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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S report



**MIKE WOLLMER**  
Executive Director

## Beyond One Thousand Miles...

I'm writing this on the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation: December 15, 1958.

Recognizing we were neither a "Park" or "Foundation," we adopted the name Ice Age Trail Alliance in 2008. Only the last word of the new name was debated. Alliance was chosen as it represented a merging of efforts. Turns out, it was a better choice than we could have imagined.

About a year ago, the Alliance adopted a revised mission statement to conserve, create, maintain, and promote the Ice Age National Scenic Trail... concise and aspirational.

It speaks in the present tense at first glance, but our obligation is more enduring. It's a commitment to the future of not only the land and Trail, but to our organization. And the future is something we are very much looking forward to.

We stand on a strong foundation. Investments – time, energy, and money – made by volunteers, members, partners, directors, and staff during the last 63 years created something of which we can all be proud. And since March 2020, we've been reaping the dividends – now people from all walks of life are appreciating the Trail and all it has to offer.

As a result, 2021 was a banner year:

- We protected more land and built more new miles of Trail than ever.
- Trail use and membership continued to skyrocket.
- Young people and students were engaged at unprecedented levels.
- We took bold steps to make the Trail relevant to all potential stakeholders.

As the Alliance looks into 2022 and beyond, we're dedicated to building on our strengths and making new investments. Consequently, significant, surplus operational funds from 2021 were directed to endowment and land protection funds. We expect this practice to continue into the future. And, in a move I could hardly have imagined 20+ years ago, we secured a professional financial advisor to ensure our holdings provide the highest rate of return in a responsible manner.

Our eyes are looking beyond a thousand miles, and they're focused on the next thousand years.

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## OUR mission

The mission of the Ice Age Trail Alliance is to conserve, create, maintain, and promote a thousand-mile footpath tracing Ice Age formations across Wisconsin.

**ON THE COVER:** A team of trailbuilding volunteers work together to craft sustainable tread along a new section of Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Photo by Cameron Gillie.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) publishes *Mammoth Tales* for its members and friends. Together with the National Park Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, local units of government, businesses, and volunteers from around the state, the IATA works to preserve Wisconsin's glacial heritage through the development of the Ice Age National and State Scenic Trail.

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# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE update

## Welcome, Katie!

Hey there, my name is Katie Frauen. I am the new Trail Manager for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail at the National Park Service, replacing Pam Schuler, who retired last year.

I consider myself a top-notch, creative problem-solver. I plan to apply this skill to develop a new approach to trail planning, streamlining the process. So far, I've enjoyed the major scenery change from working in downtown Milwaukee to working at the National Park Service property in Cross Plains. The views are much more desirable, and it's great to spend my lunch break on the Ice Age Trail.

I began my career with the federal government seven years ago after receiving a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Conservation of Environmental Sciences and Biology. I worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), where I spent my summers paddling to remote federally managed islands across the Midwest. It was a delightful experience, interesting me in lands and realty work. As a result, I spent most of my time with the BLM as a Lands and Realty Specialist.

I was born and raised in southeastern Wisconsin and lived in Milwaukee for 10 years, mainly in Riverwest. My husband, Chris,

and I, our daughter Juniper, and dog Porter, recently relocated to Madison. We are enthusiastic about getting established and learning all about Madison. Being new to the area makes everything feel like an adventure.

I pride myself on my adventurous spirit. I love to travel and gather new experiences. One of my goals is to visit all 50 states before turning 50. We have to spend at least one night for a state to count; so far, I have been to 23. Chris and I have been to 17, Montana, our most recent. Among my favorite trips is the one to Vietnam a few years ago.

I enjoy paddling the Lower Wisconsin River, hiking, camping, biking, gardening, and foraging when I am not at work. I also enjoy cooking, spending time with friends and family, being creative, building things, and spending time at our cabin in Waushara County. We often find ourselves exploring the nearby Mekan River Segment. It's become one of our favorite segments.

I want to extend my gratitude to our volunteers; I greatly appreciate your continued hard work and dedication. Stay safe. I hope to see you on the Trail!

*The Frauen family enjoy an outing along the Mekan River Segment. Photo courtesy of Katie Frauen.*





# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE news

## STEVENS POINT - HOLIDAY INN & CONVENTION CENTER LOOK WHAT'S PLANNED:

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

### Welcome Hike

#### ► Hartman Creek Segment, Portage and Waupaca Counties

Saunter through the rolling oak forests and savannas of Central Wisconsin followed by a brewery stop. This hike takes you through the Hartman Creek State Park portion of the segment, which is located on terrain formed as the Wisconsin glacier retreated down a regional slope. Along the way you'll pass by one of the Ice Age Trail's largest erratics.

**Hike:** 4.5 miles, hilly terrain (shorter distance available), 30-minute bus ride. An hour-long stop at Central Waters Brewing Company. Box lunches provided.

### Session Highlights

► **How an Idea Becomes the Ice Age Trail:** A ribbon-cutting ceremony at a newly completed segment may well be 20-plus years in the making. Come learn what it takes to turn a good idea into miles of sustainable tread.

► **Geography Vignettes:** Be in the know as you learn about some of the best places along the Ice Age Trail to experience the glaciers' landscape story.

► **Guess the Trail Segment:** The wildly popular game is back with different segments, new visuals, new clues, and new prizes!

► **Thousand-Mile Adventures:** Sit, listen, be inspired. Tales from recent Thousand-Milers are sure to entertain.



Photo by IATA staff.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

### Choose Your Adventure

#### ► Skunk and Foster Lakes Segment, Waupaca County

A portion of this segment (and the focus of this hike) passes through the Skunk and Foster Lakes State Natural Area. This beautiful area contains crystal clear pot-hole lakes, large erratics, and mature forest. There is an option for an additional 0.8-mile loop for those who want to further stretch their legs.

**Hike:** 1.8 miles or 2.6 miles, moderate terrain, 25-minute bus ride. Lunch at the conference center.

#### ► A Field Trip Across the Moraines of Eastern Portage County

Discover the striking landscape changes along US-54 from I-39 in Portage County while putting the segments of Central Wisconsin into a broader glacial geological context. This driving tour, with stops for observations, discussions, photos, and rock sampling, is led by Terry Gerlach, retired Geologist, US Geological Survey. The route will follow the retreat of the Late Wisconsin Glaciation from its westward-most extent. Learn how the Arnott, Hancock, and Almond moraines and the Elderon ice margins shaped the region's landscape.

**Hike:** Driving tour, primarily. Short walks near bus for photos, discussion, etc. Lunch at the conference center.



Photo by Shana and Steve Stangler.



# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE news

For a complete list of workshops and to register, visit  
[iceagetrail.org/annual-conference](https://iceagetrail.org/annual-conference)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 22 *continued*

### Session Highlights

- **Future in the Outdoors:** A summit for young adults seeking to facilitate their careers working with natural resources and outdoor recreation. Learn from professionals in the outdoor and environmental sectors and be inspired by a special screening of documentary film, *Breaking Trail* (see Saturday's details).
- **Chapter Leadership Summit:** For chapter leaders by chapter leaders, this workshop offers the opportunity to share about successful events and activities. New ideas, brainstorming, and plenty of discussion keep this session fresh.
- **Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Director Elections:** This is an opportunity to come together as members under the big Ice Age Trail Alliance tent. Celebrate Alliance successes and elect board members. This meeting is free and open to all members. See insert for list of Board of Directors' nominees.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Jennifer Pharr Davis,**  
**Record-Setting Hiker**  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Jennifer Pharr Davis is a lover of long trails and good stories. She has inspired women and men across the country with her message "the trail is there for everyone at every phase of life" and has made a name for herself as a record setting hiker, National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, sought after speaker, and award-winning author. Jennifer was featured in the 2020 IMAX film *Into America's Wild* narrated by Morgan Freeman, serves on the President's Council for Sports, Fitness and Nutrition, and is founder and owner of Blue Ridge Hiking Company, the guiding service she began in 2008.



## SATURDAY, APRIL 23

### Choose Your Adventure

- **Bohn Lake Segment, Waushara County**  
Explore this newly extended segment through a rock garden and, along the bottom, a tunnel channel holding Bohn Lake. Enjoy the views of the lake and new loop encircling this body of water.  
**Hike:** 2.2 miles, easy terrain, 40-minute bus ride. Lunch at the conference center.
- **Let's Wing It: Bird Hike at UW-Stevens Point's Natural Campus**  
Bring your binoculars (or grab a pair from us) and try your hand at birding during a hike through the Schmeeckle Reserve. Birding experts will lead you around the 280-acre nature conservancy on the UW-Stevens Point campus, watching for birds along its trails, boardwalks, and lake. You'll enjoy the diversity of habitats at the Reserve, which supports numerous wildlife species.  
**Hike:** 2-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain throughout the Reserve, 10-minute bus ride. Lunch at the conference center.
- **"Listening Session" Small-Group Hike**  
Sit quietly in the forest and listen to what it has to offer. This less-than-a-mile hike, led by Eric Sherman (Membership Coordinator) will lead a small group of participants into a Stevens Point area forest, where you'll spread out and sit quietly.  
**Hike:** Less than a mile, moderate terrain, dress warmly, carpooling. Lunch at the conference center.



Photo by Cameron Gillie.





## Registration Deadline: April 1.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23 *continued*

#### Session Highlights

**Breaking Trail** (a documentary film screening and Q&A session with Emily Ford and the film's director, Jesse Roesler): Emily Ford sets out with a borrowed sled dog to become the first woman and person of color to thru-hike the 1,200-mile Ice Age Trail in winter. As the journey tests their endurance, the duo embraces the unexpected kindness of strangers. Written and directed by Jesse Roesler, Principal and Creative Director at the creative content studio Credo Nonfiction, this film premiered at the 2021 BANFF Film Festival.

**Awards Banquet and Celebration Event:** We're rolling out the yellow carpet! It's a big night as we celebrate the accomplishments of our tremendously generous volunteers. Come find out who gets a National Park Service vest or jacket. Discover who'll be the next caretaker of the Spirit Stick and who'll be the Trail Steward of the Year. Recent Thousand-Milers are recognized, too!



Photo courtesy of Credo Nonfiction.

#### Long-Distance Hiking Seminar

If you're considering an Ice Age Trail thru-hike as your next big adventure, or if you're section hiking the Trail in weekend jaunts, then this seminar is for you. An all-day, five-session workshop series to get you started on your thousand-mile journey with plenty of advice from the experts. Jennifer Pharr Davis will participate as a workshop leader. Also included: a special screening of *Breaking Trail*, including Q&A with the film's director.

- Session 1: Trip Planning, Logistics & Navigation
- Session 2: Pack Shakedown for Backpackers OR Inside Scoop for Segment Hikers
- Session 3: Meal Planning
- Session 4: *Breaking Trail* (a documentary film)
- Session 5: Hikers' Forum – Wisdom from the Trail

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Cost** (includes lunch): \$125 (\$150 after March 18) as a stand-alone event.

Or, add to any conference package for \$100!



Photos by Joanne Ellarson.



### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

#### Complimentary Breakfast and Closing Remarks

#### Conference Packages and Pricing

All packages include conference registration fee and three meals per day. Staying Saturday night? You'll get complimentary breakfast on Sunday, too.

Conference Package	Early-Bird Rate (before March 18)	Regular Rate
3-Day (Thurs, Fri, Sat)	\$195	\$220
2-Day	\$150	\$175
1-Day	\$125	\$150

**Add Saturday's Long-Distance Hiking Seminar!** \$100 with conference package OR \$125 as a stand-alone event including lunch (\$150 after March 18).

**Only want to attend Saturday Night's Dinner and Awards Banquet?** \$30/person.

Register Early  
to Save!

# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE news

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To register by mail, download and print the registration form that's available at [iceagetrail.org/annual-conference](http://iceagetrail.org/annual-conference)  
**Registration ends Friday, April 1.**

## OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE | 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

This provides Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc. members with official notice of the IATA's Annual Membership Meeting, **Friday, April 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m.**, Holiday Inn Stevens Point Convention Center.

The meeting takes place during the Alliance's Annual Membership Conference. More information about the conference is available at [www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference/](http://www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference/)

You are welcome to attend the Annual Membership Meeting without attending other parts of the conference.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

In January, all IATA members were sent a list of Board of Directors candidates recommended by the IATA's Leadership Development and Executive committees. Members did not submit any additional nominees by petition. Therefore, the final list of candidates is:

#### New director-nominees:

- Kurt Lingel (Whitefish Bay, WI; Region 1)
- Meg Schmitz Layton (Milton, WI; Region 2)
- Fred Stadler (Oshkosh, WI; Region 1)

#### Current directors recommended for election:

- Dana Chabot (Minneapolis, MN; Region 3)
- John R. Kolbe (Delafield, WI; Region 1)
- Linda Mertz (Rubicon, WI; Region 1)

## ICE AGE TRAIL ALLIANCE, INC. PROXY

I hereby appoint Sue Greenway, Secretary, or Patty Dreier, President, as my proxy (with full power of substitution) to attend the IATA's Annual Membership Meeting to be held April 22, 2022 and any adjournment thereof and to vote on my behalf on all matters that may properly come up for membership approval during the meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

**Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc.**  
**PO Box 128, 2110 Main Street**  
**Cross Plains, WI 53528**

*(A proxy is for use by those who are not planning to attend the meeting in person.)*

**Proxy must be  
received by Monday,  
April 18, 2022.**





# LAND CONSERVATION highlights

## More Trail to Come in Lodi Marsh

KEVIN THUSIUS, DIRECTOR OF LAND CONSERVATION

In late December 2021, the Ice Age Trail Alliance concluded its most successful year of land protection in 30 years with a final acquisition: a 40.1-acre property south of the Lodi Marsh State Wildlife Area in northern Dane County.

