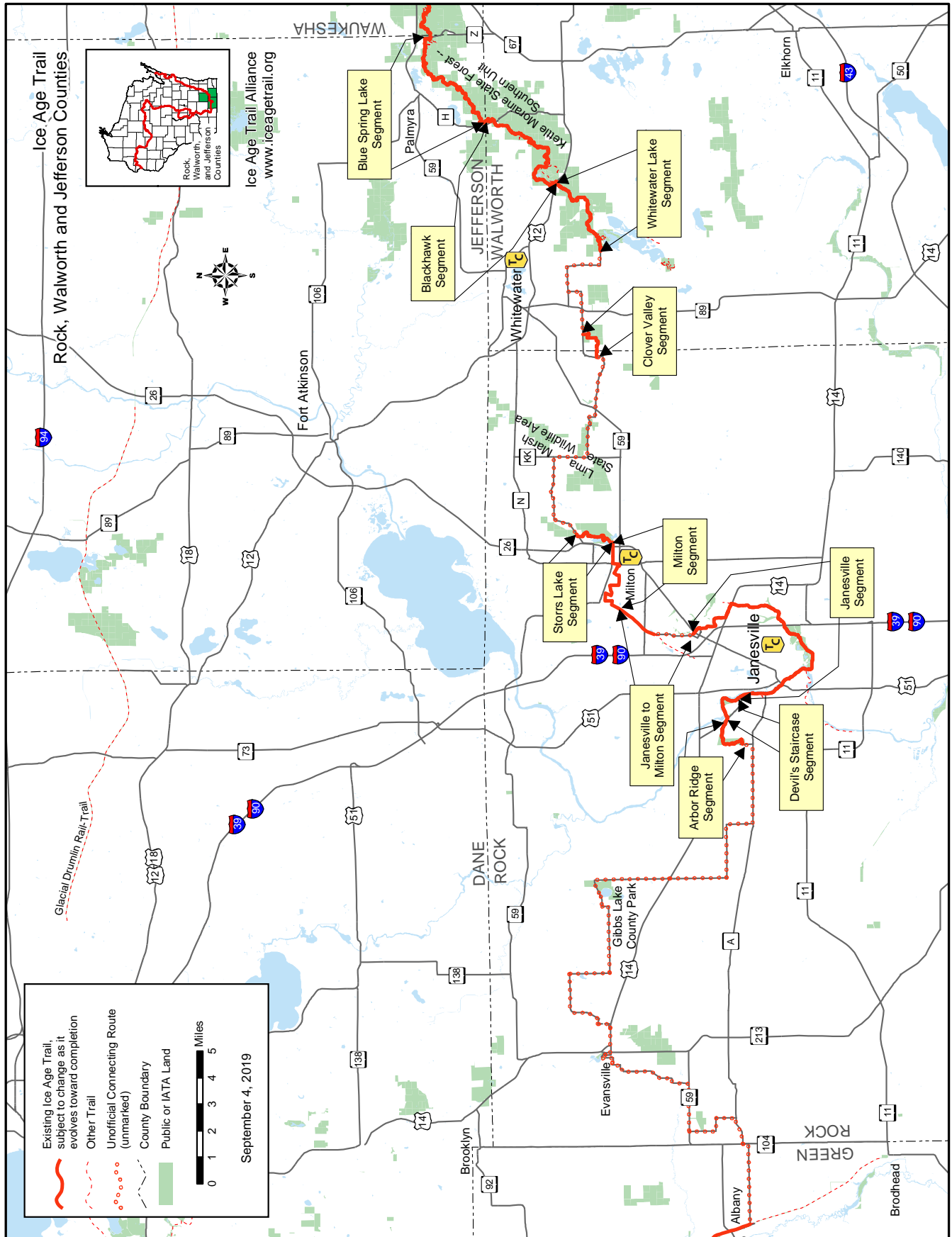
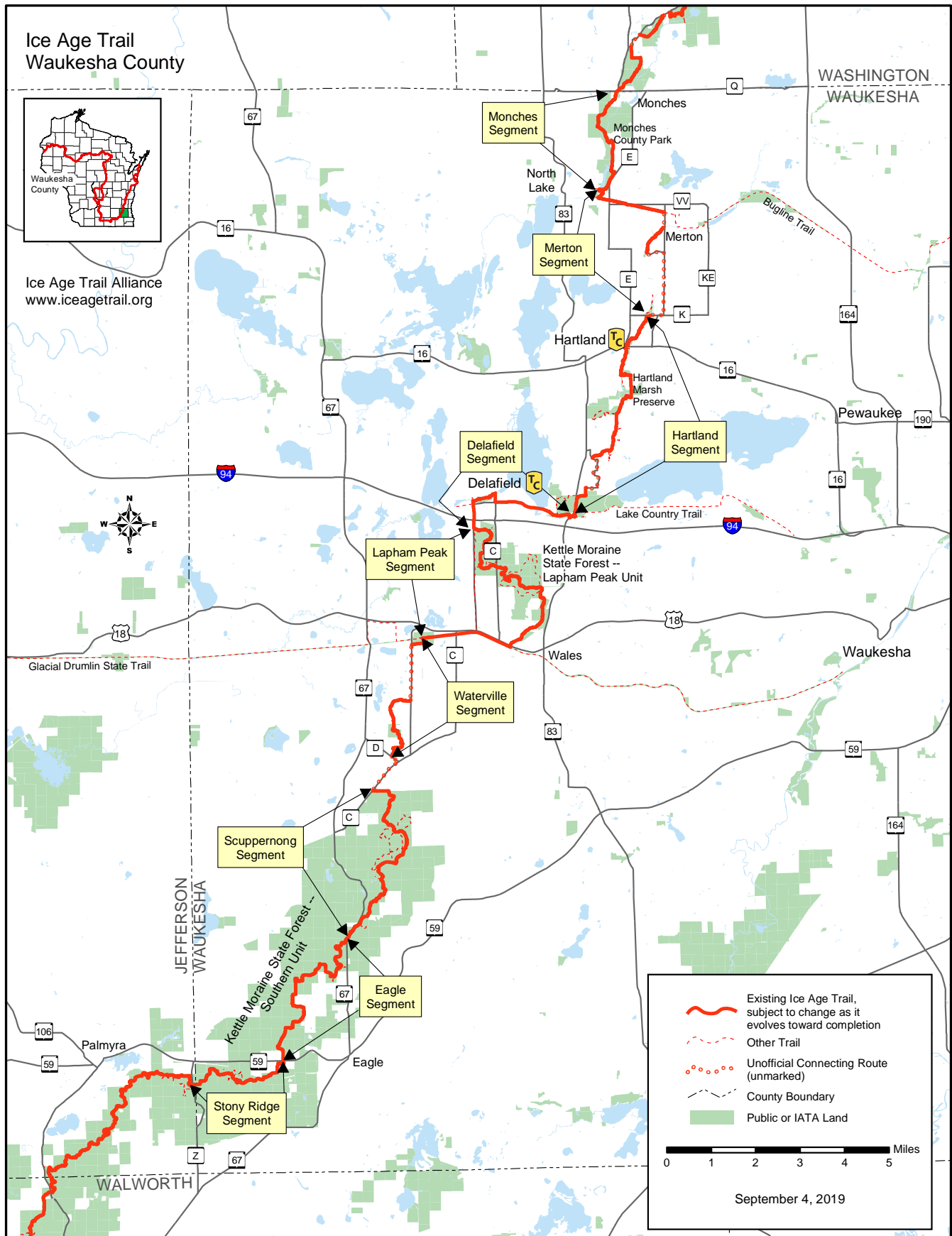

























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# Walworth & Jefferson Counties

