

## Planning your trip

**Camping is permitted only in designated areas** (Shelters 1, 2, 3 and the Lapham Peak campsite). There is a 1-night, 10-person maximum at each shelter/campsite. Reservations can be made at [wiparks.net](http://wiparks.net) or by calling (888) 947-2757. A reservation fee is charged in addition to the camping fee.

**In the Southern Unit**, shelters are provided for backpackers using the Ice Age Trail. Three reservable, overnight, backpacking shelters are available year-round within the Southern Unit. Each shelter is an Adirondack style lean-to with an earth floor, having an open doorway and open windows. The shelter areas include a vault toilet, fire pit, picnic table, and additional tenting space. All tents must be set up within 100 feet of the shelter.

**In the Lapham Peak Unit**, a reservable campsite is available for tent camping along the trail. This site also has a vault toilet and a fire pit.

Shelters that have not been reserved in advance will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis during office hours. **You must obtain a camping permit before occupying the campsite.**

All backpackers must stay in an established campground; no back-country camping is allowed. If all the IAT shelters are reserved, consider other options:

- The Eagle Home Hostel is located next to the Forest Headquarters. If Shelter #2 is full, call Bill Livick at 262-495-8794. It is open Friday and Saturday nights and nightly rates vary by room.
- In the Southern Unit, hikers can camp at Whitewater Lake (south end) or

Pinewoods (north end) and still hike the IAT easily. Try setting up your trip based out of one of these campgrounds. *Note: Ottawa Lake is not located on the Ice Age Trail.* Reservations can be made online at [wiparks.net](http://wiparks.net) or by calling (888) 947-2757.

- Campers on foot or bike will be allowed to camp in a designated overflow area in one of the campgrounds if the campground is full. There will be no picnic table or fire pit provided. This option is only available when the campgrounds are open for the season (mid-May through mid-October).

In all areas of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, refuse must be packed out from the site. Garbage/recycling containers are not available.

Be aware that trails vary in difficulty and may have steep climbs and descents. The trail surface can become slippery when wet, leaf-covered or where loose gravel and acorns are encountered.

Pets are permitted on the Ice Age Trail and at the campsites. Pets must be leashed and under control at all times.

Vehicles may be parked in parking lots or anywhere the Ice Age Trail crosses the road, as long as the vehicle is not blocking the trail and is out of traffic and off the pavement. A Wisconsin State Park vehicle admission sticker is required for parking areas in the State Forest. Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed and towed.

Hunting is permitted in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. During these seasons, it is recommended that all forest users wear blaze orange. Contact the Southern Unit office for current seasons and dates. Hunting is not permitted in the Lapham Peak Unit.

## Emergency

There are no pay phones located near the trail. Cell phone service is not always reliable. Dial 911

Non-Emergency  
Waukesha County Sheriff (262) 446-5070  
Jefferson County Sheriff (920) 647-7310  
Walworth County Sheriff (262) 741-4400

**Nearest Hospital to  
Lapham Peak, Shelters 1 & 2**  
Aurora Medical Center  
36500 Aurora Dr  
Oconomowoc, WI  
(262) 434-5000

**Nearest Hospital to  
Shelter 3**  
Aurora Lakeland Medical Center  
W3985 County Rd NN  
Elkhorn, WI 53121  
(262) 741-2120

**Kettle Moraine State Forest  
Southern Unit**  
S91 W39091 State Hwy 59  
Eagle, WI 53119  
(262) 594-6200

**Kettle Moraine State Forest  
Lapham Peak Unit**  
W329 N846 County Rd C  
Delafield, WI 53018  
(262) 646-3025



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Guide to hiking the

# Ice Age Trail

in the



**Kettle Moraine State Forest**  
Southern & Lapham Peak Units

Maps of each Unit of the Kettle Moraine may be found online at [wiparks.net](http://wiparks.net)



