

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE high

thursday

Choose Your Adventure

▶ Skunk and Foster Lakes Segment Hike, Waupaca County

The scenic Skunk and Foster Lakes State Natural Area contains crystal clear pot hole lakes, large erratics, and mature forest.

There is an option for an additional 0.8-mile loop for those who want to further stretch their legs. 8:00 am – Noon. Lunch buffet conference center.

Hike: 1.8 miles or 2.6 miles, moderate terrain, 25-minute bus ride. **LIMIT: 50 attendees.**



▶ Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point

Schmeeckle Reserve is a 280-acre conservancy area on the campus of UW-Stevens Point, set aside to protect natural communities of central Wisconsin. Visitors enjoy diverse habitats which support numerous wildlife species while they explore five miles of trails and boardwalks and a 24-acre lake. 8:00 am - Noon. Lunch buffet conference center.

Hike: 2 to 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain, 10-minute bus ride. **LIMIT: 50 attendees**

Session Highlights

A summit for young adults seeking to facilitate their careers working with natural resources and outdoor recreation.

Afternoon presentations include: tips and strategies for event leaders working with a wide range of youth; the forward-thinking idea of integrated timber management.

Trail Mix evening sessions include: Guess that Trail Segment; photography instruction; hacks for getting the most out of IATA hiker resources; and an inaugural welcome session for first time attendees.

friday

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▶ Bohn Lake Segment Hike, Waushara County

Explore this newly extended segment through a rock garden and along the bottom a tunnel channel holding Bohn Lake. Enjoy the views of the lake as a new loop circles this body of water.

8:00 am-12:30 pm. Lunch buffet conference center.

Hike: 2.2 miles, easy terrain, 40-minute bus ride.

LIMIT: 100 attendees.



▶ Field Trip: The Moraines of Eastern Portage County

Put the IAT segments of this region into a broader glacial geology context as this outing follows the west to east retreat of the Late Wisconsin Glaciation. Learn about the Arnott, Hancock, and Almond moraines and the Elderon ice margins — their till and outwash deposits, erratics, kettles, kettle lakes, tunnel channels — by driving with stops for observations, discussions, photos and rock sampling.

8:00 am - 12:30 pm. Lunch buffet conference center.

Hike: Miles will vary, easy to moderate terrain, bus tour

LIMIT: 25 attendees

Session Highlights

Chapter Leadership Summit: Whether you're merely curious, or deeply involved in your chapter's leadership, come share about the events and activities you and your chapter cohorts have found work well. New ideas, brainstorming, and plenty of discussion keep this session fresh.

Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections: This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as members under the big Ice Age Trail Alliance tent. This meeting is free and open to all members.

Friday Keynote: Justin Isherwood, Isherwood Farms, Plover

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm, buffet dinner begins at 6:00 pm.

Justin Isherwood, a potato farmer from Plover, WI, is also an accomplished author. These talents led to an interview on National Public Radio's quiz show — Michael Feldman's Whad'Ya Know? Isherwood is passionate about a farmer's responsibility to the land and people. He notes, "It is, or ought to be, in the bones of every farmer, the will to defend the land's identity, its power and its mysteries." When Justin isn't writing or tending to taters, he's out tapping maple trees on his family farm near the Buena Vista Marsh.

saturday

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▶ Hartman Creek Segment Hike, Portage and Waupaca Counties

Enjoy a hike through the rolling oak forests and savannas of Central Wisconsin. There will be two hike options – a 4.5-mile hike and tour of Central Waters Brewing, or an out-and-back hike (one hour and fifteen-minutes one way) with a tour and coffee sampling at Ruby Coffee Roastery 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Box lunches will be provided at the brewery or roastery.

Long Hike: 4.5 miles, moderate terrain, 30-minute bus ride, tour and box lunch at brewery.

LIMIT: 50 attendees.

Short Hike: based on distance covered in an hour and 15-minutes, easy terrain, 30-minute bus ride, tour and box lunch at roastery.

LIMIT: 50 attendees.



▶ "Listening Session" Small-Group Hike

Eric Sherman, IATA staff, will lead a small-group "listening session" experience. We'll walk in about a mile, spread out, and sit quietly for a while to listen to what the forest has to offer. 8:00 am – Noon. Lunch buffet conference center.

Hike: Less than a mile, moderate terrain, dress warmly, carpooling.

LIMIT: 15 attendees.

Session Highlights

Long-Distance Hiking Seminar: An all-day, four-session, workshop series to get you started on your backpacking or segment hiking journey with plenty of advice from the experts. If you're considering an Ice Age Trail thru-hike as your next big adventure, or if you're dreaming and scheming about section hiking the Trail in weekend jaunts, then this seminar is for you. 10:00 am – 4:15 pm. **Cost: \$75.00** (includes lunch) if attending the seminar, exclusively. Otherwise, it is included in the conference registration for Saturday or multi-day packages. **LIMIT: 90 attendees.**

Concurrent Sessions from 1:30 pm – 4:15 pm: Please see the Annual Conference web page for an up-to-date list of sessions. www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference/

Awards Banquet and Celebration Event: We're rolling out the yellow carpet! It'll be a big night as we celebrate the accomplishments of our tremendously generous volunteers. Come find out who gets a National Park Service vest or jacket. Discover who'll be the next caretaker of the Spirit Stick and who'll be the Trail Steward of the Year. Recent Thousand-Milers are recognized, too!

sunday

Complimentary Breakfast (7:00 am) and Closing Remarks (8:00 am)

Emmons Creek Segment Photography Field Trip

Join fine art photographer and photojournalist Cameron Gillie, ThePinholeThing.com or Around-Wisco.com, for a photography walk and talk along the Emmons Creek Segment. Cameron will share his approach to taking photos as you practice with your own camera. All skill levels welcome from a novice with a cell phone to an advanced amateur with a professional camera. Carpool. Bus transportation will not be provided for this hike. 9:15 am – Noon.

Hike: Approx. 2-miles, moderate terrain, 30-minute drive.

LIMIT: 30 attendees.



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events and online registration,
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