

**Ice Age Trail Alliance
Chippewa Moraine Chapter**

Ice Age Trail Dispatch

May 2025

CHAPTER MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 19TH

Our May Chapter Meeting will be held at 5:30 at the County Courthouse on Monday, May 19th . We will be meeting in Meeting Room 5 which is located in the lower level. Park in the main parking lot and enter the building from the parking lot. Take the elevator down to the lower level. Exit to the right and then take a left. Room 5 is at the corner of the hallway.

We will be presenting awards to members who were unable to attend and receive their award at the Alliance Conference in Stevens Point in April. We will also update members on the current status of programming from the National Park Service which was impacted by DOGE.

Please RSVP to Vicki Christianson if you plan to attend the meeting. Email Vicki at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org



FIRST SUNDAY HIKE - MAY 4TH - 1:00

Mark this hike on your calendar. We will be hiking the Chippewa River Segment as an “Out and Back” on Sunday, May 4th. Hikers should arrive at the Ice Age Trail parking lot on County CC at 12:45 to check in. The hike will begin at 1:00. The start of May is the perfect time to hike the Chippewa River Segment. The spring ephemerals carpet the forest floor.... Blood Root, Marsh Marigolds, Anemone, Hepatica, Spring Beauties, Meadow Rue, Trillium, Trout Lilies, and Horsetail Ferns to name a few. The Chippewa River Segment travels high above the Chippewa River with views of Brunet Island State Park. It then crosses County CC and enters the Krank Preserve where you travel up and down hills and cross a creek. Continuing on, we circle around Perch Lake which is a kettle lake, and then come out at County Z. After a short rest, we retrace our steps and return to the parking lot on County CC. The total hike is 3.8 miles.

Wear sturdy shoes or boots with crew socks so you can tuck in your pants legs. (tick prevention). Wear a long sleeve shirt and a brimmed hat. Bug spray is a good idea. Bring water and a snack if you like.

Register for the hike by contacting Vicki at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY - MAY 12

We need volunteers for our May trail maintenance day of 2025. We will be having our work day on Saturday, May 17th. Volunteers will meet at the Obey Center at 8:30 and will be working on trail tread between the 267th trailhead and the Obey Center. Please contact Ann Hansen to register for this work

day. She needs to know how many are coming so that she knows how many tools to bring. Also, she can contact those who register if there are any changes to the meeting place closer to the work day. Contact Ann at: shansena@bloomer.net

You do not need to have trail experience to volunteer on the trail. It's "learn on the job" kind of work. If you do not have a volunteer agreement with the National Park Service, but you would like to join our volunteer family, here is the information to get your Volunteer Agreement:

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: The Volunteer Agreement comes with a page of instructions. It is an easy process.

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.

BLUE HILLS DREAMER ROUTE-MAY 13-18

Thank you to all the Chippewa Moraine Chapter Volunteers who signed up to work on the Blue Hills Dreamer Route.

CHECK OUT THE CHAPTER EVENTS CALENDAR.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS MONTH ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.



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.

May 4: First Sunday Hike - Chippewa River Segment

May 12: Trail Maintenance Day

May 13-18 Blue Hills Dreamer Route Project

May 19: Chapter Meeting

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!

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

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