

Ice Age Trail Alliance
Chippewa Moraine Chapter

Ice Age Trail Dispatch

August 2023

September Chapter Meeting: Monday, September 18th

Come and join us for our next chapter meeting at the Chippewa Falls Public Library at 5:30pm on Monday, September 18th. We will be meeting in the Virginia Smith Meeting Room which is on the left as you come into the library. Come join us to hear about what has been going on in our chapter this summer, and what is coming up on the calendar. It's been a busy year.

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



First Sunday Hike: Saturday, September 2

Come and join us on a hike on the Harwood Lakes Segment on **Saturday, September 2**. We were planning to hike on Sunday, but with extreme heat expected on Sunday (97 degrees + humidity), we have moved the hike to Saturday morning. We will be meeting at the County E trailhead near Camp Nawakwa at 9:00am (Temps in mid-70s). We are planning to shuttle to Plummer Lake Road to hike the entire segment or to Deerfly to hike half. The group will decide the distance. We will shuttle to our chosen starting point and hike back to County E. This hike will include our serpentine boardwalk, a giant erratic, new growth in the clearcut of 2020, and a trip around Picnic Lake

over our wonky but stable bridge. A Memory Trail loop has been added to the Memory Benches overlooking Picnic Lake. Hope to see you there. Bring plenty of water.

Hikers should meet at the Harwood Lakes Segment trailhead on County E by 9:00am on Saturday, Sept. 2nd.

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

Note: In October, we have the Parade of Colors Hike at the Obey Center on October 7th and the Hike and Meet Monty Event on the Chippewa River Segment on October 14th. We will need shuttlers at the Obey Center and a few hike leaders on the Chippewa River Segment. Please mark these on your calendar if you are interested in volunteering for one or both of these hiking events.



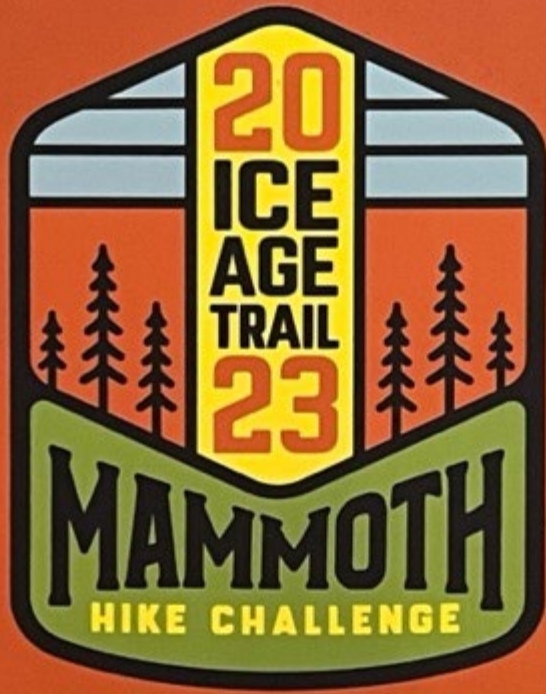
Trail Work: Horseshoe Lake reroute Saturday, Sept. 16

Update:
(We have begun building the reroute for Horseshoe Lake on the Chippewa Moraine segment. This water crossing became flooded a few years back because the lake rose 2 feet over the bridge. Rod Gont was able to reroute the trail onto an old forest road to connect the trail with Townline Road. We removed the bridge in 2021. We have now gotten approval of a scenic reroute that will take hikers high above the lake.)

In August, we cleared the flagged route of debris and plant matter. The county came through this week and cut a rough trail with a bobcat. For our September workday, we will be cleaning up the rough cut, creating a slope on the uphill side, and reinforcing the downhill side of the trail. You do not need to have experience in trail building to participate in this workday. If you are new to trail work, you will be paired with an experienced volunteer. This would be a great opportunity to see how new trail is built. There's nothing like the feeling of hiking through a section of trail that you helped to build. Volunteers need to fill out the Volunteer Agreement. If you do not have one yet, see the link at the bottom of this newsletter to get one.

The crew will meet at the Obey Center on County M at 8:00am on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Volunteers should wear long pants and long sleeved shirts, sturdy boots, and a hat. Bring work gloves, plenty of water, and snacks or a sack lunch.

For more information, or to register for this event, contact Jerry Sazama at: sazfam@aol.com



CHALLENGE YOURSELF THIS OCTOBER

HIKE, WALK, RUN, OR BACKPACK **43** MILES.
AND, VISIT **3** TRAIL COMMUNITIES.

Explore new segments. Hike old favorites. Invite friends.
Start a family tradition. Earn a limited-edition patch.

MAMMOTH HIKING CHALLENGE 2023

Have you participated in the Mammoth Hiking Challenge? The October Hiking Challenge began in 2020 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. It was so popular that they have continued the challenge every year since. This year, hikers are challenged to hike 43 miles of the Ice Age Trail and visit 3 trail communities. It's getting easier to find a trail community as they keep adding trail communities each year. Cornell became a trail community in 2020. The other northern trail communities are St.Croix Falls, Rib Lake, Merrill, and Antigo. There are 19 trail communities in all.

There are lots of ways to accumulate your miles and you can read about it here:

<https://www.iceagetrail.org/mammoth-hike-challenge/> Be sure to check out the FAQs section. You can sign up as a team or a family and combine your miles. Check out the website and register for this great event. It's a great way to enjoy the trail and the fall colors!

Mobile Skills Crew 2023 Events - Next: Sturgeon Bay Sept. 6-10 and Rib Lake Sept. 26-Oct. 1

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/>

Sept. 6-10 Sturgeon Bay (Trail Building)

Sept, 26-Oct. 1 Rib Lake (Trail Building and Celebration)

Oct. 18-22 Cross Plains



Volunteer Agreement Information

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/Packet-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.

Sept. 3 First Sunday Hike Harwood Lakes

Sept. 16 Trail Maintenance Day

Sept. 18 Chapter Meeting - Chippewa Falls Public Library

September 21 Blue Hills Trail Maintenance Day (Contact Fred Nash if you wish to help out: nashfd@bevcomm.net)

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!

Vicki Christianson

Chippewa Moraine Chapter Coordinator

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The Ice Age Trail

A Walk Through Time

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