

Thousand-Miler Essay
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We started as a group on the Western Terminus on 6/6/20. The decision to hike the IAT was made at a group picnic on Memorial Day weekend of 2020. We had planned to climb Kilimanjaro but the Pandemic got in the way.

Still wanting to hike as a group we decided to set out on the IAT.

Being the goal oriented group we are, we decided we'd start on the West and hike each section in order! We hiked every mile!

We hiked in all seasons and in all weather. We Met fantastic people along the way and enjoyed all that each little (and big) town had to offer. Never would we have had the opportunity to see so many special Wisconsin places had we not hiked the IAT.

We made it a point to support all the local businesses along the route. Made an extra effort to let the towns who were IAT Communities know how much we appreciate them.

As a group we have all volunteered with the IAT. In addition I have been for the last three years the Mower in Madison along the Raymond Road segment.

The IAT is a wonderful gift left to us by those who came before.

I am truly grateful to live in a State with such wonderful natural resources and will work to leave that legacy in even better condition for future generations.