Map 25f
Taylor and Price counties
Includes Gus Johnson, Copper, and Sheep Ranch creeks, Timms Hill National Trail, and Taylor County Forest

East Lake Segment 6.4 mi
Rib Lake Segment 5.5 mi
Wood Lake Segment 13.4 mi

Future Trail
Connecting Route
Ice Age Trail
Other Trail
SNAPSHOT

Pine Line Segment—0.9 miles: Fisher Creek Rd. at Fawn Ave. to STH-13

0.6-mile Connecting Route

East Lake Segment—6.4 miles: STH-13 Wayside to CTH-D

The very short Pine Line Segment retains a remote, deep-woods feeling.

At Chelsea Lake County Park.

A walk-in campsite 🏕.

Segment is closed during gun deer season.

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

Crosses Pine-Line multiuse rail-trail at western end of segment.
The remote, hilly and scenic East Lake Segment highlights the headwaters of the Black River, historic logging sites and Moose Mountain and features signs along the route identifying points of interest.

At the STH-13 wayside.

From East Lake and a few other small lakes and intermittent streams/creeks.

Primitive camping on county forest lands.

Portion of the segment crossing private land east of Beards Ln. is closed during gun deer season.

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

Portions overlap cross-country ski/bike trails and with logging/forest roads.

Rib Lake Nordic Ski Trails network.

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

Fischer Creek Rd. at Fawn Ave.: From Medford, at the intersection of STH-64 and STH-13 take STH-13 north 13.0 mi. At Gunnar Rd. turn left and go west 0.5 mi. At Fischer Creek Rd. turn left and go south 1.0 mi. The Ice Age Trail is on the east side of the road at the Fawn Ave. intersection. No parking. Instead, park at nearby Chelsea Lake County Park (see Area Services, below).

CTH-D: From Rib Lake at the intersection of STH-102 and CTH-D, take CTH-D north for 2.0 mi to the Rib Lake School Forest/Ice Age Trail parking area on the right side of the road. From the parking area the Trail access is 300 ft west along CTH-D.

Additional Parking: STH-13 wayside.

THE HIKE

From its starting point at the Fischer Creek Road and Fawn Avenue intersection, the 0.9-mile Pine Line Segment crosses the Pine Line multiuse trail and then makes its way east along the edge of a farm field. The segment turns north and soon enters a wooded property owned by the Ice Age Trail Alliance. A small walk-in campsite (TA29), built by local Boy Scouts, is located in a wooded clearing west of the segment’s endpoint on STH-13.

Upon reaching STH-13, hikers should head north on the shoulder of the highway for 0.6 miles to a wayside on the east side of the road. The wayside has water and restrooms available from late May to mid-September.

From the STH-13 wayside the East Lake Segment heads east through hilly terrain and mixed hardwood forest. Look for signs noting points of interest or identifying trees, including a faded sign at the beginning of the segment detailing the Wisconsin Conserva-
tion Corps’ help in building the Ice Age Trail in Taylor County. The segment soon reaches the headwaters of the Black River (TA9) in a scenic hemlock grove. Farther on, the Trail enters (TA30) a Taylor County aspen regeneration project area. The segment follows a swath cut through the trees and crosses Beards Lane.

From here the segment continues northeast through a mix of Taylor County Forest and private lands, soon passing the shore of East Lake, a classic kettle lake, in a landscape of dramatic high-relief hummocky topography. After passing East Lake, the segment soon skirts a wetland area and crosses a bridge over an unnamed creek. From here the segment heads in a northeast direction through forested but slightly less hilly terrain and eventually climbs Moose Mountain (TA31). Here, hikers may glimpse a view of the surrounding area through the trees, especially when leaves are off. Hikers will notice erratics of various sizes, shapes and colors scattered across Moose Mountain and in some of the surrounding areas. The Trail descends and near its endpoint on CTH-D connects and overlaps the Rib Lake Nordic Ski Trail network.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2002

**AREA SERVICES**

**Chelsea Lake County Park:** From the Fawn Ave. and Fischer Creek Rd. intersection go south on Fisher Creek Rd. 0.5 mi. At the park’s gravel road, turn right and go west 0.3 mi to the county park.

**Westboro:** Restaurant, library. At the STH-13 wayside go north 2.5 mi on STH-13. Library has limited hours.

**Ogema:** Restaurant, lodging. At the STH-13 wayside go north 9.0 mi on STH-13. Lodging at Ogema House Hotel (715-767-5620, ogemahousehotel.com).

**Medford:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, library, medical service. At the STH-13 wayside go south 12.6 mi on STH-13. For area info, contact the Medford Area Chamber of Commerce (715-748-4729).

**Rib Lake:** See Rib Lake Segment, p. 84. From the CTH-D Trail access go south 2.0 mi.

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*A highlight was seeing mama bear and baby crossing a newly-mown hay field on the Pine Lake Segment. My companion and I were safely out of view so we could watch them unobserved. Baby bear was enthralled with the hay rolls and entertained himself by climbing up one side and sliding down the other. Mama lumbered on along beside him. Eventually, they entered the woods far from where we were headed. That was the day I lost my irrational fear of bears.*

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