Hiking the ice age trail has been one of the most satisfying things I have done in my life. Completing the entire trail became a goal after joining a Walk across Rock County a couple of summers.

I have enjoyed many different types of hikes such as chapter organized, many Get off the Couch group hikes, out and backs with my dogs, and bike and hikes.

I have enjoyed hiking in spring, summer, autumn, and winter.

The ticks, mosquitos, heat, humidity, Canadian smoke, rain and mud, maybe not as much.

For me the best part was the people I met and hiked with, making many new friends. In a close second would be discovering many new and different areas of the state both on the trail and driving to get to them.

Of course the trail itself is amazing in its diversity. It has provided me with many wonderful memories of the wildlife seen, beautiful scenery and time spent both hiking in alone and in some great company.

I may have finished a complete hike of the trail but I am not done and hope to never be done experiencing the trail.

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