Boasting a mix of woodlands and agricultural fields covering rolling hills, the property overlooks the springs, creeks, and wetland of Lodi Marsh. The mix of mature forest and open views make this property a wonderful addition to the Ice Age Trail.

Depending on future acquisitions, connections, and trail layout, this property may host at least a half-mile of new Trail, a dispersed camping area, and loop trails. In addition, a storage building on the property may be used to house Trail maintenance equipment, which will be convenient for volunteers.

*The property is not currently open to the public. Stay tuned for an opening timeline and permitted uses on property.*

### Alliance acted fast, thanks to funding

To secure the property in a timeframe meeting the needs of the seller, the Alliance had to move swiftly on the purchase. Thanks to a combination of funding from the Land Resources Fund of the Alliance's Dane County Chapter, Prairie Springs: The Paul

Fleckenstein Trust, and a short-term loan, the Alliance was able to source the money needed.

The Alliance's diversity in funding sources and our ability to move quickly was critical in securing the land.

Part of the property's purchase price will be recouped. The Alliance submitted applications for partial reimbursement for the purchase from the State's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund and Dane County's Conservation Fund.

All funds expended from the Alliance's Prairie Springs Land Fund will be reimbursed back to the fund for future land protection efforts.





# TRAILBUILDING highlights

## Welcome, Chad!

CHAD DUCHATEAU, DIRECTOR OF TRAIL OPERATIONS

Greetings and Happy 2022.

It is an honor to be transitioning into the Director of Trail Operations position with the Alliance. As a Wisconsin native, my passion and professional pursuits focused on outdoor recreation. The glacial Chain O' Lakes of Waupaca provided my early education for what water, woods, and wildlife could do for my soul. Nature also fueled my studies at UW-Madison. Exploring lakeshore paths and Arboretum habitats, ultimately led to my degree in horticulture and natural resource management.

For 20 years now, I have worked primarily in the non-profit world as a trail builder, educator, land manager, and mentor. I recently was with WisCorps, Wisconsin's very own conservation corps, where I developed partnerships with land managers across the state. I also trained young adults, reconnecting them to the natural world. I taught them to care for the land through restorative practices, which also enhanced their internal well-being. These experiences provided a foundation for me to do work I thought worth doing. Joining the Alliance with its commitment to protecting land, expanding the Ice Age Trail off roadways, ensuring development of sustainable trail, and creating meaningful experiences for all trail users is truly a personal and a professional dream come true.

My favorite trail tool is the McLeod, and I enjoy creating sawdust while constructing boardwalks. My preferred trail section is one paralleling moving water. Like a trail, I always wonder what is around the next bend. I believe "the best trails are those that appear to be placed into the landscape, not on top of it."

I am excited to get to know the great staff and incredible volunteers who care so passionately about the Ice Age Trail. Though La Crosse is where my family currently resides, my wife Kristy, daughter Josie, and I, look forward to relocating to the greater Cross Plains area after the school year.







# Welcome, Riley!

RILEY DUPEE, FIELD OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

Well Hi, Friends!

After a summer of interning with the Alliance Trail Program, I am officially part of the team as Field Operations Specialist. So, please stop calling and emailing Mike. You did it. I'm hired. Thank you!

When people ask me how I got here, I admit I saw a post on Instagram. The Alliance was seeking an intern proficient in Microsoft Office, with social media aptitude, and sound judgment (two out of three isn't bad). Other qualifications included being able to hike with a fully loaded pack, and sleep outside in all kinds of weather. I felt like someone had placed a thumbtack in the corkboard of my heart.

I spent a large part of my childhood, in my family's campground, entirely unsupervised. My parents were of the "free range children" ideology. My siblings and I spent our days swimming in the Fox River, climbing trees, or catching the local wildlife. I became familiar with the smell of silt, and how it doesn't leave your nose for days. I know river clams taste better when they're small, but the big ones make good turtle bait. I know how to avoid catching the really big turtles until Dad is around.

My time in the Army taught me to be patient. Things take time and all you can do is wait, and embrace adversity. I liked soldiers more than I liked the Army; People from all over the world converging on one place for a common task, and a thousand different ideas on how to accomplish it. The "adventure" aspect wore off pretty quickly, but I still played the Indiana Jones theme song in my head when I was about to do something new and exciting. I learned to carry much more than 20% of my body weight, over miles of pavement, in a never-ending line of digital camo. Most importantly I learned, sometimes, you only get one chance at an incredibly important thing, so you must be decisive.

I'm so excited to be here. I have never felt so welcomed by a community. The summer of 2021 taught me so many great things. Like how to use a chainsaw! Or how after jumping in a lake, you can be labelled "sufficiently bathed". And that after three days at a project, the clean volunteers are the ones that smell.

It is truly a privilege to learn from all of you. I look forward to many more summers, just like the last.





## SEASON AT A GLANCE:

### 2022 Trailbuilding and Habitat Management Events

The work of the 2022 Trailbuilding and Habitat Management season centers on caring for the land and the hiker's experience of it.

We'll continue to approach events carefully and implement COVID-related safety protocols—our goal is to keep project sites as safe as possible for our volunteers.

#### Habitat Management

This year's Habitat Management events provide ongoing care and attention to Alliance-owned preserves. Volunteer efforts will improve ecosystem quality and enhance species diversity through prairie maintenance and restoration.

##### ■ January 20 – 22, Table Bluff Segment, Dane County

Help maintain species diversity and ecosystem quality along this popular segment. Build and burn brush piles; remove invasive brush and trees from prairies to prepare for future broadcast burns.

##### ■ February 4 – 6, Cross Plains Segment, Dane County

Burn brush piles previously created at Mammoth's Back Preserve. Buckthorn removal will continue as we clear Mammoth's Back and preserve its remnant hilltop prairie.

##### ■ February 17 – 19, Gibraltar Rock Segment, Columbia County

Felling, piling, and burning eastern red cedar continues at the Steenbock Preserve. Join us as we pull back the cedar curtain and unveil the view of Lake Wisconsin and the Baraboo Hills.







