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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Many ways to celebrate National Trails Day®  
on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail**

Events happening statewide: Saturday, June 3

**Cross Plains, Wis.** (May 24, 2023)—With more than 10 events planned throughout the state, the Ice Age Trail Alliance is making it easy for the public to participate in National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3.

"National Trails Day is a great time to explore a local trail," says Luke Klobberdanz, Executive Director and CEO of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. "For most Wisconsin residents, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail is that local Trail since 60% live within 20 miles of a segment."

This year's National Trails Day events offers a little bit of everything. There are family-friendly hikes and hikes led by naturalists; there are long hikes and hike shuttles being offered; You can hike on the newest portion of Trail; or participate in a habitat restoration project taking place that day.

"If you plan it right, you could be busy on the Ice Age Trail participating in events from 8 a.m. to dusk," says Klobberdanz. "Everyone's encouraged to go out and explore somewhere new!"

Here's an overview of what's happening along the Ice Age Trail on June 3:

**Mammoth Fun Run & Hike Lodi, Wis. (Dane County)**

6K timed trail run or 6K hike through the Lodi Marsh segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. The event is free but donations to support the work of the Lodi Valley Chapter are greatly appreciated. Registration starts at 8; Run/hike begins at 9 a.m. Food and prizes will be available at Doctor's Park (220 S. Main Street, Lodi) after the run/hike is completed, with event expected to conclude by 11:00 a.m.

**Hike Devil's Lake (Sauk County)**

Join the Devil's Lake Park Naturalist for an 8-mile hike, along and over the bluffs. Start at Roznow's Meadow Parking area on Highway 113. Shuttles will return you to your vehicles. Bring water and lunch. Hike begins at 8 a.m.

**National Trails Day Hike (Walworth/Jefferson County)**

Hike up to 20 miles in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest with the Walworth Jefferson County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Hike starts at 8 a.m. at the Rice Lake boat launch parking lot and ends at the Emma Carlin Trailhead. Shuttles available along the route to return you to your car; shorter hike options available. Free parking all day in DNR parking lots

**Walla Hi Segment Hike (Manitowoc County)**

Join the Lakeshore Chapter for a 2.3-mile out and back hike in the high hummocky terrain of Walla Hi County Park. Hikers should meet at 9 a.m. in the lower parking lot of Walla Hi County Park in Kiel.

**National Trails Day Hike (Waukesha/Milwaukee County Chapter)**

Hike up to 4 miles on the Lapham Peak segment of the Ice Age Trail. One-mile prairie hike and family-friendly tyke hikes are also options. Meet at 9 a.m. at Lapham Peak Parks' Evergreen Picnic Shelter.

**Rock County National Trails Day Hike (Janesville)**

Hike from the North Pavillion in Riverside Park to the rustic cabin in the Janesville School Outdoor Lab—it's a 5.2 mile round trip hike with a stop at the cabin for snacks and drinks. Hikers should meet at 9 a.m. at the Riverside Park Pavillion (near the steps to the Devil's Staircase segment).

**Point Beach Hike (Two Rivers)**

Travel across ridges, swales, sand dunes, and along Lake Michigan's shore during this 7 mile roundtrip hike, which is being led by the Lakeshore Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Expect your feet to get wet! Hikers should meet at the parking lot at Viceroy Road and County Highway O in Two Rivers at 9 a.m.

**Chippewa Moraine National Trails Day Hike (Cornell)**

Join the Chippewa Moraine Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance on a 8.4-mile hike of the Firth Lake segment. Shuttles will be organized. Bring your lunch and insect repellent. Meet at 9 a.m. at the parking lot at 245<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Madison Segment Trail Improvement Day (Dane County)**

Help reveal the natural beauty of the University Ridge portion of the Madison segment—by clearing buckthorn and honeysuckle with the Dane County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Make sure to wear long pants and shirt and leather gloves! Work begins promptly at 9 a.m. Park at the Noer Turf Research Facility.

**Portage Ice Age Trail Community Celebration (Columbia County)**

When the ribbon's cut shortly after noon, Portage officially becomes an Ice Age Trail Community! Be at the celebration for the unveiling of the new Trail Community signs. Meet Monty the Mammoth—who will be walking in the Canal Day's Parade earlier that morning.

**Group Hike and Open House at the Pleasant Lake Loop (Waushara and Marquette Counties)**

This family-friendly event, which starts at 12:30 p.m., features a 1.5-mile guided hike along the newest portion of Trail: the Pleasant Lake portion of the Chaffee Creek segment. This hike will be led by a naturalist from UW Stevens Point. Hikers should meet at the new parking lot on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., ¼ mile south of County Road C in Coloma.

**Pike Lake National Trails Day Hike (Washington and Ozaukee Counties)**

Enjoy a mid-afternoon guided hike of the Pike Lake Segment of the Ice Age Trail. You'll see glacial features, including a large kame! Hikers will journey up to 3 miles. Meet at Pike Lake State Park-3544 Kettle Moraine Rd., Hartford at 2 p.m.

**Backpack Essentials Workshop with Pack Shakedown (Langlade County)**

National Trails Day is the perfect day to learn all you need to know about backpacking on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. During this workshop, you'll hear from experienced hikers, meet other backpackers, and shed weight from your pack! Event takes place at Jack Lake Lodge at Jack Lake Campground in Deerbrook. Registration fees includes dinner and plenty of time to learn. Pre-registration is required at

<https://iceagetrail.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/iceagetrail/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1507&>.

For complete details about the events taking place on National Trails Day, visit

<https://www.iceagetrail.org/events/2023-06-03/>.

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#### **About the Ice Age National Scenic Trail:**

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a 1,200-mile footpath contained entirely within Wisconsin. It traverses the state from St. Croix Falls in the west, to Sturgeon Bay in the east, going as far south as Janesville. One of 11 National Scenic Trails, the Ice Age Trail highlights the landscapes that were carved out by ancient glaciers, which happen to be some of the most beautiful areas in the state. Approximately 60% of Wisconsin residents live within 20 miles of the Ice Age Trail.

#### **About the Ice Age Trail Alliance:**

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a non-profit, member and volunteer-based organization which conserves, creates, maintains, and promotes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. For more information visit **[iceagetrail.org](https://www.iceagetrail.org)**.

#### **About National Trails Day:**

[American Hiking Society's National Trails Day®](#) is about coming together again on the trail and leaving the trail and the outdoor community better than you found them. Now in its 30th year, millions of hikers, bikers, rowers, horseback riders, trail clubs, federal and local agencies, land trusts, and businesses come together in partnership in events across the country to forge a more inclusive trail community and advocate for, maintain, and clean up public lands and trails.