

Section Hiking the Ice Age Trail
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May 25, 2012, to June 27, 2021

My journey started at Potawatomi State Park on May 25, 2012. I was able to squeeze in a couple days the first year and accomplished a mere 37 miles. Compare that to 2020 with 300 miles (thank you covid) and 294 finishing miles in 2021. There is so much beauty on the trail that it is hard to pick out a favorite segment. Some of my favorite segments and memories are Timberland Hills where we spotted a mama bear and her cub, Point Beach because I love lighthouses, Devils Staircase, Gibraltar, Devils Lake, Bohn Lake, Enchanted Forest, Hotel Hilton, Eau Claire Dells, Eagle, Stony Ridge and so many others. There are segments that I plan to hike a second time including Holy Hill, because it was raining, cold and muddy when I hiked it. Hiking some sections that I worked on at a MSC project made me smile and gave me good fuzzies.

I am so grateful for the Trail Angels and the landowners that allow us to “trespass” on their land. They are so kind to the extent that one allowed us to leave our shuttle bikes in their yard and left cold water in their outdoor freezer for us even though they were not at home when we got back there to pick up our bicycles.

A cold, rainy, muddy day hiking on the trail enjoying nature is a better day than daydreaming about it.

HAPPY TRAILS!!