Hartman Creek Segment (Atlas Map 48f; Databook page 44)

**SNAPSHOT**

5.6 miles: STH-54 to Emmons Creek Rd.

This segment features the forested, hilly terrain of Hartman Creek State Park (HCSP) and one of the largest erratics on the entire Ice Age Trail.

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**TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING**

**STH-54:** From Waupaca at USH-10 and STH-54, take STH-54 west 5.0 mi to the parking area on the north side of the road. From Stevens Point at the intersection of I-39 and USH-10, take I-39 south 6.5 mi. Exit STH-54 and go east 17.0 mi to the parking area on the north side of the road.

**Emmons Creek Rd.:** From Stevens Point at the intersection of I-39 and USH-10, take I-39 south. Exit STH-54 and go east 15.0 mi. At CTH-D turn right and go south 2.5 mi. Continue south on Stratton Lake Rd. 0.8 mi. At Emmons Creek Rd. turn left and go east 0.5 mi to the Trail access. Watch carefully for Trail signage on the north side of the road. No parking. Instead, continue 0.2 mi east of the Ice Age Trail to a DNR parking area on the north side of the road. From Waupaca, at USH-10 and STH-54, take STH-54 west 6.6 mi to CTH-D. Follow the directions described above from CTH-D to the Trail access.

**Additional Parking:** (i) Edminster Ln. parking area at Trail access. (ii) Hartman Creek State Park (HCSP) parking areas on Windfeldt Ln.

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**THE HIKE**

From its starting point on STH-54 the segment heads south between farm fields, enters a hilly wooded area, crosses Allen Creek and then passes through a pine plantation before emerging onto Edminster Road. The Allen Creek crossing can be very muddy and wet in times of heavy rain or high water. In this initial portion the segment intersects several unsigned side trails.

South of Edminster Road the segment enters Hartman Creek State Park (HCSP), which has a long history. The Wisconsin Conservation Department, the precursor to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), bought 309 acres from the Allen and Hartman family estates in 1939 for $8,500. The Conservation Department dammed a creek and created Allen Lake, in honor of George W. Allen, and named the property “Hartman Creek State Fish Hatchery” in honor of the Hartman family. Today, the park consists of approximately 1,400 acres.

The park is located on terrain formed as the Wisconsin glacier retreated down a regional slope. The eastern part of the park lies on gently rolling ground moraine and pitted outwash where flowing rivers from the melting glacier deposited lay-
ers of gravel and sand. The resulting topography is pitted outwash to the west; as the glacier melted back from this position it left a substantially lower land surface to the east.

The segment makes its way south through the park, intersecting and sharing portions of the park’s extensive trail network. At a huge erratic (PW25) next to a Leopold bench, hikers can depart from the segment and access the HCSP’s campground and facilities by heading east 0.2 miles then south 0.1 miles on park hiking and biking trails. In the summer look for a large tepee, a part of the campground, which can be reserved for camping.

Nearly the entire portion of the segment through the northern part of the park (north of Winfeldt Lane) is on rolling, forested terrain. A kiosk explaining the geological landscape of the Elderon Moraine and the outwash plain is a short distance east of the segment’s route at a parking area on Windfeldt Lane.

South of Windfeldt Lane the segment courses through the forest and cuts across areas of open prairie near the edge of an old orchard where bluebirds and other songbirds thrive. The segment then intersects several mountain bike paths. As the segment enters Emmons Creek Barrens State Natural Area, the most hilly portion of the segment, the forest clears away and hikers can see a large clearing. The segment narrows and descends into the clearing as it approaches its endpoint on Emmons Creek Road.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2012, 2015

AREA SERVICES

Turner’s Fresh Market: From STH-54 parking area go 0.2 mi west on STH-54. Seasonal farmer’s market with fresh fruits, vegetables and drinks (715-258-3355, turnersfreshmarket.com).

Waupaca: See Skunk and Foster Lakes Segment and Waupaca River Segment, p. 154. From the STH-54 Trail access go east ~5 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

Stevens Point: See Skunk and Foster Lakes Segment and Waupaca River Segment, p. 154. From the STH-54 Trail access go west ~23.5 mi. Also see Trail Access and Parking directions, above.

March 2020: Waupaca River Segment: Due to an underwater boardwalk and treacherous conditions, the section of Trail between State Hwy 54 and Edminster Rd is closed. This section is closed indefinitely as Alliance staff, volunteers, and landowners work to devise a long-term solution.

The suggested road walk is west on Hwy 54, south and west on Badger Dr, then south and east and Edminster Rd.
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