

# *Trail Trekkers*

## *Hiking Adventures for Cub Scouts*



Potawatomi Area Council  
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## *Search, Discover, Share.*

Search, Discover, Share. The simple motto of the Tiger Cubs is a great recipe for enjoying outdoor activities with children! In today's fast-paced society, it is challenging to schedule and complete family outings. Our busy lifestyles also make it easy to lose touch with the beautiful world around us. Occasionally, we need to get outdoors and try something different, in surroundings which change the normal structure of our lives. We anticipate the adventure of a new place, not knowing exactly what lies ahead or what it will be like. The anticipation also brings with it some fear about the things we don't know - like the first day of school, or the first performance before an audience. But, we proceed and "do our best". And, more often than not, we find that we had fun and learned a great deal about ourselves, others, and our surroundings. The shared sense of adventure, achievement, and fun can be a strong force for bringing people together. This is the premise behind the Trail Trekkers Program.

## *The "Outing" in Scouting*

The Trail Trekkers Program offers a series of day hikes which can be completed by Cub Scout age boys (6 - 11 years old) and their families. These are opportunities for outdoor adventures that are high in "boy appeal" that allow a boy and his family to learn about the world around them; and they include a wide range of activities. The hikes are located throughout South Eastern Wisconsin and each hike has its own appeal. Some are more physically demanding and more appropriate for Webelos-age boys. Others can be accomplished by any age group. Whichever hikes you choose, please take the time to enjoy the natural environment around you. Do some research on the plants, trees and animals that live in the area, and find out about the geological features that are so prevalent in our area. By knowing more about our environment, you will get a better perspective and enhanced appreciation for how things work together, and how important all things are to the total picture. Best of all, you'll get out! Keeping the "Outing in Scouting!

## *Achievement*

One of the exciting aspects of the Trail Trekkers Program is the embroidered patches that can be awarded to all successful hikers after completing the requirements of each hike. However, the earning of the patch should not be the reason for completing a hike, rather a Trekkers patch should be a memento to show that one has enjoyed a family Scouting event. When worn on a patch vest or jacket, the basic Trail Trekkers patch is surrounded by smaller hike patches, showing an ever-growing pattern of fun. All patches must be earned by following the directions in this program guide. Any family member who completes all of the requirements is eligible to get a patch. Boy Scouts serving as Den Chiefs are also eligible to earn the patches if they hike with their Den.

## *Successful Outdoor Activities*

Successful outdoor activities have several key ingredients:

1. Willing Participants
2. Enthusiasm
3. Leadership
4. Good Manners
5. Permits
6. Be Prepared

## *Willing Scouts & Families*

This is the most important aspect of the Trail Trekkers Program. You need to be ready, willing and able to plan, prepare for, and actually go through with one of the Trekkers adventures with your son, his Den, Pack or just your family. Tear yourselves away from the Packers, Brewers, Bucks or Bart and Homer! They will be there some other time, but the magical time of youth is best spent learning about the world and sharing with your family. Your Trek doesn't have to be the most difficult or the furthest away, but it does need to be done, not just thought or talked about. Let's go!

## *Enthusiasm*

Nothing is accomplished without a healthy dose of enthusiasm! The hike may seem never-ending, or the hill may seem insurmountable, but taken one step at a time, it will be quickly beneath your feet. The example that you set, even if you're not sure about yourself, will be the model that the boys will follow. Have fun with it! Make up some games for the boys to play, look for animals, share our world. Don't be in a hurry, enjoy it! Share a snack or lunch along the trail or at the summit. Take advantage of the opportunities along the drive to the Trek. Be creative and just do it!

## *Leadership*

Cub Scouting is a family activity. Young boys are learning about the world, themselves, and one another. They don't have all the answers yet, but still have a huge appetite for new things. As a Trek leader you can share some of your world survival skills that you've learned. Observation, planning, anticipation, comparison, and analysis are universal skills which can be used in different fashions in any setting. You have those skills - now all you need to do is share them in a new context - Easy!

## *Good Manners*

Good manners would be if we kept everything clean and bright, if everyone were happy, and there was always plenty to go around, Right? Cub Scouting outings are great opportunities to share an awareness of the limitations of our natural resources and the needs of our fellow people. Families can share the values of leaving nature undisturbed and intact for others to enjoy. We can explore new ways of living "low-impact" lives that extend beyond the time we spend in our parks. Getting along with others and conserving the environment are good manners and should be learned and shared with the boys.

## *Permits*

Grab the kids and jump into the car – are we ready for an adventure? Not so fast! Just as we planned our trip, we need to make sure that the legal requirements are taken care of too, just in case something unexpected happens. Be sure to check the Council's BSA requirements for Local Tour Permit if you are taking any group on an outing. Call the Council or talk with your District Executive or Commissioner to learn how to do it right. And, don't forget permission slips, too.

## *Be Prepared*

An outdoor adventure is just the place to let kids go, try new things, and the parents to resist the natural urge to hover protectively. You will probably enjoy the day much more if you take a little time to anticipate the unexpected. And, if things don't go exactly as you planned, then it's OK; as long as everyone has fun and is safe. Experienced outdoors-people recommend carrying the Ten Essentials whenever they hit the trail – food, water, clothes, compass and map, flashlight, first-aid kit, pocket knife, fire starter, sunscreen, and sunglasses.

# *Outdoor Leadership*

Outdoor Leadership is pretty much like indoor leadership, or any other kind of leadership. You set an example, establish the rules, and ensure that everyone gets along and accomplishes their goal. It sounds simple, but it's not always that way. When we go on a hike outdoors, we will be in less familiar surroundings and we can't necessarily rely on experience to guide us. We have to modify our way of doing things and get into an outdoor state of mind.

As a leader, you will be responsible for preparing for the outdoor activity. Make a plan. Read about the area and the hike. Review a map. Think about the terrain and the weather. Plan for changes. Then share the information with other members of the group. Set some goals and discuss the behavior expectations and the rule that must be followed. Don't make rules and then ignore them. Instruct your Scouts on the need to observe and obey the regulations that are in effect for our National, State, Regional, and County Parks. On some trips you may be given the courtesy of passing across private property. Please repay the landowner's trust by keeping the area free of litter, respecting the property, and leaving the gates as you find them. Clean up or pack out any litter you may come upon. Perpetuate the ideal of a "good turn". If you eat lunch or a snack along the trail, be sure all bags, cans, etc. are packed out with you.

Take only pictures, leave only footsteps!

## *Trail Courtesy & Customs*

1. Stay on developed trails. Cutting across switchbacks can trample down vegetation which holds topsoil in place.
2. Travel single file on most trails - leave some space between you and the person ahead of you.
3. Hikers coming up the trail have the right of way.
4. If you meet a person on horseback, stop where you are and stand quietly while the animals pass. This will prevent the horse from being spooked.
5. Do not pick, cut, or abuse any plants or animals. You are a visitor in their home.
6. Develop a low-impact (Leave No Trace) wilderness ethic for and in your group.
7. Leave all gates the way that you found them.
8. Do not repair trails or remove logs, branches, or boulders from the trail without prior approval.
9. Abide with all the rules and regulations of the area in which you are hiking. Report any infractions to the authorities.
10. Do not operate any audio devices, including radios, musical instruments, or other noise producing devices in a manner that will disturb other persons.
11. Pick up any litter you may see or encounter on the trail or campsite. A Scout leaves an area better than when he found it.

## *The Outdoor Code*

As an American, I will do my best to:

**Be clean in my outdoor manners** - I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods, and roadways.

**Be careful with fire** – I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

**Be considerate in the outdoors** – I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

**Be conservation-minded** – I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, water, forests, minerals, energy, grasslands, and wildlife; and I will urge others to do the same.

