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 2:

FIRTH LAKE SEGMENT

Hike
Hike east past CTH-E. From CTH-E, a 1.8-mile connecting route south on E and east on 245th Ave. is necessary to reach the next off-road trail at the Firth Lake Segment. This segment traverses a second-growth northern mesic forest of birch, red maple, ash and balsam, with an understory of fern, clintonia, blue bead lily, bloodroot, Indian pipe and red baneberry. The segment can be very wet in spring due to beaver activity in the region’s lakes and ponds. Fence stiles and board bridges are found along the trail. The route crosses an ice-walled lake plain, and beaver dams in a generally forested setting. This segment ends at the parking area at CTH-CC.

Want to add a little distance to your hike? Continue on the Chippewa River Segment for an additional 3.6 miles out and back. The segment starts at the large CTH-CC parking area. Then, it heads south through a forest featuring stunning Chippewa River views from the edge of rolling bluffs. There are braided, steep topography and vertical gains of up to 70 feet in this area, as well as several deep ravines that transect the segment from west to east, draining water seasonally to the river. The forest cover includes various species of ash, oak and varieties of seasonal woodland flowers.

Attraction
Top off your 21-mile backpacking trip with a stop at Leinenkugel's Brewery in Chippewa Falls (124 E. Elm St.). Take the tour, visit the shop, and stock up on your favorite suds.