



Together with the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Ice Age Trail Communities enhance appreciation and awareness of the natural and scenic beauty of the thousand-mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Visit our Trail Communities to enjoy small-town hospitality, local supper clubs, hometown bakeries, farm-to-table eateries, and sites highlighting Wisconsin's cultural heritage.

For current trail conditions, to connect with local volunteers, or to plan your Ice Age Trail hike, visit [iceagetrail.org](http://iceagetrail.org).

**Baraboo** and **West Baraboo's** vibrant community, and glacial features, including Devil's Lake State Park, make it a natural fit for the Ice Age Trail Community designation. The downtown is a national historic landmark. Downtown Baraboo is renowned for its weekend events, including crafts fairs, concerts, parades, and more.



## WHERE TO HIKE

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

### BARABOO SEGMENT (4.0 miles)

The urban Baraboo Segment shows off the Baraboo River along city parks and Circus World Museum. From its starting point at the UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County campus parking area, the segment follows a ridge with views toward the Baraboo Range. It passes through campus property featuring mixed hardwoods, remnant prairie, oak savanna, and a scenic glacial kettle and a rock ledge. Enjoy Ochsner Park and Zoo, the Baraboo Riverwalk, and multiple city parks.

### DEVIL'S LAKE SEGMENT (10.9 miles)

This is the most dramatic Ice Age Trail segment in the state. Devil's Lake State Park is Wisconsin's largest and most-visited state park. It offers magnificent views from quartzite bluffs while overlooking a 360-acre lake. The purple rock, called Baraboo quartzite, in the walls of Devil's Lake gorge is over 1.6 billion years old. Breathtaking views of the western part of the park, in the unglaciated Driftless Area, can be found from the rock ledges the Ice Age Trail passes along the rim of the East Bluff. Hikers also come to the spot where the two branches of the Trail bifurcation reunite. At 500 feet above lake level, enjoy lookout points along the West Bluff Trail.



### SAUK POINT SEGMENT (3.9 miles)

This segment offers access to Parfrey's Glen State Natural Area, Wisconsin's first State Natural Area and passes into Devil's Lake State Park. Catch a glimpse of Sauk Point and the "Blue Mounds Vista." On a clear day, hikers can look southeast and see the state capitol's dome in Madison.

### MERRIMAC SEGMENT (3.7 miles)

The Merrimac Segment highlights the diverse landscape of Riverland Conservancy's Merrimac Preserve and offers a quiet break from the crowds at Devil's Lake. The preserve provides a wildlife corridor between the Baraboo Bluffs and the Wisconsin River. Enjoy wooded areas, oak savannas, prairies, wetlands, and a boardwalk crossing.

## EATS & TREATS

Need to replenish your backpack with necessities? Hop over to **Festival Foods** or **Pierce's West Express** in West Baraboo. Hungry? Dig into a bona fide breakfast at **Broadway Diner** or stop at the **Cheeze Factory Restaurant** for a host of healthy options. Thirsty? Draw your own brew at the **Draft City Taproom**, or pull up a stool at the **Al. Ringling Brewery**, **Gem City Saloon** or **Driftless Glen Distillery** in downtown Baraboo. And if you need a caffeine lift, the coffee options are plentiful at **Bella Vita Cafe**, **Coffee Bean Connection** and **Nautical Coffee**.

## SHOPS & STOPS

Baraboo features dozens of specialty shops and eating establishments that form a vibrant and picturesque downtown. Browse **Bekah Kate's**, where you'll find almost anything you need for your kitchen, kids or home. **The Grainery** offers a complete line of vitamins, supplements, CBD products and healthy treats. **Spirit Lake Trading Co.** features gifts galore from nature, including rocks, fossils, gemstone jewelry and more. You'll discover pretty much everything at **Family Values Thrift & Variety**, including a host of hiking essentials.

## RECREATION & RELAXATION

If you're hiking through Baraboo, you don't want to pass up **Circus World**, a museum complex that embodies Baraboo's rich circus tradition. Circus World features circus artifacts and exhibits and hosts daily live circus performances during the summer. Visit **Ochsner Park and Zoo**, home to over 15 species of animals and one of a few free municipal zoos in the state. Drop in at the **Sauk County Historical Society History Center** where you can learn about the cultural history of the area, including the **Ho-Chunk Nation**. If you're spending the night, catch a live performance at the historic **Al. Ringling Theatre**. And just a few miles south of Baraboo is the crown jewel of Wisconsin's state parks – Devil's Lake State Park.

For more ideas, visit [baraboo.com](http://baraboo.com) or [downtownbaraboo.com](http://downtownbaraboo.com)

## STAY & PLAY

### Lodging

- **Best Western-Baraboo Inn**
- **Campus Inn Motel**
- **Clarion Hotel**
- **Devil's Head Resort**
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites Baraboo**
- **Ho-Chunk Hotel**
- **Ringling House Bed & Breakfast**
- **Willowood Inn**

### Campgrounds

- **Devil's Lake State Park**
- **Double K-D Ranch Campground**
- **Fox Hill RV Park & Campground**
- **Skillet Creek Campground**



### GET INVOLVED

Contact the **Baraboo Hills/Heritage Chapter** of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, a dedicated group of volunteers who build, maintain and promote the beautiful segments of the Ice Age Trail throughout Columbia County and Sauk County.

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