



The Langlade Erratic

A newsletter on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail in
Langlade County, Wisconsin
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"45 YEARS AND COUNTING . . ."

**HI...COME JOIN YOUR TRAIL BUDDIES AT THE MEETING
OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY ICE AGE TRAIL CHAPTER.**

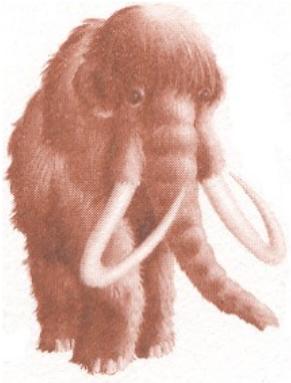
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 - 7 PM

WOLF RIVER ROOM

LANGLADE COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER

837 CLERMONT STREET, ANTIGO

HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND ALONG WITH A FRIEND OR MORE.



Future Steps

Except for its hopefully rare polar vortex, most of January offered some kind winter weather but then February came along and dumped snow galore. Usually at this time, signs of spring are slightly evident to a keen observer but signs of winter prevail.

Optimistically the following details on the chapter's early spring hike and other trail events may offer a glimmer of green.

Thursday to Sunday, April 11-14
Ice Age Trail Alliance 2019 Conference and Annual Meeting, Ho-Chunk Casino Center, Baraboo. Registration online.

Saturday, April 27 @9 AM
Spring hike - Bring a lunch. Meet in front of the Forestry Office, Fairgrounds, Antigo.

Saturday, September 7 @ 9 AM
Late summer hike-Bring a lunch. Meet in front of the Forestry Office, Fairgrounds.

Saturday, October 5 @ 9 AM
National Trail Hike-Bring a lunch. Meet in front of the Forestry Office, Fairgrounds., Antigo.

Bylaw Steps

On the March 18th meeting agenda is a proposal to rescind the chapter's existing bylaw adopted in 1975.

Chapter bylaws were proposed by an informal statewide group of trail representatives who met sporadically in the 70's. The bylaw option was offered as a governance and operational structure for the nonaffiliated chapters at that time.

After the merger in 1990, chapters were formally affiliated with the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation (now the Ice Age Trail Alliance) and subject to its nonprofit bylaw provisions and amendments over the years. Section 17, Article II of the alliance bylaw amended in 2017 eliminates chapter bylaws. However, the amendment allows chapters to adopt operational guidelines not in conflict with the alliance bylaw.

The March 18th meeting agenda also includes a proposed operational guideline to retain the existing Executive Committee structure within the existing chapter bylaw proposed for rescission. The alliance's bylaw is available on its website at iceagetrail.org or the coordinator can be contacted at jjjopekj@frontier.com with any questions.

MSC Steps

Despite two days of rain/snow, mud and prevailing cool temperatures, the Mobile Skill Crew persisted to complete the October project with no injuries and to the satisfaction of all. The gallant and impressive effort resulted in an improved trail segment.

192 volunteers, largely from Wisconsin with a scattering from Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Florida, invested 5,764 hours in rerouting 10 plus miles of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail's Old Railroad segment from County Trunk A to US 45. A giant thanks to all.

Also to be recognized for their participation and support are Erik Rantala, Tom Lazars of the Langlade Forestry Department, Lisa Haefs and the Antigo Daily Journal, Gary Hartl-WACD Breakfast Club host, Nick Salm, George Shinnars, Antigo Rotary Club, Rotary Club Foundation, Mc Dougals Farm, Kohm-Spychalla Farms, Wilhelm Lumber, Dean Blazek, the Langlade County Ice Age Trail Chapter Cookie Squad (Dede Cromer, Polly Blazek, Mary Brenneke, Barb Godell, Peg Jopek and Chris Macklem) and the following local crew members.

Project VIP Hours

*Gerald Anderson, Rhinelander	8 hours
*Lee Auner, Deerbrook	133 hours
*John Barker, Antigo	42 hours
*Ed Berry, Summit Lake	45 hours
*Don Belanger, Antigo	31 hours
Rick Clay, Antigo	46 hours
*Bob Claycomb, Crivitz	30 hours
*Kathy Claycomb, Crivitz	30 hours
*Adam Evans, Antigo	65.75 hours
*Lloyd Godell, Antigo	34 hours
Emily Krulc, Antigo	17 hours
*Molly McKay, Antigo	9 hours
*Kip Macon, Crivitz	8 hours
*Andy Merry, Antigo	24 hours
*Sam Picone, Summit Lake	138 hours
Brian Prunty, Bryant	4.5 hours
*Julie Rose, White Lake	44 hours
*John Rose, White Lake	44 hours
*Dave Tlusty, Deerbrook	47 hours
Mike Werdeo and 18 students from Antigo H. S. Forestry Class	<u>97 hours</u>
*Chapter Members	Total 897.25 hours

Guidebook Steps

Congressman Henry Reuss was the author of the first Ice Age Trail guidebook published in 1976 with subsequent expanded versions in 1981 and 1990.

In the early to mid 90's the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation board considered a user relevant edition and got as far as contacts with a Colorado firm but it was not until 2002 when a serious effort was undertaken. Thru hiker Sharon Dziengel accepted the task of doing a relevant and comprehensive trail user guidebook for the Ice Age Trail.

A good portion of the new guidebook released in 2004 was based on Sharon's hike of the entire trail in 2002 and comments from staff, and chapter leaders asked to review the draft of a good user-friendly guide. Sharon served also as editor of the 2008 and 2011 guidebooks with Gary Hegeman editing the 2014, 2017 and upcoming 2020 editions. The alliance is planning for the revised edition, an updated trail atlas and data book to be released in February 2020. Volunteer field editors have been recruited to hike all segments and connecting roads this year to check current conditions and submit a report of their assigned stretches to the editor. The alliance has invited chapter coordinators to take part in a review of the information and recommend any changes. An August 1st deadline has been set for each chapter to review and recommend any changes for the 2020 editions.

For previous editions, revised materials were shared with each of our chapter's segment stewards for review and comments. If other chapter members wish to take part in the review and comment process for the 2020 editions, please contact the coordinator.

Helping Steps

The chapter was fortunate to have some extra hands to help with trail care last year. Jared Wildenradt of Madison shared his weekends and weed whip to trim and check things. George and Violet Bane from Illinois focused their care on Kettlebowl, a favorite. They also returned for the October MSC project. The efforts of these 1000 miler helpers are most appreciated by the chapter.