## Hikes

1. *Lapham Peak - Kettle Moraine*
2. *Horicon Marsh - National Wildlife Refuge*
3. *Minooka Park*
4. *Old World Wisconsin*
5. *Harrington Beach State Park*
6. *Parnell Tower - Kettle Moraine*
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8. *Retzer Nature Trail*
9. *Menomonee Park*
10. *Devil's Lake Trail*

# *Lapham Peak - Kettle Moraine Hike*

## Administration

Property Manager, Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit, W239 N846 County Highway C, Delafield, WI 53018. 262-646-3025

## Hike Statistics

Roundtrip the hike is about 2.5 miles from the parking lot to the tower and back. The hike should take about 2 hours. There is a steep climb to the tower, although the trails are very stable.

## Access/Directions

Lapham Peak is 25 miles west of Milwaukee and 1 mile south of Interstate 94 near Delafield, on County Highway C. The park is open from 7 AM to 9 PM spring, summer and fall and from 7 AM to 10 PM in winter.

## Park Facilities

Hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, in-line skating, and bridle trails. There are picnic areas with three reservable shelter buildings.

## Visitor Rules

All vehicles stopping in Lapham Peak must have a state park admission sticker.

## Historical & Natural Features

The Kettle Moraine and Lapham Peak were formed 10,000 years ago when a glacier covered much of Wisconsin. More than 1,000 acres of this hilly terrain are within the Lapham Peak boundaries. The trail winds through wooded hills and open meadows. Abundant bird life and wildlife can be observed from all trails, and guided bird hikes are held each spring. There are several prairie restoration sites and a butterfly garden.

## Hike Description

From the parking lot begin the hike through the marsh area toward the observation tower on Lapham Peak. Continue up the hill until you reach the observation tower. Enjoy the view from the tower. Then, descend the hill using the same route back to the parking lot.

### Limitations

The climb up the hill to the tower is quite steep.

# *Horicon Marsh*

## *National Wildlife Refuge Hike*

### Administration

Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Horicon, WI 53032  
414-387-2658. The Department of Natural Resources Office at the Marsh is 414-387-7860.

The State of Wisconsin administers 10,587 acres of the marsh on the south side of highway 49, and the federal government takes care of 20,796 acres on the north side. The Wisconsin DNR office on Highway 28 is an international education center.

### Hike Statistics

The Hike consists of the Horicon Marsh Redhead Trail. The distance round trip is 2.5 miles and approximately 2 hours. An easy, relatively flat hike.

### Access/Directions

Horicon Marsh is located in east central Wisconsin, bordered on the south by State Highway 33, on the west by Highway 26, on the north by State Highway 49, and on the east by State Highway 28 and County Highways TW and Z. It is 13 miles west of U.S. Highway 41. Nearby communities are Waupun on the northwest, Horicon on the south, and Maryville and Kekoskee on the east.

### Park Facilities and Hours of Operation

The DNR office at the marsh is 414-387-7860. The marsh is accessible year round; however, the Visitor Center on County Highway P, just off Highway Z, is closed on weekends and holidays. The building is open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays.

### Visitor Rules

No pets on the trails.

### Historical & Natural Features

Horicon Marsh consists of 31,653 acre of bogland created by retreating glaciers 10,000 years ago. While the marsh may seem inhospitable, Indian mounds dating back hundred of years have been found throughout the vicinity. Settlers hoped to drain the bog and use it for farmland. A dam was built on the river in 1846, creating a 51 mile long lake. However, farming efforts were unsuccessful. The dam was removed in 1869. After a 20 year struggle on the part of the state's environmental community, the preserve was established in 1941.

### Hike Description

Horicon Marsh Redhead Trail Hike. 2.5 miles. Estimated hiking time: 2 hours.

The parking area for the Red head Trail is on the north side of Horicon Marsh along State Highway 49. There is a .3 mile service drive to the lot. The main trail leaves the lot in a southerly direction. Hikers stroll along the edge of the marsh from an information kiosk and blind to rest rooms adjacent to the parking site.

Leaving the parking lot, walk up a small slope past an information kiosk. Continue walking straight ahead through the high grasses. Keep walking to the east and arrive at the intersection of the Red Fox Nature Trail and the Egret Nature Trail. From there, you can take the nature loop. Returning from the nature loop, link again with the Redhead Trail and proceed across the sight-seeing road into the thick underbrush. A boardwalk crosses the wet area before the path climbs a hill and moves around a marsh lake on the right. Then, walk along the northwestern rim of the preserve and to the driveway entering the park. Walk east about 1,500 feet to the parking lot.

### Limitations

In wet seasons, sections of the trail can become boggy, so wear the appropriate footwear to prevent getting your feet wet. Mosquitoes can also be a problem in the early summer.

# *Minooka Park Hike*

## Administration

Mikooka Park is part of the Waukesha County Park System. The phone is 262-548-7801. Additional information is at [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com)

## Hike Statistics

The Green Trail. 3 miles. Estimated hiking time is 2 hours.

## Access/Directions and Hours of Operation

The park is 2 miles southeast of Waukesha on Sunset Drive near its intersection with Racine Avenue. The park is open from sunrise to 10 PM daily, year round.

## Park Facilities

Facilities include swimming beach, bridle paths, hiking, and picnic shelters.

## Visitor Rules

Hunting is not permitted. Dogs must be kept on a six-foot leash. Horseback riding is allowed only on the bridle path, which is open from May 1 to November 1. Parking is permitted only in designated areas.

## Historical & Natural Features

Minooka Park is the largest park in the Waukesha County Park System with a total of 580 acres. Minooka Park is made up of portions of area farms purchased in 1955. The largest parcel had been owned by the Hart family and had been a Waukesha County farm site since 1945. Over the ensuing years, another owner of the property used the grounds as a resort, with guests coming from Chicago and Milwaukee. They were attracted to the region because a spring that flowed from a pool across Racine Avenue supposedly had medicinal properties.

After the site was purchased by the county, it was named Minooka Park by Jane Ann Kusler, an eight-year-old who won a "name the park" contest. The

name means "maple forest" or "good earth," depending on which Native American dialect is selected for the translation.

### Hike Description

The Green Trail. Park in the lot to the right of the park admission booth. Cross the grass to the south to the trail marker by the service road. The first post is for both the Green and Red Trails. Follow the Green Trail through the meadow around the perimeter of the field. At the end of the family picnic area, the Red Trail crosses the service road and continues into a magnificent oak grove. The Green Trail turns right and runs parallel to the service road along the bridle path. The trail crosses the road and then continues into the woods. Follow it through the hardwoods into another meadow. Continue to follow the trail markers. It is an easy amble back to the parking lot.

### Activity Suggestions and Other Comments

Bring bug spray in the wet season. Watch out for horses on the bridle trail.

# *Old World Wisconsin Hike*

## Administration

Old World Wisconsin is one of six historic sites owned and operated by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The open-air museum began operating in 1976, with more than 50 buildings that had been gathered from around the state and refurbished.

Old World Wisconsin is located at S103 W37890 Highway 67, Eagle, WI 53119. 414-594-6300

## Hike Statistics

2.5 miles. Estimated hiking time: 3 to 6 hours. Taking the tram will not qualify for the Trail Trekker.

## Access/Directions

Old World Wisconsin is about 1.5 miles west of the village of Eagle on State Highway 67 in the rolling Kettle Moraine countryside. Eagle is 32 miles west of Milwaukee.

