

Ice Age Trail Dispatch

May 2023

CHAPTER MEETING - MAY 15TH - CHIPPEWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our chapter meeting will be held at the Chippewa Public Library at 5:30 in the Wissota Meeting Room. Come join us to hear about what has been going on in our chapter this spring, and what is coming up on the calendar. It's shaping up to be a busy year.

Please contact Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.



First Sunday Hike: May Flower Hike - May 7th

Come join us for a hike on a trail carpeted with spring ephemerals such as marsh marigolds, trout lilies, spring beauties, hepatica, trillium and anemones. Early May is the best time for this glorious display of color. Hikers will meet at the Ice Age Trail parking lot on Cty. CC at 1:00 for this in and back 3.8 mile hike on the Chippewa River Segment.

If you plan to attend this hike, please contact Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org to register.



Cadott High School Volunteers- Chippewa River

These students from Cadott High School came up to help us clear the Chippewa River trail as a service project on April 26. We started at the CC parking lot and hiked almost to Perch Lake before turning around and hiking back. The students helped us remove 4 trees from the trail, as well as a multitude of small branches. It was great to have their help. Many hands make light work. Afterwards, we went to Dylan's Dairy for ice cream before they headed back to school.



Chapter Work Day - May 20 - Firth Lake

We will be clearing trail on the Firth Lakes segment on May 20th. This is the last segment left for clearing up the winter damage. Work for the crew will primarily involve loppers and hand saws. There is a need for 1-2 sawyer/swamper teams as well. If you have never done trail work, but have thought about trying it, this is a great first time opportunity. Volunteers will be divided into teams to do sections of the trail. These teams will be a mix of experienced and new volunteers.

We will be meeting at the Ice Age Trail parking lot on County CC at 8:00am on May 20th. We will be dividing the crew into teams assigned to specific sections of the trail. People should wear pants, long sleeved shirts, and sturdy boots. You should also bring work gloves. Bring water and a sack lunch. Please contact Jerry Sazama at sazfam@aol.com if you are joining us for the work day.

If you are a new volunteer, please fill out the Volunteer Agreement. Look below for information on filling out the Volunteer Agreement.



Calling all Sawyers, Swampers, and Trail Volunteers- May 4-7

A Big Thank You to all the chapter volunteers who signed up to help. Sounds like we have a good crew lined up.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is holding a special Trail Clean-Up event for the Blue Hills, Hemlock Creek, Bear Lake and Grassy Lake segments which suffered significant damage this winter. Damage on the Southern Blue Hills was so extensive that the segment has been closed all winter. They are calling for sawyers and swampers from all over the state to clear downed and damaged trees along these segments. In addition, they are calling for local chapter volunteers to assist with removing debris from the trail so that the sawyers and swampers can focus on their chainsaw work. These volunteers will do lopping, hand-sawing, and brush removal at a safe distance behind the sawyer/swamper teams. On the Grassy Lake segment, there will also be trail repair due to a logging project.

Volunteers will be meeting at Murphy Flowage each morning. This will be the base camp for the event. Volunteers are welcome to camp at Murphy's Flowage during the event. Everyone is welcome to stay for supper each night, even if you are not staying overnight. You can volunteer for one, two, three, or four days. Temporary access points have been arranged to break the segments in sections.

Blue Hills and Hemlock Creek Segments: May 4-7 (clean up winter storm damage: chainsaw work , trail debris cleanup)

Contact Dave Caliebe at dave@iceagetrail.org

Let him know which days you are able to work. Indicate if you are a sawyer, swamper, or trail cleanup volunteer.

Bear Lake and Grassy Lake Segments: May 4-5 (spring cleanup, chainsaw work, signage, and tread repair)

Contact Lisa Szela at lisa@iceagetrail.org

Let her know which days you are able to work. Indicate if you are a sawyer, swamper, or trail cleanup volunteer.



Mobile Skills Crew 2023 Events - Next: Rib Lake

Have you thought about getting involved with MSC (Mobile Skills Crew) projects? The MSC calendar has been set and there are projects going on all over the state in 2023. Attending an event is a great way to learn about trail building, invasive species removal, and building structures such as boardwalk and bridges. Experience is not a requirement. It's terrific on-the-job training. Information on the events is available on the Ice Age Trail Website.

Check it out at: <https://www.iceagetrail.org/our-work/trail-building-maintenance/msc-program/>

May 17-22	Rib Lake (Trail Building)
June 8-11	Iola Ski Hill Segment (IAT-University: Crew Leader Training)
June 21-25	Storrs Lake
July 12-16	John Muir Park (IAT-University)
Aug. 9-13	Iola Ski Hill & Emmons Creek (Trail Building)
Sept. 6-10	Sturgeon Bay (Trail Building)
Sept, 26-Oct. 1	Rib Lake (Trail Building and Celebration)
Oct. 18-22	Cross Plains



Time to Renew Your Volunteer Agreement

All new volunteers need to have a completed Volunteer Agreement for the National Park Service 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/Package-Individual-301a-exp-10_2024.pdf Please fill out the fillable form and email it to Daniel_Watson@nps.gov Please note the large box at the bottom of the first page of the new Volunteer Agreement. Dan Watson has provided links and videos for volunteers to look at.

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 Dan Watson as an attachment. Or print off your completed document, sign it, and mail it to Dan Watson Dan's address is on the directions page that comes with the form.

When you send in the Volunteer Agreement to Dan Watson, he 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.



Chapter Calendar 2023

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

May 4-7 Sawyer/Swamper/Lopper Crew - Blue Hills, Hemlock Creek, Bear Lake, and Grassy Lake

May 7 First Sunday Hike - Chippewa River

(May 10th Natural Resources Foundation Hike - a closed hike for NRF members who registered for this field trip with NRF)

May 15 Chapter Meeting - Chippewa Public Library 5:30-7:00

May 20 Trail Maintenance Day

June 3 National Trails Day Hike - Firth Lake

June 17 Monthly Trail Maintenance

June 20 Solstice Hike with Girl Scouts

June 28 Blue Hills Trail Maintenance Day

July 17 Chapter Picnic at Mill Yard Park, Cornell

August 2 Blue Hills Trail Maintenance Day

Aug. 6 First Sunday Hike

Aug. 19 Trail Maintenance Day

Sept. 3 First Sunday Hike

Sept. 16 Trail Maintenance Day

September 21 Blue Hills Trail Maintenance Day

Oct. - All Month: Mammoth Hike Challenge

Oct. 7 Parade of Colors Hike - Chippewa Moraine

Oct. 14 Hike and Meet Monty- Chippewa River

Oct. 21 Trail Maintenance Day

Nov. 20 Annual Chapter Meeting

See you on the trail!

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Chippewa Moraine Chapter Coordinator

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The Ice Age Trail

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