Map 85f
Washington County
Includes Ridge Run County Park, Cedar Creek, Big and Little Cedar Lakes and Slinger

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Ice Age Trail
Connecting Route
Future Trail
Other Trail

West Bend Segment 6.7 mi
Cedar Lakes Segment 2.8 mi
Slinger Segment 1.5 mi
Pike Lake Segment 3.3 mi

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Cedar Creek Wayside
Cedar Lake Wayside

Paradise Dr.
Wheat Ridge Ln.

Slinger Community Park

Hartford Rd.

Kettle Moraine State Forest – Pike Lake Unit

Kettle Moraine State Forest

Pike Lake

Ridge Run Park

Paradise Valley Lake

West Bend

Little Cedar Lake

Lucas Lake

Slinger

West Bend

Slinger

Ackermans Grove Country Park

Kettle Moraine State Forest

Cedar Lake
Pike Lake Segment, Slinger Segment and Cedar Lakes Segment  
(Atlas Maps 84f, 85f; Databook pages 87–88)

SNAPSHOT

Pike Lake Segment—3.3 miles: CTH-E to STH-60  
Slinger Segment—1.5 miles: STH-60 to Kettle Moraine Dr.  
Cedar Lakes Segment—2.8 miles: Kettle Moraine Dr. to CTH-NN

The Pike Lake Segment passes through the family-friendly Kettle Moraine State Forest—Pike Lake Unit (KMSF-PLU) and offers outstanding views from the top of the nearby Powder Hill observation tower.

At KMSF-PLU facilities.

At Community Park.

KMSF-PLU campground ▲.

Dogs are not permitted at park facilities.

KMSF-PLU trail network loops and spurs. A spur trail (WA34) to three walk-in campsites.

The short Slinger Segment mostly follows roads and sidewalks.

Note: A reroute is planned for the eastern portion of the segment. Check with the Ice Age Trail Alliance (800-227-0046, iceagetrail.org) for details.

From Pike Lake.

Three walk-in campsites ▲ at KMSF-PLU (see Area Services).

At Community Park.

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

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

The Cedar Lakes Segment features the Polk Kames, the second largest cluster of kames in the state.

No reliable sources of water.

One ColdCache site on segment.

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

A white-blazed loop trail and blue-blazed connecting trail.
TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

**CTH-E:** From I-41 exit onto STH-60 and go west 2.3 mi. At CTH-CC turn left and go south 2.0 mi. At CTH-E turn right and go west 1.4 mi to the Trail access just west of Glassgo Dr. Roadside parking on Glassgo Dr.

**CTH-NN:** From I-41 take Exit 66 onto STH-144 and go north 0.4 mi. At CTH-NN turn right and go east 0.4 mi to the parking area on the south side of the road.

**Additional Parking:** (i) Kettle Moraine State Forest—Pike Lake Unit (KMSF-PLU) Swim Area on Kettle Moraine Rd. (ii) KMSF-PLU Black Forest Nature Trail parking area on Powder Hill Rd. The Ice Age Trail passes through the east end of the parking area. (iii) Roadside parking in Slinger. No parking along Cedar Creek Rd.

THE HIKE

The Pike Lake Segment heads north from its starting point on CTH-E, parallelizing quiet Glassgo Drive 0.3 miles to the southern property boundary (WA10) of the 446-acre Kettle Moraine State Forest—Pike Lake Unit (KMSF-PLU). Most of the segment here follows the edge of a glacial ridge through heavily forested maple and beech woods. Pike Lake is a spring-fed kettle with a very popular sandy beach; the segment reaches the swimming area parking lot 0.5 miles after entering the unit.

The segment crosses Kettle Moraine Road and makes its way uphill for 0.8 miles to an intersection with a spur trail that climbs 0.3 miles to the top of 1,350-foot Powder Hill, one of the larger kames in the area. A lookout tower on top offers spectacular 360-degree views. From the intersection with the spur trail the segment continues another 0.3 miles to Powder Hill Road, joining the Black Forest Nature Trail along the way.

East of Powder Hill Road the segment passes a spur trail to the Pike Lake Unit campground and turns north to pass through the east end of the Black Forest Nature Trail parking area. From here, the segment travels north and east through a heavily wooded area and intersects (WA34) a short spur trail that leads to three walk-in backpack campsites. The segment continues east to CTH-CC at a spot (WA9) marked with an Ice Age Trail signpost on the west side of the road. At this point, hikers should turn left and head north on CTH-CC for 0.3 miles to the segment’s endpoint at the CTH-CC and STH-60 intersection.
The Slinger Segment starts from the CTH-CC and STH-60 intersection by heading northeast on an abandoned road that leads to Howard Avenue. Hikers should head east and then north on Howard Avenue to Hartford Road, where the segment heads east to Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144).

At Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144) the segment heads northeast and takes hikers through the village of Slinger. Slinger was an important trading center for Native Americans. Over the years, it has been at the crossroads for many trails and roads such as the Winnebago Trail, which was the easiest route through the Kettle Moraine, and the Yellowstone Trail, America's first coast-to-coast automobile highway. Along Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144) the segment passes Community Park before reaching its endpoint at the Cedar Creek Road intersection.

The Cedar Lakes Segment highlights several of the Polk Kames while traversing agricultural fields, wetlands and mixed forest of old oaks, sugar maple, white birch and beech. During the winter, the north and east sides of the kames retain snow later than the surrounding landscape. The spring months present a scattered display of woodland and prairie wildflowers, including trillium, wood anemone, mayapple, violets, jack-in-the-pulpit and many ferns. The fall colors here are not to be missed. A few Ice Age Trail informational signs are placed along the segment.

From the intersection of Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144) and Cedar Creek Road the segment follows Cedar Creek Road east for 0.7 miles. The segment departs the road and heads north along the edge of a farm field and enters the woods, soon arriving at a junction with the 0.8-mile white-blazed Kame Loop trail, which curves around a prominent kame and allows hikers to see the west side of the kame; in spring look for a large area of shooting stars on a hilltop north of the kame. From this junction the segment heads east and then north, passing a bench and informational sign on the east side of the kame. The segment then reaches the north junction with the white-blazed loop trail and skirts the eastern sides of a second kame. Volunteer-built puncheons and rock-lined water drainage structures highlight this portion of the segment.

The segment bends west and passes the north side of the northern kame and then comes to a junction with a blue-blazed trail, which connects to the white-blazed Kame Loop. The segment continues west and then north, passing through a mix of forest and farm fields before reaching its endpoint at the Trail access on CTH-NN.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2004, 2009

**AREA SERVICES**


**Slinger:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, library. From the STH-60 Trail access go 1.5 mi east on STH-60 or on Trail along Kettle Moraine Dr.

**Hartford:** Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, lodging, camping, library, medical service. From the STH-60 Trail access go 2.5 mi west on STH-60. INN Style program lodging at the Jordan House B&B (262-673-5643, jordanhousebandb.com) and at Westphal Mansion Inn B&B (262-673-7938, westphalmansioninn.com). Area info available from the Hartford Chamber of Commerce (262-673-7002, hartfordchamber.org).
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Both books were written and published by the Ice Age Trail Alliance. All proceeds for each book help build and maintain the Ice Age Trail. Please call the IATA at (800) 227-0046 with any questions.

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