

**Ice Age Trail Alliance
Chippewa Moraine Chapter**

Ice Age Trail Dispatch

January 2025



Winter Hiking

Think about winter hiking. It has its own beauty. Whether there is snow or no snow, winter is a great time to hike. With all the leaves off the trees, you can see the shape of the land in a way that is impossible in the summertime. In hummocky areas, the hills are stacked one after another. It's even more beautiful when the hills are blanketed with snow.



**CANDLELIGHT SKI AND SNOWSHOE EVENTS:
LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK - FEBRUARY 8TH
BRUNET ISLAND STATE PARK - FEBRUARY 15TH**

You have two opportunities for candlelight skiing and snowshoeing. Lake Wissota is having its event from 5:30-8:00 on February 8th. The event takes place near the southern end of the park by the boat landing parking. Look for the shelter where they are holding the event.

Brunet Island State Park is having its event on February 15th. This event takes place at the pavilion by the beach. It begins with a sledding event from 3-5 on the beach hill. Then from 5:00-7:00 they will be having the candlelight ski and snowshoe. The route starts at the pavilion and goes along the high shoreline all the way to the North Campground. It loops through the campground and then picks up the Timber Trail. This takes you back toward the beach. You cross the ball field and then head past the beach to reach the pavilion. The fire is stoked in both of the stone fireplaces, and hot refreshments and beverages are waiting to warm you up. Cross-country skis and snowshoes are available for free use if you don't have your own. This is a great event. The trail is groomed and lit by luminary candles.

SNOWSHOE
Hike

REGISTER TODAY!

FEBRUARY 22ND
1PM-4PM
CAMP NAWAKWA

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- Snowshoe around Picnic Lake
- Best for ages 8 and up
- S'mores • Hot Chocolate

Bring your own snowshoes or use ours!

OUR NAWAKWA
ONWARD WE GO!

Camp Nawakwa
25336 County Hwy E
Cornell, WI 54732



VOLUNTEER AT OUR SNOWSHOE EVENT AT NAWAKWA

We have held this snowshoe event at Camp Nawakwa for a number of years with the Girl Scouts. We are continuing this event with Our Nawakwa. It will be different this year. Our event is now open to all youth ages 8 and up. Our Nawakwa serves youth organizations in the Chippewa Valley: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Church groups, and more. They will have snowshoes available for those who don't have any.

The poster above has a QR code. This is for the youth to register. Our chapter is leading the hike around Picnic Lake. We need volunteers to snowshoe with the kids. If you are a snowshoer, consider joining us for this hike. Please contact Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org if you would

like to attend as a volunteer.



NEW TRAIL BUILDING PROJECTS FOR 2025

We have 2 large trail building projects in 2025, in addition to the regular trail maintenance we do each year. The first project will be on the Harwood Lakes Segment east of Deerfly Trail. This project will move us off the wide logging road and take us along a wetland to the south and then up higher as we pass Deer Lake. We will rejoin the trail at the west end of the horsetail section. This will move us off a logging area and provide us with a scenic view.

The second project will be new trail on the Otter Lake Preserve which the Alliance acquired in December 2023. This is located at the southeast corner of Otter Lake. The west end of the trail will be on 365th St. (north of the Curve Inn) and the east end of the trail will come out along County H north of the S-curve. This property is along the leading edge of the last glacier. It has high relief hummocky topography (aka very hilly).

Both of these projects will require more volunteers than usual. The main work will be clearing and cutting trail. Otter Lake will require a bridge over a creek. Please consider volunteering for these projects.

Volunteering on the Ice Age Trail requires a volunteer agreement. If you would like to volunteer for trail work or at events, please fill out the Volunteer Agreement and send it in to the National Park Service. They will sign and date it, and send it back to you. Please email Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org and let me know the date that your agreement was signed by the staff at the National Park Service. Your agreement is good for one year after that date.

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENTS

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

Please fill out the fillable form and email it to: 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 to let me know that you have received your new signed Volunteer Agreement.



“Walk With Me, and I’ll Take You Back Ten Thousand Years”

CHAPTER WEBPAGE

Thanks to Richard Smith, we have a beautiful new look to our chapter website. Go to iatchippewa.org to check it out. Explore all the pages on the website. Let us know if there are any other pages you would like to see on the website. Contact Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org.



TRAIL CREW PROJECTS (Formerly MSC)

The Alliance sets a calendar of trail projects throughout the Ice Age Trail. If you are interested in participating in a Trail Crew Project, you can find information on the Ice Age Trail website. You do not have to have experience in trail work in order to participate. They will train you “on the job”. It is a wonderful way to learn how trail is created and maintained. You will have a greater appreciation for the trail and look at the trail with new eyes.

If you are interested in Habitat Improvement, there are 3 sessions:

January 10-11 Table Bluff Segment <https://www.iceagetrail.org/event/hip-swamplovers-2025/>

January 24-25 Hartland Segment <https://www.iceagetrail.org/event/hip-hartland-marsh-preserve-2025/>

February 7-8 Gibraltar Rock <https://www.iceagetrail.org/event/hip-steenbock-preserve-2025/>

If you are interested in building new trail and structures, check out:

<https://mailchi.mp/iceagetrail/2025-ice-age-trail-crew-season-at-a-glance-9083669?e=f1003d03ed>

May 13-18	Blue Hills Dreamer Route
June 4-8	Moraine Outwash Segment, Langlade County
June 25-29	Mueller Lake Segment, Langlade County
July 16-20	Clover Valley Segment, Walworth County
August 12-16	Blue Hills Dreamer Route

September 10-14 Straight River Segment, Polk County
October 1-5 Cedar Lakes Segment, Washington County
October 22-26 Point Beach Segment, Manitowoc County & Tisch Mills, Kewaunee County



CHAPTER CALENDAR 2025

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

February 15 Candlelight Ski and Snowshoe - Brunet Island State Park

February 22 Snowshoe Hike with youth at Our Nawakwa

Early March: Volunteer Zoom with Dan Watson

March 17: Chapter Meeting

April 14: Trail Maintenance Day

April 10-13 Annual IATA Conference - Stevens Point

May 4: First Sunday Hike - Chippewa River Segment

May 17: Trail Maintenance Day

May 19: Chapter Meeting

June TBD First Aid Training with Lisa Szela

June 7: National Trails Day Hike

June 20: Solistice Hike with Our Nawakwa (includes sunset hike up Mt. Baldy)

June 21: Trail Maintenance Day

July 12: Cornell Floatilla (Possible Paddle and Hike Event)

July 21: Chapter Picnic at Mill Yard Park

August 3: First Sunday Hike (Out and back Obey to 267th)

August 16: Trail Maintenance Day

September 7: First Sunday Hike - Harwood Lakes

September 15: Chapter Meeting

September 20: Trail Maintenance Day

October 1-31 Mammoth 45 Hiking Challenge

October 4 Parade of Colors Hike - Obey Center

October 11: Hike and Meet Monty - Chippewa River Segment/Cornell Visitor Center

October 18: Trail Maintenance Day

November 17 Annual Chapter Meeting

See you on the trail!

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The Ice Age Trail

A Walk Through Time

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