## Park Facilities

The site is open rain or shine from 10 AM to 5 PM weekends in May, June, September, and October. In July and August, Old World is open from 10 AM to 5 PM daily. Several historical farm sites are also open for touring during skiing season.

## Visitor Rules

Admission is \$7 for adults (13 and over) and \$3 for children (5-12) and \$6.30 for seniors. Do not use the historically accurate outhouses (there are bathrooms at strategic locations), No smoking, Keep pets at home.

## Historical & Natural Features

In the late 1840's, Wisconsin had more foreign-born farmers than any other state. More than 50 historic buildings are clustered according to this diverse heritage: German, Polish, Norwegian, Finnish, Danish. There is also a crossroads village typical of an early farm community. Fields and vegetable

gardens are planted and tilled in the old-time manner; livestock is taken care of and food cooked to show how the state's pioneer ancestors lived and worked. Special programs are presented throughout the year, including many hands-on learning programs for kids and families.

#### Hike Description

Guests can walk the 2.5 miles around the 625 acre site.

#### Limitations

Walking over the complex's extensive maze of roads is not difficult but can be tiring, although there are benches on which to rest along the way. The farm sites are in remote locations; hiking is over hilly terrain.

# *Harrington State Beach State Park Hike*

## Administration

Harrington Beach State Park is a day use park along the shore of Lake Michigan in Ozaukee County. It is administered by the State of Wisconsin and part of the State Park System. Contact the Superintendent, Harrington Beach State Park, 531 County Highway D at 262-285-3015.

## Hike Statistics

Quarry Lake Trail Hike. Distance round trip: 2 miles. Estimated hiking time: 1.5 hours.

## Access/Directions

The park is 10 miles north of Port Washington on I-43 to County Highway D, then 4 miles east. Hours of operation are from 6 AM to 11 PM daily, year round.

## Park Facilities

Picnic sites, playground, beach house, swimming area, hiking, cross-country ski trails. There are no lifeguards at the beach. A free shuttle runs to the beach from an upper parking area near Puckett's Pond and picnic areas near the park entrance.

## Visitor Rules

A state vehicle admission sticker is required. Day passes are available. Observe speed limits on park roads, no off-road vehicles. Keep pets leashed. No swimming, boating, or diving allowed in Quarry Lake. Neither bikes nor pets are allowed on the trails.

## Historical & Natural Features

During the first 20 years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the park was a limestone quarry. Now it has a 50 foot deep, 26 acre lake with great views of Lake Michigan. Around the park, hikers can also see exposed limestone scraped by glaciers from the last ice age. In the 1880's ownership of the land that now composes Harrington Beach changed hands many times. In the early 1890's, limestone was discovered, and quarrying operations started. A

company town was built for the workers, most of whom were Italians supervised by Luxembourgers. Hikers can still see the foundations of old structures around the park.

The Lake Shore Stone Company sold its land in 1925, and the buildings were razed or moved. The quarry gradually filled with water once the pumps were closed. Forest growth returned, running down to the lake where lawns and streets had once been. In 1958, the National Park Service identified the site as having potential for a park, since it was one of the few remaining undeveloped areas along this stretch of the Lake Michigan shore. In 1968, the park was established and named after the late E.L. Harrington, a former superintendent of the Wisconsin Conservation Commission. The current 637 acre park is also a wildlife refuge, with white-tailed deer and other animals regularly seen in the woods, lowlands, meadows, and along the lake.

#### Hike Description

Quarry Lake Trail. Start at the intersection of the Nature Trail and the Quarry Lake Trail in the white cedar bog. Enter the woods where you see the old lime kiln south of the parking lot. The trail, however, can be joined at numerous spots around the lake, accessed from picnic areas and a roadway. After leaving the Nature Trail, walk about 100 feet toward the lake to pick up the Quarry Lake Trail. The trail rims the lake leading to an inlet where the quarry's stone crusher once operated. All that remain today are the machinery foundations seen in the clear water. The path continues around the quarry lake in a circle and once the loop is completed, you can find your way back to the parking lot (along the route used to get to the quarry lake) or enjoy a short stroll to Lake Michigan, and along the beach.

#### Limitations

Caution: Stay away from the lake edge because there are steep drop-offs. However, split rail fences along portions of the path provide some protection. Remember that swimming and diving are prohibited. There are no lifeguards.

# *Parnell Tower*

## *Kettle Moraine Hike*

### Administration

Kettle Moraine State Forest, Northern Unit, N1765 Highway G.  
Campbellsport, WI 53010; 414-626-2116

### Hike Statistics

Distance round trip: 2.9 miles. Estimated hiking time: 2.5 hours. The trail involved steep slopes and rough segments with partially hidden roots and rocks. Be sure to have plenty of insect repellent.

### Access/Directions

A state park vehicle pass is required. The forest HQ is on Highway G, midway into the forest, on the east side of the road adjacent to Mauthe Lake. The borders of the northern unit cut generally along county highways. On the far north is County Highway C, with County Highway H on the far south.

The Parnell Tower Trail entrance is 2 miles north of State Highway 67 on County Highway A. Turn left (west) on County Highway U and drive .25 mile to the forest entrance.

### Park Facilities

Facilities differ throughout various areas of the park. Hiking trails, bridle paths, snowmobiling, trail shelter, Ice Age Trail connection, observation tower, rest rooms, water, phone, picnic tables.

### Visitor Rules

No camping. No food or beverages are allowed at the top of the tower.

### Historical & Natural Features

The northern unit of the Kettle Moraine Forest is a 29,000 acre spread of mixed hardwoods, marsh, and prairie in southeastern Wisconsin. The rugged landscape is the result of glacial action over hundreds of thousands of years.

The last glacier retreated from the state only 10,000 years ago, leaving behind pothole lakes called kettles and depositing piles of rubble wherever the land had not been scraped flat when the sheets finally melted. Long ridges called moraines, conical hills called kames, and meandering ancient glacial riverbeds called eskers make for interesting hiking opportunities.

The northern unit is rich in history. The Northwest Fur Company and American Fur Company operated trading posts throughout the area in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Early settlers also eyed the timber and the potential of water power for their mills.

### Hike Description

Trail directions: Park in the lot on County Highway U and walk due north to the trailhead. The trail immediately begins an ascent up a gravel path and leads to a series of log steps that go about halfway up the hill. There are 96 steps to the top of the tower, where hikers get a panorama of the entire Kettle Moraine northern region. From this vantage point it is easy to identify the various types of glacial landscape.

Descend the tower and pick up the trail to the left (east). The path descends down a rough, rocky hillside into the maple forest. The next leg of the path is a series of rolling hills, valleys, and turns over the rough-and-tumble glacial landscape. Continue on the marked trail. When the Ice Age connection meets the Parnell Tower Trail, stay on the Parnell Tower Trail. Go up the steep hill on this path. You come out about 100 feet south of the observation tower. Take the steps to the right and descend to the parking lot.

# *Muskego Park Hike*

## Administration

Muskego Park is part of the Waukesha County Park System. The phone is 262-548-7801. Additional information is at [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com)

## Hike Statistics

There are two hikes to complete this Trail Trekker - The Hardwoods Trail - 1.3 miles (40 minutes) and The Marsh Trail - 1.5 miles (50 minutes).

## Access/Directions

Muskego Park is .5 miles west of Racine Avenue (County Highway Y) on County Highway L in the southeast corner of Waukesha County. The park is open from Sunrise until 10:00 PM year round. Beach hours are 11 AM until 7 PM weekdays and 10 AM to 7 PM weekends.

