

Dane County Segment Highlights

Lodi Marsh: This segment begins with a climb through a classic southern Wisconsin woods, intermixed with dolomite rock outcrops. A view to the west offers a striking U-shaped cut between the bluffs, believed to have been formed by a large under-glacier river draining meltwater. Look for the prominent bulge of Gibraltar Rock, and beyond that, the Baraboo Hills. Travel through the Lodi Marsh Wildlife Area, hiking limestone ridges shaped by the Green Bay Lobe.

Springfield Hill: This hike highlights the 198-acre Springfield Hill Natural Resources Area which features a wildflower-laden prairie and oak savanna. It also offers ideal winter snowshoeing. The Trail's route provides outstanding views from atop Springfield Hill.

Indian Lake: Enjoy wandering through the Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area where the stone ruins of the Matz farmstead provide an evocative setting for one-of-a-kind photos. Follow the Trail into Indian Lake County Park where it weaves through grassy fields and woods. Eventually, the route winds down to the lake which was formed by melting glaciers. Consider spending an evening lakeside watching the sunset.

Table Bluff: Begin with a lollipop loop through a stunning prairie and continues through Alliance-owned preserves. Traverse steep, rocky slopes, and hike among a colorful profusion of native prairie plants. The southernmost bluff provides a view of Blue Mound, an area landmark.

Cross Plains: The Trail travels through a restored native prairie and over a dolomite ridge before passing by the Alliance

headquarters. Climb to views along a wooded ridge and then wind around Alliance-owned Mammoth's Back Preserve. Follow a connecting route to the NPS Ice Age National Scenic Trail Interpretive Site. Proceed through a prairie to enjoy long views, meander through woods, fields, and hike past rock outcroppings.

Valley View: Hike along the terminal moraine, prairie/oak savanna restorations, and a residential area featuring prairie-style homes inspired by Wisconsin-born architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Madison: The Trail ambles through the woods at the edge of the University Ridge golf course until connecting with the Verona Segment.

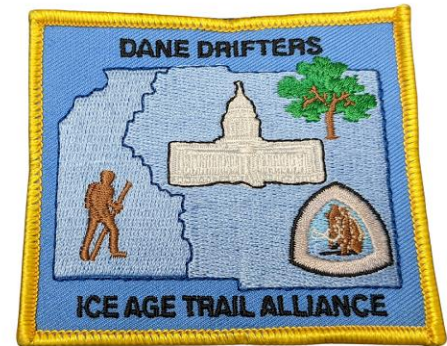
Verona: The Trail travels through several parks including the Ice Age Junction Area and its restored prairies, passes through Badger Prairie County Park, and ends in the Prairie Moraine County Park. Along the way, enjoy scenic views of the Sugar River Valley and ravines cut through the Johnstown Moraine by glacial meltwater.

Montrose: The views of the Sugar River Valley continue as you climb and descend two plateaus along this segment. Enjoy wooded areas, impressive bedrock outcroppings, and long views.

Brooklyn Wildlife: Dane County's southernmost segment travels through the glacial outwash/sand prairie and across bedrock hills in the Brooklyn State Wildlife Area. Highlights include meadows, woodlands, oak savannas, and colorful prairies.

Dane Drifters

A Hiking Award Program
Offered by the
Dane County Chapter
of the Ice Age Trail Alliance



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The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a volunteer-and member-based organization that conserves, creates, maintains and promotes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

The hiking award program's registration fee supports the Alliance's Dane County Chapter, a volunteer group dedicated to maintaining the Trail through Dane County.

For more information, visit: IceAgeTrail.org

Dane Drifters Hiking Log

	Segment List (North to South)	Miles	Date
1	Lodi Marsh: Corner St. to Lodi-Springfield Rd	5.1	
2	Connecting Route (CR): Lodi-Springfield Rd to Ballweg Rd	7.8	
3	Springfield Hill: Loop start/ends on Ballweg Rd	1.6	
4	CR: Ballweg Rd to Matz Rd	2.1	
5	Indian Lake: Matz Rd to Hwy-19	3.5	
6	CR: Hwy-19 to Pine Rd	3.6	
7	Table Bluff: Pine Rd to Scheele Rd (includes optional 1.2 mi CR)	4.8	
8	CR: Scheele Rd to Hickory Hill St	1.5	
9	Cross Plains: Hickory Hill St to Timber Ln/Mineral Point Rd (includes optional 2.6 mi CR)	11.6	
10	Valley View: Timber Ln/Mineral Point Rd to Mid-Town Rd/Shady Oak Ln. (includes optional 0.3 mi CR)	3.4	
11	CR: Mid-Town Rd to Woods Rd	1.8	
12	Madison: Woods Rd to Hwy PD	3.1	
13	Verona: Hwy PD to Wesner Rd	6.3	
14	CR: Wesner Rd to Purcell Rd	2.9	
15	Montrose: Purcell Rd to Hwy D	7.5	
16	Brooklyn Wildlife: Hwy D to Hughes Rd	3.4	
	Total Trail	46.2	
	Total Connecting Routes	23.8	
	Grand Total	70.0	

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Become a Dane Drifter

Challenge yourself to walk, run, or backpack **all 70 Ice Age Trail miles** in Dane County – 46.2 Trail; 23.8 connecting routes.

- Get a patch!
- Receive a Certificate of Achievement.
- Be recognized in hike register.

Note: hiking the connecting routes (CRs) is optional for Dane Drifters.

Two Ways to Get Started:

Online:

1. Visit IceAgeTrail.org/hiking-awards to download maps accompanying the Hiking Log. (Scroll to find DANE DRIFTERS.)
2. Hike all the miles listed on the Hiking Log (excluding CRs, if you wish).
3. Certify your miles and submit payment online using QR code.
4. Receive completion certificate and commemorative patch.
5. Your name will be recorded in the Dane County Chapter Register.



SCAN ME

Paper:

1. Request maps from Gary Wensing: kensinginn@tds.net.
2. Hike all the miles listed on the Hiking Log (excluding CRs, if you wish).
3. Complete registration form. Send a check and completed Hiking Log to: Gary Wensing, 3006 Hillside Trail, Cross Plains, WI 53528.
4. Make check payable to: Dane County Chapter-Ice Age Trail Alliance.

5. Receive your completion certificate and commemorative patch.
6. Your name will be recorded in the Dane County Chapter Register

Paper process registration form:

Hiker: First Last Age**

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Email

**This helps us learn more about Trail users and how we may better serve their needs and recreation patterns.

Companion(s) – Please Print:

First Last **Age

Program Costs:

Alliance Member \$10.00 _____
Non-Member \$12.00 _____
Companion(s) to Above* \$6.00 _____
Additional Contribution \$ _____

Total Registration Fee(s): _____

Make check payable to: Dane County Chapter-Ice Age Trail Alliance

*A companion is eligible for an award, but must hike with a registered participant.