


Hartland Segment (Atlas Map 82f)

SNAPSHOT

6.8 miles (5.7 IAT, 1.2 CR): STH-83 to Centennial Park at CTH-K

 This segment winds through another Trail Community and highlights three Conservationists' Hall of Fame commemorative sites.




At Naga-Waukeee County Park, Nixon Park, Bark River Park, Hartbrook Park and Centennial Park.



From the Bark River, which the segment route crosses six times.



At Naga-Waukeee County Park Campground .



At Naga-Waukeee County Park, Hartland Marsh-John Muir Overlook and Hartbrook Park.



At nearby Naga-Waukeee County Park, Hartbrook Park and Centennial Park.



Dogs must be leashed and are not allowed on portion between Hartbrook Park and Centennial Park.



Segment includes a connecting route roadwalk. Portions overlap with multi-use rec trails and town sidewalks.



Hartland Marsh Lollipop trail and Aldo Leopold Overlook trails.



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

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

STH-83: From I-94 near Delafield, take Exit 287 onto STH-83 and go north 0.3 mi to the Nagawaukee Park-and-Ride on the west side of the highway.

Centennial Park at CTH-K: Near Hartland heading west on STH-16, take Exit 183 for Merton Ave. (CTH-KC). From the exit ramp turn right on Merton Ave. (CTH-KC) and go north 0.7 mi. At CTH-K (Lisbon Rd.) turn left and go west 0.2 mi to Centennial Park. *If heading east on STH-16*, take Exit 182 for North Ave. (CTH-E). From the exit ramp turn left and go north 1.0 mi. At CTH-K (Lisbon Rd.) turn right and go east 0.5 mi to the parking area for Centennial Park. Open sunrise to sunset.

Additional Parking: (i) Naga-Waukeee County Park. (ii) Hartland Marsh-John Muir Overlook on Cottonwood Ave. (**WK24**). (iii) Aldo Leopold Overlook on Maple Ave. (CTH-E) (**WK22**). (iv) Nixon Park. (v) Bark River Park. (vi) Hartbrook Park.