## Park Facilities

Camping, hiking, bridle paths, marsh walks, picnic shelters, beach, swimming pond, tennis courts, horseshoes, and volleyball court.

## Visitor Rules

24 family campsites, available at a nominal fee. Pets must be leashed. Fires are permitted only in designated areas, no alcohol.

## Historical & Natural Features

The 160-acre park was the former Arthur Ellarson farm, one of the pioneer farm sites in Waukesha County. The land was purchased in 1958 as the county's first regional park. Sixty acres within the complex were named a state scientific area in 1973. The purpose of the scientific area is to save valuable plant communities, teach conservation practices, and provide a place to study the region's natural history.

## Hike Description

There are 2 hikes for this Trail Trekker - The Hardwoods Trail and The Marsh Trail.

Hardwoods Trail - Enter either from the bridle path access or from the path behind picnic shelter #54E on the east side of the main park service road. Follow the oval shaped loop hike. Finish at the same point in which you began. Then continue on with the Marsh Trail.

Marsh Trail - When setting out you will initially trek over the same pathway as on the Hardwoods Trail. Walk north under the high tension lines that run overhead. They disappear into the woods straight ahead when the trail angles to the right. You'll then pass the state scientific area. Continue on the trail until you complete the loop - then return to the parking area.

### Limitations

Insect repellent is a necessity during the wet season. Wear water-repellent boots, especially when wet, because the pathway can be boggy in the spring and after a rain.

# *Retzer Nature Center Hike*

## Administration

Retzer Nature Center is part of the Waukesha County Park System. The phone is 262-548-7801. Additional information is at [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com)

## Hike Statistics

For this Trail Trekker, hikers must complete the Outer Hiking Loop (Green Trail) and The Fen Boardwalk Trail. The Outer Hiking Loop is .91 miles and The Fen Boardwalk Trail is .75 miles.

## Access/Directions

Park entrance is located on Madison Street, 1/8 mile south of State Highway 18 and County Highway DT intersection.

## Park Facilities

Retzer Nature Center offers diverse hiking experiences on the various trails. In addition to the nature center, the facility offers bird watching, X-C skiing, snowshoeing, and a gift shop. There are also many environmental education programs and specialty workshops. To register for programs, contact the center at 262-548-7801.

Grounds are open from sunrise to 10 PM and the visitor center is open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM – closed some holidays.

## Visitor Rules

Bicycles are not allowed. Please stay on established trails, Leave plant and other natural materials for others to enjoy. Dogs, pets and horses are not allowed. Fires and alcohol are not permitted.

## Historical & Natural Features

Retzer Nature Center was John and Florence Retzer's retirement home. John purchased the original 90 acres from the Federal Land Bank in 1938. The Retzer's began restoring the degraded land with more than 26,000 trees shrubs, and flowers. These plantings can be enjoyed today. In 1973

Florence Horn Retzer bequeathed her property to Waukesha County for park purposes. Her vision was “to conserve the scenery, natural life, and wildlife, leaving the land unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” The Nature Center focuses on environmental education, natural land management, community restoration, and wildlife habitat improvement.

#### Hike Description

Begin at the Nature Center Trail Head and take the Outer Hiking Loop Trail (green trail) south to the intersection with the Fen Boardwalk Trail (brown trail). Continue south on the brown trail to the beginning of the Fen Boardwalk Trail (approx. .41 miles).

# *Menomonee Park Hike*

## Administration

Waukesha County Parks and Land Use Department, 1320 Pewaukee Road, Waukesha, WI 53188; 262.548.7801

## Hike Statistics

Bridle/Hiking Trail - 2.8 miles. Estimated hiking time - 1.5 hours

## Access/Directions

The park is .5 miles north of State Highway 74 on County Highway V. Park hours are sunrise to 10 PM year round. Beach hours are 11 AM to 7 PM weekdays and from 10 AM to 7 PM weekends.

## Park Facilities

Rest rooms, camping, nature trail, swimming, bridle path, picnic shelters, archery, sledding hill, ball field, volleyball court.

## Visitor Rules

A daily entrance fee is required for weekdays and weekends. Parking is allowed only in designated lots. Dogs must be leashed. Camping is by permit only and in designated areas.

## Historical & Natural Features

The 397 acre Menomonee Park is located in the villages of Menomonee Falls and Lannon. The park has a variety of landscapes, from cattail marshes to maple woods. The area was once a major stone-producing region. In fact, the park was once called Stone City because of the many quarry workers who lived in solidly built homes near the southeast end of the quarry.

The quarry owner, Joseph Hatfield, even built his own railroad to haul stone. His Milwaukee, Menomonee Falls, and Western Railroad became fondly known as the Bugline. The old railroad is now one of the state's major biking, skiing, and hiking rail-to-trail segments.

### Hike Description

Since the path rings the park, there are numerous places to begin your trek. One of the major trailheads is from the rear of the main parking lot at the beach. The bridle path is open to horses from May 1 to November 1, weather permitting, but hikers can use the path anytime. The trail is essentially a big loop that will allow you to end where you began your trek.

### Limitations

Watch out for horse droppings. Some sections of the trail can be boggy as they cross marshy parts of the park. Bring bug spray in the summer mosquito/mayfly season.

# *Devil's Lake Trail Hike*

## Administration

Superintendent, Devil's Lake State Park, S595 Park Road, Baraboo, WI 54913; 608.356.8301

## Hike Statistics

East Bluff Trail - Distance roundtrip - 2.6 miles. Estimated hiking time - 2.25 hours.

## Access/Directions

The park is 20 miles north of Madison via U.S. Highway 12. Exit east on State Highway 159. Go east one mile to the intersection with State Highway 123. Turn south on 123 and follow it to the park entrances.

To get to the East Bluff Trail, enter the park from the north face area where the park headquarters is located. The entrance is off State Highway 123 East. Look for the yellow markers. The first half of the trek is along the bluff. A walk through the woods follows.

## Park Facilities

A nature center with children's activities and lectures and extensive biking/hiking trails make Devil's Lake a popular get-away. Today's campgrounds quickly fill with those who love the outdoors. There are plenty of motels in the area as well.

The park is open year round, but trails are not maintained for winter use. The park closes nightly at 11 PM.

## Visitor Rules

A state park permit is required - either annual stickers or a day-pass. Pets must be on a leash.

## Historical & Natural Features

An ancient river was dammed by glacial debris to form what is today's Devil's Lake.

Landmark formations caused by nature's muscle include Balanced Rock, Devil's Doorway, Tomahawk Rock, and Elephant Rock. Prehistoric Native American people lived around the lake for centuries, building mounds that can be seen near the park's north shore entrance.

A million guests annually visit Devil's Lake State Park. Despite the crowds, there is plenty of room, although lines to the toilets on hot summer days can be sometimes daunting. The 8,500 acre park was created in 1911, although vacationers had been visiting since the 1850's.

#### Hike Description

East Bluff Hike - Follow the initial asphalt steps up the footway of the eastern cliff. Be careful of the steep drop-offs along this trail once it reaches the crest of the cliff. Continue to where you can stop and admire Elephant Cave and Elephant Rock. Continue to follow the East Bluff Trail back to the parking lot where you originated your trek. The trek is essentially a big loop.

