

Lapham Peak Segment and Delafield Segment

(Atlas Maps 81f, 82f)

SNAPSHOT

2 3 **Lapham Peak Segment—6.1 miles:** Jones Rd. to Cushing Park Rd. parking area

Note: A parking area is planned at Jones Rd. Check with the Ice Age Trail Alliance (800-227-0046, IceAgeTrail.org) for details.




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



From Scuppernong Creek, a couple of small ponds and Nemahbin Springs.



At KMSF-LPU backpack site  (reservations required).



Four ColdCache sites on segment.



Dogs must be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.



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.

2 1 **Delafield Segment—3.2 miles:** Cushing Park Rd. parking area to STH-83



At Cushing Memorial Park and Naga-Waukee County Park.



At Naga-Waukee County Park Campground .



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



Dogs must be leashed (8-ft max) and under control at all times.



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-Waukee County Park.



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

TRAIL ACCESS AND PARKING

1 Jones Rd. Trail Access (43.01436, -88.40377): From I-94 in Delafield, take Exit 285 and follow CTH-C south for 2.7 mi. **Note:** CTH-C becomes Jones Rd. just south of USH-18. **No Parking.**

2 Cushing Park Rd. parking area Trail Access (43.05154, -88.41396): Parking: Adjacent to Trail Access.

3 STH-83 Trail Access (43.05449, -88.37149): From I-94 in Delafield, take Exit 287 and follow STH-83 north for 0.3 mi. **Parking:** Adjacent to Trail Access at Nagawaukee Park-and-Ride.

Additional Parking: (i) KMSF-Lapham Peak Unit. (ii) Cushing Memorial Park on Cushing Park Rd. (iii) Main St. and Dopkins St. (iv) Naga-Waukee County Park.

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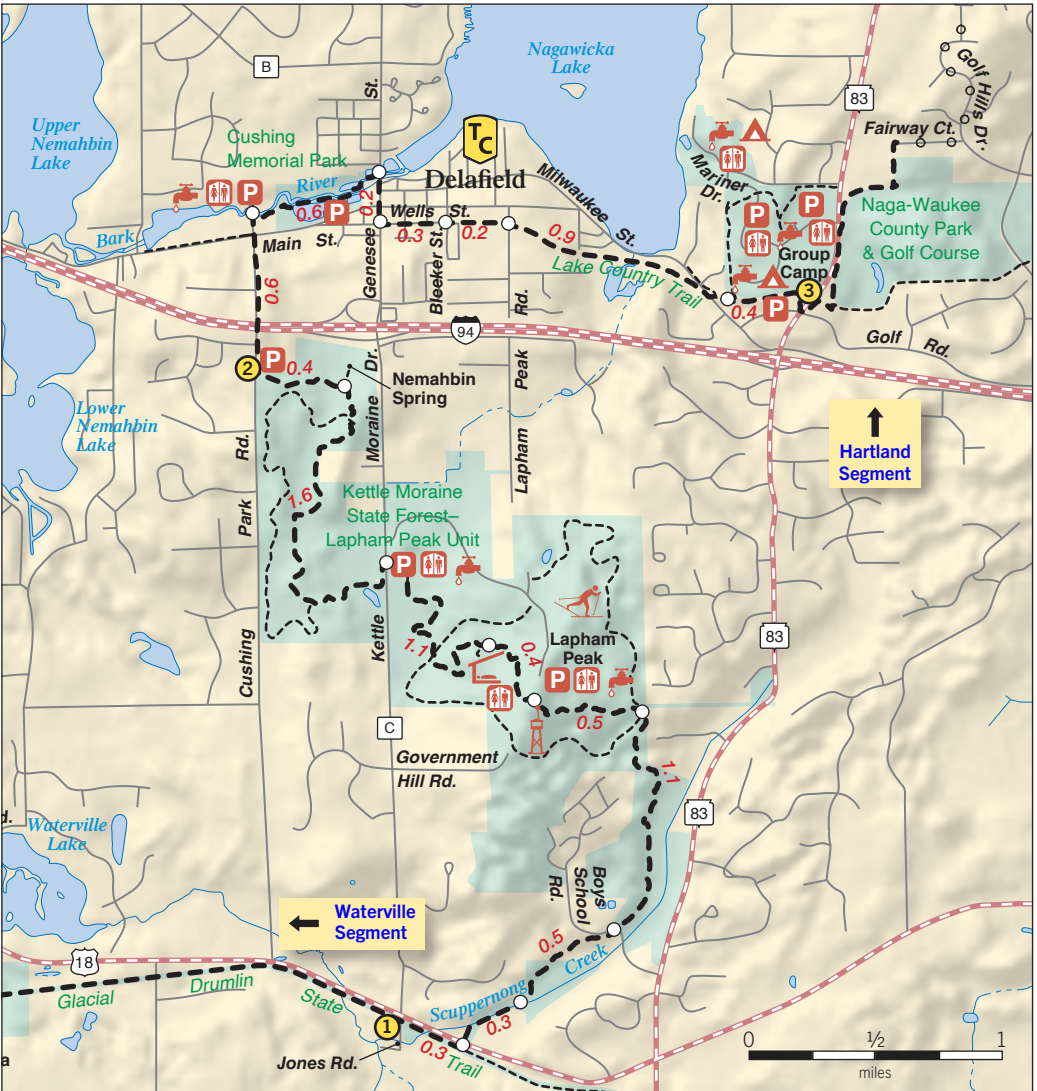
Lapham Peak Segment

