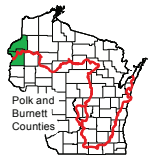


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INDIANHEAD CHAPTER

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In early September, Chapter members came together for a Full Moon hike and enjoyed a Trail lit by moonlight. A little later in the season, dedicated volunteers gathered to build a new bridge for the Sand Creek Segment. Now, hikers' boots will stay dry at this water crossing. Thank you to Paul Kuhlmann, Tom Jablonski, Grant Burdick, Dave King, and Dan Winterhalter for your hard work! Chapter members also enjoyed gathering for the annual Fall Colors Hike and Potluck. It was a rainy, fun hike enjoyed by all.



Indianhead Chapter volunteers enjoyed a beautiful fall day while running an aid station at the Gandy Dancer Marathon. Photo courtesy of Indianhead Chapter.

In mid-October, 13 volunteers supported the Gandy Dancer Marathon by staffing an aid station, ensuring runners got food and water. Volunteers and runners alike appreciated the crisp, beautiful weather. Many agree: fall is the best time on the Trail. That weekend also included a Hiker Meet-Up at the Polk County Visitor Center followed by a Hiker Happy Hour at Trap Rock Brewing Company. Both events were in support of the Mammoth Hike Challenge.

In early November, the Indianhead Chapter rounded out the season by leading a hike with fourth graders from Luck, in conjunction with the Think Outside program. It's so wonderful to share our Chapter's portion of the Trail and the great outdoors with young students!

As we gear up and start planning our next annual meeting, the Indianhead Chapter is so grateful for its dedicated volunteers and can't wait to see what 2022 brings. Here's to another great year on the Trail!

– Chelsea Dresen



SUPERIOR LOBE CHAPTER

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BLUE HILLS CHAPTER

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During the late fall of 2021 and early 2022, the Blue Hills Chapter supplied trail users with the usual

shuttles, advice, pamphlets, magazines, and maps. Conveniently, milder than average weather prevailed, providing warmer winter weather and less snow for hikers.

Development continued toward the Dreamer Route; an Ice Age Trail reroute project in Rusk County. In October, an Alliance-sponsored Trail Layout and Design event took place, during which a small group of experienced volunteers and staff evaluated and refined previously identified and potential routes.

We are looking forward to our annual Chapter meeting and snowshoe hike, which will occur later in the winter season.

– Marilyn Nash



A group of Blue Hills Chapter volunteers and Ice Age Trail Alliance staff kept warm around a chimney log after a day of refining routes at a Trail Layout and Design event in the Blue Hills in October. Photo courtesy of Blue Hills Chapter.



CHIPPEWA MORAINES CHAPTER

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Parade of Colors Hike - October 2nd

Our Parade of Colors hike enjoyed a great turnout. Forty-two participants took advantage of the shuttles to explore the Chippewa Moraine Segment. A big THANK YOU to our nine volunteers who got groups registered and shuttled them to their starting points.

Hike and Meet Monty! - October 9th

We had a full house for our 2021 Mammoth Hike Challenge event. Fifty-four participants enjoyed the beautiful Chippewa River Segment, including several Girl Scout troops and Cornell Scouts with their families. For most, it was their first time hiking on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. The kids were encouraged to find a walking stick along the way, and by the hike's end, they all had one. Afterward, families and scouts met Monty at the Cornell Visitor Center, where they also decorated their walking sticks with the supplied craft materials. Thanks to our Chapter volunteers for their assistance on the hike and at the Visitor's Center. Everyone had a great time, and we hope many of these families join us again on future hikes.

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Girl scout troops and their families hiked the Chippewa Moraine Segment during the 2021 Mammoth Hike Challenge. Photo by Vicki Christianson.

Congratulations to Thousand-Miler #315 - Serena Stipek

A crowd of friends and family greeted Serena Stipek as she finished her final hike on her quest to become a Thousand-Miler. Serena completed the Ice Age Trail in 15 months, on October 23rd along the Timberland Wilderness Segment. In addition, Serena was elected as our new vice-chair at our annual meeting in November.