Mileage Chart																						
	Lapham Peak	Hwy C	Pinewoods	Hwy ZZ	Piper Rd	Shelter #1	Hwy 67 at Road X	Hwy N	Hwy 59	Shelter #2	Hwy Z	Little Prairie Rd	Tamarack Rd	Young Rd	Hwy H	Bluff Rd	Shelter #3	Hwy 12	Esterly Rd	Hwy P	WL Contact Station	Clover Valley Rd
Lapham Peak		9.4	10.2	12.7	14.3	14.6	14.7	19.2	20.7	22.4	23.8	27.2	27.9	30.9	31.6	31.9	33.4	38.0	39.9	40.7	41.9	42.7
Hwy C	9.4		0.8	3.3	4.9	5.2	5.3	9.8	11.3	13.0	14.4	17.8	18.5	21.5	22.2	22.5	24.0	28.6	30.5	31.3	32.5	33.3
Pinewoods	10.2	0.8		2.5	4.1	4.4	4.5	9.0	10.5	12.2	13.6	17.0	17.7	20.7	21.4	21.7	23.2	27.8	29.7	30.5	31.7	32.5
Hwy ZZ	12.7	3.3	2.5		1.6	1.9	2.0	6.5	8.0	9.7	11.1	14.5	15.2	18.2	18.9	19.2	20.7	25.3	27.2	28.0	29.2	30.0
Piper Rd	14.3	4.9	4.1	1.6		0.3	0.4	4.9	6.4	8.1	9.5	12.9	13.6	16.6	17.3	17.6	19.1	23.7	25.6	26.4	27.6	28.4
Shelter #1	14.6	5.2	4.4	1.9	0.3		0.1	4.6	6.1	7.8	9.2	12.6	13.3	16.3	17.0	17.3	18.8	23.4	25.3	26.1	27.3	28.1
Hwy 67 at Road X	14.7	5.3	4.5	2.0	0.4	0.1		4.5	6.0	7.7	9.1	12.5	13.2	16.2	16.9	17.2	18.7	23.3	25.2	26.0	27.2	28.0
Hwy N	19.2	9.8	9.0	6.5	4.9	4.6	4.5		1.5	3.2	4.6	8.0	8.7	11.7	12.4	12.7	14.2	18.8	20.7	21.5	22.7	23.4
Hwy 59	20.7	11.3	10.5	8.0	6.4	6.1	6.0	1.5		1.7	3.1	6.5	7.2	10.2	10.9	11.2	12.7	17.3	19.2	20.0	21.2	21.9
Shelter #2	22.4	13.0	12.2	9.7	8.1	7.8	7.7	3.2	1.7		1.4	4.8	5.5	8.5	9.2	9.5	11.0	15.6	17.5	18.3	19.5	20.2
Hwy Z	23.8	14.4	13.6	11.1	9.5	9.2	9.1	4.6	3.1	1.4		3.4	4.1	7.1	7.8	8.1	9.6	14.2	16.1	16.9	18.1	18.8
Little Prairie Rd	27.2	17.8	17.0	14.5	12.9	12.6	12.5	8.0	6.5	4.8	3.4		0.7	3.7	4.4	4.7	6.2	10.8	12.7	13.5	14.7	15.4
Tamarack Rd	27.9	18.5	17.7	15.2	13.6	13.3	13.2	8.7	7.2	5.5	4.1	0.7		3.0	3.7	4.0	5.5	10.1	12.0	12.8	14.0	14.7
Young Rd	30.9	21.5	20.7	18.2	16.6	16.3	16.2	11.7	10.2	8.5	7.1	3.7	3.0		0.7	1.0	2.5	7.1	9.0	9.8	11.0	11.7
Hwy H	31.6	22.2	21.4	18.9	17.3	17.0	16.9	12.4	10.9	9.2	7.8	4.4	3.7	0.7		0.3	1.8	6.4	8.3	9.1	10.3	11.0
Bluff Rd	31.9	22.5	21.7	19.2	17.6	17.3	17.2	12.7	11.2	9.5	8.1	4.7	4.0	1.0	0.3		1.5	6.1	8.0	8.8	10.0	10.7
Shelter #3	33.4	24.0	23.2	20.7	19.1	18.8	18.7	14.2	12.7	11.0	9.6	6.2	5.5	2.5	1.8	1.5		4.6	6.5	7.3	8.5	9.2
Hwy 12	38.0	28.6	27.8	25.3	23.7	23.4	23.3	18.8	17.3	15.6	14.2	10.8	10.1	7.1	6.4	6.1	4.6		1.9	2.7	3.9	4.6
Esterly Rd	39.9	30.5	29.7	27.2	25.6	25.3	25.2	20.7	19.2	17.5	16.1	12.7	12.0	9.0	8.3	8.0	6.5	1.9		0.8	2.0	2.7
Hwy P	40.7	31.3	30.5	28.0	26.4	26.1	26.0	21.5	20.0	18.3	16.9	13.5	12.8	9.8	9.1	8.8	7.3	2.7	0.8		1.2	1.9
WL Contact Station	41.9	32.5	31.7	29.2	27.6	27.3	27.2	22.7	21.2	19.5	18.1	14.7	14.0	11.0	10.3	10.0	8.5	3.9	2.0	1.2		0.7
Clover Valley Rd	42.7	33.3	32.5	30.0	28.4	28.1	28.0	23.4	21.9	20.2	18.8	15.4	14.7	11.7	11.0	10.7	9.2	4.6	2.7	1.9		0.7

