

Lodi Valley Chapter Segments: Highlights

The **Gibraltar Segment** begins at the Merrimac Ferry wayside. After hiking along a railroad right-of-way, cross Hwy 113 and climb a series of switchbacks leading you to beautiful views of the Wisconsin River Valley and the Baraboo Bluffs. Travel through open prairies and wooded sections to reach a big bench, a perfect spot for taking a break. Then, traverse white pine and oak woods and follow a boulder-studded dry ravine to reach the Slack Road trailhead.

A short connecting route on a paved road, including a walk along Gibraltar Rock Road, takes you to the next section of the segment. Head through a white pine, hickory, and oak forest, enjoying wooden bridges and rock steps as you ascend to the top of Gibraltar Rock. Appreciate a spectacular view of the Wisconsin River Valley and Lake Wisconsin, as well as a sizeable leather-leaf bog. Travel through a wooded canopy before arriving at a vista of the valley below and the distant Baraboo Hills. Follow the path to the CTH-V parking area.

A connecting route along paved roads leads to the **Fern Glen Segment** on CTH-J. Enjoy a dense hardwood forest and climbs up and down a steep ravine. Several species of ferns and spring ephemerals brighten the segment. You may want to take a short (less than 0.1 mile) spur trail leading to “Susie’s Rock,” a favorite spot of one of the earlier inhabitants of Fern Glen Farm.

Following a connecting route along paved road takes you from Bilkey Rd to Prospect Ave. A short out-and-back leads to the impressive Rainbow Bridge, a 150-foot-long footbridge spanning a ravine between Lodi’s middle and high schools. The **Lodi Segment** saunters through a charming Ice Age Trail Community, complete with well-maintained Victorian homes and turn-of-the-century storefronts. Spring Creek flows through downtown, adding to the beauty. Make sure to stop for shopping and a bite to eat!

The **Lodi Marsh Segment** begins at Hwy 113 and takes you through lovely woods with some hilly inclines until you reach the Dane County line a mile along the Trail. At this point, you can turn around – your Glacial Drifters goal is complete. Or, you may choose to complete the segment and enjoy outstanding views of a glacial tunnel channel, Central Bluff, and the marsh below, ending at either the Twin Pines trailhead or the Robertson trailhead, both on Lodi-Springfield Road.

My Hiking Log for Lodi Valley Glacial Drifters

Atlas Map number	Segment (from North to South)	Miles *	Date Completed
62f	Gibraltar Segment STH 113 Ferry Wayside to Slack Road	2.2	
62f	<i>Connecting Route</i> <i>Slack Road to Gibraltar Rock Rd/CTH-V</i>	.8	
62f	Gibraltar Segment Gibraltar Rock Rd/CTH-V to CTH-V	1.8	
62f	<i>Connecting Route</i> <i>CTH-V to CTH-J</i>	2.2	
63f, 62f	Fern Glen Bilkey Rd to CTH-J	1.3	
63f	<i>Connecting Route</i> <i>Bilkey Road to Prospect Ave</i>	2.4	
63f	Lodi Prospect Ave to Hwy 113 (includes Rainbow Bridge out-and-back)	2.2	
63f	Lodi Marsh Hwy 113 to Dane Cty line	1	
	TOTAL	13.9	

Completion! The Lodi Valley Chapter will celebrate your accomplishment. After you certify your miles (online) or submit your hiking log (mail), your name will be recorded in the **Glacial Drifters Register**. Plus, you’ll receive a completion certificate and a commemorative patch!

Get Started. Your Glacial Drifters Adventure Awaits!

Participation fee:

\$10.00 Member of the Ice Age Trail Alliance

\$12.00 non-member



Here are two ways to participate:

Online:

1. Visit iceagetrail.org/hiking-awards to download a set of maps accompanying the hiking log. (Scroll to find Glacial Drifters on the list.)
2. Hike all the miles listed on the hiking log.
3. Certify your miles and submit payment online (See QR code).
4. Receive a completion certificate and commemorative patch.

Paper:

1. To request a set of maps accompanying the hiking log, email LodiValleyChapter@iceagetrail.org
2. Hike all the miles listed on the hiking log.
3. Fill out the registration form.
4. Mail registration form, completed hiking log, and fee to:
Patti Herman – Glacial Drifters Program
116 Merton Avenue, Lodi, WI 53555
Note: Make check payable to: Lodi Valley Chapter – Ice Age Trail Alliance
5. Receive a completion certificate and commemorative patch.

Registration Form:

First and Last Name

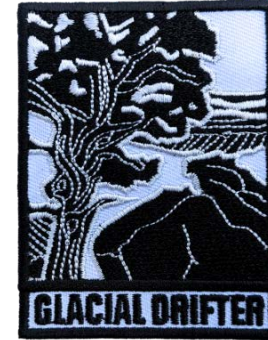
Street Address

City, State, and Zipcode

Email: _____

Glacial Drifters Hiking Award Program

Offered by the Lodi Valley Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance



- **Get a patch!**
- **Receive a Certificate of Achievement**
- **Be recognized in the Glacial Drifters register**

Sign up for the Glacial Drifters program and be recognized for hiking the Lodi Valley segments of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. You will be treated to some outstanding views along the Ice Age Trail, including the breathtaking vista from Gibraltar Rock. You'll also experience the charming City of Lodi, an Ice Age Trail Community.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a volunteer and member-based organization that conserves, creates, maintains, and promotes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Your Glacial Drifters participation fee supports the Alliance's Lodi Valley Chapter, a group of volunteers who maintain the Trail through southern Columbia County.

For more information, visit iceagetrail.org

