

short switchbacks, then curls southward to reach the Trail access at a gate in the northwestern corner of the park's parking area near CTH-PB. The moraine and the Ice Age Trail are fenced off from a heavily used dog exercise area located in the southeastern area of Prairie Moraine Park.

AREA SERVICES

Madison: See Valley View Segment and Madison Segment, p. 220. From the CTH-PD (McKee Rd.) Trail access go east and north ~5 mi to the West Towne Mall area.




Verona: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, library, medical service. From the E. Verona Ave. (CTH-MV) Trail crossing go west 0.9 mi on E. Verona Ave. Area information available from the Verona Chamber of Commerce (608-845-5777, veronawv.com).

Military Ridge State Trail (MRST): On Trail (608-437-7393, dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/militaryridge).

Montrose Segment (Atlas Map 67f)

SNAPSHOT

7.5 miles: Purcell Rd. to CTH-D

 *This segment has two distinct experiences: a jaunt down a quiet multi-use rail trail and a beautiful off-road trek featuring bedrock outcroppings, restored prairies and long views.*



No reliable sources of water.



At a Dispersed Camping Area  north of CTH-D.



Portions overlap with the multiuse Badger State Trail (BST) and Pillar Rd.



BST continues north and south. Also, prairie spur trails and blue-blazed spur trail (**DA33**) to the DCA.



Portions of this segment may be suitable for those using wheelchairs or similar devices.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

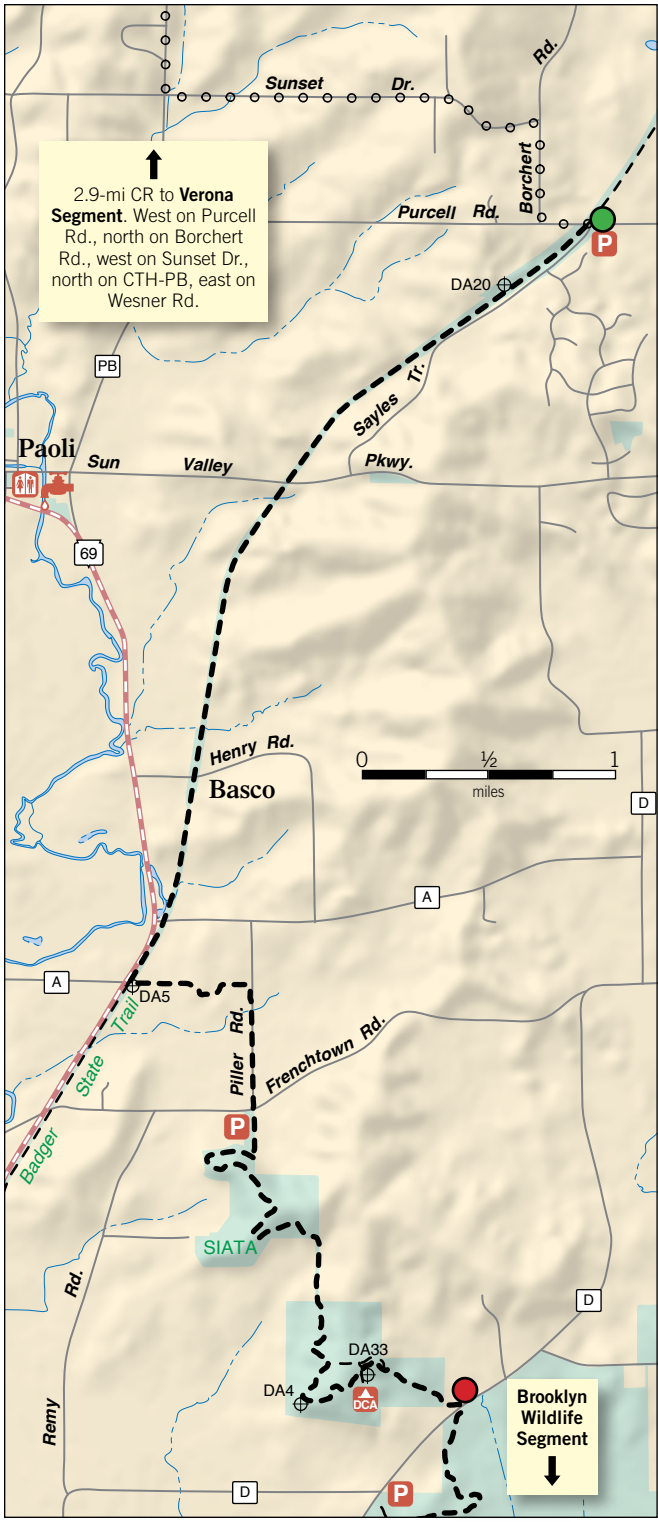
Purcell Rd.: From USH-18/151 south of Verona, take CTH-PB south 2.2 mi. At Purcell Rd. turn left and go east 1.7 mi. At Sayles Trail turn right and immediately turn right again into the Badger State Trail/Ice Age Trail parking area with kiosk.

