Together with the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Ice Age Trail Communities enhance appreciation and awareness of the natural and scenic beauty of the thousand-mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Visit our Trail Communities to enjoy small-town hospitality, local supper clubs, hometown bakeries, farm-to-table eateries, and sites highlighting Wisconsin’s cultural heritage.

For current trail conditions, to connect with local volunteers, or to plan your Ice Age Trail hike, visit iceagetrail.org.

City of Lodi, meaning peaceful valley, is situated in a beautiful valley among gently rolling hills near the Wisconsin River. Spring Creek meanders through the city including the Main Street area. From Lake Wisconsin to Gibraltar Rock, the natural landscape surrounding Lodi affords breathtaking views.

WHERE TO HIKE

Unless otherwise noted, dogs are allowed on the Ice Age Trail and should be under control and leashed at all times.

CITY OF LODI SEGMENT
(2.2 miles)
This segment features a stroll across a 150-foot-long footbridge, its whimsical design based on the design of a 16th-century Chinese Rainbow Bridge. The segment ambles through Lodi’s historic downtown and weaves through charming parks and green spaces.

EASTERN LODI MARSH SEGMENT
(3.1 miles)
This segment, just south of Lodi, easily transitions hikers from an urban hike to a beautiful natural area with outstanding restored prairies and stunning views. Extend your hike at the Lodi Marsh Segment (1.8-miles) where this quiet hike highlights a remarkable prairie and a glacially sculpted landscape of dolomite hills and deep valleys.

FERN GLEN SEGMENT
(1.3 miles)
Just a few miles north of Lodi, this peaceful segment features dense woods, diverse vegetation, and a steep climb with a bench and beautiful oak at its apex.

GIBRALTAR ROCK SEGMENT
(4.8 miles)
This segment is a rolling ramble featuring woods, prairies, and wide-ranging views of Lake Wisconsin, a pastoral valley, and the Baraboo Hills. It also crosses the Ice Age Trail Alliance’s Steenbock Preserve and the iconic Gibraltar Rock State Natural Area (which can be explored on foot although the parking lot is currently closed).
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EATS & TREATS

Enjoy a quality cup of coffee and fresh scone at the Buttercream Bakery. Dig into eggs over easy and hash browns offered at Lucy's Family Restaurant. Grab a quick and tasty meal at Lucky's Bar and Grille on The Lake or Fish Tales Restaurant. Spring Creek Restaurant & Bar serves up hamburgers, classic cod fish fry, and a view of Spring Creek. Indulge a vacation state of mind at the LaGrotta Wine Bar. A traditional supper club experience at Fitz's on the Lake includes a lakeside view, salad bar, and ice cream drinks.

STAY & PLAY

After a day of exploration, kick off your shoes at one of Lod’s friendly hotels and campgrounds.

- Lodi Valley Suites
- Crystal Lake Campground & RV
- Smokey Hollow Campground

SHOPS & STOPS

Browse tasteful displays in A New Home, Cottage House Primitives or Nancy’s Floral and Gifts. Outfit the man-cave or select one-of-a-kind jewelry at Three Bats in the Belfry. For a trailside picnic, stock up on local meat, cheeses, and wines at The Lodi Sausage Company. Slack’s Jams and Jellies boast Wisconsin’s finest jams, jellies, and salsas.

RECREATION & RELAXATION

A visit to Lodi, hailed as home of Susie the Duck, isn’t complete without feeding her offspring who congregate along the creek. Purchase corn for them at Spring Creek Park and peek into a stone nesting basket. Extend your Gibraltar Rock Segment outing with a ride on the Merrimac Ferry, Wisconsin’s only free ferry, which crosses the Wisconsin River between Sauk and Columbia counties. Happily, you can enjoy an ice cream cone on either side of the river bank at The Merrimac Scoop. Put your sense of direction to the test as you try the award-winning 15-acre corn maze at the Treinen Farm Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch.

For more ideas, visit: lodilakewisconsin.org

GET INVOLVED

Contact the Lodi Valley Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, a dedicated group of volunteers who build, maintain, and promote the beautiful segments of the Ice Age Trail throughout Columbia County. Email: LodiValleyChapter@iceagetrail.org

The chapter’s “Glacial Drifters” hiking program recognizes hikers who have walked all 50 miles of the Ice Age Trail segments and connecting routes in Columbia County.