Whitewater Lake Segment 4.6 mi • Atlas Map 78f	<i><b>Note:</b> Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.</i>		<b>Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit</b>    <b>(KMSF-SU) Rice Lake Nature Trail area:</b> At trail junction (JW6), take the blue-blazed trail 0.1 mi to Kettle Moraine Dr. to a self-guided 0.6-mi nature trail. A picnic and parking area on State Park Rd. is 0.5 mi from the trail junction (JW6).  <b>KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake Campground:</b>  Access from Hi-Lo Rd. or side trail (JW5). Registration for campsites at Contact Station. Camping is open May through October (262-473-7501, <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms/camping.html">dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms/camping.html</a> ; reservations: 888-947-2757, <a href="http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com">wisconsin.goingtocamp.com</a> ). Seasonal facilities.	
	852.4	Blue-blazed trail (JW6) to KMSF-SU Rice Lake Nature Trail area [75 ft west of Hi-Lo Rd.] >>>		294.9
	852.6	Spur trail to KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake DNR Contact Station and parking area east 0.2 mi		294.8
	852.8	Spur trail (JW5) to KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake Campground >>>		294.6
	853.8	CTH-P		293.6
	854.6	Esterly Rd. 		292.8
	855.2	Power line		292.1
	856.2	Trailside bench near pipeline		291.1
	856.5	<b>Whitewater Lake Segment and Blackhawk Segment Trail Access &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> USH-12 (JW13) 	290.9	<b>USH-12 access (JW13):</b> <i>From LaGrange</i> take USH-12 west 2.7 mi to the IAT parking area. <i>From Whitewater</i> at the intersection of USH-12 and STH-89, take USH-12 east 5.0 mi to the parking area.
Blackhawk Segment 7.0 mi • Atlas Maps 78f, 79f	<i><b>Note:</b> Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.</i>		<b>LaGrange:</b>  At USH-12 go east 2.7 mi.   <b>Whitewater (53190):</b>         At USH-12 go west 5.0 mi and follow Bus. USH-12.  <b>INN Style lodging:</b> Hamilton House B&B (262-473-1900, <a href="http://bandbhiltonhouse.com">bandbhiltonhouse.com</a> ).  <b>Lodging:</b> Super 8 Motel (262-472-0400) and Baymont Inn and Suites (262-472-9400).  <b>Area information:</b> Whitewater Chamber of Commerce (262-473-4005, <a href="http://whitewaterchamber.com">whitewaterchamber.com</a> ).  <b>Elkhorn:</b>  At USH-12 go east and south 7 mi.  <b>INN Style lodging:</b> Ye Olde Manor House B&B (262-742-2450, <a href="http://yeoldemanorhouse.com">yeoldemanorhouse.com</a> ).  <b>White-blazed trail (JW4):</b> The trail heads south along the eastern shore of Lake La Grange back to the USH-12 Trail access parking area.  <b>KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 3:</b>   Access via a 0.1 mi spur trail. Situated atop a steep hill surrounded by dense forest. Reservations required (888-947-2757, <a href="http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com">wisconsin.goingtocamp.com</a> .) Only one group (up to 10) per shelter per night is allowed. No potable water.  <b>Historic Ole Oleson Homestead:</b> A Norwegian pioneer two-story tamarack log cabin. Roadside parking on Duffin Rd. No facilities.	
	857.9	Lake La Grange outlet		289.5
	858.4	White-blazed trail (JW4)—access to USH-12 parking area 1.0 mi west >>>		289.0
	860.9	Duffin Rd. (JW12) 		286.4
	861.0	Spur trail (JW3) to KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 3 >>>		286.3
	861.6	Spur trail (JW2) to Ole Oleson Homestead >>>		285.8
	862.6	Bluff Rd.		284.8
	862.8	CTH-H		284.5
	863.5	<b>Blackhawk Segment and Blue Spring Lake Trail Access &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> Young Rd. (JW11) 	283.9 W	<b>Young Rd. access (JW11):</b> From STH-59/CTH-H in Palmyra take CTH-H southwest 3.0 mi. At Young Rd. turn left and go east 0.1 mi. Roadside parking.















## Walworth & Jefferson Counties

Blue Spring Lake Segment 7.1 mi • Atlas Maps 79f, 80f	<b>Note:</b> Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times. As hikers approach the end of the segment they may hear gunfire; a public shooting range can be heard from the Trail.			
	863.7	Spur trail to CTH-H Bald Bluff parking area ➤➤	283.7	<p><b>Bald Bluff &amp; parking area:</b> Spur trail leads to CTH-H parking area. Bald Bluff is 1,050 ft above sea level and 200 ft above the surrounding area.</p> <p><b>Stone Elephant (JW1):</b> A granite erratic. Prairie Potawatomi Native Americans visited the rock and considered it a sacred area. Early settlers named the rock due to size, color and shape.</p> <p><b>Palmyra (53156):</b>      At Little Prairie Rd. go 1.0 mi northwest. The library has limited hours.</p> <p><b>KMSF-SU Horseriders' Camp:</b>    On Trail. Parking area on Little Prairie Rd. Camping is for equestrian users only. Shower use for hikers with a KMSF-SU backpack shelter reservation.</p> <p><b>Emma F. Carlin Trails:</b>    Access via a spur trail. Parking area on CTH-Z.</p>
	863.9	Bald Bluff ➤➤	283.5	
	865.3	Spur trail to Stone Elephant (JW1) ➤➤	282.0	
	866.5	Tamarack Rd. 	280.9	
	867.2	Little Prairie Rd. ➤➤	280.2	
	867.6	Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Horseriders' Camp ➤➤	279.8	
	870.6	<b>Blue Spring Lake Segment and Stony Ridge Segment Trail Access ➤➤</b> CTH-Z (JW14)	276.8 W	<p><b>CTH-Z access (JW14):</b> From STH-59/STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 3.7 mi. At CTH-Z turn left and go south 0.6 mi. No parking. Instead, use nearby Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Emma Carlin Trails parking area on CTH-Z south of the IAT access. A short blue-blazed trail leads to the IAT.</p>

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Atlas maps 80f–83f; Guidebook pages 279–297