CTH-D: From Madison, take Fish Hatchery Rd. (CTH-D) ~14 mi south. No parking. Instead, park at the CTH-DD parking area just west and south of the CTH-D endpoint. Access the segment via the Brooklyn Wildlife Segment.

Additional Parking: (i) CTH-A (**DA5**) roadside parking near the intersection where CTH-A heads west from STH-69. The Ice Age Trail/Badger State Trail is 100 ft to the east across STH-69. (ii) Frenchtown Rd./Pillar Rd. parking area on the south side of the road.

THE HIKE

The segment starts out from Purcell Road by heading southwest along the Badger State Trail (BST), which extends north to Madison's Capital City Trail and south to the Illinois border. The BST is called a "well-connected trail," with links to the Capital City, Military Ridge and Sugar River state trails; Capital Springs and New Glarus Woods state parks; the Albany State Wildlife Area;



numerous local parks and the Jane Addams State Trail in Illinois. Just south of the Purcell Road Trail access the segment crosses the Johnstown Moraine (DA20) through a cut in the moraine made by railroad construction crews before traversing several refurbished trestle bridges spanning intermittent creeks.

The segment departs from the BST near the southern intersection of CTH-A and STH-69 at a point (DA5) where CTH-A heads west and the Ice Age Trail heads due east. The segment makes its way between two agricultural fields, crosses a 40-foot-long bridge over a ditch and meanders through a small wooded area before making its way to Piller Road, where the segment turns south and follows a field edge and then the road itself.

From the intersection of Piller Road and Frenchtown Road, site of a large parking area, the segment continues due south between two agricultural fields before entering a wooded area. Once

in the wooded area the segment immediately winds uphill then bends west, south, then east as it climbs up to an agricultural field, passing along the way an impressive bedrock outcropping dotted with ferns. The segment heads southeast through the open fields to a high plateau from which hikers can enjoy long views, especially in leaf-off seasons.

The segment turns east when entering another wooded area and drops down a ridge, then continues south across a farm field and reenters the woods. From this point the segment climbs gradually up the west side of a sandstone ridge, eventually making its way to a fine goat prairie and trailside bench (**DA4**) where hikers will enjoy outstanding views across a glacial outwash plain to the Sugar River watershed and the city of Belleville.

The segment takes a turn northeast and crosses a high prairie plateau. On this high plateau volunteers are hard at work with prairie restoration activities. Right before the segment reenters the woods, hikers will reach a junction (**DA33**) with a blue-blazed spur trail and a sign indicating directions to a Dispersed Camping Area (DCA) for long-distance, multi-day hikers. The spur trail leads 0.1 miles to the DCA. From the junction with the spur, the segment enters the woods and turns southeast to reach its terminus on CTH-D.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2009, 2011, 2012

AREA SERVICES



Verona: See Verona Segment, p. 224. From the Purcell Rd. Trail access go west then north ~4 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Paoli: Restaurant, grocery store. From the Purcell Rd. Trail access go west 1.6 mi, then south 1.1 mi on CTH-PB, then west on Sun Valley Pkwy. Note: There is no access to Sun Valley Parkway from the Ice Age Trail/Badger State Trail.

Badger State Trail (BST): On Trail (608-527-2335, dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/badger).

Basco: Lodging. INN Style program lodging at the Cameo Rose Victorian County Inn, 0.7 mi east of the Trail crossing with Henry Rd. (866-424-6340 or 800-424-6340, cameorose.com).

Belleville: See Brooklyn Wildlife Segment, p. 230. From the CTH-D Trail access go west then south ~3 mi.


I had close wildlife contacts including the porcupine sitting on the Trail that I got within 6 feet of before noticing it. And there were the three ground squirrels that all decided to jump in their hole at the same time as I came walking toward them. They were stuck for a moment, three asses and tails sticking out of the ground.

PHIL SOWER, ICE AGE TRAIL THOUSAND-MILER

Brooklyn Wildlife Segment (Atlas Map 68f)

SNAPSHOT

3.5 miles: CTH-D to Hughes Rd.

 *This segment follows a rolling course over glacial outwash and bedrock hills through the Brooklyn State Wildlife Area.*



From a hand pump south of the southern CTH-DD parking area (DA2).



By law, dogs must be leashed April 15 to July 31 in the State Wildlife Area.



Two blue-blazed spur trails to parking areas.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

CTH-D: From Madison, take Fish Hatchery Rd. (CTH- D) ~14 mi south. No parking. Instead, park at the CTH-DD parking area just west and south of the CTH-D endpoint. Access the segment via the Brooklyn Wildlife Segment.

Hughes Rd.: From Belleville at the intersection of STH-92 and STH-69, take STH-92 east then south 3.0 mi to Dayton. At Dayton take Green County's CTH-D north 1.0 mi. At Hughes Rd. turn right and go east 0.3 mi to a parking area on the north side of the road. Be careful of ruts and wet conditions.