## What is the Ice Age Trail?

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail (IAT) is a 1,200-mile-long trail located entirely within Wisconsin. More than 600 miles of trail are complete. The completed sections of the trail are connected by less-traveled roadways and other temporary routes.

The trail began in the 1950s as the vision of Milwaukee native Ray Zilmer, who had the idea of a trail winding for hundreds of miles along the terminal moraine of the most recent continental glaciation. The trail started to become a reality with the establishment of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve in 1964.

Today, the route of the trail follows the terminus of Wisconsin's most recent glacier. It occasionally diverges to include other features of the glacial landscape as well as parts of the unglaciated areas of the state. There are a variety of glacial landforms that are identifiable in the Wisconsin landscape. Features such as moraines, eskers, erratics, kettles, drumlins, dells and kames can be seen along the trail.

The trail is administered by the National Park Service in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) as well as many other federal, county and municipal departments, civic entities and private landowners.

For more information about a specific segment of trail, visit the IATA website at [iceagetrail.org](http://iceagetrail.org). The Alliance publishes an atlas of IAT maps and a Companion Guide providing a wealth of information for both day and thru-hikers alike. Local IATA chapters can be contacted for more local information.

Additional information can be found on the National Park Service website at [nps.gov](http://nps.gov).

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Drinking Water	
Drinking Water Site	Location
Pinewoods Group Camp	Near vault toilets
DJ Mackie Picnic Area	Near volleyball court
Scuppernong Hiking Trails*	Near bathroom
Hwy 67 Ice Age Lot	Hand pump behind fence
Forest Headquarters*	Access trail near parking lot
Emma Carlin Bike Trails	Near bathroom building (take spur trail to parking lot)
John Muir Bike Trails	Near bathrooms (not directly on IAT)
Whitewater Lake Contact Station*	On outside of building, right of door
Lapham Peak	Tower or Evergreen picnic areas

*\* Year-round water source. Other water fountains available mid-April to mid-October.*

Trail Shelter Parking Lots		
Nearest shelter	Parking site	Location
#1	Pinewoods Campground	Overflow parking at entrance to loop
#1	Scuppernong Hiking Trails	Hwy ZZ, east of Hwy 67
#1	Hwy 67 Ice Age Lot	Hwy 67, near Road X intersection
#1 & #2	Hunter Parking Lot	Near intersection of Hwy N and Wilton Rd
#2	Forest Headquarters	Hwy 59, 3 miles west of Eagle
#2 & #3	Emma Carlin Bike Trails	Hwy X, 1 mile south of Hwy 59
#3	Ice Age Parking Lot	Hwy 12, east of intersection with Sweno Rd
#3	Whitewater Lake Contact Station	Kettle Moraine Drive, west of Hwy P
Lapham Peak	Evergreen or Tower Parking Lots	Lapham Peak Unit - Hwy C, 1 mile south of I-94.

*Parking is allowed in other parking lots within the Forest. Please let staff know where you intend to park overnight when you check in.*