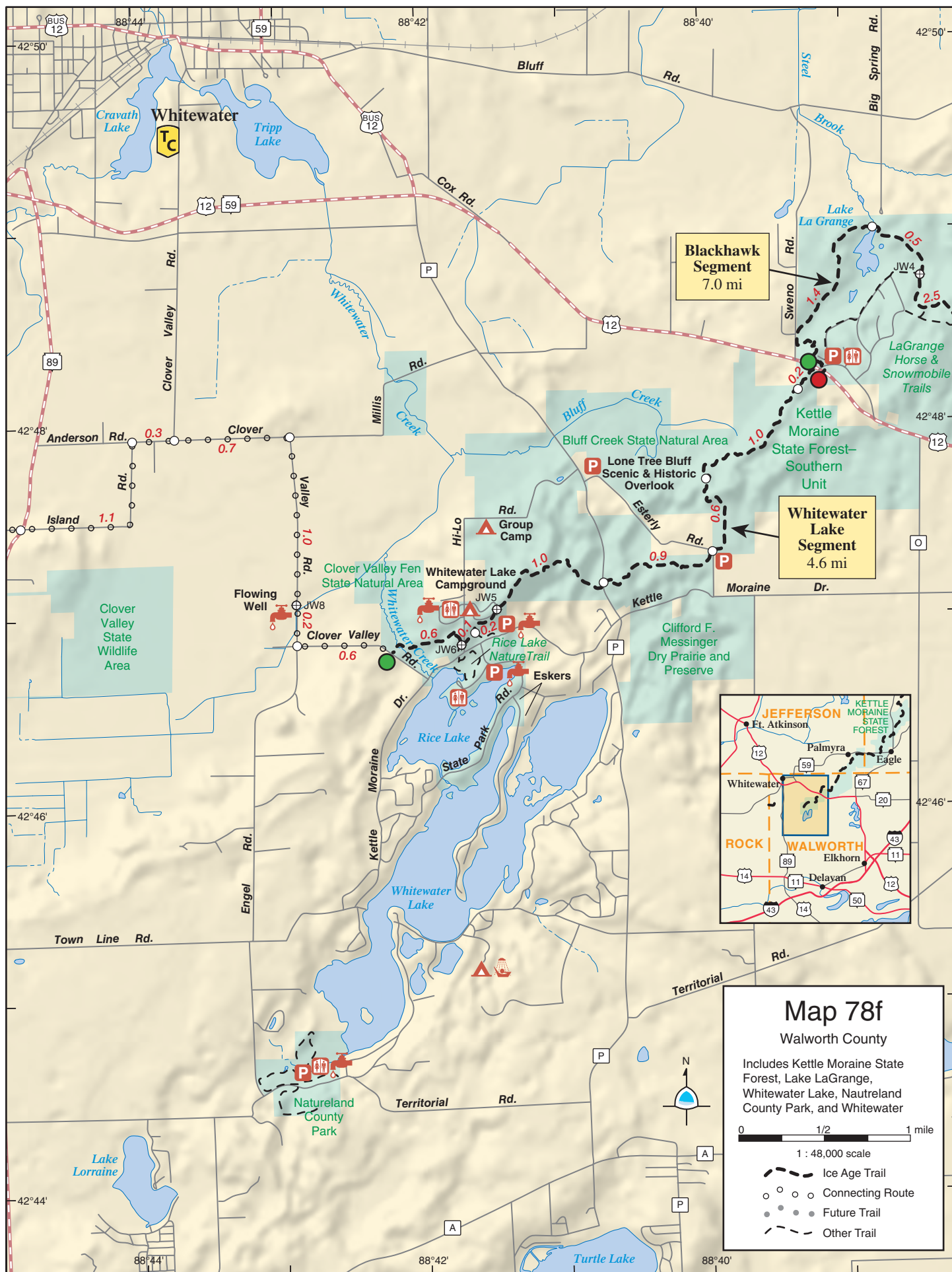
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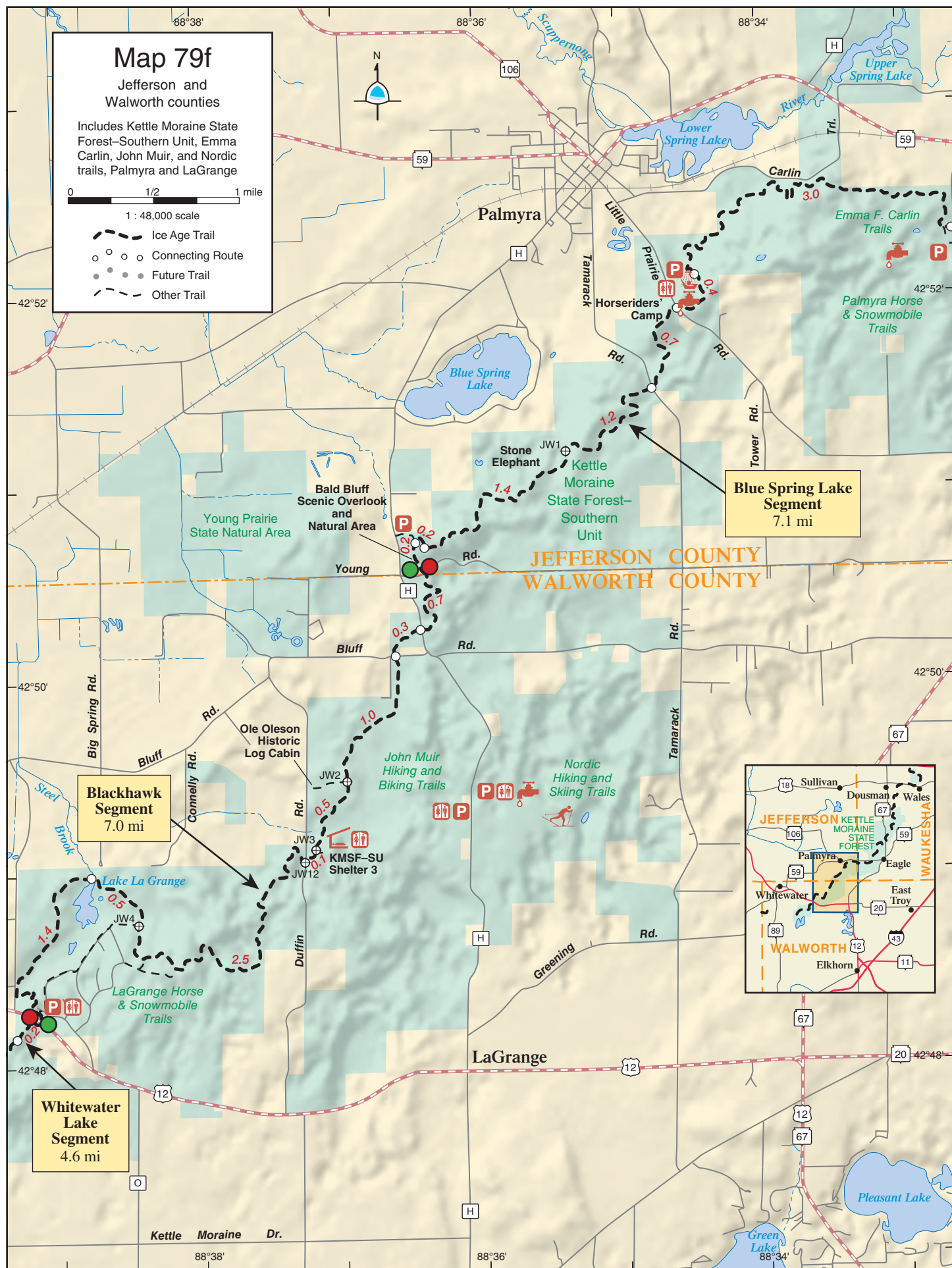
Stony Ridge Segment 3.1 mi • Atlas Map 80f	870.6	<b>Blue Spring Lake Segment and Stony Ridge Segment Trail Access &gt;&gt;</b> CTH-Z (JW14)	276.8	<b>CTH-Z access (JW14):</b> From STH-59/STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 3.7 mi. At CTH-Z turn left and go south 0.6 mi. No parking. Instead, use nearby Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Emma Carlin Trails parking area on CTH-Z south of the IAT access. A short blue-blazed trail leads to the IAT.
	<i><b>Note:</b> Dogs must be leashed. The Trail crossing private land between CTH-S and STH-59 is closed during gun deer season.</i>			<b>Kettle Moraine State Forest—</b>    <b>Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Headquarters:</b> Spur trail from the IAT. On STH-59, 2.6 mi west of Eagle (262-594-6200, <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms">dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms</a> ). Information, small museum and brochures for self-guided nature trails near the IAT.  <b>KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 2:</b>   Reservations required (888-947-2757, <a href="http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com">wisconsin.goingtocamp.com</a> ). Only one group (up to 10) per shelter per night is allowed. No water. Obtain water from the Forest HQ, 0.2 mi north of the shelter.
	871.2	Bridge over creek	276.2	
	871.9	Trail junction ( <b>WK18</b> ): Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Headquarters (northeast) and Backpack Shelter 2 south 0.2 mi >>>	275.5	
	872.6	Top of steep-sided esker ( <b>WK29</b> )	274.8	
	872.8	Railroad	274.5	
873.4	CTH-S	274.0		
Eagle Segment 5.6 mi • Atlas Map 80f	873.6	<b>Stony Ridge Segment and Eagle Segment Trail Access &gt;&gt;</b> STH-59 ( <b>WK31</b> )	273.7	<b>STH-59 access (WK31):</b> From STH-59/STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 1.6 mi. No parking. Instead, head north on the gravel road a short distance east of STH-59/CTH-S. This DNR road leads to two large parking areas and provides access to the IAT and a dog training area.
	<i><b>Note:</b> Dogs must be leashed.</i>			<b>Eagle (53119):</b>      At STH-59 go east 1.6 mi.  <b>INN Style lodging:</b> Eagle Centre House B&B (262-363-4700, <a href="http://eagle-house.com">eagle-house.com</a> ).  <b>Brady's Rocks:</b> Access via white-blazed loop trail ( <b>WK17</b> ) weaves between the 8-ft-high outcroppings, a portion of the Niagara Escarpment. Parking on STH-67.  <b>KMSF-SU Ottawa Lake Recreation Area:</b>  At STH-67 go north 1.7 mi. Where CTH-ZZ heads west from STH-67, turn left on to CTH-ZZ and go 0.2 mi (262-594-6220, <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms">dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms</a> ; reservations: 888-947-2757, <a href="http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com">wisconsin.goingtocamp.com</a> ).  
874.0	Depart gravel drive	273.4		
874.3	Small stream	273.1		
875.1	CTH-N 	272.3		
875.9	Wilton Rd. [join for 0.1 mi] 	271.5		
877.8	White-blazed loop trail ( <b>WK17</b> ) to Brady's Rocks >>>	269.6		
878.1	Blue-blazed trail to STH-67 parking area	269.2		
	878.4	Gravel access road [spur trail ( <b>WK37</b> ) to natural spring in 75 ft]	269.0	
	879.3	<b>Eagle Segment and Scuppernong Segment Trail Access &gt;&gt;</b> STH-67 wayside ( <b>WK36</b> ) 	268.1	<b>STH-67 wayside access (WK36):</b> From I-94 at Oconomowoc, take Exit 282 onto STH-67 and go south 11.2 mi to the parking area.

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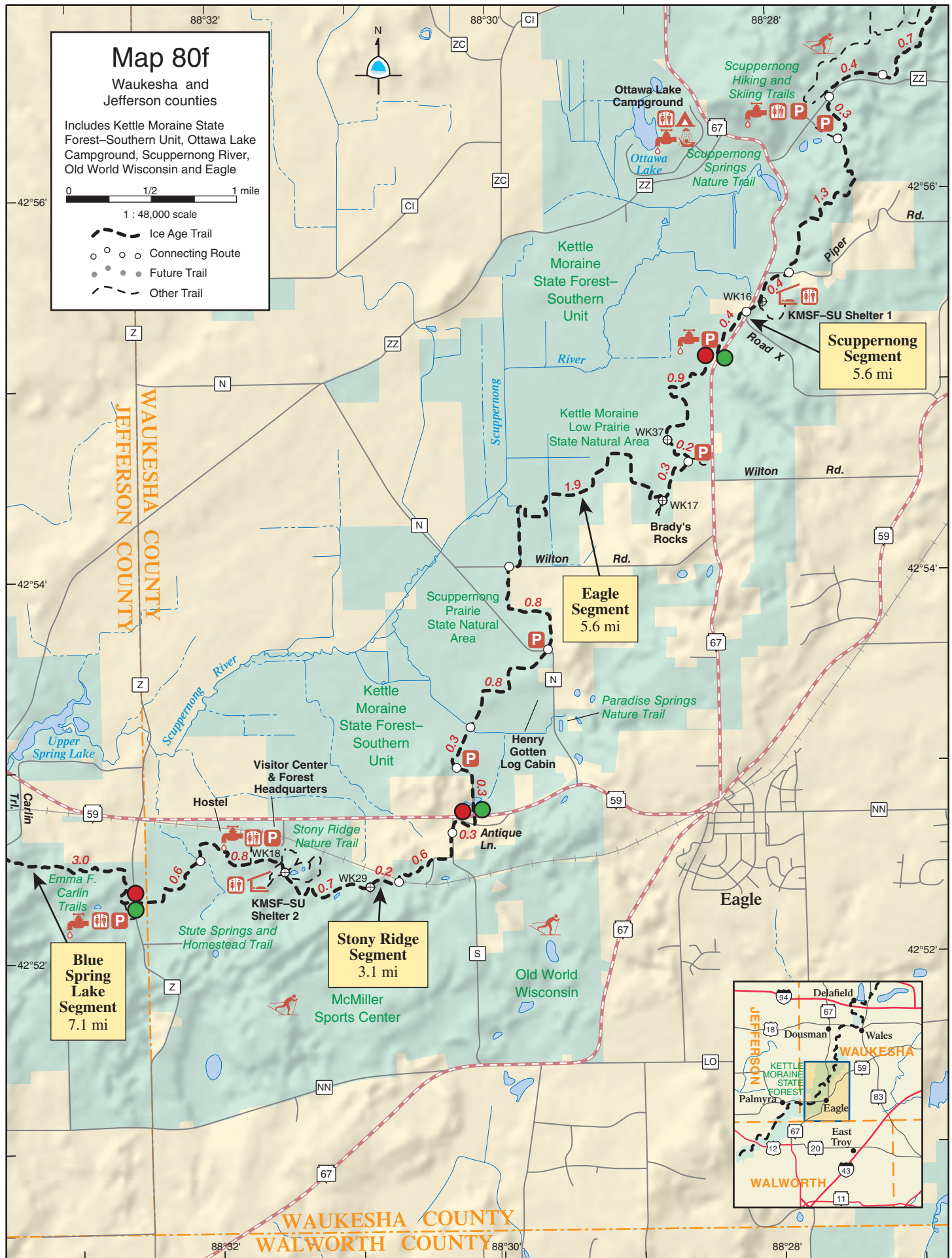
Scuppernong Segment 5.6 mi • Atlas Maps 80f, 81f	<i>Note: Dogs must be leashed.</i>		STH-67 wayside:  On Trail.  <b>KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 1:</b> Access via spur trail. Reservations required (888-947-2757, wisconsin.goingtocamp.com). Only one group (up to 10) per shelter per night allowed. No water. Obtain water at STH-67 wayside, 0.4 mi south of the shelter's spur trail intersection.  <b>North Prairie (53153):</b> From the Piper Rd. Trail access go 3.5 mi east on Piper Rd. and STH-59 (State Rd.).  <b>Scuppernong Hiking and Ski Trail area:</b> Parking area on each side of CTH-ZZ with a blue-blazed trail leading to the IAT.  <b>KMSF-SU Pinewoods Campground:</b> On Trail. (262-594-6220; dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms; reservations: 888-947-2757, wisconsin.goingtocamp.com). Car access to campground off Waterville Rd. Enter campground and go to the group camp loop. Park near restrooms. Seasonal facilities.	
	879.6	STH-67 [spur trail (WK16) to Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Backpack Shelter 1 in 450 ft] >>>		267.8
	880.0	Piper Rd.  >>>		267.4
	881.3	Blue-blazed trail to Scuppernong Trail network south parking area		266.1
	881.6	CTH-ZZ >>>		265.8
	882.0	Road to Mackie Group Picnic Area		265.3
	882.7	High point at 1075 ft (WK28) with bench		264.7
	884.0	Pinewoods Campground—Group Camp >>>		263.4
	884.8 NE →	<b>Scuppernong Segment Trail Access &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> CTH-C (WK15)	262.5	CTH-C access (WK15): From I-94 at Oconomowoc, take Exit 282 STH-67 and go south 8.5 mi. At CTH-C turn left and go east 1.3 mi to the Trail access on the south side of road. Roadside parking.
CR—1.1 mi Atlas Map 81f	885.7 NW ←	CTH-C/CTH-D	261.6 SW →	
	885.9	<b>Waterville Segment Trail Access &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> CTH-D (WK14)	261.5 SE ←	CTH-D access (WK14): From I-94 at Oconomowoc, take Exit 282 STH-67 and go south 5.8 mi. At CTH-D turn left and go east 0.7 mi to the Trail access on the north side of the road. Roadside parking. <b>Additional parking:</b> Manor House Rd. From UW-Waukesha Field Station, drive south on Waterville Rd. 1.3 mi. At Manor House Rd. turn right. Roadside parking.
Waterville Segment 3.9 mi • Atlas Map 81f	<i>Note: Dogs must be leashed.</i>		Dousman (53118):   From Waterville Rd. continue north 0.5 mi to USH-18, turn left and go west 1.7 mi to Main St., turn left and go south 0.4 mi.	
	887.8	Tallgrass Ct.		259.6
	888.1 N	Join Waterville Rd. (WK12)		259.2
	889.4	Depart Waterville Rd. >>>		258.0 S
	889.8	<b>Waterville Segment and Lapham Peak Segment Trail Access &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> UW-Waukesha Field Station at Glacial Drumlin State Trail (WK11)	257.6	<b>UW-Waukesha Field Station at Glacial Drumlin State Trail access (WK11):</b> From I-94 near Delafield, take Exit 285 onto CTH-C (Kettle Moraine Dr.) and go south 2.8 mi. At STH-18 turn right and go west 2.0 mi. At Waterville Rd. turn left and go south 0.5 mi to the UW-Waukesha Field Station. On the east side of the road, look for the gravel entrance drive. Limited parking along gravel drive. Do not park in the Wildlife in Need lot or use their building. No overnight parking without permission. A blue-blazed spur trail (mowed path) leads 0.1 mi to the Trail from the east end of the gravel drive.