Additional Parking: There are two parking area on CTH-DD that have blue-blazed spur trails to access the Ice Age Trail. (i) "North" CTH-DD parking area is just south of the intersection of Dane County's CTH-D and CTH-DD. Be careful of ruts. (ii) "South" CTH-DD parking area is 1.2 mi north of the Green County CTH-D and Hughes Rd. intersection or 0.8 mi south of the "North" CTH-DD parking area.

Note: A potential source of confusion in the area is the naming of county roads. In Dane County, the county's CTH-D crosses the Ice Age Trail as the road is making its way southwest toward Belleville. In Green County, the county's CTH-D runs north/south, passing through the town of Dayton on its way to the Green/Dane county line. Upon reaching the county line, Green County's CTH-D becomes CTH-DD, which in turn connects up a mile north with Dane County's CTH-D.

THE HIKE

Brooklyn Wildlife Segment traverses an area featuring highly eroded glacial deposits from an earlier glacial advance more than 60,000 years ago. The segment highlights meadows, woodlands, oak savannas and colorful prairies. The variety of habitat in the area results in great bird-watching opportunities. Herons and cranes fish in the Story Creek wetlands and plenty of turkeys resting with their young can be stirred up on sandy portions of the segment. Volunteers from the Friends of Brooklyn Wildlife Area and the Ice Age Trail Alliance's Dane County Chapter have worked extensively on prairie restoration and removal of invasive species throughout the Brooklyn Wildlife Area.

From its starting point at the CTH-D Trail access the segment heads south. Several side trails make loops with the Ice Age Trail and give access to Story Creek. Two blue-blazed spur trails lead to the parking areas on CTH-DD. Hikers should pay attention to signage as intersections can be confusing. In addition to designated spur trails, there are numerous side trails to/on private property; please stay off these side trails. About 1.8 miles south of CTH-D hikers will encounter a particularly impressive overlook (DA27) and view from the Trail of the Story Creek wetlands and the Johnstown Moraine. Another 0.6 miles farther on hikers will

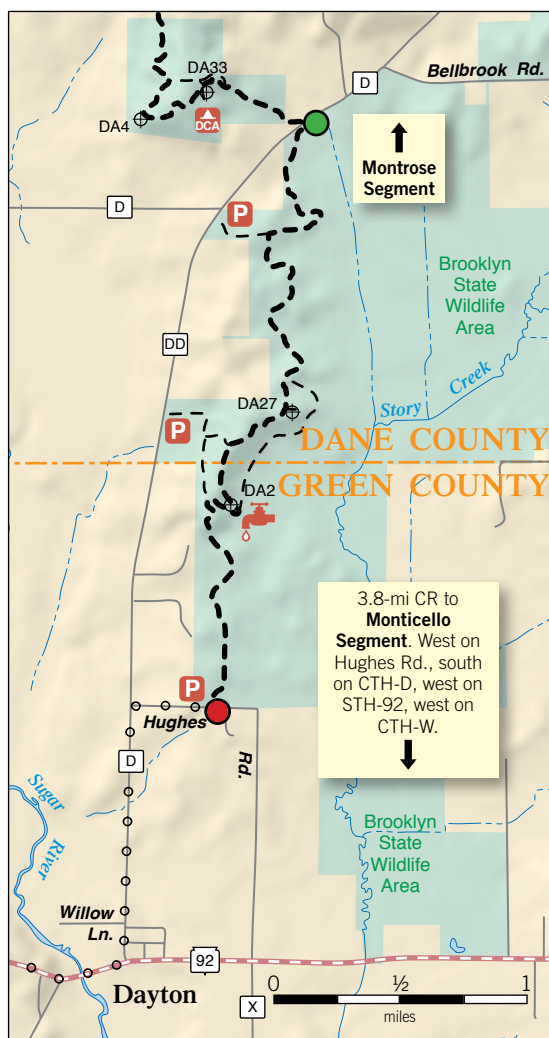
find a trailside hand water pump (DA2). From the site of the hand water pump the segment bends briefly northwest then continues its southern course to the Hughes Road Trail access.

AREA SERVICES

Belleville: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, library, medical service. From the Dane County CTH-D Trail access go west 2.6 mi on CTH-D and then south 0.3 mi on STH-69. John Frederick Memorial Park (Library Park), downtown on Main St., has a drinking fountain. Additional village parks with restrooms, picnic areas and playgrounds. Public swimming pool with showers at the Belleville Aquatic Center (seasonal).

New Glarus: See Monticello Segment, p. 234. From the CTH-D Trail access go west then south ~11 mi.

Cooksville: From the Hughes Rd. Trail access go south then east ~15 mi. INN Style program lodging at Cooksville Farmhouse Inn (608-335-8375, cooksvillefarmhouseinn.com).



The observation for the day had to do with waving. We found that most people will wave if waved to; in fact, one man waved so enthusiastically he must have nearly injured his wife, who was sitting in the passenger seat. This proves that Wisconsin has the friendliest folk in the whole wide world!

CHERYL GORSUCH AND ANN VOGL, ICE AGE TRAIL THOUSAND-MILERS