

Season at a Glance: 2022 Trailbuilding and Habitat Management Events



Habitat Management:

January 20 – 22, Table Bluff Segment, Dane County

Help maintain species diversity and ecosystem quality along this popular segment. Build and burn brush piles; remove invasive brush and trees from prairies to prepare for future broadcast burns.

February 4 – 6, Cross Plains Segment, Dane County

Burn brush piles previously created at Mammoth's Back Preserve. Buckthorn removal will continue as we clear Mammoth's Back and preserve its remnant hilltop prairie.

February 17 – 19, Gibraltar Rock Segment, Columbia County

Felling, piling, and burning eastern red cedar continues at the Steenbock Preserve. Join us as we pull back the cedar curtain and unveil the view of Lake Wisconsin and the Baraboo Hills.

Trailbuilding:

May 18 – 22, Rib Lake Segment, Taylor County

Come prepared to cut fresh tread along the terminal moraine as we begin building four brand-new miles of Trail. This is the first of several projects, which will fill in the gaps along this segment.

June 8 – 12, IAT-U: Crew Leader Training, Iola, Waupaca County

Crew Leader Training is back! Learn the skills you need to lead the next generation of trail builders. Attendance requires a short application.

June 22 – 26, New Hope-Iola Ski Hill Segment, Waupaca and Portage Counties

This 1.5-mile reroute at the Iola Winter Sports Club will create a more enjoyable experience for hikers and skiers. Join us to build brand-new tread through the pines and away from established ski trails. This is a great project to learn the basics of tread construction.

July 13 – 17, Rice Lake Preserve, Marathon County

The newly expanded Rice Lake Preserve is ready to host the Ice Age Trail. Help create a segment, which will offer a reprieve from road walk and meander through old-growth white pine, hemlock, and white cedar. Enjoy outstanding scenery, stonework, and 500 feet of boardwalk construction.

August 18 – 21, LaBudde Creek Segment, Sheboygan County

Help provide hikers with an additional mile of new Trail through the recently acquired State Ice Age Trail Area protecting the LaBudde Creek watershed. This project will extend the segment, connecting County Road MM with Ridge Creek Road.

September 14 – 18, Rib Lake Segment, Taylor County

Join us for plenty of treadwork, stonework, and boardwalk construction as we pick up where we left off in May! We'll continue making progress toward building four miles of brand-new Trail. A 2023 opening is in our sights.

October 6 – 9, Lapham Peak Segment, Waukesha County

Three short reroutes along this popular segment will eliminate erosion, replace the infamous "Rollercoaster" boardwalk, and improve hiker safety at a busy road crossing. Join us to enhance Trail sustainability and the hiker experience.

October 20 – 22, Wildcard

Stay tuned for more information on this "as needed" event!

