



The Langlade Erratic

A newsletter on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail in
Langlade County, Wisconsin
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"40 PLUS YEARS AND COUNTING . . ."
**HI...COME JOIN YOUR TRAIL BUDDIES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY ICE AGE TRAIL CHAPTER.**
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 - 7 PM
WOLF RIVER ROOM
LANGLADE COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER
837 CLERMONT STREET, ANTIGO
HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND ALONG WITH A FRIEND OR MORE.

Future Steps

This year will mark 45 years of chapter trail activity in Langlade County. The Ice Age Trail Alliance is observing its 60th year of fulfilling the organization's mission and 2018 also marks the 50th year of the National Trail System created in October 1968. Almost like the Super Bowl or an approaching solar eclipse, a special time to exuberate. Besides these notable events, the following are offered for your consideration to observe during this special trail year:

Thursday to Sunday, April 12-15
Ice Age Trail Alliance 2017 Conference and Annual Meeting, Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan. Registration online.

Saturday, April 21- 9 AM
Spring hike - Bring a lunch. Meet in front of the Forestry Office at the Fairgrounds, Antigo.

Saturday, September 8 – 9 AM
Late summer hike - Bring a lunch. Meet in front of the Forestry Office at the Fairgrounds, Antigo.

Saturday, October 6 – 9 AM
Chapter National Trails Day Observance Hike - Highland Lakes Segment - Bring a lunch. Meet in front of the Forestry Office at the Fairgrounds, Antigo.

Tuesday, October 9 – Sunday, October 14,
Mobile Skills Project - Reroute over half of the Old Railroad segment. This event is all-hands-on-deck and a huge opportunity! Please join us and help reroute nearly 10 miles of this historic segment. If unable to participate, any recruitment of any family, friends, neighbors or co-workers would be appreciated.

It will be 3 years this fall since the county notified the chapter of plans to establish an official ATV-UTV trail over half of this Ice Age Trail segment from County A to US 45. There have been lots of meetings on grants, regulatory compliance and public input followed by lots of waiting. Don Belanger took a big step in late 2016 to scout some options east of Vantor Lake and the Jack Lake areas. The alliance staff with Sam Picone and Adam Evans spent considerable time refining Don's options. As the old saying goes, it is now time to fish or cut bait.

Volunteer Steps

In October Peg and I followed the Blue Ridge Parkway which serves as a scenic connector between Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks. At a visitor center, we visited with a National Park ranger who enthusiastically expressed his appreciation for the unselfish efforts of volunteers. He claimed that what we were experiencing on the 400 plus mile parkway would not have been possible without the contributions of volunteers.

I share a similar enthusiasm on the role of our volunteers in maintaining a presence of the Ice Age Trail on the landscape and in the community. Following are those who give unselfishly to make it possible. To all, our deepest thanks.

Kettlebowl

Lon Malzahn

Bill Roff

I met Lon at the first open house in 2006 for the corridor planning process while meeting Bill on a hike of the segment in 2008. The next year they committed to the care of the entire segment from WI 52 to Sherry Road.

Lumbercamp

Lloyd Godell

Lloyd got involved with the trail while serving as a member of the corridor planning committee in 2005. Upon retirement, he offered to care for the stretch from Cty. A to Cty. S plus occasionally check east to WI 52.

Sally Sholl

As a new member from Eagle River, Sally expressed interests in trail maintenance and agreed to care for the stretch from WI 52 to Cty. S and fulfilled her commitment this year.

Old Railroad

Adam Evans

Adam appeared on the scene in 2015 and has provided constant care of the segment sometimes accompanied by his dog and family members.

Dave Tlusty

Dave was a member in Taylor County since 1993 and upon moving here became involved as a chapter officer, hike leader, offering land information assistance and the first to offer care as a segment steward.

Volunteer Steps (cont.)

Highland Lakes

Baker Branson

Baker assumed care of the east end of the segment from US 45 to Forest Road besides serving as lead person for several years of the chapter display at the Antigo High School Health Fair among his other activities.

Tim, Greg and Gary Rusch

As trail hosts, just east of US 45, they have mowed and brushed the stretch for years.

Sam Picone

Since 2013, he has provided care of the stretch from Cty. T to Kleevever Road. He has also assumed responsibility as a chapter officer, hike leader and participated in several Mobile Skills Crew projects.

Chris Opper

Bob Simonson

Real trail neighbors, Chris recently shared his trail interests and brushing activity of the segment through Camp Susan while Bob has mowed the trailhead at Forest and South Bass Lake Roads for years.

Parrish Hills

Lee Auner

The chapter's "brush-fire" floater, officer and hike leader since 1989 has set a mark.

Kurt and Annette Nierode

They moved to Parrish in 2007 expressing a desire to keep the west end of the segment passable. In recent years their activity has been limited due to family needs but help when they can.

Gerald Anderson

He hiked the segment in 2014 and decided to give it the attention he also ably provides on the North Country National Scenic Trail.

Stalwarts

Dee Dee Cromer

Dean and Polly Blazek

Lee Dinsmore

Faithful fans and supporters with interests and involvement in a wide variety of trail and community activities over the years.

John Barker

Don Belanger

Active fans and supporters through hike leadership, signage, and several Mobile Skills Crew projects.