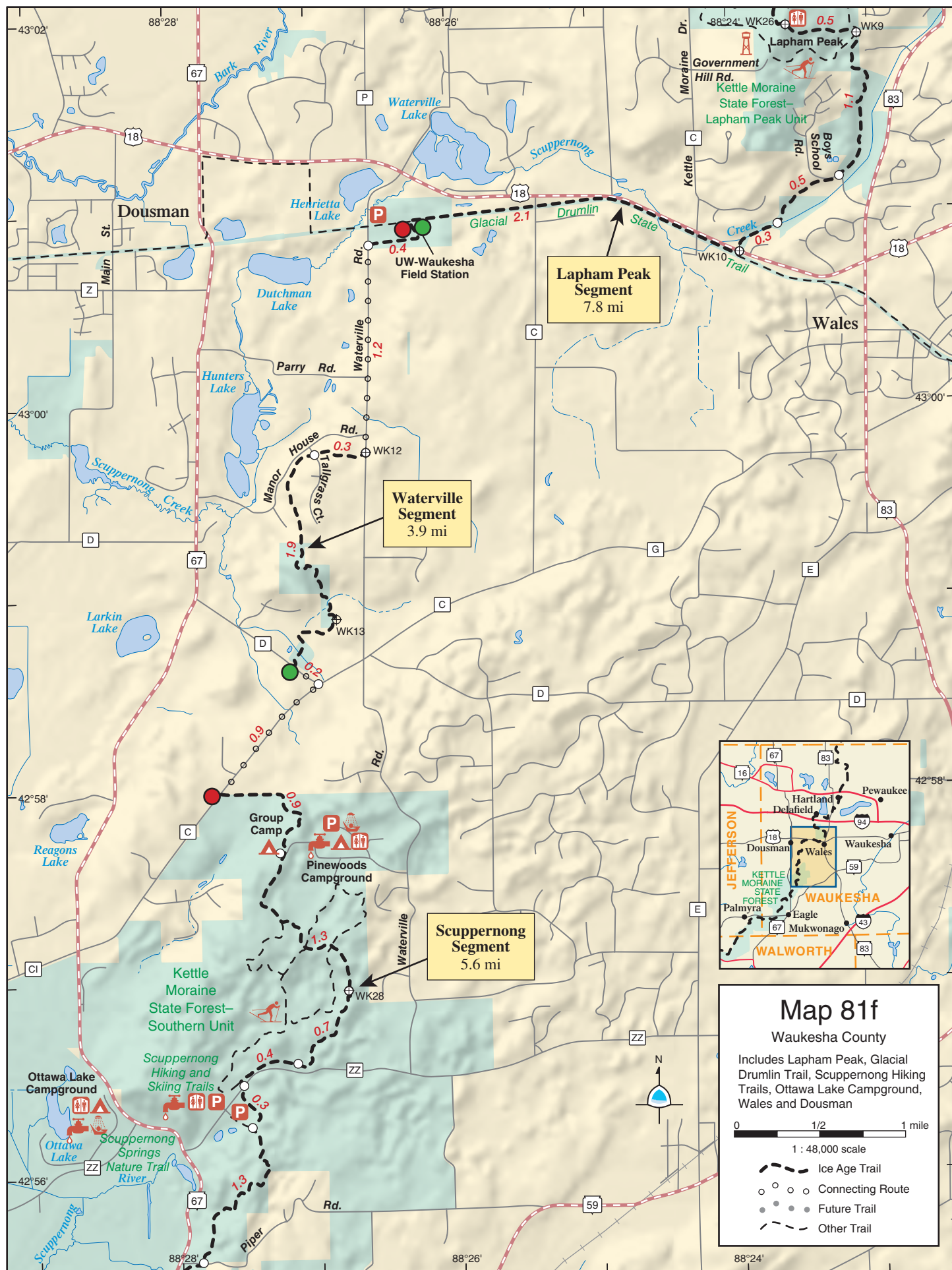






















# Whitewater Lake Segment (Atlas Map 78f; Databook pages 76–77)

## SNAPSHOT

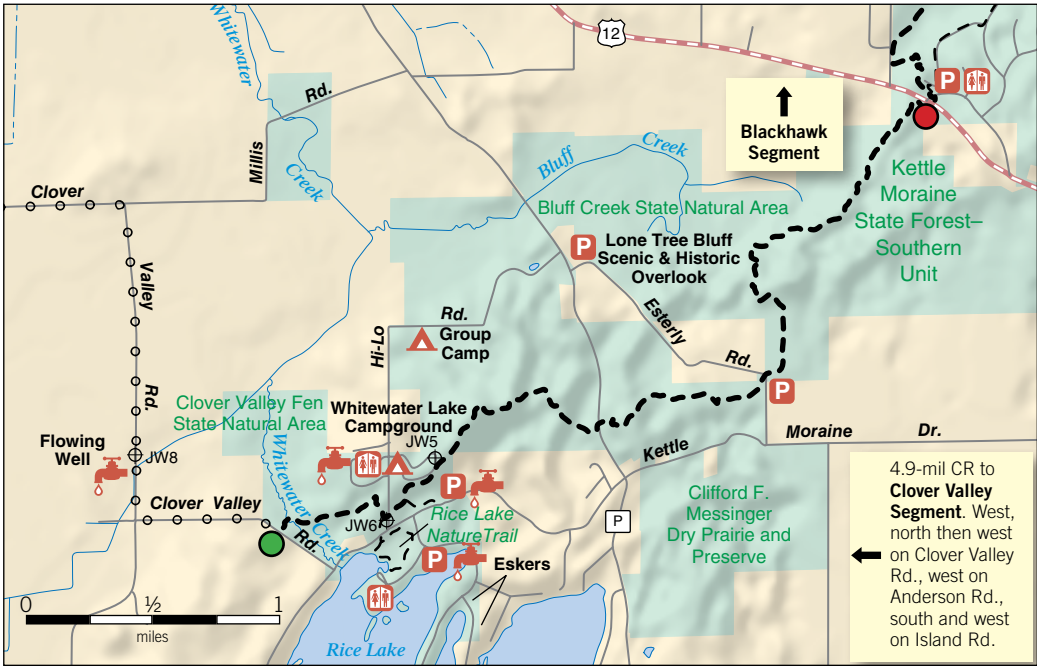
**4.6 miles:** Clover Valley Rd. to USH-12

**3 2** This hilly segment features wooded moraines, kettles and outstanding views of Rice and Whitewater lakes from atop a steep rise.

