

# Ice Age Trail Essay

Sharing the Ice Age Trail experience with my wife Mary was the highlight of my journey. The trail provided the opportunity for us to explore the cities and backroads of Wisconsin in a whole new light.

Some of the memorable moments for me include: crossing beaver dams, fording rivers, walking through quiet forests, and navigating numerous backroads to find the elusive trail heads.

The trail provided endless opportunities to experience different types of forestland, wetlands, and prairies; and view an abundance of wildlife.

We were fortunate to be able to share our hikes on the trail with many family members and friends during our five year journey.

We also met many friendly and interesting people along the way who were either hiking or working to maintain the trail. Everyone of them helped make the trail special.

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