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Volunteers to Blaze New Trail in Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit
Hundreds Coming to Transform Greenbush Segment near Glenbeulah

Cross Plains, Wis. (September 9, 2023) –Volunteers from across the state are coming to Glenbeulah later this week to re-route part of the Greenbush Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

The volunteers will be part of a large-scale Ice Age Trail Crew Event taking place September 11-14.

Over the course of those four days, nearly 200 volunteers will create a more sustainable and scenic route for the Trail, south of Highway 23 in Sheboygan County.

The re-route will take the Ice Age Trail off a paved multi-use path along Old Plank Rd and instead immerse hikers in the natural landscape of the Northern Kettle Moraine Forest, which is rich with deep kettles and large, deciduous trees.

This project has been in the queue for nearly a decade. The DNR purchased the land for the re-route several years ago, but other Trail priorities and construction of the Highway 23 underpass delayed the effort until now.

"We're excited for this project," says Dave Caliebe, Trail Program Manager for the Ice Age Trail Alliance. "It's a long time coming, as well as the first time this season that we're building a substantial amount of new Trail."

"The old path was built with trailbuilding techniques we no longer use," says Caliebe. "This new portion of the Trail will be much more sustainable for the long term. It will also showcase the area's beauty in a way the old route simply couldn't."

Project Highlights

Volunteers will:

- Reroute nearly one mile of the Greenbush Segment, moving the trail through a landscape rich with deep kettles and large deciduous trees.
- Decommission an eroded section of the existing Trail, paint blazes, and extend a blue-blazed spur trail by 500 feet.
- Clear brush, mow, and navigate many areas of poison ivy, adding an extra challenge to the work.

The Greenbush Ice Age Trail Crew project is the fourth large-scale project of the 2024 Trailbuilding season, which runs May through end of October. Many volunteers stay for an entire project, others come for a couple of days, or for a few hours.

In 2023, Ice Age Trail Alliance volunteers devoted 100,666 hours to Trail-related activities; ranking the Alliance fifth in the National Park Service for volunteer hours. Many of these hours are accrued during large-scale Trailbuilding projects.



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About the Ice Age National Scenic Trail:

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a 1,200-mile footpath contained entirely within Wisconsin. It traverses the state from St. Croix Falls in the west, to Sturgeon Bay in the east, going as far south as Janesville. One of 11 National Scenic Trails, the Ice Age Trail highlights the landscapes that were carved out by ancient glaciers, which happen to be some of the most beautiful areas in the state. Approximately 60% of Wisconsin residents live within 20 miles of the Ice Age Trail.

About the Ice Age Trail Alliance:

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a nonprofit, member and volunteer-based organization which conserves, creates, maintains, and promotes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. For more information visit IceAgeTrail.org.