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|  At the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Rice Lake Nature Trail, DNR Contact Station and Whitewater Lake Campground. |  At the KMSF-SU Rice Lake Nature Trail area, Whitewater Lake Campground and USH-12 Trail access parking area.          |
|  From Whitewater Creek.   |  Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.   |
|  At KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake Campground (on Trail) and at a private campground ▲ (see Area Services).                                    |  A small portion of the Trail overlaps a bridle/snowmobile trail.  |
|  At KMSF-SU Rice Lake Nature Trail area and at Whitewater Lake Campground.  |  Connects with KMSF-SU Rice Lake Nature Trail and Whitewater Lake Recreation Area and DNR Contact Station spur trails. |

## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**Clover Valley Rd.:** From the south edge of Whitewater at the bypass intersection of USH-12, STH-59 and STH-89, take STH-89 south 1.5 mi. At Anderson Rd. turn left and go east. After 0.8 mi Anderson Rd. becomes Clover Valley Rd. Continue straight and follow Clover Valley Rd. east, south, then east for 2.6 mi. Access the Trail on the northeast side of the road. Roadside parking. Park with tires off pavement.



**USH-12:** From *LaGrange* take USH-12 west 2.7 mi to the Ice Age Trail parking area. From *Whitewater* at the intersection of USH-12 and STH-89, take USH-12 east 5.0 mi. to the Ice Age Trail parking area.

**Additional Parking:** (i) Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Rice Lake Nature Trail parking area on State Park Rd. To access the Ice Age Trail from the parking area, take the Rice Lake Nature Trail loop northwest for 0.4 mi. Continue on the blue-blazed spur trail 0.1 mi across Kettle Moraine Dr. to its junction with the Ice Age Trail near Hi-Lo Rd. (ii) KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake DNR Contact Station parking area on Kettle Moraine Dr. A 0.2-mi spur trail leads from the parking area to the Ice Age Trail. (iii) Esterly Rd. Trail access parking area.

## THE HIKE

From the Trail access on Clover Valley Road, the segment starts off by passing through a shady pine plantation before crossing Whitewater Creek, the outlet stream from Rice Lake, on a series of puncheons and a 30-foot bridge. These structures protect the sensitive wetland bordering Whitewater Creek and offer tranquil views of the surrounding wetlands and valley. Many spring wildflowers, such as blue-flag iris and marsh marigold, along with skunk cabbage, line the creek valley.

After crossing Whitewater Creek the segment then skirts the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Whitewater Lake Campground's walk-in campsites before reaching a junction (**JW6**) with a blue-blazed spur trail. The spur trail heads south across Kettle Moraine Drive to a self-guided 0.6-mile nature trail loop along the shore of Rice Lake. A large parking area is located off the loop trail.

From the junction with the spur trail the segment continues east, crossing Hi-Lo Road before reaching another spur trail, this one labeled "Office," which heads southeast 0.2 miles to the KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake DNR Contact Station parking area. After the path to the office, the segment encounters yet another side trail (**JW5**), this one to the entrance of the KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake Campground.

The segment continues east through rugged, rolling terrain past many trailside kettles. After passing behind several KMSF-SU Whitewater Lake Campground drive-in campsites the segment climbs a steep rise to a bench and lookout offering views of Rice and Whitewater lakes. The segment crosses CTH-P and rises steeply to another secluded pine plantation before crossing Esterly Road. The segment briefly joins a bridle/snowmobile trail before branching off and eventually crossing a cleared area beneath a power line. The headwaters of Bluff Creek lie below to the west and can be viewed off the segment by hiking north in the cleared area to the utility poles on top of the hill. A bench is located to the west of these poles. Just beyond the power line the segment passes through Bluff Creek State Natural Area. Here the segment travels across cavernous kettles with ancient oaks providing the canopy. This area is particularly beautiful after a wet-heavy snowfall. Shortly before the segment's end at USH-12, a clearing offers views to the west of the glacial outwash plain and the city of Whitewater from a trailside bench.

*Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2007*



## AREA SERVICES

### Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Whitewater Lake Campground (seasonal):

Camping May through October. On Trail. (262-473-7501, [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms/camping.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms/camping.html); reservations: 888-947-2757, [wisconsin.goingtocamp.com](http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com)).

**LaGrange:** Restaurant. From the USH-12 Trail access parking area go 3.0 mi east on STH-12 to CTH-H (Kettle Moraine Scenic Dr.) intersection..

**Elkhorn:** INN Style program lodging at Ye Olde Manor House B&B (262-742-2450, [yeoldemanorhouse.com](http://yeoldemanorhouse.com)). From the USH-12 Trail access go east and south 7.0 mi.



**Whitewater:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, library, medical service. From the USH-12 Trail access parking area, go 5.0 mi west on USH-12 and follow Business USH-12. INN Style program lodging at the Hamilton House B&B (262-473-1900, [bandbhamiltonhouse.com](http://bandbhamiltonhouse.com)). Lodging at the Super 8 Motel (262-472-0400) and Baymont Inn and Suites (262-472-9400). Camping at Scenic Ridge Campground, (608-883-2920, [scenicridgecampground.com](http://scenicridgecampground.com)). Area info available from the Whitewater Chamber of Commerce (262-473-4005, [whitewaterchamber.com](http://whitewaterchamber.com)).

## Blackhawk Segment (Atlas Map 79f; Databook page 77)

### SNAPSHOT

**7.0 miles:** USH-12 to Young Rd.



*This segment highlights scenic Lake La Grange, hardwood forests and the historic Ole Oleson Homestead.*



At nearby Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Nordic Trails parking area south of CTH-H Trail access.



From Lake La Grange and a pond along Duffin Rd. near KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 3.



At KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 3 (reservations required).



At the USH-12 Trail access parking area and KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 3 (please respect those who have reserved the shelter) and parking areas for nearby KMSF-SU John Muir and Nordic trails.



One ColdCache site on segment.



Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.



A small portion overlaps a snowmobile trail.



White-blazed loop trail and several spur trails, including one (JW3) to KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 3.

### TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**USH-12:** From LaGrange take USH-12 west 3.0 mi to the Ice Age Trail parking area. From Whitewater at the intersection of USH-12 and STH-89, take USH-12 east 5.0 mi.

**Young Rd.:** From the intersection of STH-59 and CTH-H in Palmyra take CTH-H southwest 3.0 mi. At Young Rd. turn left and go east 0.1 mi. Roadside parking.

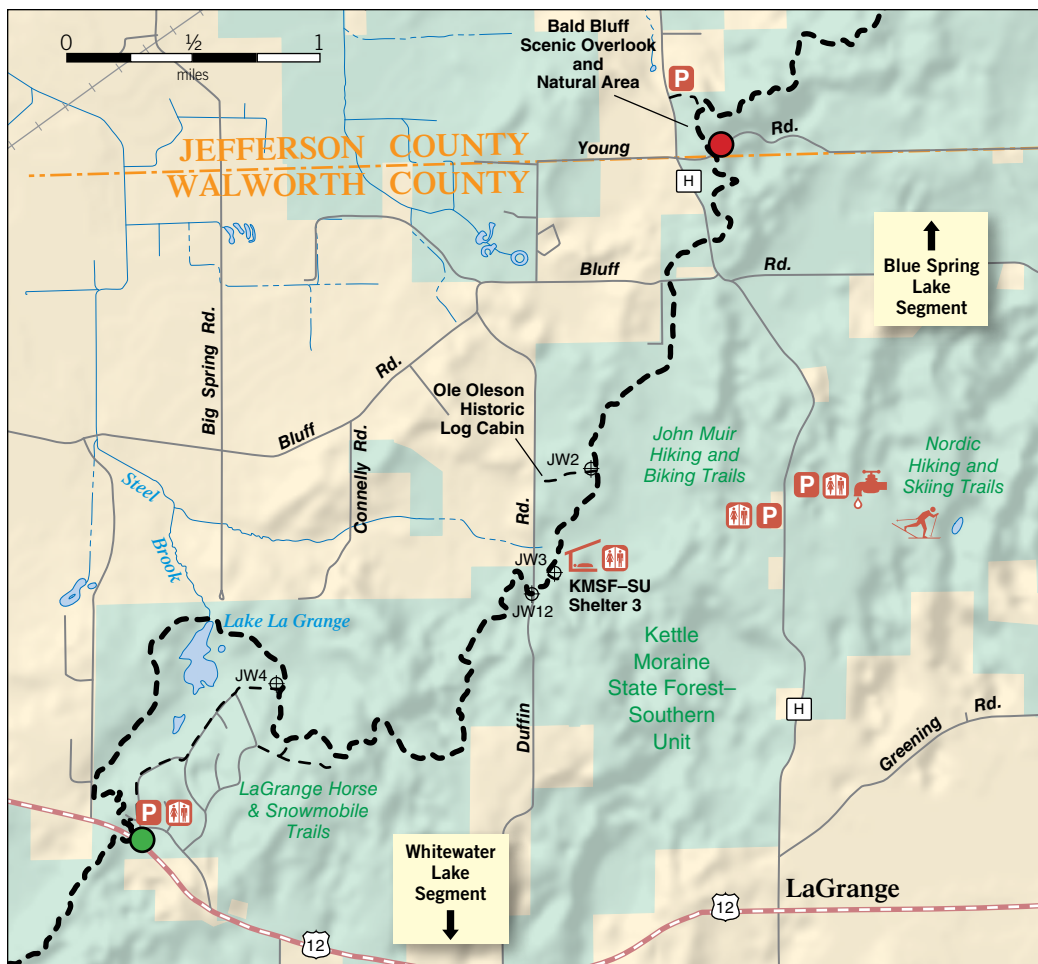
**Additional Parking:** (i) Duffin Rd. Trail access (JW12) 0.4 mi south of the Oleson Cabin; roadside parking. (ii) Oleson Cabin Historic site on Duffin Rd.; roadside parking.

