

## SLINGER & CEDAR LAKES SEGMENTS



The Slinger Segment starts from the CTH-CC/STH-60 intersection by heading northeast on an abandoned road that leads to Howard Avenue. Hikers should head east and then north on Howard Avenue to Hartford Road, where the segment heads east to Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144).

At Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144) the segment heads northeast and takes hikers through the village of Slinger. Slinger was an important trading center for Native Americans. Over the years, it has been at the crossroads for many

trails and roads such as the Winnebago Trail, which was the easiest route through the Kettle Moraine, and the Yellowstone Trail, America's first coast-to-coast automobile highway. Along Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144) the segment passes Community Park before reaching its endpoint at the Cedar Creek Road intersection. In 2018, Slinger became a Trail Community.

The Cedar Lakes Segment highlights several of the Polk Kames while traversing agricultural fields, wetlands and mixed forest of old oaks, sugar maple, white birch and beech. During the winter, the north and east sides of the kames retain snow later in the season. The spring months present a scattered display of woodland and prairie wildflowers, including trillium, wood anemone, mayapple, violets, jack-in-the-pulpit and many ferns. The fall colors here are not to be missed.

From the intersection of Kettle Moraine Drive (STH-144) and Cedar Creek Road the segment follows Cedar Creek road east for 0.7 miles. The segment departs the road and heads north along the edge of a farm field and enters the woods, soon arriving at a junction with the 0.8-mile white blazed Kame Loop trail, which curves

around a prominent kame and allows hikers to see the west side of the kame; look for a large area of shooting stars on a hilltop north of the kame. From this junction the segment heads east and then north, passing a bench. The segment then reaches the north junction with the white-blazed loop trail and skirts the eastern sides of a second kame.

The segment bends west and passes by the north side of the northern kame, and then comes to a junction with a blue-blazed trail, which connects to the white-blazed Kame Loop. The segment continues west and then north, passing through a mix of forest and farm fields before reaching its endpoint at the Trail access on CTH-NN.