Six Chapter members completed the Trail during 2021: Diane Harp, Kathy Robinson, Kathy Mehls, Pam Bowe, Teresa Jolivette, and Serena Stipek. Congratulations, Thousand-Milers!

— Vicki Christianson



A crowd of family and friends greeted Serena Stipek as she finished her final hike on her quest to become a Thousand-Miler. Photo by Serena Stipek.

Buzz led a Halloween hike heading east along the Mondeaux Esker Segment. Eight hikers joined him, enjoying the first snow flurries of the year.

Volunteer, Ron Becker, joined Buzz and me in an extensive repair of a small bridge located on the east side of Wood Lake, along the Wood Lake Segment.

In preparation for the Alliance-sponsored trailbuilding season this summer, Dave Caliebe, Trail Program Manager, and Patrick Gleissner, Field Operations Coordinator, pin-flagged a new Trail route, designed to eliminate a section of road walk in our region.

Trail usage continued to increase. So far, as of December 1, Buzz has provided 125 shuttles, assisting over 200 people and 10 dogs on their hikes in 2021.

— Lee “Butch” Clendenning



NORTHWOODS CHAPTER

Coordinator: Ruby Jaecks
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The fall storms gave the Northwoods Chapter plenty to do, clearing out damage along our segments of Ice Age Trail.

In September, we held a dedication ceremony of the new shelter built this summer in memory of Herb Schotz. Family and friends gathered to share memories and stories, creating a very nice tribute to him. We combined the memorial event with our Fall Color hike, something Herb would have liked.

— Ruby Jaecks

New sawyers for the Northwoods Chapter, Tom Jones and Don Evans, clear trees damaged in fall storms off the Trail. Photo by Ruby Jaecks.



HIGH POINT CHAPTER

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Thanks to the Think Outside program, fourth-grade students from Rib Lake Elementary had the opportunity to explore the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Buzz Meyer and I led a group of 32 students and 2 teachers on a 2.3-mile hike along the Mondeaux Esker Segment, in early November. We treated hikers to great views of the flowage and old-growth yellow birch, hemlock, and white pine. We ended the hike at the picnic area near the historic Mondeaux lodge.



LANGLADE COUNTY CHAPTER

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The City of Antigo celebrated its recent Ice Age Trail Community designation. Mayor, Bill Brandt, received assistance with the ribbon cutting from Luke Kloberdanz, Director of Philanthropy for the Alliance. The Chapter hosted a hike to promote and celebrate the designation as well. It was the first after a two-year hiatus of the outings. The Chapter has proudly hosted hikes annually since 1975. Participants enjoyed a walk along the Kettlebowl Segment, stopping at the Big Stone Hole before returning to the Kettlebowl Ski

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Hill for lunch. A splendid view of the Summit Lake Moraine enhanced their meal, along with receiving commemorative event postcards.

Heard about the Get Off the Couch crew? Well, they returned to the county with their spirited leader, Paul Wendelberger, to hike the Summit Moraine Segment on a sunny but brisk day.

Brian and Melinda Nelson joined Jared Wildenrad in the stewardship of the Alliance's recently purchased property southwest of Antigo. They took down three deer stands, conducted a corner survey, and assisted Patrick Gleissner, Field Operations Coordinator for the Alliance, with trail layout. They also spent a good deal of time removing brush.

Dave Tlusty and Lloyd Godell started on the foundation of a storage shed – which Lee Auner offered to host on his property – for the Chapter's tools and equipment. Before construction began, Dave planned the structure and cut framing lumber from his property while Lloyd addressed other material needs. Polly Blazek, Curt Denevan, Sam Picone, Terry and Cindy Creekmore, John Barker, Kurt Nierode, John and Julie Rose, and the Jopek's generously donated materials or money for the Chapter's project.

All segment stewards checked and added needed touches to their stretches of Trail before the arrival of winter.

– Joe Jopek



CENTRAL MORAINES CHAPTER

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The final Mobile Skills Crew event completing the Ringle Segment's reroute happened in October 2021. It took 5 years, 11 events, and over 1,000 volunteers to bring reimagined Ringle Segment to fruition. You won't want to miss this MUST HIKE section of Trail. It showcases a stunning glacial story and the incredible work of volunteers during the past five years. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed time and effort. You left impressions of yourselves along the Ringle Segment; what a generous legacy. If you need one, our "Meandering the Central Moraines" hiking patch is the perfect excuse to go and hike the new segment.