## THE HIKE

The segment begins at the USH-12 Trail access information kiosk and parking area, a popular meeting point for events sponsored by the Ice Age Trail Alliance's local Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter. The segment crosses through excellent bird habitat and many species can be seen.

From the USH-12 parking area, the segment briefly climbs a hill, offering long views of deciduous forests and a nice view toward Whitewater from a bench. The Trail descends on a serpentine course and then meanders north and east around Lake La Grange past marshes bordering the lake and through woods and open tall-grass prairies. Along the way a couple of benches offer scenic views of Lake La Grange.

The segment intersects (JW4) a white-blazed path that heads south along the eastern shore of Lake La Grange back toward the USH-12 Trail access. From this intersection, the Ice Age Trail continues south, then eastward, passing through hardwood forest before descending 200 feet to Duffin Road (JW12).



Shortly after the Duffin Road crossing the segment intersects (**JW3**) a spur trail that leads 0.1 miles to Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Backpack Shelter 3, situated atop a steep hill surrounded by dense forest.

A bit farther north from the shelter spur, the segment intersects a spur trail that heads east 0.6 miles to a pioneer lime kiln with a descriptive plaque. Continuing 150 feet north, the segment intersects (**JW2**) another spur trail leading west 0.2 miles to the historic Ole Oleson Homestead, where an early Norwegian pioneer built a two-story tamarack log cabin. On display outside the cabin is an old sleigh similar to the one used by Ole Oleson to transport the logs for the house.

Continuing from the Ole Oleson spur trail, the segment leads north through dense forest, passing along the rims of large kettle depressions, among a diverse and undisturbed quantity of flora and fauna. The Trail passes a small lake and then enters dense pine plantations.

After crossing Bluff Road, the segment goes through a section of red, black and jack pine before crossing CTH-H and climbing steeply through a savanna-like open forest of hardwoods, pockmarked by kettle depressions and scattered boulders. At the top there is a beautiful view to the horizon overlooking forests and the surrounding terrain. A short downhill trek takes hikers to the segment terminus on Young Road.

#### AREA SERVICES

**Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Backpack Shelter 3:** Camping. On Trail. Reservations required: 888-947-2757, [wisconsin.goingtocamp.com](http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com). Only one group (up to 10) per shelter per night is allowed.

**LaGrange:** See Whitewater Lake Segment, p. 268. From the USH-12 Trail access go east 2.7 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.



**Whitewater:** See Whitewater Lake Segment, p. 268. From the USH-12 Trail access go west ~5 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

**Palmyra:** See Blue Spring Lake Segment, p. 273. From the Young Rd. Trail access go west then north ~3 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

# Blue Spring Lake Segment (Atlas Map 79f, 80f; Databook pages 77–78)

## SNAPSHOT

**7.1 miles:** Young Rd. to CTH-Z

**3 2** *This up-and-down segment features panoramic views from the top of Bald Bluff and the Stone Elephant, a massive granite erratic.*



At Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Horseriders' Camp on Little Prairie Rd. and KMSF-SU Emma Carlin Trails parking area.



From small ponds and springs near the segment.



Two ColdCache sites on segment.



Dogs should be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.

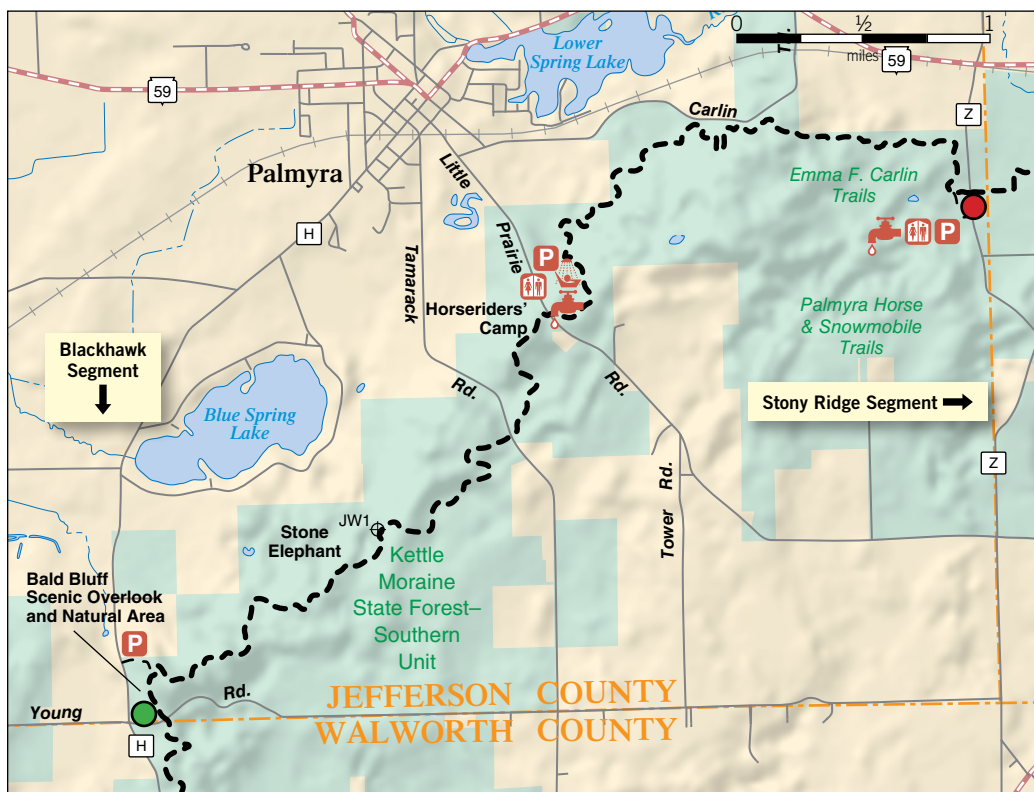


Bald Bluff trails, Stone Elephant spur trail and KMSF-SU Emma Carlin bike/hike trail system.

## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**Young Rd.:** From the intersection of STH-59 and CTH-H in Palmyra take CTH-H southwest 3.0 mi. At Young Rd. turn left and go east 0.1 mi. Roadside parking.

**CTH-Z:** From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 3.7 mi. At CTH-Z turn left and go south 0.6 mi. No parking. Instead, use nearby Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Emma Carlin Trails parking area on CTH-Z south of the Ice Age Trail access. A short blue-blazed spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.





**Additional Parking:** (i) Bald Bluff Scenic Overlook parking area. From the intersection of STH-59 and CTH-H in Palmyra, take CTH-H southwest 2.8 mi. Parking area on east side of road. The trail to Bald Bluff serves as a spur to the Ice Age Trail. (ii) Tamarack Rd. Trail access. Roadside parking. (iii) KMSF-SU Horseriders' Camp parking area on Little Prairie Rd.

## THE HIKE

From the trail access point on Young Road the segment heads north and quickly intersects (0.2 miles) a spur trail that leads west to the CTH-H Bald Bluff parking area. From this intersection the segment makes its way up Bald Bluff on a series of switchbacks. Bald Bluff is the largest and most diverse of the area's dry native prairie openings, which are often found on gravel knobs and steep south- and west-facing ridges. Here grow prairie flowers and grasses such as little bluestem, sideoats grama, prairie dropseed, silky aster, pasqueflower, grooved yellow flax and rough blazing star. Trailside benches encourage hikers to soak in the panoramic view. Bald Bluff is one of the highest points in Jefferson County at 1,050 feet above sea level and 200 feet above the surrounding area. Native Americans used the prominence as a lookout and for ceremonial dancing. Twice in July 1832, General Henry Atkinson camped with troops to the northwest of the bluff as he pursued the Sauk Chief Black Hawk in the Black Hawk War. A brochure for the self-guided nature trail is available at the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) headquarters or at the Bald Bluff trailhead on CTH-H.

The section of Trail from Bald Bluff to the KMSF-SU Horseriders' Camp provides hikers with outstanding views of glacial moraines, eskers, kettles and erratics, including spectacular long views of the surrounding topography during leaf-off seasons.

The segment descends down Bald Bluff and after 0.6 miles comes to a small clearing on the left with an impressive stand of white pines. In another 0.8 miles the segment intersects a short spur trail that leads downhill to the massive granite erratic known as the Stone Elephant (**JW1**). Prairie Potawatomi Native Americans visited the rock frequently and probably considered it a sacred area. Early settlers named the rock the Stone Elephant because of its color, size and general elephant-like shape. In the 1920s it was a popular day outing, in which tourists traveled to the site by horse-drawn surrey.

Almost all of the portion of this segment between Young Road and Tamarack Road traverses the Kettle Moraine Oak Opening State Natural Area. This area is a mixture of oak openings and oak woodland dominated by open-grown bur and black oaks. The Trail also passes a few native dry prairie remnants along the way. The first is located 0.2 miles past the Stone Elephant spur intersection and is located in a field on the north side of the Trail. The showy rough blazing star, a dry prairie species, is found here; the best time to see this plant is late August. The second remnant is found about 0.4 miles east of the first remnant (or about 0.5 miles southwest of Tamarack Road) on a south-facing slope. Here are found flora such as silky aster, leadplant, goldenrod, purple prairie clover, flowering spurge, sunflowers, arrow-leaf aster and a number of prairie grasses. A trailside bench provides a rest stop with a view.

