

Lapham Peak Segment and Delafield Segment

(Atlas Maps 81f, 82f; Databook pages 81–82)

SNAPSHOT

Lapham Peak Segment—7.8 miles: UW-Waukesha Field Station at Glacial Drumlin State Trail to Cushing Park Rd. parking area.

Delafield Segment—3.2 miles: Cushing Park Rd. parking area to STH-83

43 *The hilly Lapham Peak Segment winds through woods and prairie restoration sites and includes outstanding views from the Lapham Peak observation tower.*




At various locations in the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Lapham Peak Unit (KMSF-LPU).



From Scuppernon Creek, a couple of small ponds and Nemahbin Springs (WK8).



At KMSF-LPU backpack site  (reservations required).



Four ColdCache sites on segment.



Dogs must be leashed.



A portion of the segment overlaps the multiuse Glacial Drumlin State Trail.



The Glacial Drumlin State Trail extends west and east from the segment. The KMSF-LPU has an extensive network of trails.

1 *The Delafield Segment highlights the Trail Community of Delafield and includes a trek along part of the Lake Country Recreational Trail.*



At Cushing Memorial Park and Naga-Wauke County Park.



At Naga-Wauke County Park Campground .



Hikers will not have any interaction with hunting on this segment.



Dogs must be leashed.



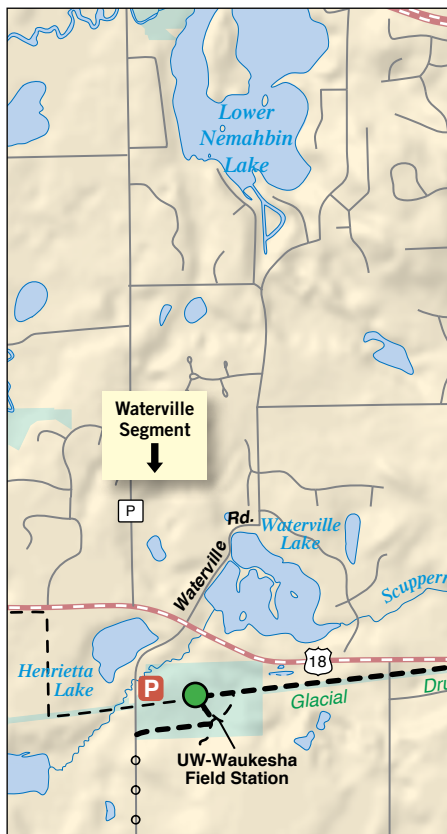
The entire segment overlaps the Lake Country Recreational Trail, city sidewalks and roads.



The Lake Country Recreational Trail extends west and east from the segment. Also, a spur trail to Naga-Wauke County Park.



Portions of this segment may be suitable for those using wheelchairs or similar devices.

