

## Ice Age Trail Alliance Chippewa Moraine Chapter

### Ice Age Trail Dispatch

May 2024

### CHAPTER MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

The Chippewa Moraine Chapter will hold its May chapter meeting at the Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 5, on Monday, May 20th at 5:30. Room 5 is in the basement at the Courthouse. Enter at the door by the parking lot. Take the elevator to the lower level. Turn right out of the elevator, then turn left at the hallway intersection. Go until you reach the corner. The room is on the right. I will have awards to be presented to those who were not able to attend the conference, but are receiving an award from the NPS or the Alliance.



### TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY - SATURDAY MAY 18

Saturday, May 18th, we will have a trail maintenance day on the Firth Lake and Chippewa River Segments.

Bring water and snacks. Wear long sleeves, pants, boots, work gloves, and socks you can tuck your pants legs into. Ticks are out there.

We will meet at the Ice Age Trail parking lot on Cty CC at 8:00 to break into groups before heading to the trail. We hope to see you there. **If you are planning to attend the work day, please email Jerry Sazama at [sazfam@aol.com](mailto:sazfam@aol.com) no later than May 15th.** We need a head count to organize our groups and to determine the number and kinds of tools that we need to bring.

NOTE: If you are not already on our trail crew (with a Volunteer Agreement-see below), consider joining our trail crew this year. There is something special about building and maintaining the trail. You will never look at the trail with the same eyes again after participating in a work project and learning what it takes to keep our trails in top condition.



## **UPCOMING MAY FLOWER HIKE: MAY 5TH**

Mark your calendar! Our first guided hike will be our First Sunday Hike in May, also known as our May Flower Hike. The first week in May is the perfect time to catch the spring ephemerals in all their glory on the Chippewa River Segment....hepatica, marsh marigolds, trout lily, trillium, wood anemone, spring beauties, and more. We will meet at the CC parking lot at 1:00pm to hike out and back on the segment, a total of 3.8 miles. JoAnn will be leading this hike, and would like a volunteer or two to lead it with her.

Contact JoAnn Parks at [mapper\\_jo@yahoo.com](mailto:mapper_jo@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or to volunteer to help with the hike, or to RSVP to attend the hike.

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS** ←  
**OUR NAWAKWA**

**WHAT'S YOUR  
NAWAKWA  
STORY?**  
CHIPPEWA AREA  
HISTORY CENTER  
APRIL 21 2:00-4:00  
12 Bridgewater St.  
Chippewa Falls

**OUR NAWAKWA  
GRAND OPENING**  
CAMP NAWAKWA  
MAY 5 12:00-4:00  
25336 Cty Hwy E  
Cornell WI

**OUR NAWAKWA**  
ONWARD WE GO!  
PLEASE  
JOIN US

**MORE INFO** [WWW.OURNAWAKWA.ORG](http://WWW.OURNAWAKWA.ORG)

## **OUR NAWAKWA GRAND OPENING: MAY 5TH**

On May 5th, they will be holding an “Our Nawakwa Grand Opening” from 12:00-4:00 at Camp Nawakwa (25336 County Hwy. E). Come out to see the camp and learn about what the camp will have to offer to youth organizations in the Chippewa Valley. We will have a booth for the Ice Age Trail at the event.

“Come one, come all, and be part of the magic at Our Nawakwa’s Grand Opening Event. We are thrilled to celebrate the next step in Nawakwa’s future with you! Grab a friend, group, or troop and join us for a FREE and unforgettable celebration! Discover how Our Nawakwa can support your non-profit group, scout troop, or community gathering”.

For more info and a free parking pass, visit their facebook page at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-nawakwa-grand-opening-event-tickets-868482954897>



## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE- JUNE 1ST -FIRTH LAKE

Come join us June 1st for a hike of the Firth Lake Segment to celebrate National Trails Day. We will be meeting at the CC parking lot. Participants will drop half the cars to the 250th trail access, and then travel to the trailhead on 245th. Our hike will take us past the rebuilt bridge at the beaver pond (with a stop at the new DCA), across 245th, through the 2017 reroute (and the WI rock), and into the Groovy Ridge. From there we will travel around Firth Lake where we will cross the 736 foot long boardwalk, past 2 new DCAs, and finally out on the logging road to 250th Ave. This hike will be 5.9 miles. Vicki Christianson will be leading this hike, and would like a volunteer or two to help lead it with her. **Contact Vicki at [chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org](mailto:chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org) if you have any questions or to volunteer to help with the hike, or to RSVP to attend the hike.**



## ICE AGE TRAIL CREW OPPORTUNITIES (FORMERLY MSC)

The calendar is out for IATA trail projects for 2024. Go to <https://www.iceagetrail.org/our-work/trail-building-maintenance/ice-age-trail-crew/> for information on the upcoming trail events.

There will be a project May 15-19 on the Hemlock Creek Segment. This segment is shared by Barron and Rusk County. They will be replacing deteriorating bridges and boardwalk, refreshing signage, and repairing tread. This would be a great opportunity to participate in an Ice Age Trail Crew project. We hope to help out our neighboring chapters on this project.

If you would like to work any of the days for the Hemlock Creek Segment, you need to register for the event on the link above.

## NEW Volunteer Agreement Links

As we enter the new year, check out the new links for renewing your Volunteer Agreements. Please use the new links I have posted for the Volunteer Agreement and the email address for sending it in to Dan Watson.

All volunteers need to have a completed Volunteer Agreement for the National Park Service each year 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-IATR-Staff\\_508.pdf](https://www.iceagetrail.org/wp-content/uploads/Packet-Individual-301a-IATR-Staff_508.pdf) Please fill out the fillable form and email it to [iatr\\_vip\\_ice\\_age\\_trail@nps.gov](mailto:iatr_vip_ice_age_trail@nps.gov) (Do not copy and paste the email address. You need to type it in. Otherwise it may bounce back to you.)

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 NPS as an attachment. Or print off your completed document, sign it, and mail it to the NPS. **The email address is on the directions page that comes with the form.**

When you send in the Volunteer Agreement to NPS, they 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](mailto:chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org) to let me know that you have received your new signed Volunteer Agreement.**



## Chapter Calendar 2024

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

- May 5 First Sunday Hike 1:00 Chippewa River Segment
- May 18 Trail Maintenance Day
- May 20 Chapter Meeting
- June 1 National Trails Day Hike 9:00 Firth Lake
- June 15 Trail Maintenance Day
- June 20 Solstice Hike with Girl Scouts - Nawakwa
- July 15 Chapter Meeting and Picnic - Mill Yard Park
- Aug. 4 First Sunday Hike 1:00 Obey Center
- Aug. 17 Trail Maintenance Day
- Sept. 1 First Sunday Hike 1:00 Harwood
- Sept. 16 Chapter Meeting
- Sept. 21 Trail Maintenance Day
- Oct. 5 Parade of Colors Hike - 9-11 Obey Center
- Oct. 19 Trail Maintenance Day

Nov. 18 Chapter Annual Meeting

See you on the trail!

Vicki Christianson  
Chippewa Moraine Chapter Coordinator  
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The Ice Age Trail  
A Walk Through Time

You've received this message either because you are a member of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, have requested Ice Age Trail information, or have otherwise provided your address to IATA. Also, you've indicated an interest in trail maintenance projects.

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