

The IAT hike of Fred and Marilyn Nash (Chief and TwoN)

We did not start out with a goal of doing the whole trail. We wanted to do some sections near us and maybe a few more when out traveling. We also did several segments, almost 100 miles, while GPSing the trail for Tiffany/IATA. A few partial segments were done as part of MSCs (northern portion of Plover River for one). Then came 2020. We had only done about 180 miles of the trail. However, with an operation in June which limited Fred's activities, the doctor said walking was the best therapy, we decided to do the whole trail. That means we did over 900 miles in the last 16 months, with no miles in March and September of 2021. We hiked most of the distance together, as we took both of our vehicles and staged one at each end of the hike. We did about 100 miles (mostly CRs and rail beds) with one vehicle, dropping one person off at one end, and then the other person would stage the vehicle at the other end and we walk towards each other. We enjoyed hiking during the winter and the opportunity to spend a little time in many parts of Wisconsin we had only previously passed through. Our biggest thrill was that this was something we accomplished together.