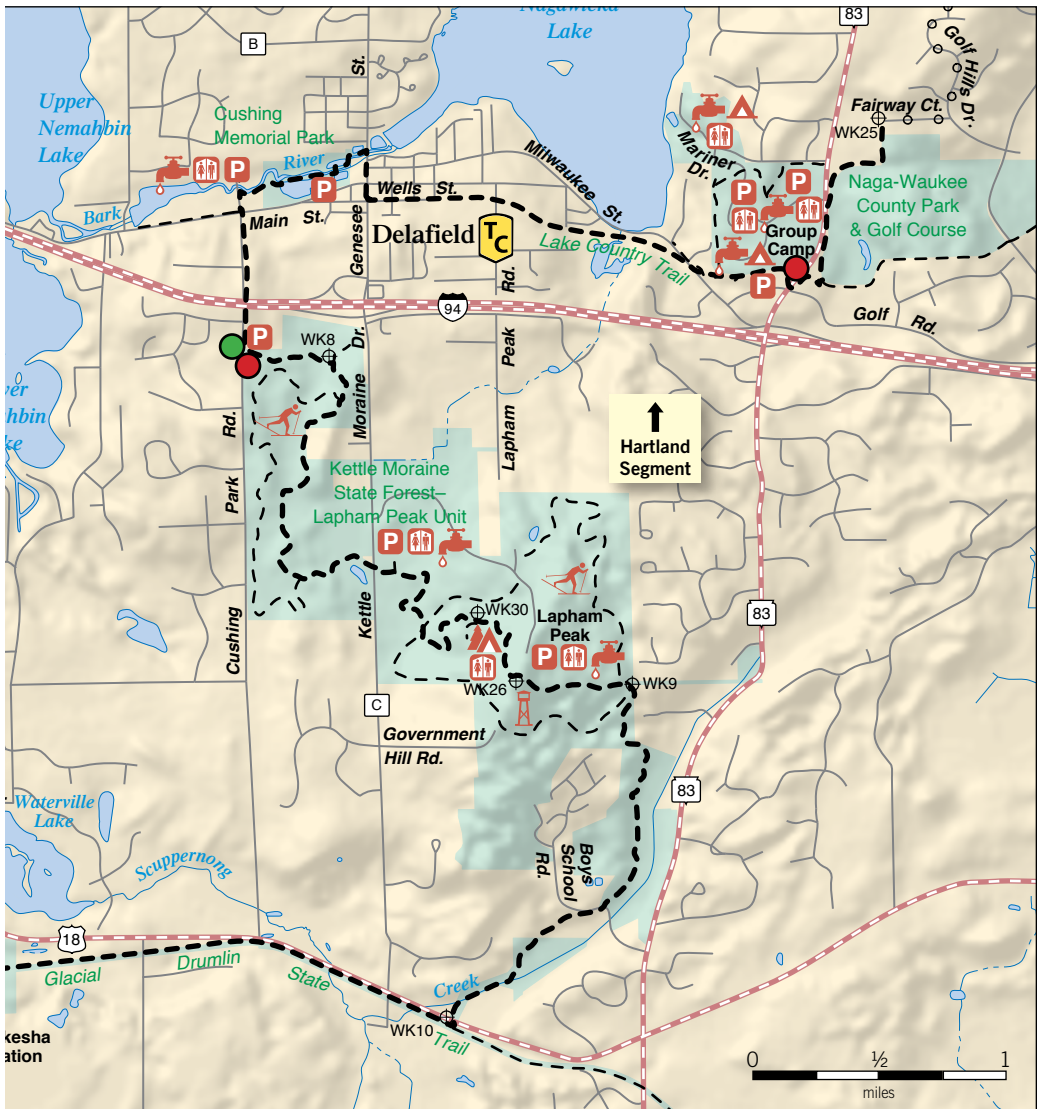


TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

UW-Waukesha Field Station at Glacial Drumlin State Trail: From I-94 near Delafield, take Exit 285 onto CTH-C (Kettle Moraine Dr.) and go south 2.8 mi. At STH-18 turn right and go west 2.0 mi. At Waterville Rd. turn left and go south 0.5 mi to the UW-Waukesha Field Station. On the east side of the road, look for the gravel entrance drive. Limited parking along gravel drive. Do not park in the Wildlife in Need lot or use their building. No overnight parking without permission. A blue-blazed spur trail (mowed path) leads 0.1 mi to the Trail from the east end of the gravel drive.

STH-83: From I-94 near Delafield, take Exit 287 onto STH-83 and go north 0.3 mi to the Nagawaukee Park-and-Ride on the west side of the highway.

Additional Parking: (i) STH-18 Trail access (**WK10**). Roadside parking. (ii) Kettle Moraine State Forest—Lapham Peak Unit (KMSF-LPU) parking areas. (iii) Cushing Park Rd. Trail access. (iv) Cushing Memorial Park on Cushing Park Rd., 0.1 mi north of Main St. (v) Municipal parking area at Main St. and Dopkins St. (vi) Naga-Waukee County Park.



The **Lapham Peak Segment** starts by heading east on the Glacial Drumlin State Trail (GDST), a multiuse paved rail-trail that spans 52.0 miles between Cottage Grove to the west and Waukesha to the east. The segment departs from the GDST after 2.0 miles, crosses (**WK10**) busy STH-18 and makes its way northeast near Scuppernong Creek, eventually following the west bank of an ancient glacial meltwater spillway (river) that once carried water from the east side of the Kettle Moraine to the west.

The segment then enters the Kettle Moraine State Forest—Lapham Peak Unit (KMSF-LPU). The unit is named after conservationist and geographer Increase Lapham, who spent his lifetime researching and documenting regional geography, botany, biology, conservation, forestry, geology and archaeology. Lapham's work in meteorology led to the creation of the United States National Weather Service and modern weather forecasts.

The KMSF-LPU is 1,000 acres and has numerous hiking, mountain bike and groomed cross-country ski trails. In the spring, the white and bur oak savannas teem with native woodland wildflowers like Dutchman's breeches, toothwort, columbine, Jacob's ladder and wild geranium. Summer prairie flowers include prairie dock, rattlesnake master, cup plant, common evening primrose, pale Indian plantain, lupine and pale purple coneflower.

Not long after entering the KMSF-LPU the segment comes to a spur trail that leads down into a kettle with a nice pond. Shortly after, the Trail arrives at a point (**WK9**) where there is a confluence of trails. Paths head off in various directions creating popular loops for walkers and cross-country skiers. Hikers should pay close attention to signage to continue on the Ice Age Trail route.