*Rice Lake Preserve*



*LaBudde Creek Segment*

## Trailbuilding

The Trailbuilding season promises new Ice Age National Scenic Trail miles in Taylor, Marathon, and Sheboygan counties. Volunteer efforts will close gaps; instead of ribbons of asphalt, off-road tread will beckon, winding through peaceful forests. Creating quality hiking experiences in Waupaca, Portage, and Waukesha counties is at the forefront of these projects. Featuring reroutes, they'll address erosion, advance trail sustainability, and promote hiker safety.

### ■ May 18 – 22, Rib Lake Segment, Taylor County

Come prepared to cut fresh tread along the terminal moraine as we begin building four brand-new miles of Trail. This is the first of several projects, which will fill in the gaps along this segment.

### ■ June 8 – 12, IAT-U: Crew Leader Training, Iola, Waupaca County

Crew Leader Training is back! Learn the skills you need to lead the next generation of trail builders. Attendance requires a short application.

### ■ June 22 – 26, New Hope-Iola Ski Hill Segment, Waupaca and Portage Counties

This 1.5-mile reroute at the Iola Winter Sports Club will create a more enjoyable experience for hikers and skiers. Join us to build brand-new tread through the pines and away from established ski trails. This is a great project to learn the basics of tread construction.

### ■ July 13 – 17, Rice Lake Preserve, Marathon County

The newly expanded Rice Lake Preserve is ready to host the Ice Age Trail. Help create a segment, which will offer a reprieve from

road walk and meander through old-growth white pine, hemlock, and white cedar. Enjoy outstanding scenery, stonework, and 500 feet of boardwalk construction.

### ■ August 18 – 21, LaBudde Creek Segment, Sheboygan County

Help provide hikers with an additional mile of new Trail through the recently acquired State Ice Age Trail Area protecting the LaBudde Creek watershed. This project will extend the segment, connecting County Road MM with Ridge Creek Road.

### ■ September 14 – 18, Rib Lake Segment, Taylor County

Join us for plenty of treadwork, stonework, and boardwalk construction as we pick up where we left off in May! We'll continue making progress toward building four miles of brand-new Trail. A 2023 opening is in our sights.

### ■ October 6 – 9, Lapham Peak Segment, Waukesha County

Three short reroutes along this popular segment will eliminate erosion, replace the infamous "Rollercoaster" boardwalk, and improve hiker safety at a busy road crossing. Join us to enhance Trail sustainability and the hiker experience.

### ■ October 20 – 22, Wildcard

Stay tuned for more information on this "as needed" event!

For more information and to register:  
[iceagetrail.org/2022-season-at-a-glance/](https://iceagetrail.org/2022-season-at-a-glance/)

# OUTREACH & EDUCATION highlights

## 2022 Trailtessa RETREATS

\*Trailtessa [treyl-tes-sah], noun: a woman or girl who gets out on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail to experience adventure, freedom and a new way to be.

Super fun retreats designed by women for women. Sign up today!

Visit: [iceagetrail.org/trailtessa-force-of-nature/](https://iceagetrail.org/trailtessa-force-of-nature/)

### Be Blissful

Saturday, February 19

**Hartman Creek Segment, Portage and Waupaca Counties**

Pure bliss: A snowshoe hike through blankets of sparkling snow. Come for an introduction to snowshoeing by local experts and enjoy a guided hike along the Hartman Creek Segment. If needed, free snowshoes will be provided by REI. Make new friends, warm your hands at a post-hike bonfire, and enjoy homemade, locally sourced treats.



### Be Resilient

April and May

**An On-Your-Own Hike**

Wildflowers push through matted leaves and grass, often enduring one last snowy blast. Heralds of spring, their sun-seeking determination and hardiness encourage. Stroll through woods and prairies as you plan a fresh start, searching for inspiration and these tiny ephemerals.

### Be a Nature Princess... at Any Age!

Saturday, June 4

**Dunes Segment, Manitowoc County**

Nature princesses use dip nets to catch snails, dragonfly larva, and other pond creatures. They turn over leaves, rocks, and logs to investigate the critters living there. Princesses stomp through puddles and follow yellow blazes. They will also enjoy tea time, a healthy snack, and nature-based crafts.



### Be Light-Hearted

Tuesday, June 21

**An On-Your-Own Hike**

Celebrate the **Summer Solstice** with an on-your-own-hike on the Ice Age Trail. Head out solo or gather friends and family. Take advantage of the extended daylight and watch the sunrise or set from a favorite spot along the Trail.





*Re-discover YOU with plenty of permission to be. BE YOU: Bold. Audacious. Strong. Adventurous. You get to choose to be any way you want to BE.*

## *Be Bright*

**Saturday, July 16**

**Pike Lake Segment, Washington County**

Let your heart be bright, delighting in a classic summer night: a late-setting sun, cricket songs, and pulsing fireflies. Enjoy a hike among the kettles, kames, and by the lake at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Pike Lake Unit. It's magical under the light of the moon and around a bonfire. Light food and refreshments will be available.



## *Be Empowered*

**Saturday, September 17**

**Rib Lake Segment, Taylor County**

If you've wondered how the Ice Age Trail is built, join us for a trailbuilding event. Learn the basics of tread construction from female, volunteer crew leaders. You may also help clear Trail corridor, build a boardwalk, or paint blazes. You'll certainly come away with a new appreciation for the Trail you hike. Camping is available at Wood Lake County Park.



## *Be Fierce*

**October 21 – 23**

**Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit**

Backpacking 101 requires strength and self-sufficiency as you carry your gear-filled pack on this multi-day trip. You'll be immersed in rugged beauty, hiking along glittering kettle lakes, through mesic forests, and across winding boardwalks. No previous backpacking experience necessary. Open to women who have NOT participated in previous Trailtessa backpacking trips.



## *Be Calm*

**Saturday, December 3**

**Straight Lake Segment, Polk County**

Welcome December gently, taking time to slow down and reflect on what's most important to you. A mid-morning hike through beautiful Straight Lake State Park is the perfect antidote to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. A body-positive yoga session will follow. So, will a bonfire and light refreshments.





## Rib Lake Elementary Hike

SARAH PEARCE, SAUNTERS PROJECT COORDINATOR

### Haiku:

Come on, hike with me  
We're in nature, go and see  
It is super fun

### Rhyming Poem:

The leaves are falling, it is fun  
The trails are calling everyone.  
Come on now, get out here  
Get on the trail, I see some deer!

