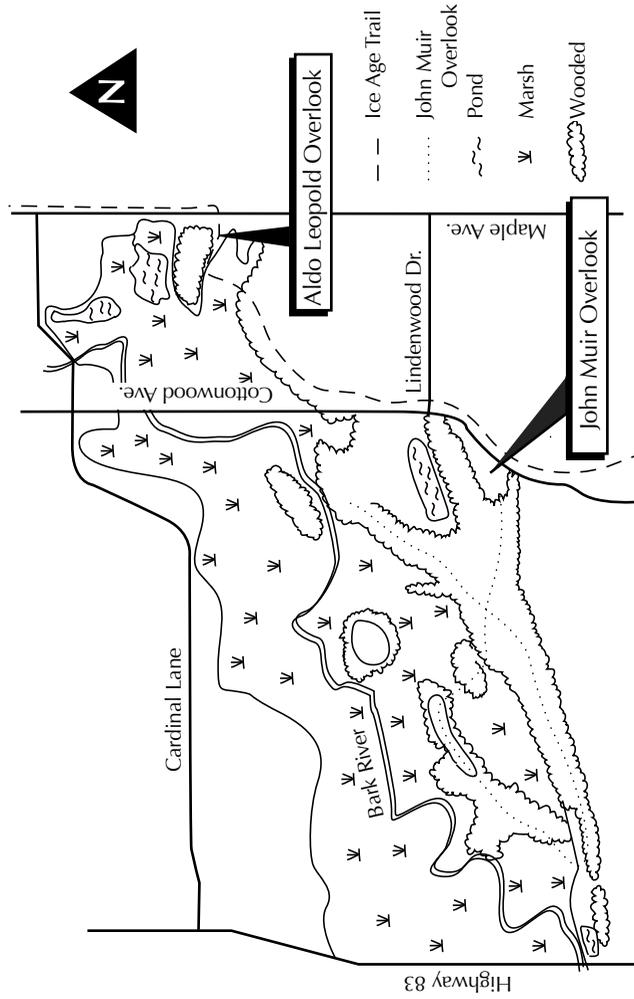
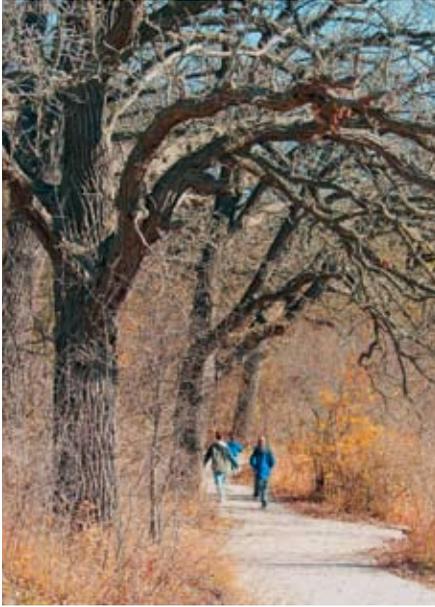




Aldo Leopold Overlook offers a beautiful view, replete with trails, boardwalk, handicap accessible observation platform, two ponds and a 45-foot high glacial hill. Aldo Leopold Overlook may be accessed from Maple Avenue.



## GET MORE INFORMATION

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# Ice Age Wetland of Hartland



Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail is one of eleven National Scenic Trails in the United States. Of the proposed thousand-mile continuous footpath marking the edge of the last major glacial advance into Wisconsin, more than 600 miles of Ice Age Trail is signed and open to public hiking. The remaining 400-plus miles are hikeable via connector roads, many offering a pleasant rural experience. The Ice Age Wetland of Hartland holds a key role in this public trail.

Highway 83 marks the Ice Age Wetland's western boundary, Maple Avenue to the east, and industrial and residential areas to the north and south. The Ice Age Trail Alliance (formerly Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation) owns 140 of these acres, the Village of Hartland owns 25 acres, and the Waukesha County Land Conservancy protects an additional 28 acres.

The Ice Age Wetland hosts improved trails, boardwalks and a 1.7-mile stretch of the Bark River. Two commemorative overlook sites bearing informational markers highlight your walk through the marsh. Habitat restoration activities to remove invasive brush are underway.



John Muir Overlook is a 1-1/4 mile footpath loop that includes two islands, oak savannas, 1/4 mile of boardwalk and a picnic shelter. John Muir Overlook is accessible from Cottonwood Avenue.

# WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

The Ice Age Wetland of Hartland is composed of cattail marsh, sedge meadow and shrub communities and is a refuge for fish, frogs, turtles, ducks, herons and song-birds, along with deer, muskrat, mink, raccoons, and hundreds of plant species.

To protect native species, volunteers are continually working to reduce and thwart further invasion of non-native plant species such as purple loosestrife, buckthorn, garlic mustard, exotic honeysuckle and reed canary grass which have taken over areas of the marsh and upland. Biological control, in the form of select beetles raised and released into the marsh by Arrowhead High School and other area students, is being used to control purple loosestrife in these areas. Other targeted species are cleared by hand, along with limited herbicidal control.



The Ice Age Wetland of Hartland is designated as a Class I Wildlife Habitat, which recognizes its wildlife diversity and the appropriate supporting habitat. It deserves the permanent protection it now has, but there remain aspects of the marsh habitat, which reduce its wildlife value. We work to continually improve these shortcomings:

- Invasive, non-native plant species are being controlled to allow reproduction of native species.
- Seeds and seedlings of native plants are being introduced.
- Birdhouses are being erected for wood ducks, blue-birds, screech owls, swallows and purple martins.



Aerial view, from the west, of the Ice Age Wetland of Hartland. Highway 83 appears in foreground.

## HISTORY & WHO WE ARE

In 1999, former U.S. Congressman Henry Reuss, one of the founders of the Ice Age Trail, formulated the plan to make the Ice Age Wetland of Hartland

a nature preserve open to the public. Several groups have joined together as partners to plan, develop and maintain the preserve: The Ice Age Trail Alliance, Village of Hartland, Friends of the Hartland Marsh, Arrowhead High School and Waukesha County Land Conservancy.

Volunteers from these groups, along with local civic clubs, Scouting groups, and private citizens, lend support with their contributions of time and money. This vital support allows for continued work to preserve and restore the wetland, and helps maintain footpaths, boardwalks, wildlife houses, signage and benches in order for visitors to thoroughly enjoy their walks through these sites.

## FUNDING

Preservation and development of the Ice Age Wetland of Hartland began with seed money from a significant donation by former U.S. Congressman Henry S. Reuss, along with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Challenge Cost Share Fund administered by the National Park Service, the Village of Hartland, local civic groups and private individuals.

**However, our work is not finished and additional support is needed. Financial or in-kind donations are always welcomed and can be made through the Ice Age Trail Alliance, designated for the Hartland Marsh Project.**

# Join us...

## Help preserve Hartland's Ice Age Marsh

Friends of the Hartland Marsh is an entirely volunteer organization. 100% of your donation goes to develop and maintain this wetland.

Yes, I want to help preserve the Hartland Ice Age Marsh. Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Make check payable to: IATA-Hartland Marsh

Mail to: Ice Age Trail Alliance  
Attn: Hartland Ice Age Wetland Project  
2110 Main Street  
Cross Plains, WI 53528

Yes, I want to volunteer to help preserve the Hartland Ice Age Marsh. Contact me about how I can help.

Yes, I want to donate items or materials that will be used to help preserve the Hartland Ice Age Marsh. I can donate \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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