

Ice Age Trail Alliance Chippewa Moraine Chapter

Ice Age Trail Dispatch

February 2025

See new info in the section on the IATA Conference

ANNUAL CONFERENCE APRIL 10-13

Are you ready for the Annual Conference? It's a great event to reconnect with trail friends and meet new trail enthusiasts. The conference is being held in Stevens Point this year. That's the closest location for our chapter. The schedule of events is available now on the Alliance website. Here is the link for the Conference Page: <https://www.iceagetrail.org/annual-conference-2025/> I don't see the hotel information yet. There is an IAT password for the special conference price for a room. Keep an eye out for that information before making your reservation. Registration for the Conference will be open mid-February.

Hotel information is available on the conference website page. Click on logistics at the top of the page for hotel reservation information.

Silent Auction Donations:

The Alliance is looking for donations for the Annual Conference Silent Auction. There will be a virtual and an in-person silent auction. The virtual auction will be online and run for a week prior to the Annual Conference. If you would like to donate items for the auction, you can fill out this form:

<https://www.iceagetrail.org/silent-auction-donation/>. Please provide this information by March 18.



CANDLELIGHT SKI AND SNOWSHOE EVENTS:

BRUNET ISLAND STATE PARK - FEBRUARY 15TH

LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK - FEBRUARY 16TH

You have two opportunities for candlelight skiing and snowshoeing.

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.

Lake Wissota is having its event from 5:30-8:00 on February 16th. 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. They plan to have 2 candlelight trails to enjoy. One is groomed for skiing, and a separate trail will be maintained for hiking and snowshoeing. You need to bring your own skis or snowshoes. Campfires will be provided and can be used for cooking if you bring your own provisions for hot dogs or s'mores. A state park vehicle admission is required and may be purchased at the park.



*Enjoy Winter on the
Hemlock Creek Segment of the Ice Age Trail
11 AM Saturday, Feb 8*

After the snowshoe/hike, mingle over bonfire, treats, and hot beverages

Murphy's Flowage Recreation Area, Birchwood
Picnic Area is on the west side of the highway just south of
N7905 County Rd F

Sponsored by the Blue Hills & Superior Lobe Chapters of the Ice Age Trail
More information needed? Contact Sue Greenway @612-723-0354 or smgreenway1@gmail.com.



HEMLOCK CREEK SNOWSHOE EVENT - FEBRUARY 8

You are invited to this snowshoe event being held jointly by the Blue Hills Chapter and the Superior Lobe Chapter on their shared segment. It is being held at Murphy's Flowage on County Hwy. F. Meet at Murphy's Flowage at 11:00.



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT OUR FEBRUARY 22nd 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. We will start our hike at the Honor House at Camp Nawakwa and we will snowshoe around Picnic Lake.

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.** Volunteers should arrive at 12:15. Bring your own snowshoes and a lunch to eat at the Honor House.

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 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 and what date that the agreement was signed by the NPS staff.



“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 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 8 Snowshoe Hike on Hemlock Creek

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 12: 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

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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