

Ice Age Trail Alliance
Chippewa Moraine Chapter

Ice Age Trail Dispatch

August 2023



First Sunday Hike: Sunday, August 6th 1:00

Come and join us on a hike on the Chippewa Moraine Segment on Sunday, August 6th. We will be hiking from the Obey Center to the 267th trailhead and back which is a hike of 3.8 miles. We will be stopping at the new DCA campsite on the Landmark Property. This was an existing campsite on their property located on the north side of Horseshoe Lake (W). The Landmark Conservancy partnered with us to connect the Ice Age Trail to their campsite with a spur trail. This was done as a Eagle Scout project by Jacob Collis. Landmark Conservancy will be recognizing Jacob for his work when we stop there. Hope to see you there. Come and check out the new DCA.

Hikers should meet at the Obey Center parking lot by 1:00.

If you plan to attend this hike, please contact Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org to register.



Old bridge at Brunet Island State Park

New Bridge at Brunet Island State Park

A new bridge has been installed on the Jean Brunet Trail on Brunet Island State Park. The old trail bridge was in rough shape. The ramps onto the bridge had become very steep and difficult to go up and down, and the bridge

was becoming unstable. Park Ranger Zach Thon and the Friends of Brunet Island State Park applied for a grant to replace the bridge. They received a grant, but not the full amount they asked for. There was enough money to purchase the materials, but not enough to pay for the construction. Our chapter has an experienced bridge building crew led by Bruce France and Norm Card. Because the chapter has a strong partnership with Brunet Island State Park, they offered to build the bridge for them at no cost. Bruce worked with Zach to design the new bridge using IAT standards. The crew spent 3 full days to remove the old bridge and install the new bridge. The new bridge is longer than the old bridge and spans the channel. Because the new bridge does not have posts in the water, it should last for many decades to come.



Trail Work: Horseshoe Lake reroute (August 19)

We will be building the reroute for Horseshoe Lake on the Chippewa Moraine segment. This water crossing became flooded a few years back because the lake rose 2 feet over the bridge. Rod Gont was able to reroute the trail onto an old forest road to connect the trail with Townline Road. We removed the bridge in 2021. We have now gotten approval of a scenic reroute that will take hikers high above the lake. We are working on this on August 19. This will involve carving a single tread track between the old crossing and Townline Road. We will meet at the Obey Center at 7:30am.

For more information, or to register for this event, contact Jerry Sazama at: sazfam@aol.com

Please contact Jerry as soon as possible about your availability.

Mobile Skills Crew 2023 Events - Next: Iola Ski Hill & Emmons Creek Trail Building

Have you thought about getting involved with MSC (Mobile Skills Crew) projects? The MSC calendar has been set and there are projects going on all over the state in 2023. Attending an event is a great way to learn about trail building, invasive species removal, and building structures such as boardwalk and bridges. Experience is not a requirement. It's terrific on-the-job training. Information on the events is available on the Ice Age Trail Website. Check it out at: <https://www.iceagetrail.org/our-work/trail-building-maintenance/msc-program/>

Aug. 9-13 Iola Ski Hill & Emmons Creek (Trail Building)

Sept. 6-10 Sturgeon Bay (Trail Building)

Sept, 26-Oct. 1 Rib Lake (Trail Building and Celebration)

Oct. 18-22 Cross Plains



Volunteer Agreement Information

All new volunteers need to have a completed Volunteer Agreement for the National Park Service in order to participate in our trail improvement days or to volunteer at events. They have a new form on the Alliance Website.

To access the new Volunteer Agreement, here is the link: https://www.iceagetrail.org/wp-content/uploads/Packet-Individual-301a-exp-10_2024.pdf Please fill out the fillable form and email it to Daniel_Watson@nps.gov Please note the large box at the bottom of the first page of the new Volunteer Agreement. Dan Watson has provided links and videos for volunteers to look at.

NOTE: Fill in all the required boxes. The fillable boxes are on everything except the signature line. You can type your name and date in the date box next to the signature line. Save the document to your computer and then send it to Dan Watson as an attachment. Or print off your completed document, sign it, and mail it to Dan Watson. Dan's address is on the directions page that comes with the form.

When you send in the Volunteer Agreement to Dan Watson, he will sign it and return it to you. Please print a copy for yourself or save it in your files. Email me at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org to let me know that you have received your new signed Volunteer Agreement.



Chapter Calendar 2023

These are our annual events. Watch for upcoming events and additions (in red) to this calendar in the monthly newsletters.

August 2 Blue Hills Trail Maintenance Day 8:00 Murphy's Flowage

Aug. 6 First Sunday Hike 1:00 Obey Center

Aug. 19 Trail Maintenance Day 7:30 Obey Center

Sept. 3 First Sunday Hike Harwood Lakes

Sept. 16 Trail Maintenance Day

September 21 Blue Hills Trail Maintenance Day

Oct. - All Month: Mammoth Hike Challenge

Oct. 7 Parade of Colors Hike - Chippewa Moraine

Oct. 14 Hike and Meet Monty- Chippewa River

Oct. 21 Trail Maintenance Day

Nov. 20 Annual Chapter Meeting

See you on the trail!

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Chippewa Moraine Chapter Coordinator

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The Ice Age Trail

A Walk Through Time

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