Next is a trailbuilding event at the Rice Lake Preserve, south of Hatley, scheduled for July 2022.

Our third annual Hike-A-Thon, held this past September on the Dells of the Eau Claire Dells Segment, was a great success. The weather cooperated this year, and we all had a wonderful time. It was great to see new faces out on the Trail and to hear all their terrific comments. Our fourth annual Hike-A-Thon is already on the October 2022 calendar.

– Patty Mishkar



PORTAGE/WAUPACA COUNTY CHAPTER

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We welcomed fall with our annual Fall Hike-a-Thon on October 2nd. This event highlighted the newly constructed bridge and boardwalk over Allen Creek. Seventy-five enthusiastic hikers, ranging in

age from 1 to 80 years young, enjoyed the balmy weather and took in the glacial landscape in Hartman Creek State Park. Kudos to all of the volunteers who helped with outreach, procured refreshments, staffed monitor stations, and helped with setup and takedown!

Our Chapter hosted a Think Outside event in November, welcoming 26 third and fourth-graders from the Chain Exploration Center. Students ventured out to Hartman Creek State Park for an outdoor adventure on the Ice Age Trail, led by Chapter volunteer Mark Ulrich and two "sweepers," Gail Colrud and Cindy Bredow. This two-hour event invited students to experience the landscape, ask questions, and clamber on a huge erratic – a favorite glacial feature of the Park. This well-organized Ice Age Trail Alliance event is one we hope to host again. Children are our future! It was inspiring to see their bright smiles!



Portage/Waupaca County volunteers at their annual Fall Hike-a-Thon fundraiser in October. Photo by Debbie Krogwold.



Third and fourth-graders from the Chain Exploration Center explored the Ice Age Trail and Hartman Creek State Park at a Think Outside event in November. Photo by Catherine Seifert.

As we head towards the end of the year, our Chapter counts its many blessings: A Trail entrusted to our care; volunteers who give their valuable time; and the entire Ice Age Trail family who embraces a shared vision!

– Debbie Krogwold

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WAUSHARA COUNTY CHAPTER

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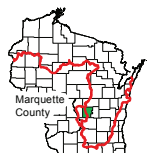
The Waushara County Chapter hosted its annual meeting, and a special presentation, as autumn ended. Peggy Farrell, Becoming an Outdoor-Woman (BOW) program director, was the featured speaker. BOW workshops assist women who want to become more active and sharpen their outdoor skills. Peggy has mentored aspiring deer and turkey hunters, coached beginning shooters, and has coordinated hundreds of BOW workshops in the state. Thank you, Peggy, for sharing your expertise and experiences with Waushara County.

Afterward, we invited the community to join us for our annual meeting and election of officers. We highlighted the year's successes and planned 2022 events and hikes. We also re-elected the following officers: Coordinator Jenny Addis; Vice-Chair AJ McCaskey; Trail Maintenance Coordinator Randy Lennartz; Treasurer Cheryl Flyte; Secretary Genie Metoyer; and at-large board members Lyle Buettner and Kathy Kehl. We also welcomed member and volunteer John Collins as our third at-large board member to the team.

The Chapter hosted a Holiday Open House to show our appreciation for our members and landowners. Thank you to Dennis and Sue Apps, owners of the Coloma Hotel, for the venue and hospitality.

We look forward to hosting our annual Candlelight Sweetheart Snowshoe event in February 2022. Participants hike or snowshoe the candlelit trail, enjoy a winter bonfire, our signature rustic raffle, and much more!

– Jenny Addis



MARQUETTE COUNTY CHAPTER

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BARABOO HILLS/HERITAGE TRAIL CHAPTER

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This fall, we carried on with trail maintenance days, otherwise it was a quiet and restful season. In October, our Chapter gathered in Hoskins Park in Baraboo – the first social event in quite a while. We enjoyed each other's company and tried to talk about things other than the Trail. We partially succeeded.