This segment highlights the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Lapham Peak Unit (KMSF-LPU), winding through woods and prairie restoration sites and offering outstanding views from the Lapham Peak observation tower. The unit is named after conservationist and geographer Increase Lapham. He spent his lifetime researching and documenting regional

geography, botany, biology, conservation, forestry, geology, and archaeology. In addition, Lapham’s work in meteorology led to the creation of the United States National Weather Service and modern weather forecasts.

The KMSF-LPU covers 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, columbine, and Jacob’s ladder. Summer prairie flowers include prairie dock, rattlesnake master, lupine, and pale purple coneflower.

Within KMSF-LPU is Lapham Peak. At 1,223 feet above sea level, the glacier-formed kame is the county’s highest point and the site of the original National Weather Service signal station. Atop it is a 45-foot observation tower offering 360-degree views. Hartland, Holy Hill, and Kettle Moraine ridges are to the north. To the east is downtown Milwaukee. To the south and southwest are Dousman and the southern Kettle Moraine. To the west,



near Oconomowoc, is a large flat area once covered by an ancient glacial lake. The tower area has water (seasonal), restrooms, picnic areas, and parking.

From the Trail access where the Glacial Drumlin State Trail (GDST) meets Jones Road, head east on the GDST. This multiuse paved rail-trail travels 52.0 miles between Cottage Grove to the west and Waukesha to the east.

For a short distance, you will parallel busy STH-18. Then, leave the GDST, carefully crossing the highway and heading northeast near Scuppernong Creek. Follow 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.

Soon you'll enter the KMSF-LPU, and at a confluence of trails, paths head in various directions, creating popular loops for walkers and cross-country skiers. Pay close attention to the signage to continue on the Ice Age Trail route.

From the trail confluence, head up Lapham Peak. Enjoy trailside benches on the way up and down. After passing the tower area, meander down the side of the kame through open woods. Soon a short spur trail leads south to the KMSF-LPU backpack campsite (reservations required) with a table and a privy. Next, follow the low boardwalk to the SE corner of Evergreen Grove parking lot. Continue through the picnic area to cross CTH-C at the Paul Sandgren Trail, then immediately go south on the Trail.

West of Kettle Moraine Drive (CTH-C), pass another pond and weave through the KMSF-LPU's Prairie Path, which offers long views of the prairies and surrounding areas. A spur trail leads north to Nemahbin Springs, home to a flourishing frog population and many aquatic plants. The segment ends at the Cushing Park Road parking area.

Delafield Segment

This segment highlights the city of Delafield, an Ice Age Trail Community, which it winds through. Enjoy a trek through its downtown and along part of the Lake Country Recreation Trail.

From the Trail access at the Cushing Park Road parking area, head north alongside Cushing Park Road on a paved path. Cross Main Street and meet the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Riverwalk (see Points of Interest). Head east on the walkway to the Delafield municipal parking lot, then cross to the north side of the Bark River and continue east to Genesee Street (CTH-C).

Turn south on Genesee Street and walk through downtown Delafield to Wells Street. Turn left and go east. After you cross Bleeker Street, the Trail transitions to the Lake Country Recreational Trail (LCRT). Pass through a subdivision and view 981-acre Nagawicka Lake, which lies in a preglacial valley, blocked in on the east and west by glacial drift.

Continue eastward along the LCRT, skirting the southern edge of Naga-Waukee County Park. The segment ends on the west side of STH-83 next to the Nagawaukee 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. 300. From the UWM at Waukesha Field Station go north then west ~3 mi.

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.

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.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/laphampeak). 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. 306. From the STH-83 Trail access go north ~5 mi.

[My sister and I] researched it together, joined some Facebook groups and finally decided, "Hey, how hard can this be? Let's do it!" ... We started with the Lapham Peak Segment... And the learning curve became evident immediately as we got lost on our first hike! Our most valuable lesson was learned that day – how to follow those lovely yellow blazes!

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