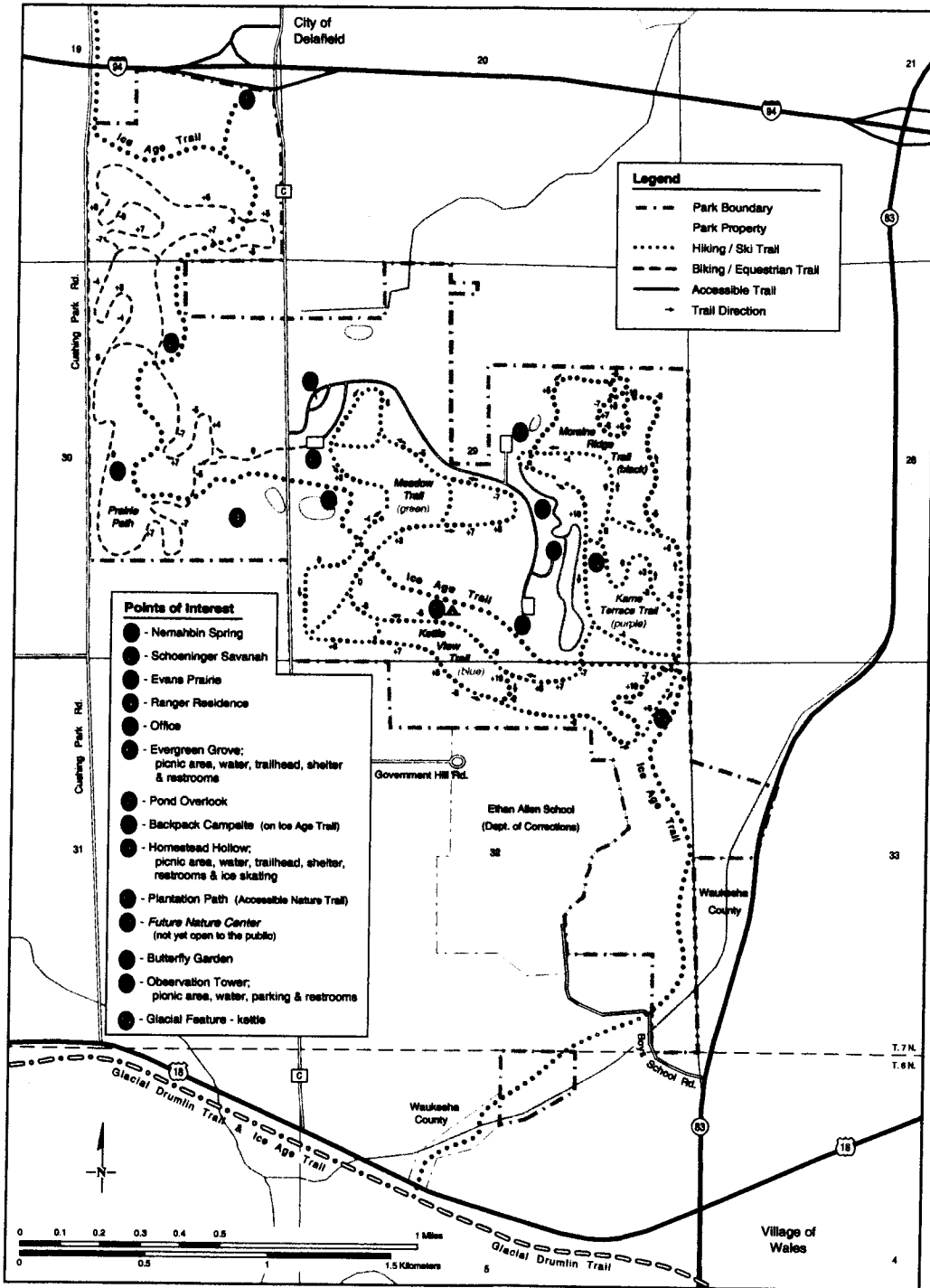
#### Limitations

Watch for loose or wet, slippery rocks. Good hiking shoes should be worn.

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# Lapham Peak — Kettle Moraine State Forest



- Points of Interest**
- - Nemahbin Spring
  - - Schoeninger Savannah
  - - Evans Prairie
  - - Ranger Residence
  - - Office
  - - Evergreen Grove; picnic area, water, trailhead, shelter & restrooms
  - - Pond Overlook
  - - Backpack Campsite (on Ice Age Trail)
  - - Homestead Hollow; picnic area, water, trailhead, shelter, restrooms & ice skating
  - - Plantation Path (Accessible Nature Trail)
  - - Future Nature Center (not yet open to the public)
  - - Butterfly Garden
  - - Observation Tower; picnic area, water, parking & restrooms
  - - Glacial Feature - kettle