After our annual meeting in January, we anticipate a busy year of trail maintenance. There are many areas of erosion along our Trail segments which need to be addressed.

See you on the Trail!

– Debby Capener



LODI VALLEY CHAPTER

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Our Chapter was pleased to partner once again with Fontana Sports to host the Fall Colors Run in October. More than 60 people took in the gorgeous fall colors as they ran or walked the Gibraltar Segment and enjoyed treats and prizes afterward. We appreciate the generosity of Fontana Sports in making this fund-raising event possible.

The Lodi area business community spearheaded the purchase and installation of Trail Community banners on Main Street light posts before the 2021 Mammoth Hike Challenge. The banners greeted all the visitors the Challenge brought to town in October. In addition, Chapter members joined members of the Lodi-Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce and the Lodi Historical Society to host a walk throughout Lodi as part of the Challenge month activities. Lodi High School student, Connor Pecard, helped Lodi

prepare for the Challenge, with the support of Chapter volunteers and Ice Age Trail Alliance staff, by creating the elements used in the Strive On app for the Mammoth Challenge. Connor earned his Eagle Scout award for his outstanding work.



Lodi Valley Chapter volunteer, Bill Welch, surveys muddy trail on a portion of the Lodi Marsh Segment to be rerouted in spring 2022. Photo by Ed Spoon.

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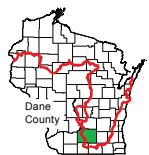


Throughout the summer heat and into fall's cooler days, a team of dedicated volunteers put in many hours to build three sets of stone steps on the Gibraltar Segment. Chapter member, Wendell Holl, used his skills as a stoneworker and a teacher to guide the group in their efforts. These steps will enhance the hiking experience on the Trail for years to come.

In November, Chapter members hiked a local segment of Trail with students from Tower Rock School as part of the Think Outside program.

We ended the year with special appearances by Santa at a Tyke Hike and a Full Moon Hike; volunteers provided cookies and hot cocoa to warm the hikers.

– Patti Herman



DANE COUNTY CHAPTER

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The Dane County Chapter received good news about a 40-acre land acquisition. It will significantly extend the Ice Age Trail corridor on Madison's west side. In a rare act of intergovernmental cooperation, Dane County, the cities of Madison and Verona, and the town of Verona jointly purchased a \$2.7 million parcel just west of University Ridge Golf Course. This land contains a significant piece of the terminal moraine, several kettle ponds, and oak woods. In addition, it is adjacent to a 40-acre park owned by the city of Madison, also dedicated to Ice Age Trail use. Officials announced they would eventually build a section of Ice Age Trail, some loop trails, and a parking lot on this land.

During more than 90 scheduled workdays, 20 regular Chapter land stewards, assisted by several dozen more occasional volunteers, maintained and improved the ecological health and scenic beauty of 15 preserves along the Trail in Dane County. We cleared invasive weeds and shrubs from 14 oak savannas and 15 remnant or planted prairies and oak woodlands. We also planted five acres of shortgrass prairie. The Chapter burn crew burned 345 acres at 9 sites and assisted WDNR with another burn. In addition, at Mammoth's Back Preserve in Cross



Dane County Chapter volunteers conduct a prescribed burn on the Holmes Preserve, using the Ice Age Trail as a burn break. Photo by Gary Werner.

Plains, we continued rescue work on the high-quality prairie remnant on the prominent Bedrock Hill.

As fall transitioned into winter, our Chapter planned 2022's big trail improvement projects. A long-awaited reroute on the popular Lodi Marsh Segment will eliminate an annual 150-yard long mudfest in favor of new tread and boardwalk. The Dane County Chapter, Lodi Valley Chapter, and Ice Age Trail Alliance staff are teaming up to fund and build this project.

A 1.5-mile section of the Verona Segment will reopen in 2022 after the major disruption caused by a sewer line rebuild along Badger Mill Creek. However, new tread and boardwalk are on the menu before the segment can be officially reopened.