### Arcostic Poem:

Interesting  
Cool  
Exhausting

Adventure  
Glacier  
Exquisite

Tiring  
Really Fun  
Amazing  
Ice created it  
Learning

On an early November afternoon, two classrooms of fourth graders from Rib Lake Elementary in north central Wisconsin logged onto a Zoom meeting. Sarah Pearce, the Alliance's Saunters Project Coordinator greeted them on-screen from her office 3.5 hours due south. They spent an hour together, learning Ice Age National Scenic Trail history and notable glacial features found along it. Sarah also described the important work of the Alliance and its volunteers. But, best of all, she helped them prepare and get excited for their own Ice Age Trail excursion.

A sunny morning, just shy of a week later, these 35 students boarded a bus and headed for the nearby Mondeaux Esker Segment. There they met veteran Alliance volunteers, Buzz Meyer and Butch Clendenning who served as their guides for the next few hours. Buzz and Butch have been actively involved in the creation and maintenance of this segment for many years, making them perfect leaders for this three-mile Think Outside hike. Not only were they amazing historians of the Trail itself, but they served as ambassadors of the glacial history and nature observed along the way – and students loved them!

Rib Lake Elementary was one of 36 schools to enjoy the Ice Age Trail this fall. They were part of the Think Outside program, an outreach program to fourth graders in Wisconsin and beyond, funded through the National Park Foundation. By participating in this free program, teachers and students have the opportunity to enhance their social studies curriculum and learn about Wisconsin's amazing glacial history firsthand.

After a year's hiatus due to COVID, the Alliance is thrilled to be working with teachers and students again. This fall, more than 2,500 4th graders got out onto the Trail. We're looking forward to engaging with even more students during the spring! A BIG thank you to the 25 Alliance volunteers, like Buzz and Butch – we couldn't do it without you!

If you are (or know) a fourth-grade teacher, please visit (or tell them about) [iceagetrail.org/think-outside](https://iceagetrail.org/think-outside) to learn more about the Think Outside program.

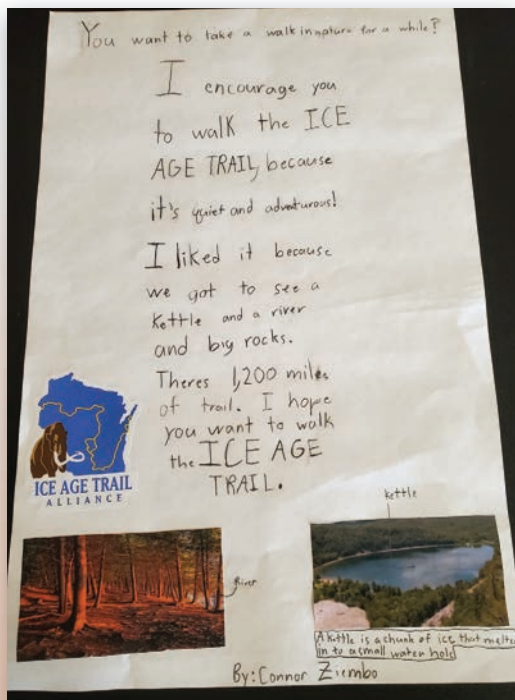


The NPF Open OutDoors for Kids program is made possible by private philanthropy, including support from Youth Engagement and Education premier partner Union Pacific Railroad, and supporting partner GoGo squeeZ. Additional funding is provided by Alicia and Peter Pond, Apple, Columbia Sportswear, Sierra, Parks Project, Humana, The Batchelor Foundation, Inc., and many other donors.





Kids from the Rib Lake Elementary gather with Buzz and Butch, volunteer hike leaders, to learn more about the Mondeaux esker. Photo by Sarah Pearce.



A poster promoting the Ice Age Trail created by Connor Ziembo.

"This was a phenomenal experience for us! From the Zoom presentation, to the volunteers that came along to share their passion for the Ice Age Trail, to the excitement of our students... this opportunity was so in line with our school's mission. It is amazing that the Ice Age Trail Alliance offers this kind of learning experience for our WI students. Students loved learning the glacial vocabulary along with the video simulation and then being able to put it to practice out in the field! Thank you."

- Catherine Seifert, Chain Exploration Center teacher

"Thanks to all the amazing volunteers, the Trail is well kept and beautiful. I would recommend hiking there because it is a beautiful trail. I think it really captures the amazingness of nature."

- Eliot Ziembo, Rib Lake Elementary student



A post-hike video project. (Hover your phone's camera over the code and tap the web address that appears to watch the video.)



# PHILANTHROPY highlights

## Welcome, Sarah!

*SARAH DRISCOLL, PHILANTHROPIC COORDINATOR*

I am overjoyed to join the Alliance team as the Philanthropic Coordinator. As an avid hiker, I am grateful to support the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Like many other nature enthusiasts, I spent much of my childhood outside. Every summer, I camped with my family and explored the nine acres of prairie surrounding my home. As an adult, I enjoy outdoor activities, especially camping and fishing with my husband, Bryce, hiking throughout the state, and simply sitting around campfires with my friends.

As a child, I developed a strong appreciation for the creatures taking up residence on our family's land, and my brothers and I had every indoor pet you could imagine. My love for animals led to a career in wildlife rehabilitation and animal husbandry at zoos and aquariums. However, as I cared for everything from bald eagles to sea otters, it became clear our native wildlife and natural habitats were struggling. As a result, I returned to UW-Madison to pursue a master's degree in Environmental Conservation, desiring to help wildlife by protecting and conserving their habitat.

I completed my master's degree in August of 2020. Within the same week, I also wrapped up a summer education program I coordinated at the Henry Vilas Zoo and got married to my now-husband.

Although I worked for the zoo in Operations, including guest services, event and rental coordination, and memberships and donations, I felt my life slow to a halt. My weekends, typically filled with contacting wedding vendors, writing conservation-related essays, and leading a group of kiddos around the zoo, were now free.

I don't idle well. I prefer to fill my free time with outdoor activities, so I turned my time and attention to segment hiking the Ice Age Trail, thus, beginning my thousand-mile journey. My weekends filled with miles and miles of Ice Age Trail and conversations with strangers turned hiking buddies. I could write endless words about what the Trail means to me and how it has taught me so much during the last year and 600 miles I've completed.

Now, I find myself sitting at the Alliance headquarters writing a staff introduction. To say this feels surreal is an absolute understatement. I am excited to work with the staff, volunteers, and members to support the Ice Age Trail. This linear park, weaving through the state, is so important for both conservation and outdoor recreation. As I continue my quest to become a Thousand-Miler and dive headfirst into my role at the Alliance, I look forward to building a great relationship with the Trail's supportive community.





## Phase One: Stakeholder Sustainability Project

MELISSA PIERICK, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Approximately 60 percent of Wisconsin residents live within 20 miles of an Ice Age National Scenic Trail segment. So why don't more people use the Ice Age Trail? It's a free resource, open to everyone. What barriers and societal inequities prevent people from enjoying it? How can the Trail become a safe outdoor space for everyone? And, how can the Alliance become a welcoming, inclusive organization for all?

