

Passing through the Dells of the Eau Claire County Park, the 2.6 mile **Dells of the Eau Claire Segment** showcases the Eau Claire River and the gorge that it has carved into 1.8 billion-year-old rock. Although ice from the most recent (Wisconsin) glaciation did not quite reach this area, torrents of meltwater from the nearby glacier found cracks in the ancient rock, enlarging them to form today's impressive landscape.

3.5-mi CR to Dells of the Eau Claire Segment. West on Sportsman Dr.

29.1-mile CR to Kettlebowl Segment

Built by MSC volunteers from 2010–2013, the **Plover River Segment** crosses 5.9 miles of northeastern Marathon County near Aniwa.

From the Langlade County line, this segment travels through mature forests. A switchback marks the edge of the terminal moraine, where hikers can easily see the contrast between the hummocky moraine and the flat lands beyond.

Continuing to the south, the trail crosses large boulder fields (including a boulder train), through a cedar swamp (on a quarter mile plus of raised boardwalk).

South of WI 52 the segment enters the bottomlands of the Plover River—a Class I trout stream—crossing it on native stepping-stones. The oversized valley was formed by torrents of glacial meltwater.

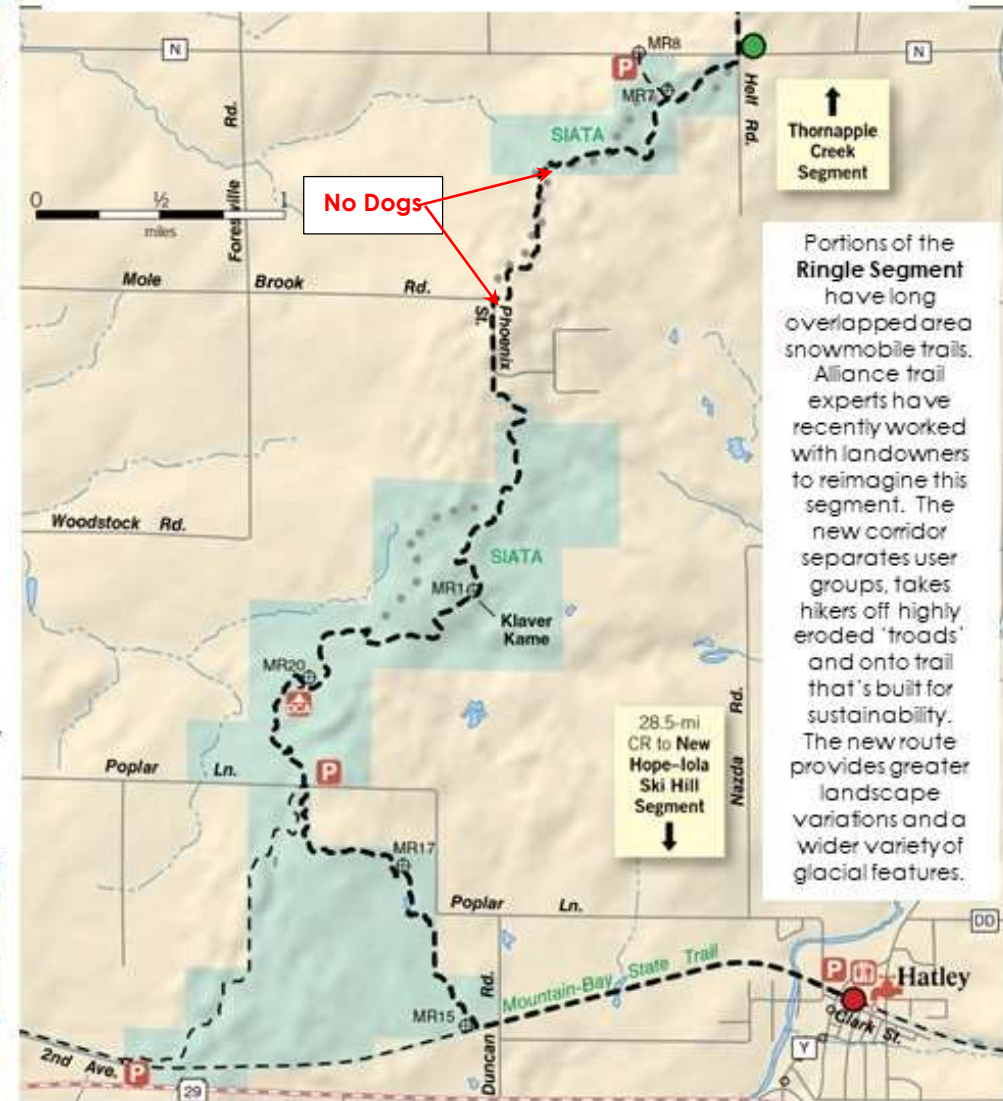


The 3-mile **Thornapple Creek Segment** was opened in the 1970's. A pristine snowshoe experience in January and February, this segment skirts a farm field, then navigates woodlands and open wetlands, eventually connecting to wider 'troads,' a fire lane and the **Ringle Segment**

Often waterlogged, this segment will reward the hearty hiker with a primitive experience unavailable on other local sections of the **Ice Age Trail**.