– Ed Spoon



The Rock County Chapter placed two memorial benches for Kevin Doyle on the Storrs Lake Segment, along the west side of Bowers Lake, in October. Photo by Dennis James.



ROCK COUNTY CHAPTER

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Our Chapter's Trail Angels gave as many rides to hikers this year as the previous four plus years combined. We placed 10 Aldo Leopold benches along the 3-mile Janesville to Milton Segment with the help of a spring Eagle Scout and fall Venture Scout project. In September, during the United Way Day of Giving, we worked with Beloit Health Care employees to widen a 0.5-mile section of the Devil's Staircase Segment. In late October, we placed two memorial benches for Kevin Doyle along the west side of Bowers Lake – the Storrs Lake Segment. Kevin and his two dogs, Frank and Ollie, drowned in the lake in mid-March.

Over the summer and fall, many Trail Angels helped in trail stewardship activities including, corridor widening and a wayfinding project with the Janesville School Outdoor Lab. We also enjoyed an increase in Walk Across Rock County participants, and we saw new volunteers coming to our workdays.

The Chapter put up a Christmas tree at the Tallman House for the second year in a row. Of course, we are biased in our thinking, but ours had the most thought put into it, of all the trees there. We want to thank Steve Dean and the employees of Mocha Moment for donating their time and all sales to the Chapter's fundraiser, as well as all who came and contributed.

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Anticipating an even stronger 2022, over 20 volunteers assisted in developing our Annual Operating Plan for the coming year. A focus will be recruiting new volunteers. We also hope COVID restrictions will soon be in our review mirror; we anticipate a return of employer-led stewardship events.

The Rock County Chapter's 2022 mantra is, "If you set the bar high and you fall short, you are still miles ahead!"

– Dennis James



WALWORTH/JEFFERSON COUNTY CHAPTER

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The Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter is back to offering its regular schedule of seasonal activities. Outreach activities included a wonderful hike at the Wadewitz Nature Center in Racine County, and Chapter representation at the first-ever City of Whitewater Storytelling Festival. These events were followed by a well-illuminated Moonlight Hike, and a Chapter pumpkin carving and potluck. We led a hike during the 2021 Mammoth Hike Challenge, and happily, 40 individuals participated. We'd invited a local Girl Scout Troop and several service groups to join us. We wrapped up October with Monty the Mammoth and his entourage marching in the UW Whitewater Homecoming parade.

In early November, some members joined a fundraiser for our DNR trail maintenance liaison, who has been away on medical leave. Mid-month,



Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter on their Wednesday Weekly Hike. Photo by Andy Whitney.

Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter volunteers, Bill Kangaroo Knickrehm and Tom Kasproovich, putting shingles on the Island Road kiosk. Photo by Andy Whitney.



we held our Chapter's annual calendar planning meeting. December brought local, lighted Christmas parades – Palmyra in Jefferson County and the City of Whitewater – in which we participated.

Finally, Weekly Hikes and trail improvement events continue, the latter including bigger projects: the installation of a new parking lot off of Clover Valley Road, and the repair of our informational kiosk on Island Road, which needed a new roof.

– Vince Lazzaroni



WAUKESHA/MILWAUKEE COUNTY CHAPTER

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Volunteers from the Waukesha/Milwaukee County Chapter replaced the old boardwalk at the Hartland Marsh-John Muir Overlook loop in our Hartland Segment. Photo by Pat Witkowski.

We have long hoped to close the gap in the Waterville Segment, which forced hikers onto a busy connecting road. An easement purchased to permanently protect a strip of forested land allowed this to become a reality. In spring, Chapter members began preparing for the fall trailbuilding project: clearing invasives, building foundations, and removing old structures. In September, 97 Mobile Skills Crew event volunteers donated 1,900 hours over four-and-a-half days. These efforts created 0.5 new miles of Trail. In addition, volunteers revitalized the existing Trail by upgrading or rerouting sections to avoid erosion and constructing a 420-foot-long boardwalk over a marshy area. By the time new blazes were painted and posted, hikers were out enjoying the safer, more secluded Trail segment.

