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**Trailbuilding Project Will Draw Hundreds of Volunteers**  
*One new mile of Ice Age National Scenic Trail will result*

**Cross Plains, Wis (August 15, 2022)** –Volunteers will converge just outside of Elkhart Lake this week with one goal: to create one new mile of blazed Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

The new mile of Trail will expand the existing LaBudde Creek Segment, which currently runs 3.5 miles through the LaBudde Creek State Fishery Area in Sheboygan County. The new portion of the segment will be located in the Town of Rhine on land the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources acquired for the Trail. It will be accessible from Ridge Creek Road.

More than 100 volunteers are expected for the large-scale trailbuliding project, which is happening August 18-21. There was such an enthusiastic response to the project that registration for it was shut down early. Some volunteers come to work for a few hours, a day, or the whole weekend.

“It’s always exciting when we get to break ground and create new hiking Trail,” says Dave Caliebe, Trail Program Manager for the Ice Age Trail Alliance. “We’re going to work hard to knock this new mile out in four days.”

The new portion of Trail, which will include a loop, will be a nice, off-road break from the connecting routes that hikers currently take to get between the LaBudde Creek and Walla Hi segments of Trail.

During the project, numerous small crews will be spread out along the work area to clear the Trail corridor, create the new path, install signage posts, and paint blazes. A boardwalk crew will also be working at the Walla Hi Segment, building a 100-foot boardwalk over a perennially wet area; other volunteers will be working on Trail restoration at Walla Hi.

The new Trail is expected to be open and blazed for hiking when the project concludes.

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**About the Ice Age National Scenic Trail:**

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a 1,200-mile footpath contained entirely within Wisconsin. It traverses the state from St. Croix Falls in the west, to Sturgeon Bay in the east, going as far south as Janesville. Twenty-five miles of Trail are in Sheboygan County. One of 11 National Scenic Trails, the Ice Age Trail highlights the landscapes that were carved out by ancient glaciers, which happen to be some of the most beautiful areas in the state. Approximately 60% of Wisconsin residents live within 20 miles of the Ice Age Trail.

**About the Ice Age Trail Alliance:**

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a non-profit, member and volunteer-based organization which conserves, creates, maintains, and promotes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. For more information visit [iceagetrail.org](http://iceagetrail.org).