

## Planning your trip

**Camping is permitted only in designated areas** (shelters 1, 2, 3 and the Lapham Peak campsite). There is a one night, 10 person maximum at each shelter.

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. Reservation for the shelters within the Southern Unit can be made by calling Reserve America at **(888) 947-2757**. A reservation fee will be charged in addition to the camping fee.

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. To reserve the site at Lapham Peak, call the park office directly at (262) 646-3025.

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:

- Campers on foot or bike will be allowed to camp in a designated overflow area in one of the campgrounds. There will be no picnic table or fire pit provided.

- 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 costs \$25-\$30, depending on the room.
- Hikers can camp at Whitewater Lake or Pinewoods 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 through Reserve America at [www.wiparks.net](http://www.wiparks.net) or (888) 947-2757.

In all areas of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, refuse must be packed out from the site.

Be aware that trails vary in difficulty. Steep climbs and descents may be encountered. Trail surface can be slippery when wet, leaf-covered or where loose gravel and acorns may be encountered.

Pets are permitted on the Ice Age Trail and the campsites. They 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 forest headquarters office for current season dates. Hunting is not permitted in the Lapham Peak Unit.

## Emergency

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

Non-Emergency  
Waukesha County Sheriff (262) 446-5070  
Jefferson County Sheriff (262) 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**

# Guide to hiking the Ice Age Trail

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## Southern Unit & Lapham Peak Unit

Maps of each Unit of the Kettle Moraine  
may 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 1200 mile long trail located entirely within and unique to Wisconsin. Currently, more than 600 miles of trail are complete, with the remaining 600 in progress.

The trail began in the 1950s as the vision of Milwaukeean Ray Zilmer, who had a vision of a 1,000 mile trail winding through the state. The trail started to become a reality with the passing of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve act in 1964.

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 un-glaciated areas of the state. There are a variety of glacial land forms associated with the work of glaciers that are well demonstrated 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, please visit the IATAs website at [www.iceagetrail.org](http://www.iceagetrail.org). The Alliance publishes an atlas of maps of the IAT and Companion Guide providing a wealth of information for day hikers and through-hikers. Local IATA chapters can be contacted for more local information. Additional information can be found on the National Park Service website at [www.nps.gov](http://www.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 Parking 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	

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