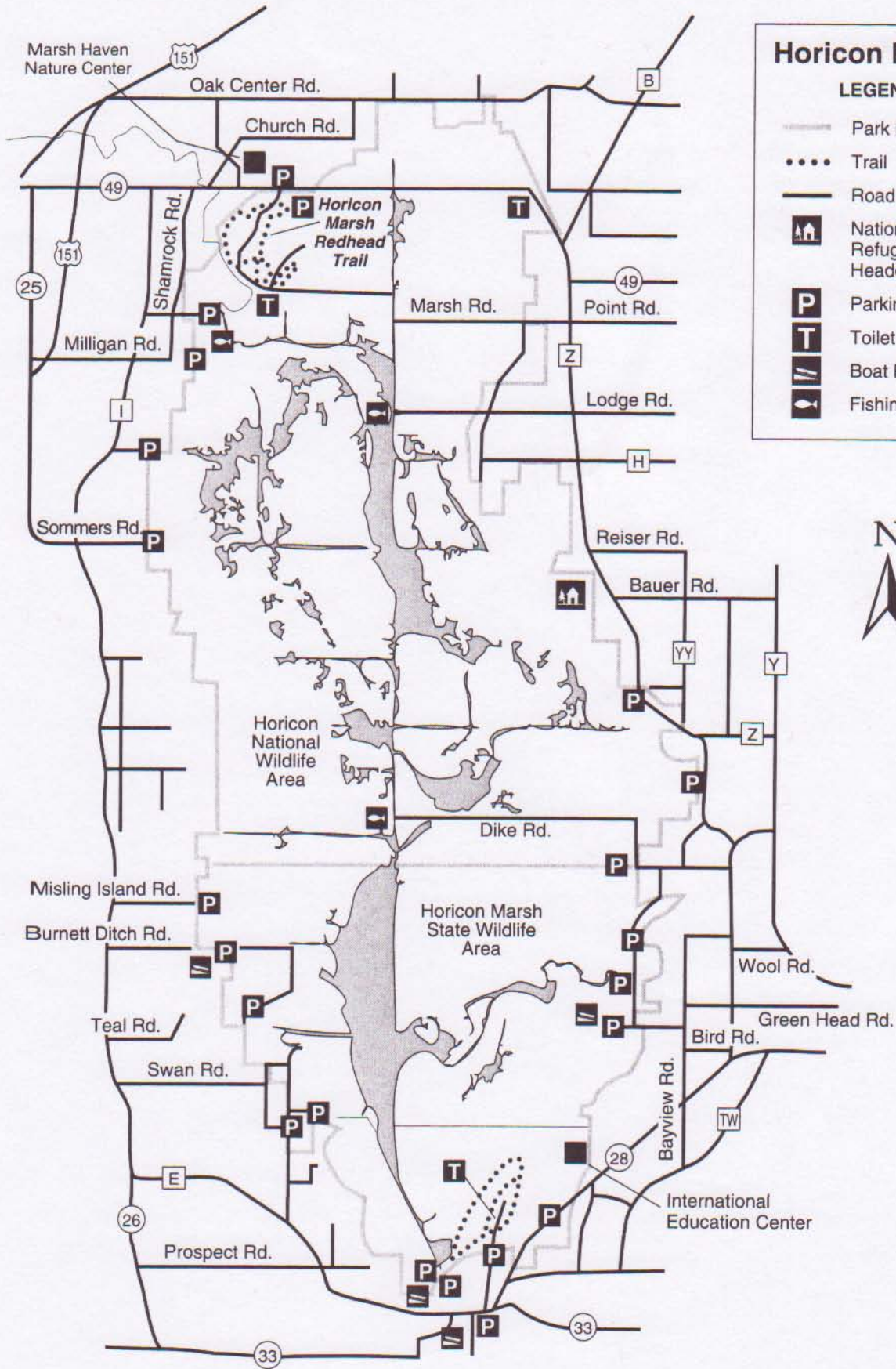
**Trail Information:**

Meadow Trail (green)	Hiking & Skiing (Lighted Ski Trail)	Easy	2.0 mi / 3.2 km
Kettle View (blue)	Hiking & Skiing	Intermediate	5.8 mi / 9.4 km
Moraine Ridge (black)	Hiking & Skiing	Advanced	7.0 mi / 11.3 km
Prairie Path (red)	Mtn. Bike, Horseback Riding & Snow Shoeing	Interm.	4.8 mi / 7.8 km
Karne Terrace (purple)	Hiking & Skiing	Easy	2.0 mi / 3.2 km
Ice Age Trail	Hiking & Snow Shoeing	Intermediate	4.0 mi / 6.5 km

**\*\*Not a loop trail**

**Trail Difficulty:**

-10	0	+10
Steep Downhill	Level	Steep Uphill

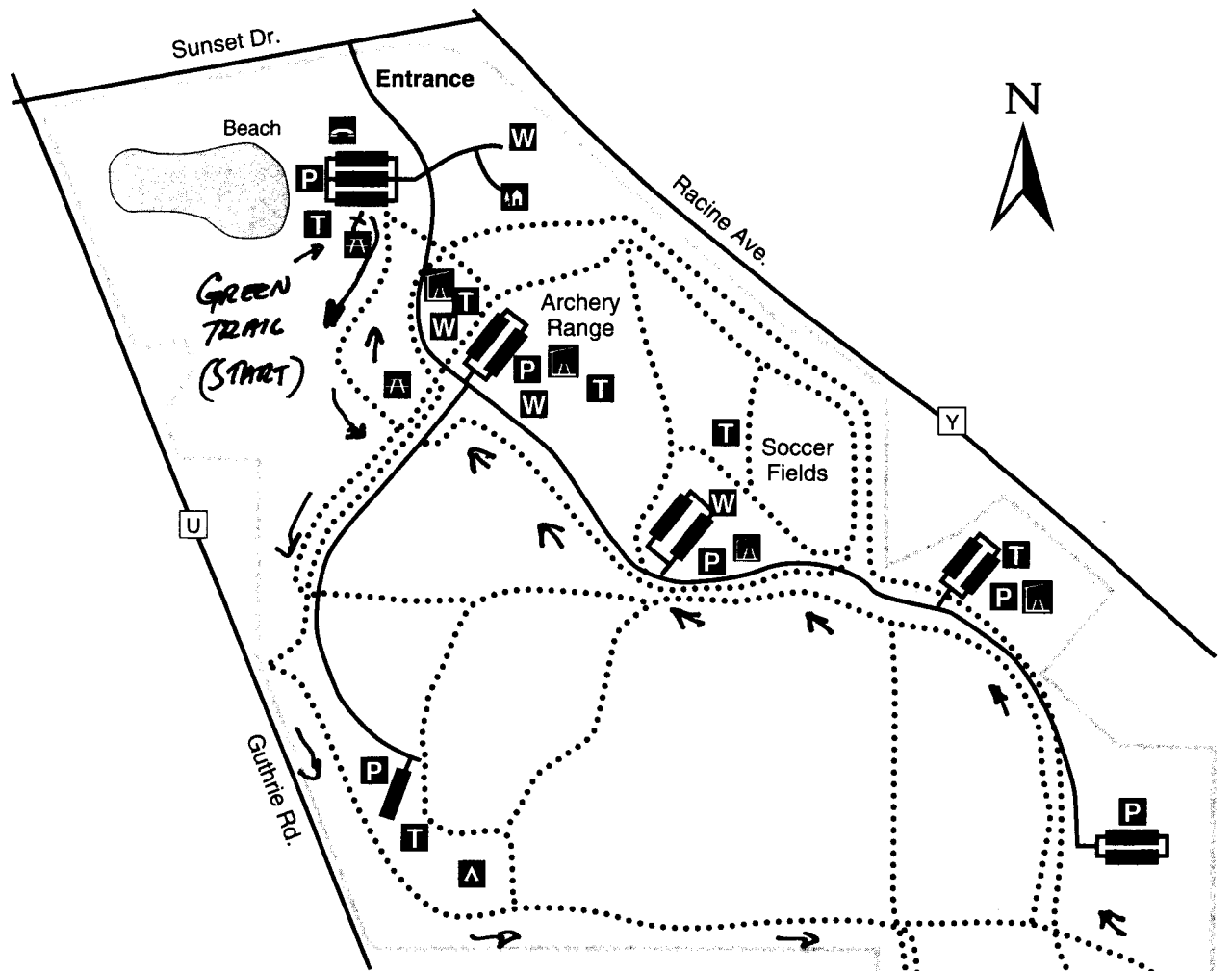


### Horicon Marsh

#### LEGEND

- Park Boundary
- Trail
- Road
- National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters
- Parking
- Toilet
- Boat Ramp
- Fishing





**Minooka Park**  
**LEGEND**

- Park Boundary
- Trail
- Road
- Park Office
- Parking
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Toilets
- Water
- Phone

# Visitor's Route

**Distance Round-Trip:** 2.5 miles

**Estimated Hiking Time:** 3 to 6 hours

**Cautions:** Walking over the complex's extensive maze of roads is not difficult but can be tiring, although there are benches on which to rest along the way. The farm sites are in remote locations; hiking is over hilly terrain.

**Trail Directions:** Tram rides can be picked up in the rear of the Ramsey barn, built in 1841. The barn also holds the museum store, rest rooms, and an orientation theater with an audiovisual program. It is possible to bypass the barn by walking south from the parking lot, passing the ticket booth, and heading toward the Finnish complex .5 mi. away to the south.

It is a .25-mi. hike from the Ramsey barn [1] to the Ethnic Crossroads Village. On this route, the first building on the right is St. Peter's Church [2], Milwaukee's first church, built in 1839. Set back from the road nearby is the modest home of Irish-born Mary Hafford [3], a house originally located in Hubbelton, Jefferson County.

Other buildings in the village complex [4] are typical of the mid-1870s. The Koepsell, Schottler, and Schulz farms are next [5]. The German area shows buildings constructed in the *blockbau* (log) style.