These are some of the questions a multi-year, National Park Foundation-funded project aims to answer. With the answers, the Ice Age Trail Alliance hopes to make decisions and implement strategies to: attract new users to the Trail, elevate different voices within the organization, and connect people who have an existing relationship with the Trail to the Alliance.

This "Stakeholder Sustainability Project", which began in September 2021, is being led by independent consultant, James French. He is the founding Chair of the Montpelier Descendants Committee, which is "devoted to restoring the narratives of enslaved Americans at plantation sites in Central Virginia (including James Madison's Montpelier) from the margins to the center of historical discourse." He is receiving assistance in the Stakeholder project from UW-Stevens Point doctoral candidate (and Trail monitor), Chelsea Dresen.

The first phase of the project looked at the Trail and the Alliance in regard to justice, equity, accessibility, power, and inclusion. It included a review of Alliance bylaws, policies, guiding principles, etc. In addition, French and Dresen conducted interviews with people familiar and unfamiliar with the Trail and Alliance to find out why (or why not) they use the Trail and/or support the Alliance. The researchers also sought to understand different meanings associated with the Trail, historical/cultural identities of the Trail, and whose voices need to be amplified and empowered.

The key findings from the first phase of research include:

- Marginalized communities should be empowered to act: rather than focusing on the barriers faced, the emphasis should concentrate on what they can do on the Trail.

- Addressing inclusivity, equity, and power dynamics on the Trail and at the organizational level is important.
- People unfamiliar with the Trail need to first be able to see themselves on the Trail and feel like they belong there.
- Involving community groups and activists in the project will be key to its success.
- The continuation of the Stakeholder project is necessary and essential.



Based on the final results of their research, French and Dresen will develop specific, actionable strategies for the Alliance to implement to attract new Trail users, volunteers, and supporters – helping connect *all* people with the outdoors.

"The work James and Chelsea are doing for the Alliance takes a unique look at how we collaborate across communities," says Luke Kloberdanz, Director of Philanthropy for the Ice Age Trail Alliance. "The strategies will help build parity in how the Trail is guided well into the future, ensuring involvement from groups we have rarely worked with."

"Completing the Trail will take everyone and this work moves us one step closer to completion," he says.

This project could become a model for other national parks and trails for decision-making and strategic direction.

"The Stakeholder Sustainability Project is guiding the Ice Age Trail Alliance to be more equitable in every aspect of its work, with an emphasis on the importance and value of relationships grounded in trust," says Sarah Unz, Vice President of Community Partnerships at the National Park Foundation. "The National Park Foundation is excited to support the Ice Age Trail Alliance along this journey and believe the learnings from this project can also help national parks and trails across the country advance equity in their communities."

The second phase of the project, which will run through 2022, will include continued in-depth analysis, interviews and data collection, partnership development, and the development of an evaluation tool.





## October Success: A Mother/Son Duo Take on the Mammoth Hike Challenge

ERIN KELLY, 2021 MAMMOTH HIKE CHALLENGE PARTICIPANT

An Instagram post in 2020 planted the seed for our adventure. Like many others during the pandemic, I sought outdoor opportunities. I happened to read about the first-ever Mammoth Hike Challenge. It sounded like an excellent way to enjoy fall's dwindling yet warm weather. When I told my then nine-year-old son Collin about it, he was eager to start. We quickly learned, though, the time and dedication needed to complete the miles exceeded our schedule. So, we made a pact to keep an eye out for the following October's Challenge.

Fast forward to September 2021. I noticed a blog post announcing the Challenge: 41 in '21, and I told Collin, now 10, we'd have another shot at it. He was adamant he could complete the 41 miles. Beyond setting the Challenge as a personal goal, he suggested it as a 4H project; he would scrapbook his experience and enter it into the Dodge County Fair. I was so happy the Challenge had grabbed his interest.

We talked about how we would have to plan some short hikes after school and some longer ones on the weekends. Once we laid out a plan, Collin was excited to begin. We got started, October 1, with an after-school hike at Lapham Peak to knock off a few miles the first day. From there, we paged through our Ice Age Trail Atlas to

see where else we could hike locally. We explored nearby segments in Eagle, Janesville, Delafield, and Dousman.

While chipping away at the mileage, we'd enjoy little conversations.

Hours passed with random questions ranging from, "If you had to pick one food to eat the rest of your life, what would it be?" to, "If you had to pick your favorite Marvel movie character, who would it be?". Believe me, that one started a lengthy debate; I'm not sure we ever came to a resolution. Finally, about mid-month, Collin mentioned he'd like to see some other Ice Age Trail segments further from home.

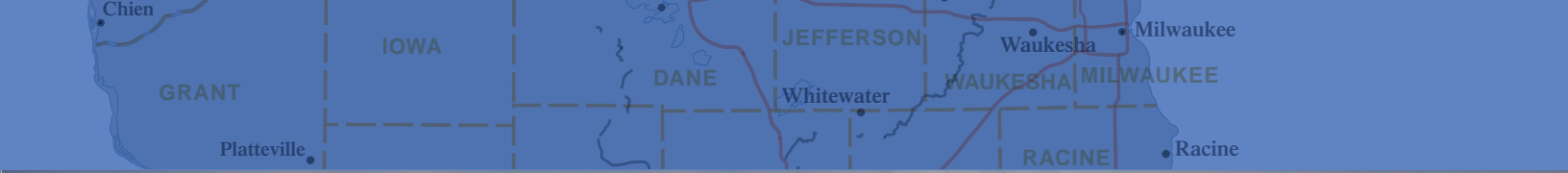


*Erin and Collin on one of their outings toward achieving their 41 miles. Photo by Erin Kelly.*

*Almost as good as a cheeseburger: The view along the St. Croix Falls Segment. Photo by Erin Kelly.*







*Collin hikes ahead, along the Point Beach Segment, toward his final Challenge miles. Photo by Erin Kelly.*

This wanderlust took us to two faraway destinations. First, we visited St. Croix Falls, a Trail Community. His aunt and uncle live in the Twin Cities, so we took advantage of visiting them while taking a trip to Interstate State Park to see the Western Terminus. We were amazed by the beautiful colors and rock formations along the St. Croix River and enjoyed a day of exploring. Although, if you ask Collin, what he liked most was grabbing a cheeseburger at the Dalles House Restaurant in town. Cheeseburgers, his favorite food, fueled him throughout this endeavor. (We also made a lot of Kwik Trip stops, let me tell you.)