The segment leaves the State Natural Area and crosses Tamarack Road. Three

trails (horse, hiking and biking) converge/diverge near the Tamarack Road crossing, so pay close attention to signage. The Trail continues through the woods and eventually climbs and follows a steep ridge offering impressive views. Crossing Little Prairie Road, the segment again climbs for 0.2 miles to the top of a ridge where a short side trail leads to a clearing with a bench and views to the northwest. From the bench, the KMSF-SU Horseriders' Camp is 0.2 miles farther on. Horseriders' Camp is for equestrian camping only. However, showers are available for hikers who have reservations in one of the three KMSF-SU backpack shelters.

The segment crosses through the Horseriders' Camp and 0.2 miles east of the camp passes a small trailside pond. The segment continues east on level terrain past a few more small ponds and small springs. It eventually comes to an opening with a trailside map and a view of a barn across Carlin Trail (a road). From here hikers will travel up and down some hills and be rewarded with nice views down into the forest on both sides of the segment. In early spring hikers should watch for fields of mayapples in this area.

In the final mile a careful observer may notice a rock seat embedded in a tree and discover an old foundation with day lilies. Just south of the segment's endpoint on CTH-Z a short spur trail leads to the KMSF-SU Emma Carlin Trails parking area. *Note: As hikers approach the end of the segment they may hear gunfire; a public shooting range can be heard from the Trail.*

*Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2003*

#### AREA SERVICES

**Palmyra:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, library. From the Little Prairie Rd. Trail access go 1.0 mi northwest on Little Prairie Rd. The library has limited hours.

**Eagle:** See Eagle Segment, p. 282. From the CTH-Z Trail access go north then east ~4 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.




CAMERON GILLIE

*Hikers explore the Blackhawk Segment.*

# Stony Ridge Segment (Atlas Map 80f; Databook page 80)

## SNAPSHOT


**3.1 miles:** CTH-Z to STH-59

 *This segment winds through a pine plantation, oak forest and sections of dry prairie and passes the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) headquarters.*



At KMSF-SU Emma Carlin Trails parking area and at KMSF-SU HQ and Visitor Center. Restrooms also available at KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 2 (please respect those who have reserved the shelter).



At KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 2  (reservations required).



Portion of segment crossing private land between CTH-S and STH-59 is closed during gun deer season.



Dogs must be leashed.



A short portion overlaps roads.



KMSF-SU Stony Ridge Nature Trail, spur trail (**WK18**) to KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 2 and other spur and horse trails.

## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**CTH-Z:** From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 3.7 mi. At CTH-Z turn left and go south 0.6 mi. No parking. Instead, use nearby Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Emma Carlin Trails parking area on CTH-Z south of the Ice Age Trail access. A short blue-blazed spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.

**STH-59:** From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 1.6 mi. No parking. Instead, head north on the gravel road a short distance east of the STH-59/CTH-S intersection. This DNR road leads to two large parking areas and provides access to the Ice Age Trail and a dog training area.

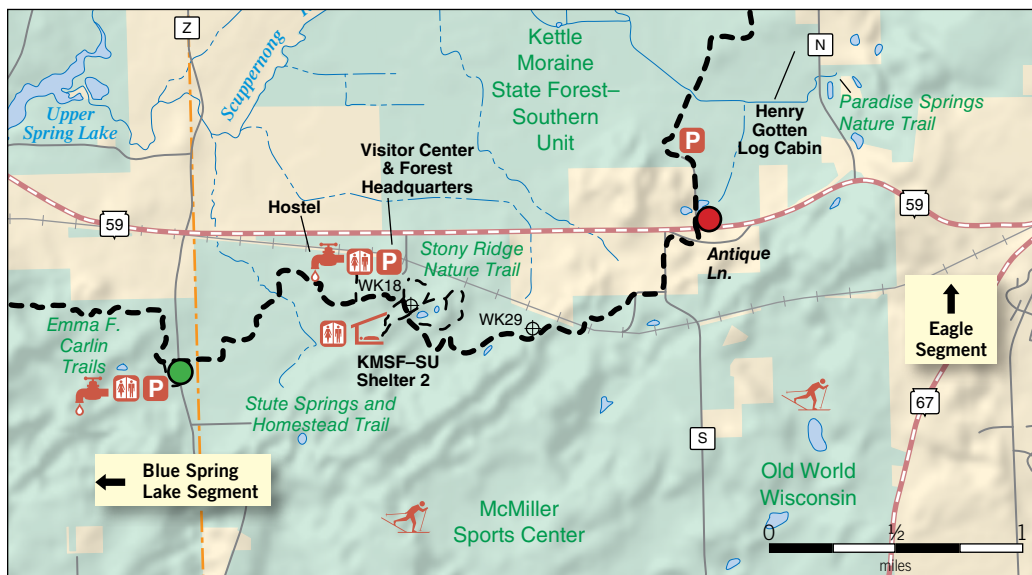
**Additional Parking:** KMSF-SU Headquarters on STH-59, 2.6 mi west of Eagle. A spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.

## THE HIKE

Before starting out on this segment, hikers looking for an interesting side trip can follow CTH-Z south 0.2 miles to Stute Springs and Homestead Trail. A self-guided loop takes hikers around early 20th-century farm buildings, past natural springs, through ancient woods and up to the top of Big Hill at 1,050 feet.

From its starting point on CTH-Z, the segment heads east through a relatively flat stretch of woods and meadow, emerging into open prairie on the bed of Glacial Lake Scuppernong. The segment crosses a bridge over a small stream filling in with plant growth, rises gradually across a grassy savanna and climbs a wooded esker on rocky outwash. Less than 2 miles east of CTH-Z the segment reaches a spur trail leading to the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Headquarters. Its natural history museum has displays and videos on glacial geology, Native American and pioneer history and animal and plant life throughout the Southern Unit and surrounding areas. Self-guided brochures are available in the gift shop for the many nature trails found near the Ice Age Trail, including the Stute Springs and Homestead Trail. The self-guided Stony Ridge Nature Trail also starts at the headquarters.

Near the spur trail to the headquarters, the segment intersects (**WK18**) another



spur, this one heading 0.2 miles south to KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 2. Continuing east from this junction, the segment climbs between a long pond and a deep water-filled kettle, descends into an open field and winds on a sandy track through a fire-scarred forest. It then climbs atop a long, steep sided esker (**WK29**) with kettles and marshes at the bottom of the slopes. After descending the esker, the segment crosses railroad tracks and travels through a pine plantation en route to CTH-S. The segment ends with a short walk north along CTH-S and east paralleling Antique Lane before reaching its endpoint on STH-59.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**Old World Wisconsin:** From the STH-59 Trail access, go east on STH-59 for 1.6 mi. At STH-67 turn right and go south 1.4 mi (W372 S9727 WI-67, Eagle, 262-594-6301, [oldworldwisconsin.org](http://oldworldwisconsin.org), [wisconsinhistory.org](http://wisconsinhistory.org)).

Old World Wisconsin is America's largest outdoor museum of rural life. Live characters recreate daily historical scenes of farm and village life from a century ago. Farmsteads and settlements representing German, Finnish, Polish, Norwegian, African American, Danish and Yankee pioneers dot nearly 600 acres. Open every day during spring, summer and fall. There is an admission fee.

### AREA SERVICES

**Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Backpack Shelter 2:** Camping. On Trail. Reservations required: (888-947-2757, [wisconsin.goingtocamp.com](http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com)). Only one group (up to 10) per shelter per night is allowed. No potable water is available at the shelter. Hikers should obtain water from the Forest HQ, 0.2 mi north of the shelter.

**KMSF-SU Headquarters:** Information. From the STH-59 Trail access, go west on STH-59 1.1 mi (262-594-6200, [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms)).

**Eagle:** See Eagle Segment, p. 282. From the KMSF-SU Headquarters on STH-59 go east ~3 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.



**Palmyra:** See Blue Spring Lake Segment, p. 273. From the KMSF-SU Headquarters on STH-59 go west ~4 mi.



# Eagle Segment (Atlas Map 80f; Databook page 80)

## SNAPSHOT

**5.6 miles:** STH-59 to STH-67 Wayside

  *This segment passes through extensive prairie restoration areas, oak savannas and wetland areas with springs and features Brady's Rocks, a portion of the Niagara Escarpment.*



At the STH-67 Wayside.



From small ponds and springs.



Two ColdCache sites on segment.



Dogs must be leashed.



A short portion overlaps a road.



Brady's Rock white-blazed loop trail, a blue-blazed spur trail to STH-67 parking area and two other short spur trails. Paradise Springs Nature Trail is nearby.

## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**STH-59:** From the intersection of STH-59 and STH-67 in Eagle, take STH-59 west 1.6 mi. No parking. Instead, head north on the gravel road a short distance east of the STH-59/CTH-S intersection. This DNR road leads to two large parking areas and provides access to the Ice Age Trail and a dog training area.

**STH-67 Wayside:** From I-94 at Oconomowoc, take Exit 282 onto STH-67 and go south 11.2 mi to the parking area.

**Additional Parking:** (i) CTH-N small parking area. (ii) Wilton Rd. Roadside parking. (iii) STH-67 parking area northeast of Brady's Rocks. A blue-blazed spur trail leads to the Ice Age Trail.