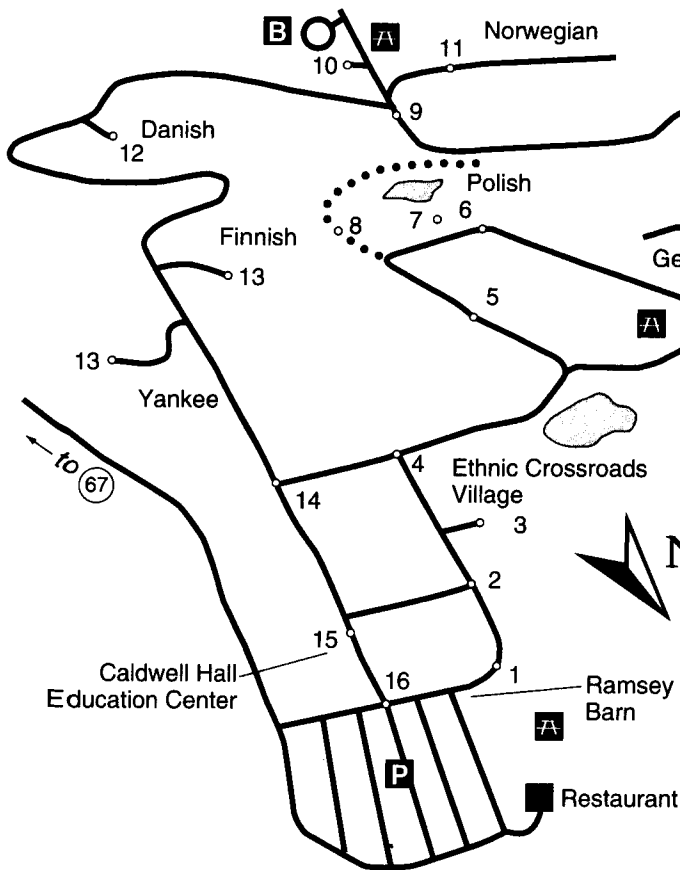
Next, you arrive at a Polish farm site [6]. An authentic outhouse [7] is behind the main house.

Hikers can take the long way around to the Norwegian farms. But for a shortcut, take the nature trail [8] near the Schulz farm. Exit on the road just to the north of the 1840s cabin [9] built by Norwegian immigrant Knudt Fossebrekke.

Leaving the remote cabin, pass the Raspberry School [10] (circa 1906) to the left at the next crossroads. It is then a five-minute walk up the lane to the right to the Kvaale Farm [11]. Walk the .25 mi. to the Danish farm [12]. The weathered buildings are found up a long lane after you round a bend in the road.

It is .7 mi. to two Finnish homesteads [13]. Between 1864 and 1920, more than 300,000 Finns left their homeland and settled throughout northern Wisconsin. In 1890 the Rankinen family emigrated to a desolate section of Bayfield County. Across the gravel road is the Ketola farm, a fine example of log construction dating from 1915. There is a tram stop near the service road leading to the house.

It is now a .25-mi. stroll down the dusty country lane to the village. Pass through town and participate in a temperance rally in a grove near the Sanford house [14]. Continue walking along the road to the Caldwell Farmers' Club Hall [15], which served as headquarters for a group of forward-looking farmers in 1874. A stage was added in 1880, making the building a center for many community activities. The restored facility remains a hub for contemporary programs at Old World. From here, the road leads directly to the parking area [16].

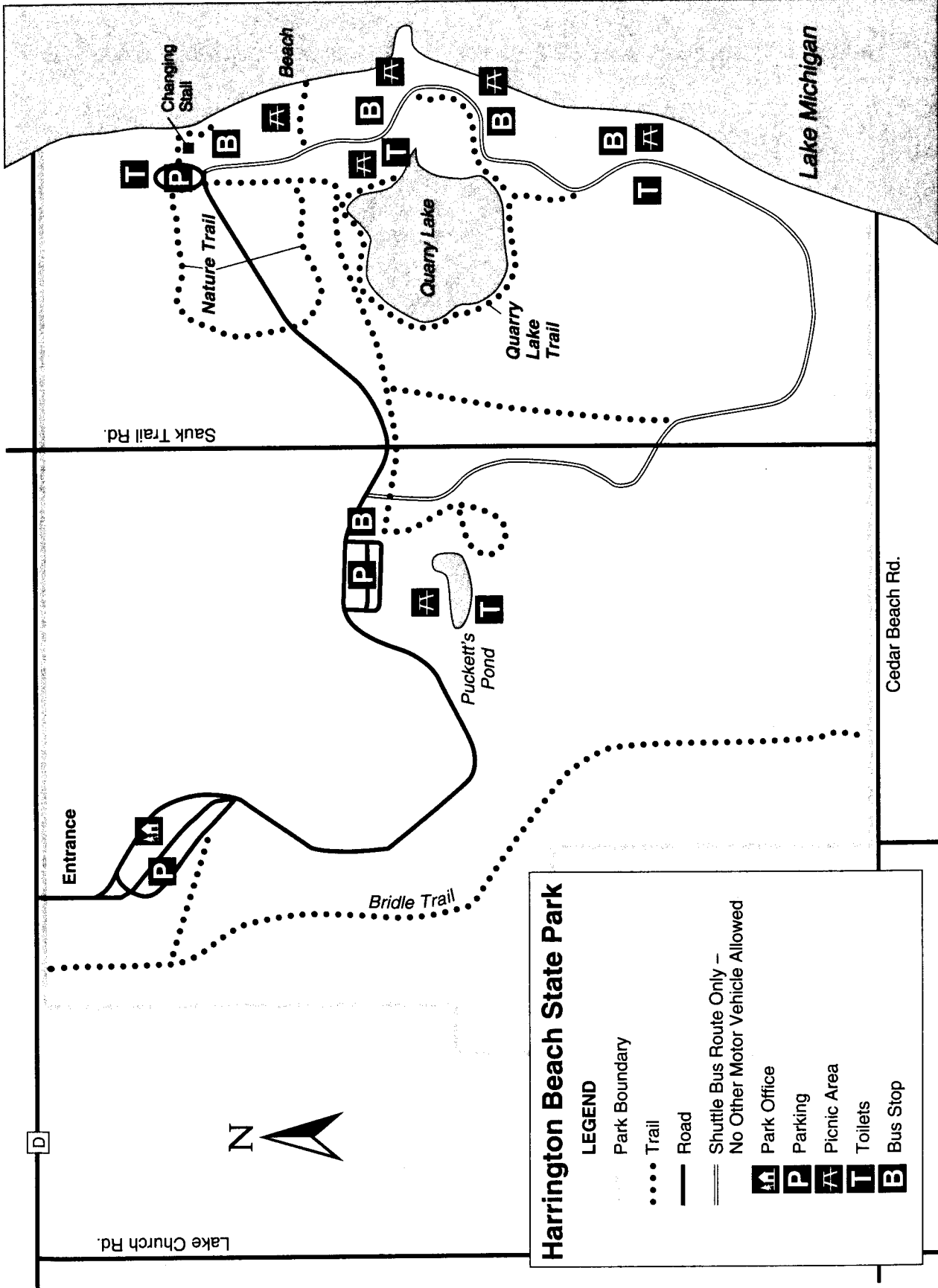


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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Ramsey barn        | 10. Raspberry School   |
| 2. St. Peter's Church | 11. Kvaale farm        |
| 3. Hafford house      | 12. Danish farm        |
| 4. Village complex    | 13. Finnish homesteads |
| 5. German farms       | 14. Sanford house      |
| 6. Polish farm site   | 15. Caldwell Hall      |
| 7. Outhouse           | 16. Parking area       |
| 8. Nature trail       |                        |
| 9. 1840s cabin        |                        |

