# 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:**

#### **DEVIL'S LAKE**

#### Hike

Hike this segment and you'll see why Devil's Lake State Park is one of the most visited parks in the Midwest. You'll be amazed at the bluffs created by glacial activity. Claim a spot on the beach (try the south shore area), then head east on the Ice Age Trail past Native American mounds, up the East Bluff and back down to Roznos Meadow. Enjoy views of the moraine dam, and important glacial feature that had a major influence on the creation of the surrounding landscape.



#### Lunch

Grab something from the concession stand, or have your own picnic using one of the onsite grills.

#### **Attraction**

Aldo Leopold was largely responsible for shaping the land ethic used by many contemporary conservationists. Visit the beautifully crafted Aldo Leopold Legacy Center to learn about Aldo Leopold's teachings, take a class, and visit the well-known Leopold Shack.

#### Dinner

Head to Baraboo for a fresh pizza and glass of wine at Mama Mia's Pizzeria just off the square.

#### Lodging

Stay atop the Baraboo Bluffs when you book a room at the Inn at Wawanissee Point near Devil's Lake State Park.



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# **DAY 2:**

#### **SAUK POINT**

#### Hike

The Sauk Point segment is 3.8 miles long takes you through hummocky ridges and thickly shaded young forest. You'll have spectacular views of the lower Wisconsin River valley and Blue Mounds. On a clear day when the leaves are down you may even catch a sparkle from the state capitol's dome.

#### Lunch

Head to Baraboo for dynamite burritos at the Little Village Café on the square.

#### **Attraction**

Head to the International Crane Foundation to enjoy a guided tour of the world's cranes, hike nature trails, and browse nature-themed gifts in the gift shop.



#### Dinner

Have an upscale meal at Driftless Glenn Distillery. Sample some of their spirits and enjoy a locally sourced meal.

#### Lodging

Head back to the Inn at Wawanissee Point for the night.

## **DAY 3:**

#### **GIBRALTAR ROCK**

#### Hike

Take the Merrimac Ferry across Lake Wisconsin to the wayside parking area and start of the Gibraltar Rock segment. Travel east of the wayside along the Ice Age Trail as it parallels the railroad before climbing 200 feet to views of Lake Wisconsin through a screen of large oaks. Especially stunning during the fall, this segment features long views of the Wisconsin River and surrounding glacial landscape. Once you reach the parking area at Slack Hill Road follow the white blazed loop trail back to the wayside.

#### Lunch

Grab a midday fi sh fry at Spring Creek Restaurant and Bar in downtown Lodi, an Ice Age Trail Community. Window seats offer views of the passing Spring Creek, home to great trout fi shing.

#### **Attraction**

If you're visiting in fall, head west of Lodi on HWY 60 to Treinen Farm Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch to test your navigational skills (open September 25 – October 31).



#### Dinner

Watch a beautiful sunset across Lake Wisconsin as you eat at Fish Tales Restaurant.

#### Lodging

Stay the night at the Victorian Dreams B&B in Lodi, but don't call it a night without heading to LaGrotta Wine Bar downtown for a nightcap to find the one that fits you best.



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

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### **DAY 4:**

#### **GIBRALTAR ROCK (DAY TWO)**

#### Hike

The Gibraltar Rock segment finishes south of the previous day's hike. Park at the parking area on Gibraltar Rock Road and hike to the top. Rising 1,234 feet above sea level, Gibraltar Rock is a flat-topped butte with spectacular views. Enjoy the large pines, fine stonework and incredible sights as you reach the edge of the bluff.

#### Lunch

Head west on HWY 60 to Spring Green. On the way, grab an Italian sub or hand-tossed pizza at Windmill Pizzeria in Sauk City. If your timing is right you may catch a bluegrass band warming up for a performance.

#### **Attraction**

When you get to Spring Green, tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin. If the season is on you could also take in a performance at the American Player's Theatre in Spring Green.

### **DAY 5:**

#### TABLE BLUFF SEGMENT

#### Hike

Located within the Driftless Area of southwestern Wisconsin, the Table Bluff Segment traverses restored prairie as well as steep, rocky slopes. Enjoy the grand oaks as you hike ridges with dynamic views of the valley below. Put your feet up at the pavilion on the south end of the segment and marvel at the Blue Mounds to the west.

#### Lunch

Travel to Cross Plains, another Ice Age Trail Community, for lunch at Crossroads Coffeehouse. Try one of the homemade soups or sandwiches, or have a cup of locally roasted coffee.

#### Attraction

Visit the Ice Age Trail Alliance headquarters to pick up additional maps, literature, and learn more about the Ice Age Trail. Visitors are always welcome to talk with Alliance staff about great hiking, so stop in and say hello.



#### Dinner

Stop at the Spring Green General Store for delicious soups, and unique shopping.

#### Lodging

Stay at the Usonian Inn, the creation of J.C. Carraway, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's apprentices.



#### **Dinner**

Few restaurants represent Wisconsin better than The Old Fashioned. Located right on the square in Madison, this establishment is in the heart of it all.

#### Lodging

Book a room at the Arbor House in Madison. This environmentally friendly inn is just a quick walk to downtown Madison and everything it has to offer.