Our tireless volunteers tackled the Hartland Marsh-John Muir Overlook loop along the Hartland Marsh Segment, in October. The loop lets hikers reach two islands in the marsh and walk through an oak savanna. Volunteers waded in mucky waters to remove 150 feet of old weathered boardwalk and replace it with a new 200-foot-long structure complete with handrails and a bench overlooking the marsh.

Our Chapter continues to weather pandemic hesitations and isolations. Membership has grown among people eager to walk—and work—on the Trail. Regular hiking outings (Mid-Week Hikes, Tyke Hikes, Wee

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Walker Hikes, Hartland Walking Club) continue. The Blazing Babes and the Monday Mudders still work often on the Trail. Sometimes, life in the Chapter almost feels normal.

— Robert Root



WASHINGTON/OZAUKEE COUNTY CHAPTER

Chapter Coordinator: Brad Crary, interim
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The Washington/Ozaukee County Chapter kept busy with chapter-led hikes, multiple trail improvement events, and local area promotional opportunities. In September, we were fortunate to have the Milwaukee USFS Office volunteer in conjunction with National Public Lands Day. As a result, Chapter members worked with 20 volunteers to eradicate Buckthorn in the Otten Preserve.

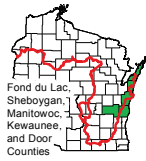
Our Chapter Coordinator, Mark Mullenbach, spent “15 Minutes with Fuzz”, a local podcaster focused on events and activities in Washington County. Mark did a great job promoting the Ice Age Trail in our area and its many hiking and volunteer opportunities.

We welcomed fall with a hike at the Otten Preserve and a very successful Mobile Skills Crew Wildcard event. Trailbuilding volunteers added a new loop trail at the Donegal Road Parking area. They also replaced a boardwalk further south along the Loew Lake Segment. Over 2 days, 30 people removed old lumber and built a new 175-foot-long boardwalk. In addition, that same weekend, several Chapter volunteers and Alliance staff promoted the Ice Age Trail at the West Bend Farmers Market for 2021 Mammoth Challenge Hike.

The annual “Opt Outside” hike at the Pike Lake Segment took place the Friday after Thanksgiving. Local residents and Chapter members spent the morning enjoying a four-mile saunter in the Kettle Moraine State Forest. It was great to be back outside and enjoying the Trail with other hikers in the area.



Washington/Ozaukee County Chapter volunteers replaced a boardwalk at Loew Lake during the Mobile Skills Crew wildcard event in October. Photo courtesy of Washington/Ozaukee County Chapter.



LAKESHORE CHAPTER

Coordinator: Cheryl Gorsuch (920-860-1061,
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At the entrance to McDonald's in Two Rivers, blue blazes mark a new spur trail, the South Breakwater Trail along Lake Michigan. This new addition is a short, pleasant hike to the breakwater. The City installed three large interpretive signs detailing the history of the United States Coast Guard, the formation of Two Rivers Harbor, and a brief history of the fishing industry in Two River. A beautiful mural (pictured) starts the short walk to Lake Michigan and the breakwater. It is well worth a visit.



Lakeshore Chapter volunteers, Scott Peschker and Greg Spike Keller, scraping bark off cedar logs in Weber's Woods. These logs will be used for benches in the future. Photo by Cheryl Gorsuch.

To assist hikers in crossing a boggy Trail section at Weber's Woods along the Tisch Mills Segment, Bruce Berres and Cheryl Gorsuch, placed deck boards and stairs over it, recycling wood from a donated dock. The day we put it in, a neighbor texted to thank us!

Near Greenbush, a new section of Trail was established when the underpass on Highway 23 was completed this summer. The Trail now accommodates horses and hikers. The DNR, under the direction of Joe Giesfeldt, Assistant Superintendent of the Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit, built a connecting trail to the old Trail. They also moved the posts for signage for this section.

A small group of Chapter volunteers ventured into the Weber's Woods to cut and strip bark from logs they will use to create benches. Our Chapter has donated benches, built memorial benches, and installed benches along the Lakeshore Chapter Trail segments. The cedar logs need to dry over the winter before artisans use them the following season. We now have enough cedar for three benches next year.

— Cheryl Gorsuch