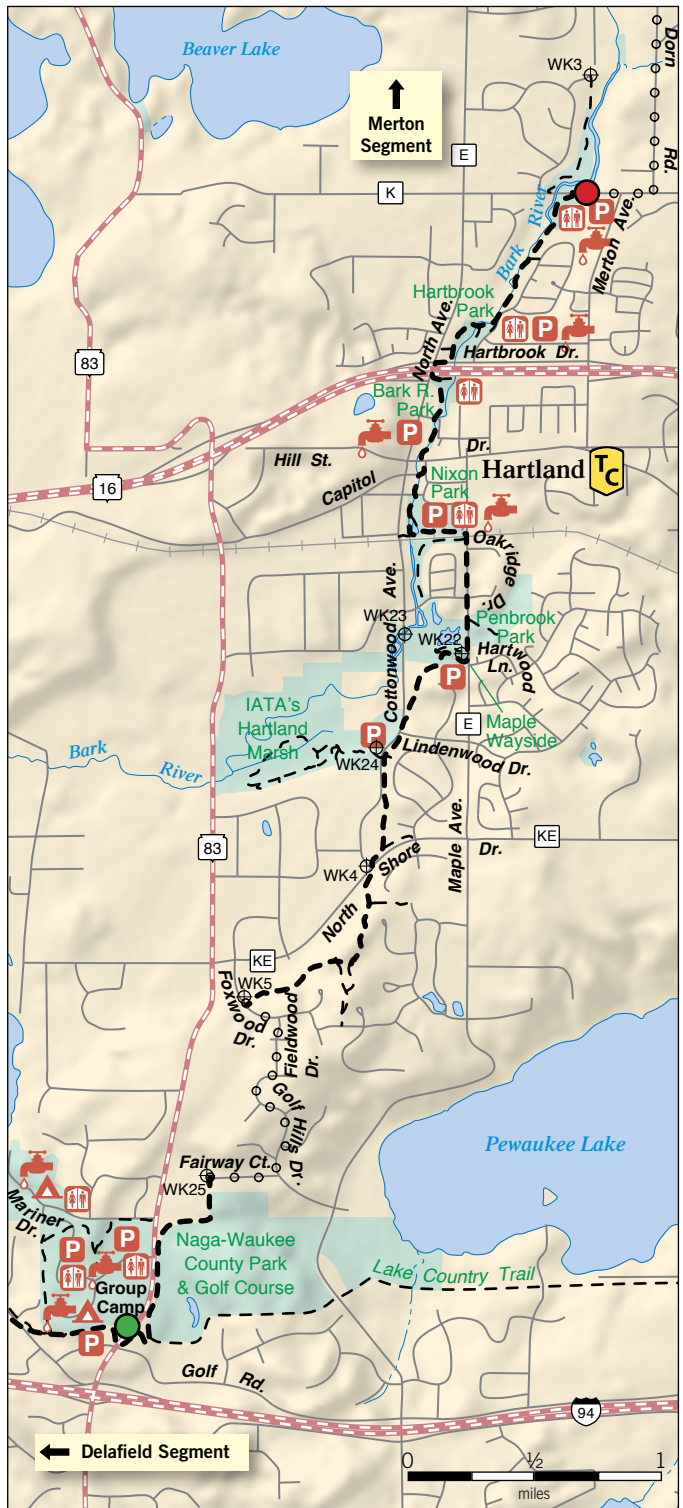
THE HIKE

The segment starts from the west side of STH-83 by heading east on the Lake Country Recreational Trail, crossing busy STH-83 at the Golf Road stoplight. Shortly after crossing STH-83 the segment departs from the Lake Country Recreational Trail and heads north, skirting the west side of Naga-Waukeee Golf Course. The segment bends east briefly before resuming a northward course, passing behind Elmbrook Church of Lake Country before reaching Fairway Court (**WK25**). At Fairway Court hikers will begin following a 1.2-mile unmarked connecting route: east on Fairway Court, left turn to head north on Golf Hills Drive, turn left to head north on Fieldwood Drive, turn left to head northwest on Foxwood Drive.

From Foxwood Drive (**WK5**), near the Foxwood Estates entrance, the segment continues off-road to the northeast over wooded, hilly topography to a crossing of CTH-KE (North Shore Drive) (**WK4**). From here, most of the remainder of the segment is paved. The segment continues north and links up with Cotton-

wood Avenue. Just south of the Cottonwood Avenue/Lindenwood Drive intersection, hikers will discover the Hartland Marsh–John Muir Overlook (WK24), a loop trail to the west of the segment route that includes two islands, oak savanna openings, boardwalks and a picnic shelter. This area is the first of three Conservationists’ Hall of Fame commemorative sites along or near the segment route. Muir was an early leader in the conservation movement. He led the advocacy efforts to establish Yosemite National Park, founded the Sierra Club in 1892 and was a leading proponent for the national park system.

The John Wesley Powell commemorative site (WK23) is located off-route 0.4 miles north of the Hartland Marsh loop trail access on Cottonwood Avenue and south of the Bark River Bridge. This roadside wetland is part of an ancient glacial melt-water spillway of the



Kettle Moraine. Powell was an explorer, geologist and conservationist, one of the first to introduce science to natural resource management. While serving as Director of the United States Geological Survey from 1880–1894, he worked to implement prudent land and water policies.

From the Hartland Marsh loop trail access, the segment continues briefly on Cottonwood Avenue then heads northeast through the Aldo Leopold Overlook (**WK22**) in an area bounded by Cottonwood Avenue, Cardinal Lane, Maple Avenue (CTH-E) and Lindenwood Drive. The Leopold site offers trails with a boardwalk, two ponds and a view from atop a 45-foot glacial hill. Aldo Leopold is honored as an ecology pioneer who wrote “Ecology tells that no animal—not even man—can be regarded as independent of his environment. Plants, animals, men and soil are a community of interdependent parts.”

At Maple Avenue (CTH-E) the segment turns north and follows the road 0.5 miles. After crossing railroad tracks, hikers should turn west into Nixon Park. From here most of the remainder of the segment travels close to the Bark River. The segment leaves Nixon Park, takes a quick route through “downtown” Hartland via Haight Drive, Goodwin Avenue, across East Capitol Drive and then into an alley that leads into Bark River Park. North of STH-16 the segment continues briefly on Hartbrook Drive before leaving the road and entering Hartbrook Park. Between Hartbrook Park and the its endpoint at Centennial Park the segment follows a particularly scenic section of the Bark River adjacent to a housing development.

AREA SERVICES

TC Delafield: See Lapham Peak Segment and Delafield Segment, p. 278. Many services in the vicinity of the STH-83 Trail access at Golf Rd.

TC Hartland: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, library, medical service. On Trail. Most services located on Cottonwood Ave and Cardinal Ave. Area info available from the Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce (262-367-7059, hartland-wi.org).

Brookfield: General shopping. ~15 mi east of Hartland. Outfitter/camping supplies at REI (262-783-6150, rei.com/stores/brookfield).

Merton: See Merton Segment and Monches Segment, p. 285. From the Centennial Park at CTH-K Trail access go east then north ~3 mi.

Our journey started on a Thursday evening, when we went to our first Ice Age Trail Alliance meeting at Lapham Peak. We went to hear Chris Miller's presentation about her experiences on the Ice Age Trail as a section-hiker. Opening her journal to a random page, she read, "I stink, and everything I own stinks!" Even after hearing that, we wanted to start on our own adventure.

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