This trip sparked a conversation about how we hadn't had a chance to go camping. Collin's summer and school-year schedule had been busy with baseball and football, his two favorite sports. I've camped in cooler weather, so I was hesitant to introduce him to October camping. But, I promised him I would keep an eye on the weather, and if everything lined up, we'd take a stab at it.

I had my eye on Point Beach State Forest near Two Rivers – a fun Trail Community destination hike, I thought. I pulled the trigger about a day and a half before and reserved the Ice Age Trail backpacking site. I wanted to give him a taste of packing into an area and camping out for the night. Collin was so excited when I told him how we'd finish the Challenge.

That weekend, we completed a 10-mile hike along the Point Beach Segment, and grabbed our gear, and headed into the site for the evening. We didn't have the best weather, so we didn't build a fire, but he enjoyed good-old, freeze-dried food cooked up with a Jetboil. We fell asleep listening to Lake Michigan. The following morning, to celebrate our Challenge completion, we took down the tent, packed out, and headed to Manitowoc (another Trail Community) for breakfast. We stopped at Susie Kay's Café, where Collin ordered the biggest pancake either of us had ever seen. It tasted amazing!

We concluded our vacation with a stop at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, where we browsed the exhibits and toured the USS Cobia. As we headed home, we called our October a success! I know Collin loved his Challenge experience. As his mother, this means more to me than he'll know for a long time. Our October memories will stay with me forever. I'm so happy I could teach him what I know about the outdoors and help instill his appreciation and interest for nature. It's all I could ever ask for. 'Till next year!





## Time Change in Waushara County

ERIC SHERMAN, MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

It isn't often I have a whole day to myself to go hiking, yet here I was: my wife and daughters visiting my in-laws in Chicagoland; me, arriving shortly after daybreak on the Ice Age Trail's Chaffee Creek Segment on a nice-enough April day. So happy and excited, I could have run from Madison faster than I drove.

Bounding south from the cul-de-sac on 6th Avenue, I wandered through a stand of aspens, crossed a meadow and the bridge over Chaffee Creek, and then made my way toward the I-39 rest area. I was feeling cheerful but already running up against a common problem. When you are doing an activity you love but don't get to do often, time zips past much faster than it should. I checked my watch and was alarmed; I had already been out for 45 minutes. That meant only an hour until I had to return to the trailhead to meet up with a late-arriving friend. At the pace things were going, that hour would feel like 10 minutes. And then, we'd have only half a day left, which would probably feel like an hour. And then, back home, and then, wait another six months for the chance to do this again. And then, and then, and then. If the day was gum, I was chewing all the flavor out of it.

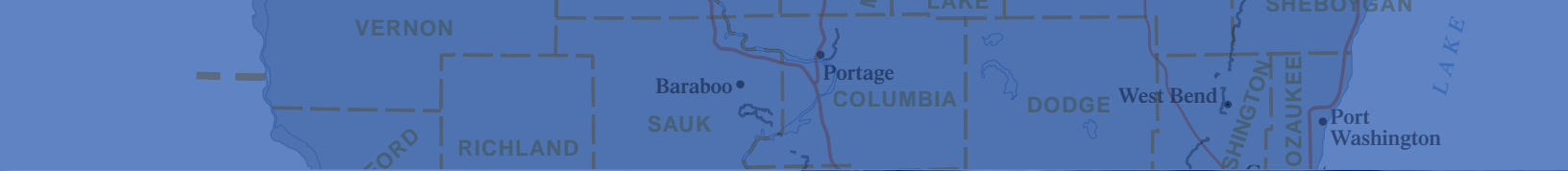
Fortunately, I had a tool on hand that corrected the flow of time: a Pentax SMC M 100/4 Macro camera lens. Manufactured in 1977 by Asahi Optical Co. of Tokyo, this chunk of metal and glass found its

way into my life via eBay about 20 years ago for the bargain price of \$75. With this lens, a camera can focus on things at very close distance. The lens encourages you to eat your photographic meals with a baby spoon instead of a grain shovel.

I attached the camera to my tripod and started to look around for interesting things. First, I noticed the black and white bands of a horsetail (scouring rush) on a bed of dried-up leaves. Then, 10 feet to my right, an oak leaf covered with a fist-sized swarm of ants... ants on top of ants on top of ants. Next, making my way down to Chaffee Creek, I noticed a single blade of grass standing strong against the current. Then I found a patch of watercress floating atop a bubbling spring. To capture each of these scenes, all I had to do was adjust the legs and head of my tripod, adjust the legs and head of my body, adjust the lens on the camera, adjust the lenses on my face, adjust the aperture and shutter speed, check the focus once more, wait for the wind to die down, and, finally, click. And then repeat the process in the event the sun came out or the wind kicked up in the moment between my brain telling my finger to press the shutter-release button and my finger following orders.

An hour of fussing in this manner relaxed me considerably. Things felt a little panicky before; now, all was mellow. Noticing a patch of skunk cabbage on the far bank of the creek, I smelled it, rather than





just seeing it, as before. Likewise, the creek itself now had a smell: marl, just like the nearby lake I swam in as a child. Birds in a nearby dogwood patch graduated from “birds” to ruby-crowned kinglets, song sparrows, and (for me) the first phoebes of spring, insistently notifying every other bird in Waushara and Marquette counties of their return. By slowing down and giving my full attention to this small portion of the trail, I walked into a different world, much more interesting than the one I had been inhabiting.

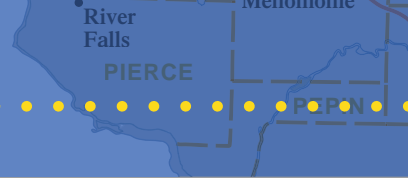
In a much-improved mindset, I ambled back to the car to meet up with my friend. We relocated west to bushwhack through State Fishery Area land. After a period of getting reacquainted, we spent the rest of the day enjoying the conversational equivalent of close-up photography, our talk as deliberate and meandering as the creek we were following.

By day’s end, time had been turned on its head. At daybreak, I had hours ahead, but they slipped by like seconds, more like Class III rapids on the Peshtigo River than the gentle waters of Chaffee Creek. Nearing the end of the hike, time truly was in short supply but, by then, minutes might as well have been days. After my friend hit the road, I returned briefly to the creek. As I sat down under a streamside white pine and snapped a final photo, the usual chatter in my head was nowhere to be found. The only thing left was the gurgle of the creek.





# CHAPTER highlights



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A group of Blue Hills Chapter volunteers and Alliance staff kept warm around a chimney log after a day of refining routes at a Trail Layout and Design event in the Blue Hills in October. Photo courtesy of Blue Hills Chapter.



