DAY TRIPS

There are countless stops hikers can make along the thousand-mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Ice Age Trail Alliance supporters have created a set of itineraries taking in the best spots for relaxation, education and enjoyment in all four seasons.

Some itineraries take place in state parks, and will require a state park sticker to park. Along the Trail, shuttles back to your vehicle may be arranged through the local Ice Age Trail Alliance chapter.

Prior to using the Ice Age Trail it is recommended hikers visit iceagetrail.org for current trail conditions, to connect with local volunteers, to join the online conversation and find out how to support the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Trail explorers may want to pick up a copy of the Ice Age Trail Guidebook and Ice Age Trail Atlas for more detailed information.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance loves to hear from hikers. When you finish your trip please let us know how it went! Share your trail story at iceagetrail.org/share-trail-story/. Happy Trails!





DAY 1:

HARTMAN CREEK SEGMENT

Hike

Enjoy the beautiful Hartman Creek segment and its grand oaks. You'll also see gently rolling ground moraine, and pitted outwash where flowing rivers from melting glacier deposited layers of gravel and sand. This segment passes through Hartman Creek State Park, where you'll find campsites, facilities, and even a teepee that may be reserved in the summer.

Lunch

Visit the Vintage Garden Café on Main Street in Wild Rose.





Attraction

Visit the Waupaca Community Arts Center to see custom work done by local artists. You can even take a class and make your own Ice Age Trail art.

Dinner

Local flavor and a hand-tossed pizza pie await you at the Wheelhouse Restaurant.

Lodging

Stay at Crystal River Inn just outside of Waupaca in the Village of Rural on the Crystal River. The Inn's grounds were established in 1853.



DAY TRIPS

DAY 2:

GREENWOOD SEGMENT

Hike

A late spring hike along the Greenwood Segment's two tunnel channels is especially pretty thanks to the blue lupine carpeting grassy openings. The plants offer a welcome environment for the endangered Karner blue butterfly. As you continue your route, you'll hike through deep forests of stately oaks and the Almond Moraine.

Lunch

Grab a bite to eat at the Heath Farm Market in Wautoma.

Attraction

When you're done with lunch, stay at the Heath Farm Market for a unique shopping experience.

Dinner

Double down on bibs and enjoy authentic Italian fare at LaVore's on the Hill in Coloma.

DAY 3:

WEDDE CREEK & CHAFFEE CREEK SEGMENTS

Hike

The Weddee and Chaffee Creek Segments traverse hardwood forests featuring grand oaks, valleys with wet-mesic prairie, wetland fen complexes and sedge meadows boasting over 100 native plant species. One of the highlights is crossing under the interstate in two gigantic culverts as you make your way to the I-39 southbound wayside.

Lunch

Head to Montello for fresh food and great drinks at Rendezvous Paddle and Sports. You can rent a canoe and paddle on Buffalo Lake, or follow the Montello River to Puckaway Lake.



Lodging

Stay at the Mecan River B&B in Waushara County. Put your feet up in front of a warm fire and enjoy the views of the Mecan River.



Attraction

See the boyhood home of John Muir at John Muir Memorial County Park. Here you can take a stroll around Ennis Lake where Muir's environmental ethic was developed as a young man.

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