The northern portion of this segment is closed, by landowner request, from September through December

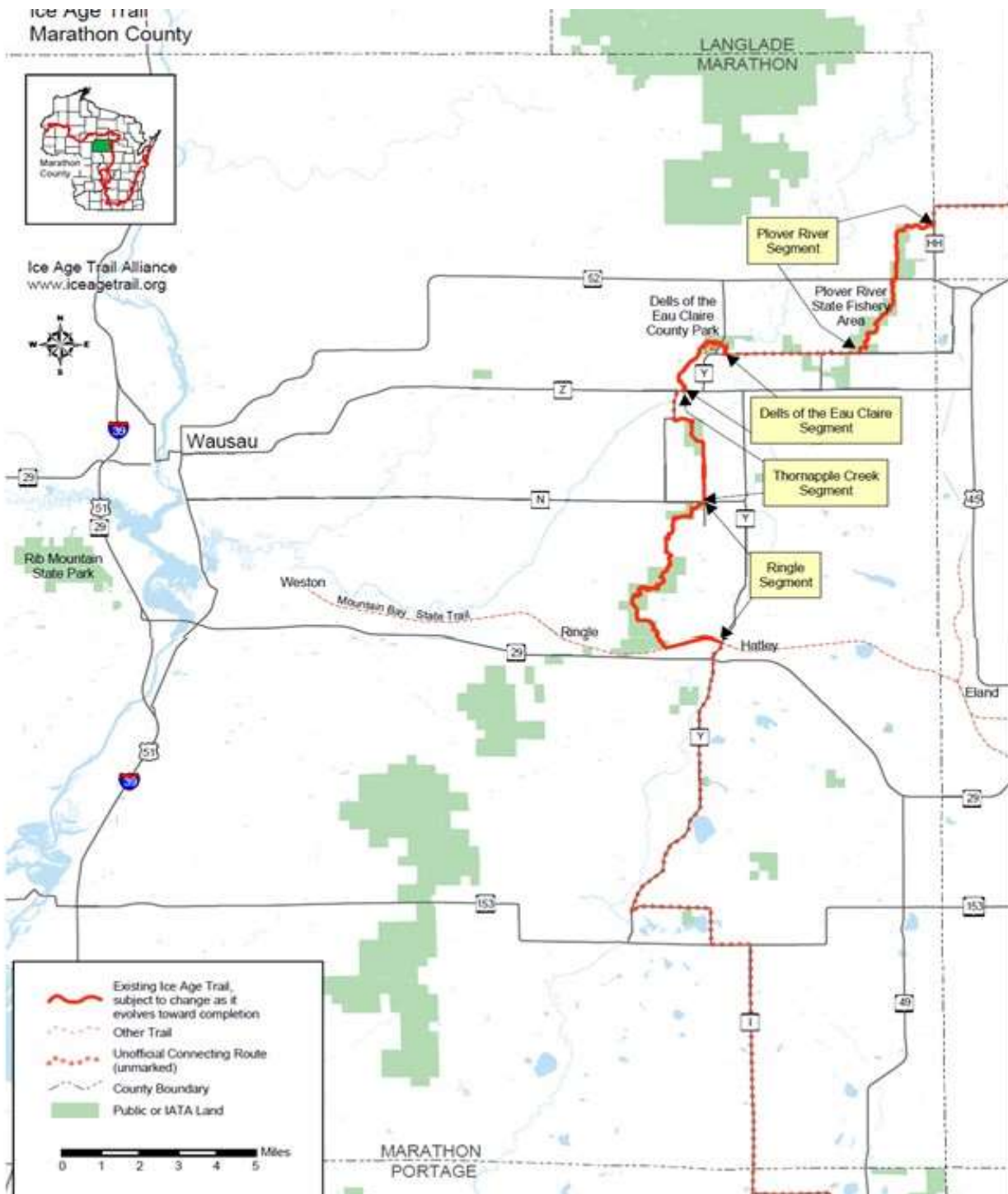
The **Ringle Segment**, opened in the 1970s, has long combined single-track trail, wider pathways, and old logging roads. Originally 9.4 miles, but now shorter, this Segment follows the terminal moraine of the Green Bay Lobe and also crosses areas of outwash, formed just beyond the leading edge of the glacier as it melted. The southern part of this segment follows the Mountain Bay (rail-trail) State Trail which, like Highway 29, was built in a tunnel channel, formed when rivers of meltwater gushed out below the glacier, under pressure from the heavy ice above.



Volunteers have now completed the first two legs of the reimagined **Ringle Segment** (from the Mountain Bay Trail to Hoot Owl), which includes the area shown as gray dots near the center of this map. (The loop to Klaver Kame is no longer Ice Age Trail.) Work north of Mole Brook Rd. has begun, and we hope to open new trail there in 2021. New & returning volunteers are welcome. Come join us!

No Dogs

Portions of the **Ringle Segment** have long overlapped area snowmobile trails. Alliance trail experts have recently worked with landowners to reimagine this segment. The new corridor separates user groups, takes hikers off highly eroded 'troads' and onto trail that's built for sustainability. The new route provides greater landscape variations and a wider variety of glacial features.



The mission of the Ice Age Trail Alliance is to create, support and protect the **Ice Age National Scenic Trail**



Find out how you can help support our mission at the Ice Age Trail Alliance website:
www.iceagetrail.org

Mobile Skills Crew (MSC) events are a great way to enjoy the camaraderie of volunteers from across Wisconsin and beyond.

Trained crew leaders join new and returning volunteers. Working together they have fun while safely building sustainable, superior quality, hiking trail.



We welcome volunteers who would like to

- support the Trail financially
- participate in local activities
- join us at regional/statewide events

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Maps excerpted from the **Ice Age Trail Guidebook**, 2020-2022 edition.
Scale is approximate.

One of just eleven National Scenic Trails, the **Ice Age National Scenic Trail** is a thousand-mile footpath that traces Ice Age formations across Wisconsin



Built and maintained primarily by volunteers, four distinct sections (segments) of the **Ice Age National Scenic Trail**, are located in eastern Marathon County, and maintained by the **Central Moraines Chapter**.

Follow the yellow blazes – you never know where the trail might lead!!

For more information, check out the **Ice Age Trail website**:
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