor recreation. Learn from professionals in the outdoor and environmental sectors and be inspired by a special screening of documentary film, *Breaking Trail* (see Saturday's details).
- ▶ **Chapter Leadership Summit:** For chapter leaders by chapter leaders, this workshop offers the opportunity to share about successful events and activities. New ideas, brainstorming, and plenty of discussion keep this session fresh.
- ▶ **Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections:** This is an opportunity to come together as members under the big Ice Age Trail Alliance tent. Celebrate Alliance successes and elect board members. This meeting is free and open to all members. See insert for list of Board of Directors' nominees.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Jennifer Pharr Davis,
Record-Setting Hiker**
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Jennifer Pharr Davis is a lover of long trails and good stories. She has inspired women and men across the country with her message "the trail is there for everyone at every phase of life" and has made a name for herself as a record setting hiker, National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, sought after speaker, and award-winning author. Jennifer was featured in the 2020 IMAX film *Into America's Wild* narrated by Morgan Freeman, serves on the President's Council for Sports, Fitness and Nutrition, and is founder and owner of Blue Ridge Hiking Company, the guiding service she began in 2008.



SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Choose Your Adventure

- ▶ **Bohn Lake Segment, Waushara County**
Explore this newly extended segment through a rock garden and, along the bottom, a tunnel channel holding Bohn Lake. Enjoy the views of the lake and new loop encircling this body of water.
Hike: 2.2 miles, easy terrain, 40-minute bus ride. Lunch at the conference center.
Limit: 80 participants.
- ▶ **Let's Wing It: Bird Hike at UW-Stevens Point's Natural Campus**
Bring your binoculars (or grab a pair from us) and try your hand at birding during a hike through the Schmeeckle Reserve. Birding experts will lead you around the 280-acre nature conservancy on the UW-Stevens Point campus, watching for birds along its trails, boardwalks, and lake. You'll enjoy the diversity of habitats at the Reserve, which supports numerous wildlife species.
Hike: 2-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain throughout the Reserve, 10-minute bus ride. Lunch at the conference center.
Limit: 35 participants.
- ▶ **"Listening Session" Small-Group Hike**
Sit quietly in the forest and listen to what it has to offer. This less-than-a-mile hike, led by Eric Sherman (Membership and Grants Coordinator) will lead a small group of participants into a Stevens Point area forest, where you'll spread out and sit quietly.
Hike: Less than a mile, moderate terrain, dress warmly, carpooling. Lunch at the conference center.
Limit: 15 participants.



Photo by Cameron Gillie.

Registration Deadline: April 1.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 *continued*

Session Highlights

- ▶ **Breaking Trail** (a documentary film screening and Q&A session with the film's director): Emily Ford sets out with a borrowed sled dog to become the first woman and person of color to thru-hike the 1,200-mile Ice Age Trail in winter. As the journey tests their endurance, the duo embraces the unexpected kindness of strangers. Written and directed by Jesse Roesler, Principal and Creative Director at the creative content studio Credo Nonfiction, this film premiered at the 2021 the BANFF Film Festival.
- ▶ **Awards Banquet and Celebration Event:** We're rolling out the yellow carpet! It's a big night as we celebrate the accomplishments of our tremendously generous volunteers. Come find out who gets a National Park Service vest or jacket. Discover who'll be the next caretaker of the Spirit Stick and who'll be the Trail Steward of the Year. Recent Thousand-Milers are recognized, too!



Photo courtesy of Credo Nonfiction.

Long-Distance Hiking Seminar

If you're considering an Ice Age Trail thru-hike as your next big adventure, or if you're section hiking the Trail in weekend jaunts, then this seminar is for you. An all-day, five-session workshop series to get you started on your thousand-mile journey with plenty of advice from the experts. Jennifer Pharr Davis will participate as a workshop leader. Also included: a special screening of *Breaking Trail*, including Q&A with the film's director.

- Session 1: Trip Planning, Logistics & Navigation
- Session 2: Pack Shakedown for Backpackers OR Inside Scoop for Segment Hikers
- Session 3: Meal Planning
- Session 4: *Breaking Trail* (a documentary film)
- Session 5: Hikers' Forum – Wisdom from the Trail

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Cost (includes lunch): \$125 (\$150 after March 18) as a stand-alone event.

Or, add to any conference package for \$100!

Limit: 60 participants.



Photos by Joanne Ellarson.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Complimentary Breakfast and Closing Remarks

Conference Packages and Pricing

All packages include conference registration fee and three meals per day. Staying Saturday night? You'll get complimentary breakfast on Sunday, too.

Conference Package	Early-Bird Rate (before March 18)	Regular Rate
3-Day (Thurs, Fri, Sat)	\$195.....	\$220
2-Day	\$150.....	\$175
1-Day	\$125.....	\$150

Add Saturday's Long-Distance Hiking Seminar! \$100 with conference package OR \$125 as a stand-alone event including lunch (\$150 after March 18).

Only want to attend Saturday Night's Dinner and Awards Banquet? \$30/person.





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Registration ends Friday, April 1.

