

2024 Ice Age Trail Crew Season-at-a-Glance



Habitat Improvement Events

January 12 – 13: Table Bluff Segment, Dane County

Help maintain habitat diversity and ecosystem quality in Alliance-owned SwampLover's Preserve. Remove invasive brush from the oak savannas and woodlands using loppers and hand saws. Trained sawyers will bring down invasive trees, too.

January 26 – January 27: Hartland Segment, Waukesha County

Promote the growth of young oaks and native forbs in the Alliance-owned Hartland Marsh Preserve. Help remove non-native brush from the oak woodlands surrounding the marsh, allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor.

February 9 – February 10: Gibraltar Rock Segment, Southern Columbia County

Each year, the view of Lake Wisconsin and the Baraboo Hills improves at the Alliance-owned Steenbock Preserve. Help remove invasive brush from the oak savannas and woodlands using loppers and hand saws. Trained sawyers will bring down invasive trees, too.



Trailbuilding and Maintenance Events

May 2 – 4: Training – Crew Leader Retreat, Location TBD

Crew Leaders, come together to talk about ways to improve projects and enhance the crew leader experience during the 2024 Trailbuilding Season.

May 7 – 10: Maintenance Sweep, Location TBD

Save the date! Winter takes its toll along the Ice Age Trail. Be a part of a small crew dedicated to making the Trail ready for spring hiking—most likely will involve removing fallen trees or broken branches. So, sawyers and swampers are especially needed!

May 15 – 19: Hemlock Creek Segment, Barron and Rusk Counties

Help upgrade the Trail near the popular Murphy Flowage Recreation Area. Replace deteriorating bridges and boardwalks, refreshing the signage, and maintaining the tread.

June 6 – 8: Training – IAT-U, Sauk & Columbia Counties

Learn new skills from experienced staff and expert volunteers. Ice Age Trail University (IAT-U) classes will be announced at a later date – stay tuned!

June 20 – 23: Training – Crew Leader Skills, Dane County

Learn the skills you need to lead the next Trailbuilding generation. If you participated in past years' Trailbuilding events and are ready to take the next step, please submit a short application. Contact Chad DuChateau, Director of Trail Operations, for details, by emailing, chad@iceagetrail.org.

June 25 – 28: Maintenance Sweep, Location TBD

Save the date! Summer's challenge: unchecked brush and fast-growing grass. Join a small crew ready to tackle the undergrowth along the Trail corridor and mow tread.

July 17 – 21: John Muir Park Segment, Marquette County

Elevate hikers' enjoyment of the Alliance-owned Muir Preserve by building a boardwalk and loop trail, setting up the Trail for future growth. In addition, crews will help scout more Trail options in Marquette County.

July 30 – Aug 2: Maintenance Sweep, Location TBD

Save the date! Summer's ongoing challenge: summer storm damage and overgrown Trail as brush crowds the tread. Join a small crew eager to wield clippers, mow, and bring order to the mayhem.

August 14 – 18: Plover River Segment, Marathon County

South of Highway 52, this much-loved and well-traveled segment is ready for a few upgrades. Help build puncheon, solidify tread with granite boulders, and maintain the existing tread to withstand many future boots.

September 11 – 15: Greenbush Segment, Sheboygan County

Enjoy early autumn color in the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit as you craft brand-new tread. Help create a new route for the Ice Age Trail south of Hwy 23, moving it from a paved multi-use trail onto a beautiful landscape of deep kettles and big trees.

October 2 – 6: Blue Hills Segment, Rusk County

At last, it's time the Dreamer Route became reality. Join tread and corridor clearing crews for the first of many events working in this geologically significant area. We'll also finish up bridge and boardwalk work on the Hemlock Creek Segment.

October 24 – 27: Wildcard!, Location TBD

Save the date! Join us for the final project of the year. The location and project are determined as the season draws to a close. We may revisit a segment to finish remaining to-do list items or tackle an emerging need somewhere else on the Trail.