**Old World Wisconsin**

**LEGEND**

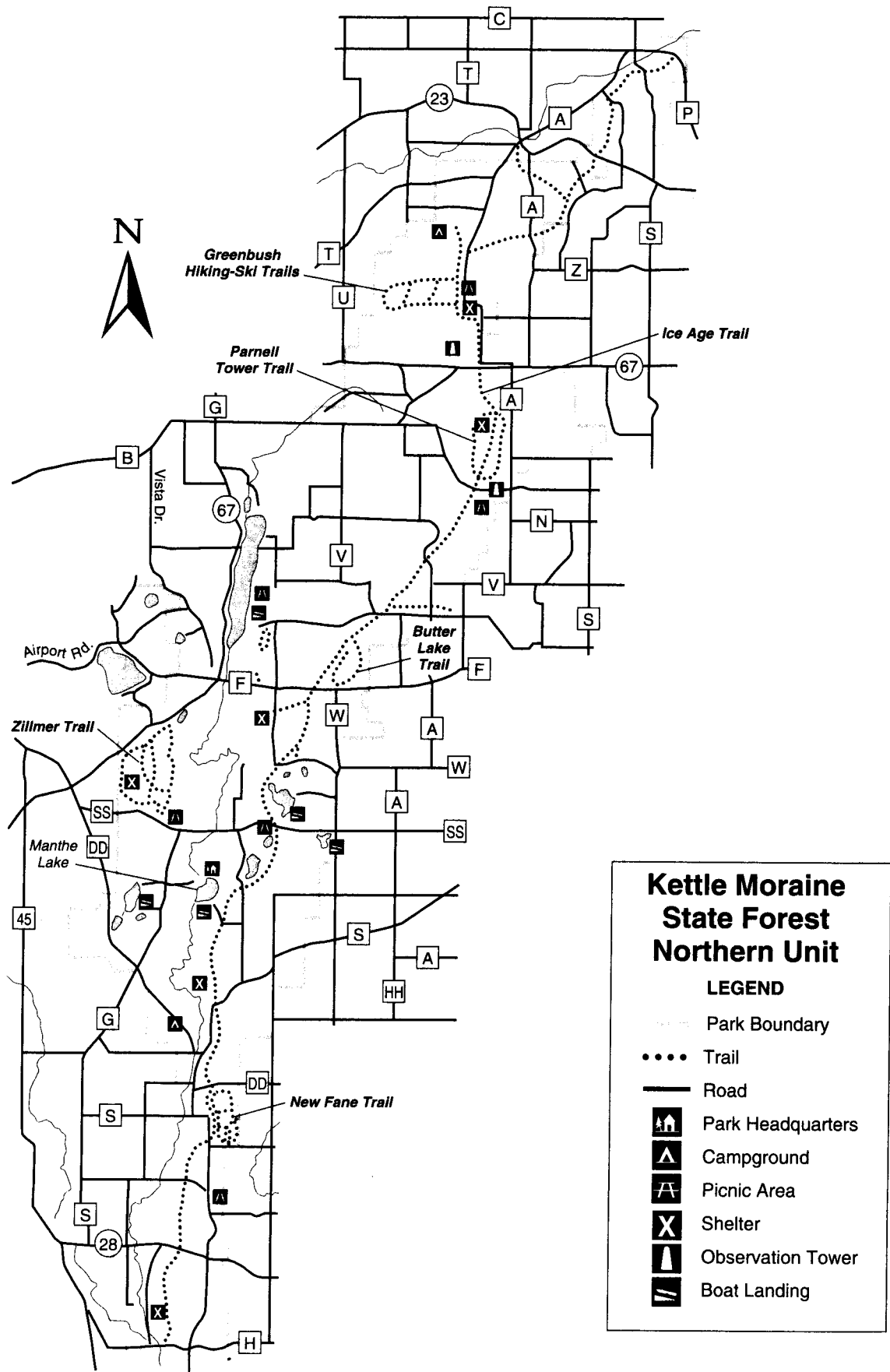
- Road
- Trail
- P Parking
- A Picnic Area
- B Bus Parking

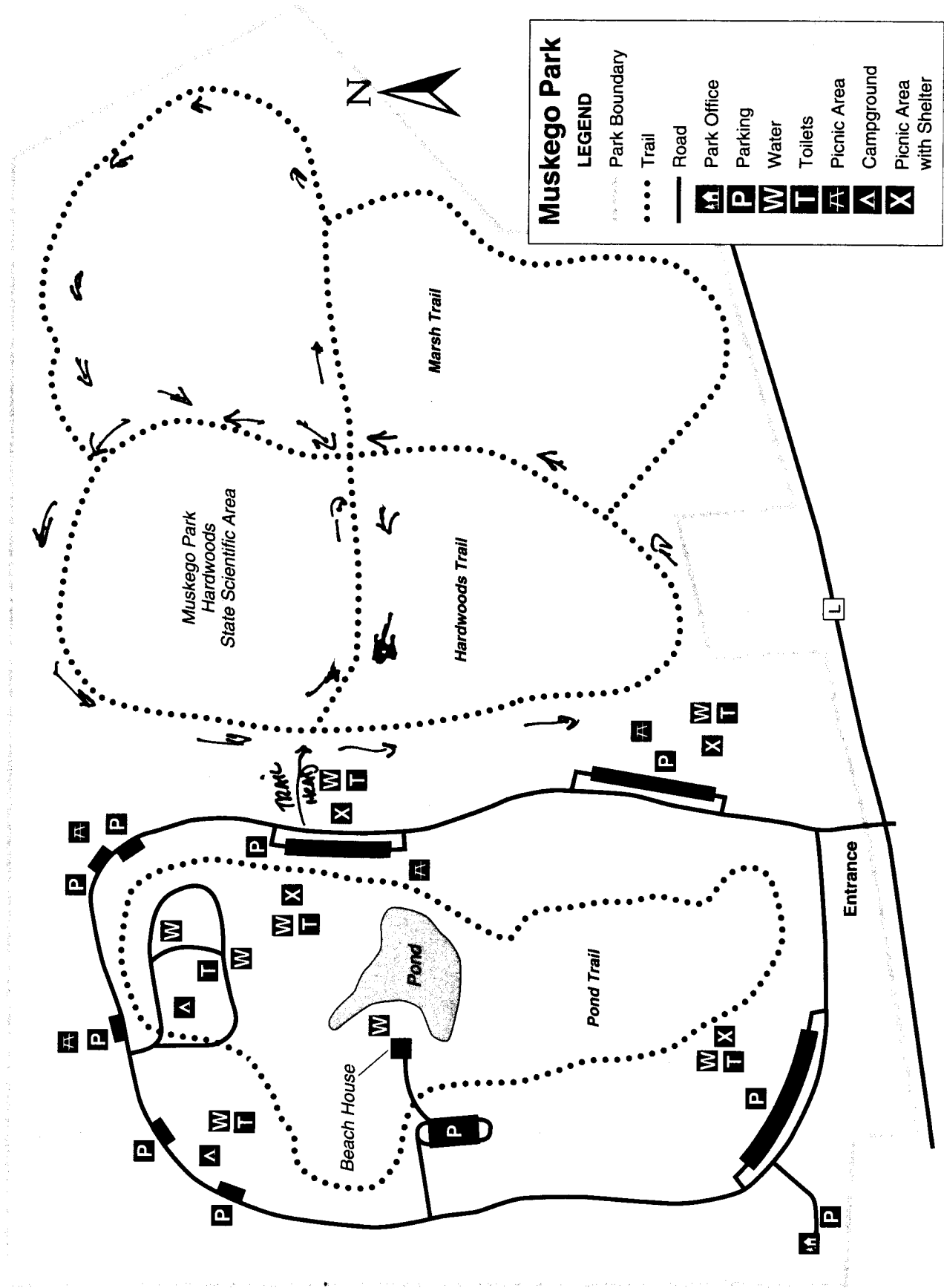


### Harrington Beach State Park

**LEGEND**

- Park Boundary
- Trail
- Road
- Shuttle Bus Route Only – No Other Motor Vehicle Allowed
- Park Office
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Toilets
- Bus Stop





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