

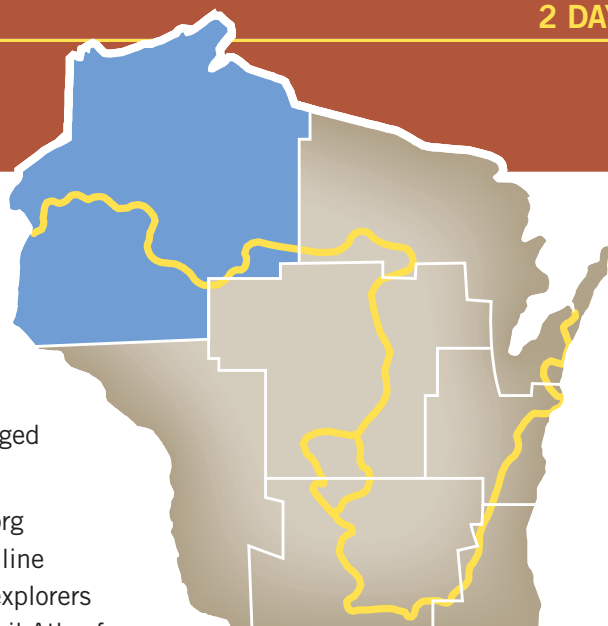
## AVID HIKER

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](http://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/](http://iceagetrail.org/share-trail-story/). Happy Trails!



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## DAY 1:

## CHIPPEWA MORaine SEGMENT

**Before you hike**

Park your car at the end of the trip at the CTH-CC parking area. Use a shuttle to get to the west end of the Chippewa Moraine Scientific Reserve at 267th Ave.

Stock up on provisions at Klinger's Farmers Markets and Gardens located between the David Obey Visitors Center and Chippewa Falls. Need a few extra calories to burn? Head over to Cornell for ice cream and a tour of Main Scoop and Dylan's Dairy located on Main Street.

**Hike**

Start at the Chippewa Moraine Segment trail access on 167th Ave. and continue east toward the David R. Obey Ice Age Interpretive Center. (Don't forget to stop in the Center to see the exhibits.) This segment traverses dramatic, high relief, hummocky terrain with numerous scenic kettle lakes. The first portion of the segment travels through the north of North Shattuck Lake State Natural Area, a southern dry mesic forest. Birds frequent the area during spring migration. Look for red-headed woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers, scarlet tanagers, American redstarts, yellow-throated vireos, and eastern wood-pewees. Continue through the Harwood Lakes Segment, which runs from 167th St. to CTH-E.

**Lodging**

A Dispersed Camping Area is available on the west shores of Picnic Lake. Primitive camping is permitted near the east end of the segment. Reserve your spot at the visitors center.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Ice Age Trail guidebooks are available to hikers at [IceAgeTrail.org](http://IceAgeTrail.org).



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## 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.