## THE HIKE

From its starting point on STH-59 the segment heads a short distance up a gravel drive and then northeast across a prairie toward CTH-N. The segment crosses a small stream coming from Paradise Springs. About 0.4 miles west of CTH-N hikers will find a bench and a nearby Scuppernong River Habitat Area map.

North of the CTH-N crossing the segment skirts the Scuppernong Prairie State Natural Area, one of the oldest of Wisconsin's State Natural Areas and part of the Scuppernong River Habitat Area that highlights the largest native wet prairie east of the Mississippi. The prairie is growing in the bed of the former Glacial Lake Scuppernong.

After passing Scuppernong Prairie the segment reaches Wilton Road. Hikers should turn right and head east 0.1 miles, where the segment leaves Wilton Road and continues due north. In this area the segment skirts the edges of the Kettle Moraine Low Prairie State Natural Area. The low prairie has been the site of controlled burns and tree removal since 1999. The entire area has returned to its original condition and long-dormant plant species specific to the low prairie have dramatically reappeared. It's often a wet area in spring, and ground-nesting birds can be observed among the many types of flowers in bloom.

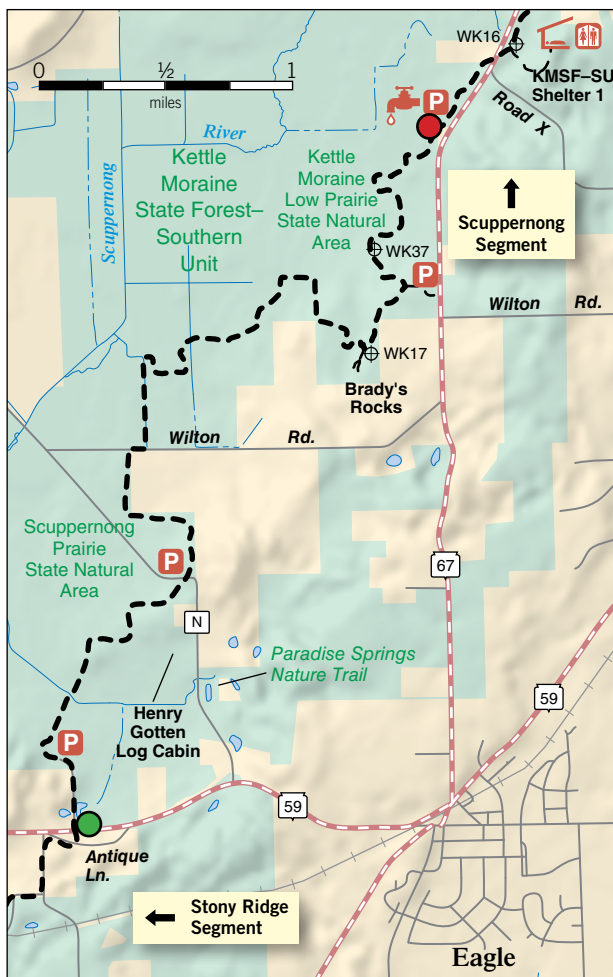
The segment bends south and leads to a white-blazed loop trail (**WK17**) weaving between the 8-foot-high outcroppings of Brady's Rocks, named for Irish immigrants Michael and Kathleen Brady, who settled here in 1855. These outcroppings are a portion of the Niagara Escarpment, a thick layer of dolomite that extends through

Door County, runs along the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the Bruce Peninsula of Ontario, and undergirds Niagara Falls. The cool, shaded area of Brady's Rocks has a unique fern population, including the walking fern, fragile fern and cliff brake fern, found growing out of cracks in the dolomite bedrock.

Past the Brady's Rocks loop trail, the segment passes remnants of a rubble stone fence from the Brady farm and climbs to the top of a grassy knoll. Just before reaching the top of the knoll, the Trail intersects a blue-blazed spur trail that leads to the STH-67 parking area. At the top of the knoll hikers will find a Leopold bench, dedicated to David P. Moritz, offering nice views to the north of the prairie and drained Glacial Lake Scuppernong. A spur trail shortly beyond the bench leads to a scenic overlook.

After crossing a gravel road, another short spur trail (WK37) leads to some springs and the segment crosses an intermittent spring-fed creek in the shadows of a cluster of inspiring old oaks. Continuing north the segment passes over a series of three puncheons and a small bridge, totaling close to 400 feet in length, built during a 2007 Mobile Skills Crew project hosted by the IATA's Waukesha/Milwaukee County Chapter. The segment ends at a wayside on STH-67.

*Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2007, 2017*



## AREA SERVICES

**Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Headquarters:** See Stony Ridge Segment, p. 280. From the STH-59 Trail access go west less than 1 mi.

**Eagle:** Restaurant, convenience store, lodging, library, medical service. From the STH-59 Trail access go 1.6 mi east on STH-59. INN Style program lodging at the Eagle Centre House B&B (262-363-4700, eagle-house.com).


**Palmyra:** See Blue Spring Lake Segment, p. 273. From the STH-59 Trail access go west 4.5 mi.

**North Prairie:** See Scuppernong Segment, p. 284. From the STH-59 Trail access go northeast ~7 mi.

# Scuppernong Segment (Atlas Maps 80f, 81f; Databook pages 80–81)

## SNAPSHOT

**5.6 miles:** STH-67 Wayside to CTH-C

 *This segment courses over hilly terrain, through hardwood forests and past many trailside kettles.*



At STH-67 Wayside, CTH-ZZ Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Scuppernong Trails trailhead, Pinewoods Campground and Ottawa Lake Campground.



From McKeawn Springs.



At KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 1 (reservations required).



At KMSF-SU Pinewoods Campground and Ottawa Lake Campground .



At KMSF-SU Scuppernong Trails trailhead, Pinewoods Campground and Ottawa Lake Campground.



At KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 1 (please respect those who have reserved the shelter), CTH-ZZ Scuppernong Trails trailhead, Pinewoods Campground and Ottawa Lake Campground.



Dogs must be leashed.



A small portion of the segment overlaps a campground road.



Spur trail to McKeawn Springs, spur trail (**WK16**) to KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 1, two blue-blazed spur trails to parking areas, a horse trail and the Scuppernong ski/hike trail network.

## TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**STH-67 Wayside:** From I-94 at Ononomowoc, take Exit 282 onto STH-67 and go south 11.2 mi to the parking area.

**CTH-C:** From I-94 at Ononomowoc, take Exit 282 STH-67 and go south 8.5 mi. At CTH-C turn left and go east 1.3 mi to the Trail access on the south side of road. Roadside parking.

**Additional Parking:** (i) Piper Rd. Roadside parking. (ii) CTH-ZZ Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Scuppernong Hiking and Ski Trail parking areas. There is a parking area on each side of CTH-ZZ. Both have a blue-blazed spur trail leading to the Ice Age Trail. (iii) KMSF-SU Pinewoods Campground off Waterville Rd. Enter campground and go to the group camp loop. Park near restrooms.

## THE HIKE

From its starting point at the STH-67 wayside, the segment continues along the west side of STH-67 for less than half a mile before crossing over to the east side of the road. The segment intersects (**WK16**) a spur trail leading up to Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Backpack Shelter 1. Perched atop Spy Glass Hill, the vista from the shelter area is of a flat plain left behind after water drained from Glacial Lake Scuppernong. Just past the spur to the shelter, a second spur trail leads to McKeawn Springs, which flow into a trout pond and Scuppernong Creek.

The segment crosses Piper Road and travels through hilly terrain. A short distance south of CTH-ZZ, the segment intersects a blue-blazed spur trail. Hikers can follow the spur to the KMSF-SU Scuppernong Trail network southside parking area. Shortly after crossing CTH-ZZ hikers will encounter another blue-blazed spur trail leading to the Scuppernong Trail network's northside parking area and trailhead, with restrooms and water. The segment heads east, parallel

to CTH-ZZ, and then north, skirting around the Mackie Group Picnic Area.

North of CTH-ZZ the segment traverses a roller coaster of hills set in hardwood forests among numerous trailside kettles. The segment reaches its highest point (1,075 feet) at a location (**WK28**) marked with a bench and crosses the Scuppernong skiing/hiking trail several times as it continues north and west. The segment passes through the KMSF-SU Pinewoods Campground (with access to water and restrooms), then bends to the west and makes its way to its endpoint on CTH-C.

#### AREA SERVICES

**Kettle Moraine State Forest—Southern Unit (KMSF-SU) Ottawa Lake Campground:** Camping. From the STH-67 wayside go north on STH-67 1.7 mi. Where CTH-ZZ heads west from STH-67, turn left on to CTH-ZZ and go 0.2 mi (262-594-6220, [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms); reservations: 888-947-2757, [wisconsin.goingtocamp.com](http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com)).

**Eagle:** See Eagle Segment, p. 282. From the STH-67 wayside go south ~3 mi.

**Dousman:** See Waterville Segment, p. 286. From the STH-67 wayside go north ~8 mi.

**KMSF-SU Backpack Shelter 1:** Camping. On Trail. Reservations required: (888-947-2757, [wisconsin.goingtocamp.com](http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com)) and only one group (up to 10) per shelter per night is allowed. No potable water is available at the shelter. Hikers should obtain water from the STH-67 wayside, 0.4 mi south of the shelter's spur trail intersection with the Trail.

**North Prairie:** Restaurant, convenience store. From the Piper Rd. Trail access go 3.5 mi east on Piper Rd. and STH-59 (State Rd.).

**KMSF-SU Pinewoods Campground:** Camping (seasonal). On Trail (262-594-6220, [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kms); reservations: 888-947-2757, [wisconsin.goingtocamp.com](http://wisconsin.goingtocamp.com)).