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Thanks to the Think Outside program, fourth-grade students from Rib Lake Elementary had the opportunity to explore the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Buzz Meyer and I led a group of 32 students and 2 teachers on a 2.3-mile hike along the Mondeaux Esker Segment, in early November. (See story on page 16-17.)

Trail usage continued to increase. So far, as of December 1, Buzz has provided 125 shuttles, assisting over 200 people and 10 dogs on their hikes in 2021.

– Lee "Butch" Clendenning



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Indianhead Chapter volunteers enjoyed a beautiful fall day staffing an aid station at the Gandy Dancer Marathon. Photo courtesy of Indianhead Chapter.



Girl scout troops and their families hiked the Chippewa Moraine Segment during the 2021 Mammoth Hike Challenge. Photo by Vicki Christianson.

A crowd of family and friends greeted Serena Stipek as she finished her final hike on her quest to become a Thousand-Miler. Photo by Serena Stipek.



New sawyers for the Northwoods Chapter, Tom Jones and Don Evans, clear trees damaged in fall storms off the Trail. Photo by Ruby Jaacks.



Enjoy a brief taste of the Spring edition's Chapter Highlights. A lengthier and more complete version of chapter activities and successes is located here: [iceagetrail.org/iata/mammoth-tales/](http://iceagetrail.org/iata/mammoth-tales/)



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The City of Antigo celebrated its recent Ice Age Trail Community designation. Mayor, Bill Brandt, received assistance with the ribbon cutting from Luke Kloberdanz, Director of Philanthropy for the Alliance. The Chapter hosted a hike to promote and celebrate the designation as well.

Brian and Melinda Nelson joined Jared Wildenradt in the stewardship of the Alliance's recently purchased property southwest of Antigo. They took down three deer stands, conducted a corner survey, and assisted Patrick Gleissner, Field Operations Coordinator for the Alliance, with trail layout. They also spent a good deal of time removing brush.

— Joe Jopek



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The reimagined Ringle Segment is open after 5 years, 11 events, and over 1,000 volunteers. This MUST HIKE section showcases a stunning glacial story and the incredible work of volunteers during the past five years. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed time and effort.

Join us the Rice Lake Preserve trailbuilding event, south of Hatley, scheduled for July 2022.



Portage/Waupaca County Chapter volunteers staff the Welcome table at their annual Fall Hike-a-Thon in October. Photo by Debbie Krogwold.



Third and fourth-graders from the Chain Exploration Center explored the Ice Age Trail and Hartman Creek State Park at a Think Outside event in November. Photo by Catherine Seifert.

We enjoyed new faces and great weather, making our third annual Hike-A-Thon, on the Dells of the Eau Claire Segment a success.

— Patty Mishkar



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This fall, we carried on with trail maintenance days, otherwise it was a quiet and restful season. In October, our Chapter gathered in Hoskins Park in Baraboo – the first social event in quite a while. We enjoyed each other's company and tried to talk about things other than the Trail. We partially succeeded.

— Debby Capener



## LODI VALLEY CHAPTER

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Lodi Valley Chapter volunteer, Bill Welch, surveys muddy trail on a portion of the Lodi Marsh Segment to be rerouted in spring 2022. Photo by Ed Spoon.



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*Dane County Chapter volunteers conduct a prescribed burn on the Holmes Preserve, using the Ice Age Trail as a burn break. Photo by Gary Werner.*



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*The Rock County Chapter placed two memorial benches for Kevin Doyle on the Storrs Lake Segment, along the west side of Bowers Lake, in October. Photo by Dennis James.*



*Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter on their Wednesday Weekly Hike. Photo by Andy Whitney.*

*Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter volunteers, Bill Kangaroo Knickrehm and Tom Kasproovich, putting shingles on the Island Road kiosk. Photo by Andy Whitney.*



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*Volunteers from the Waukesha/Milwaukee County Chapter replaced the old boardwalk at the Hartland Marsh-John Muir Overlook loop in our Hartland Segment. Photo by Pat Witkowski.*



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*Washington/Ozaukee County Chapter volunteers replaced a boardwalk at Loew Lake during the Mobile Skills Crew wildcard event in October. Photo courtesy of Washington/Ozaukee Chapter.*



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*Lakeshore Chapter volunteers, Scott Peschker and Greg Spike Keller, scraping bark off cedar logs in Weber's Woods. These logs will be used for benches in the future. Photo by Cheryl Gorsuch.*



# MEMBER & DONOR news

October 4th — December 31st, 2021

## THE IATA WELCOMES...

### NEW YELLOW BLAZE CLUB MEMBERS

The Yellow Blaze Club consists of members giving \$1,000 or more annually in unrestricted gifts.

Thank you to the following new members:

**Jim & Linda Arshem**

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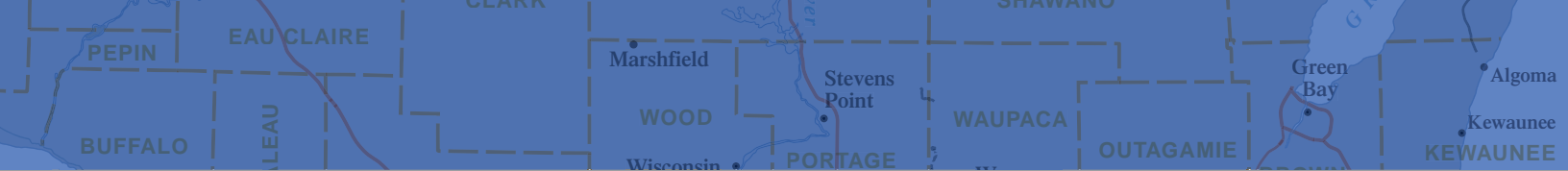
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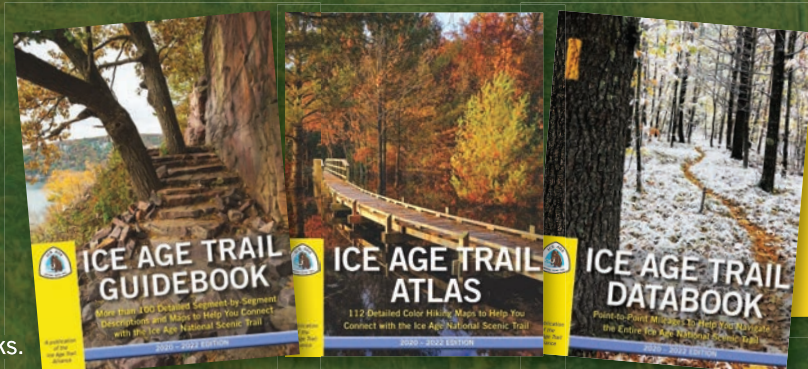
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