From the trail junction, the segment heads up Lapham Peak. At 1,223 feet above sea level, the glacier-formed kame is the county's highest point and site of the original National Weather Service signal station. Atop it is a 45-foot observation tower (**WK26**) that offers 360-degree views. To the north are views of the Hartland, Holy Hill and Kettle Moraine ridges. To the east are views of downtown Milwaukee. To the south and southwest are Dousman and the wooded rolling hills of the southern Kettle Moraine. To the west, near Oconomowoc, is a large flat area that was once covered by an ancient glacial lake. The tower area has water (seasonal), restrooms, picnic areas and parking.

After passing the tower area the segment meanders down the side of the kame through open woods. The Trail soon intersects (**WK30**) a short spur trail that leads to the KMSF-LPU backpack campsite (reservations required) with a table and a privy. Continuing on, the segment makes its way west to CTH-C (Kettle Moraine Drive) passing a small pond with an observation deck and a spur trail to a KMSF-LPU parking area on the way.

West of CTH-C the segment passes another pond and begins to weave through the KMSF-LPU's Prairie Path as it heads toward Cushing Park Road. The Trail offers some nice long views of the prairies and surrounding areas. Less than half a mile from the segment's endpoint a spur trail (**WK8**) leads to Nemahbin Springs, home to a flourishing frog population and many aquatic plants.

Mobile Skills Crew project site, 2015

From the terminus of the Lapham Peak Segment on Cushing Park Road, the **Delafield Segment** starts by heading north alongside Cushing Park Road on a paved path. The segment crosses Main Street and then intersects the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Riverwalk (see Points of Interest). The segment heads east on the walkway to the Delafield municipal parking lot, then crosses to the north side of the Bark River and continues east to Genesee Street (CTH-C). The segment turns south on Genesee Street and passes through downtown Delafield to Wells Street, where the segment continues to the east and transitions to the Lake Country Recreational Trail (LCRT). The segment passes through a subdivision and offers views of 981-acre Nagawicka Lake. The lake lies in a preglacial valley, blocked in on the east and west by glacial drift.

The segment continues eastward along the LCRT and skirts the southern edge of Naga-Wauke County Park. The segment ends on the west side of STH-83 next to the Nagawauke Park and Ride.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Cushing Memorial Park and Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Riverwalk: On Trail. From the intersection of Cushing Park Rd. and Main St., go north on Cushing Park Rd. 0.1 mi to Cushing Memorial Park and the west end of the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Riverwalk (600 N. Cushing Park Rd., Delafield, 262-646-6220, cityofdelafield.com/144/Parks-Recreation).

Cushing Memorial Park honors the Civil War hero brothers Navy Commander William Cushing, Army 1st Lieutenant Howard Cushing and Medal of Honor recipient Army 1st Lieutenant Alonzo Cushing. A 50-foot Barre granite monument stands on part of the original Cushing homestead. The Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Riverwalk (on Trail) links nine separate U.S. war memorials with educational displays about each war. The 0.75-mi walk winds along the Bark River on a boardwalk and gravel path from Cushing Memorial Park's Peace Garden and Spring (west end), a historic Potawatomi meeting site, to St. John's Pond (east end) on Genesee St. The Riverwalk's main entry plaza and bridge are just north of the Ice Age Trail route at Main St. and Dopkins St.

AREA SERVICES

Dousman: See Waterville Segment, p. 286. From the UW-Waukesha Field Station go north then west ~3 mi.

Glacial Drumlin State Trail: On Trail (262-646-3025, dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/glacialdrumlin).

Wales: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, lodging, library, medical service. From the STH-18 Trail access go 1.4 mi east using the GDST or 0.8 mi east on STH-18, then south 0.5 mi on STH-83. INN Style program lodging at the Pedal's Inn (262-968-4700, pedalsinn.com).

Waukesha: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, library, medical service. From the STH-18 Trail access go ~8 mi east on STH-18.

Kettle Moraine State Forest—Lapham Peak Unit (KMSF-LPU): On Trail (262-646-3025, dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/lapham). One walk-in backpack campsite available. Reservations required (888-947-2757, wisconsin.goingtocamp.com). Only one group (up to 10) per night is allowed. No water; pit toilets at campsite. Information about the KMSF-LPU is also available from the KMSF headquarters office (262-594-6200).



Delafield: Restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, general shopping, lodging, camping, library, medical service. On Trail. Services available in the city of Delafield and the area at STH-83 at Golf Rd. Camping at Naga-Wauke County Park (262-646-3555). Area info available from the Delafield Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Council (262-646-8100, visitdelafield.org).



Hartland: See Hartland Segment, p. 292. From the STH-83 Trail access go north ~5 mi.