

I really did not have a plan for when I started my IAT hike. Even though, I hiked the trail before, I never planned on hiking the entire trail. In around March of 2023, I decided to hike the trail, but I really didn't know anyone that was serious about hiking it. Now, I began recording my hikes. I downloaded the spreadsheet to record the miles and segments. I had an older atlas that I followed and read several books. I found a few groups and a few facebook groups that were hiking the trail. Slowly I began meeting people who were serious in hiking the trail. I joined every group that went hiking. I hiked wherever the group was hiking. Since I had a lot of ground to cover, I hiked with many different people and groups. I also hiked alone. Soon I began to post my hikes to cover the areas that I needed. I have met so many different people. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time hiking the IAT. I also saw so many places in Wisconsin that I probably wouldn't normally go to. Thank you for the IAT!

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