

**Cross Plains, WI – Cross Plains and Table Rock IAT Segments (SC-3)**

**Wisconsin Ice Age Trail (WI IAT) Regional AVA Program Y2271**

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**6 km, 10km, 11km, 22km  
Alternative: 16km-Two Separate Routes**

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**IAT Alliance Snapshot:**

Cross Plains Segment highlights a Trail Community (TC on map), the IATA headquarters and the surprisingly remote-feeling bluffs, prairies and woodlands north of town.

Table Rock Segment offers long ridgetop views and showcases the results of some remarkable land stewardship efforts.

**Start/Finish Point:** 1.) and 2.) This route is rare, only the third of sixteen that has a Start Point, two in this case, at one end of the route.

1.) To parking (village parking area) approximately four blocks west of the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) Headquarters. From Madison (15 minutes) follow University Avenue West as it becomes US Hwy 14 west and follow to 2110 W. Main St., Cross Plains, continue to parking area on the Left.

2.) To parking area on Table Bluff Rd. From Madison (15 minutes) follow University Avenue West as it becomes US Hwy 14 west and follow to 2110 W. Main St. Cross Plains, (IATA Headquarters) continue on Main St. through village to Cty Hwy KP and turn Right. Follow Cty Hwy KP to Table Bluff Rd., turn Left. Parking near IAT Start Point (Green Dot).

**GPS:** 43°06'49.1"N 89°39'01.6"W 43.113651, -89.650456

**Hike Options:** No restrooms or water at Start point (no. 1 or 2). Follow IAT yellow blaze markings when on IATs.

**6km:** From Start Point No. 1, the parking lot Cross Main St./US Hwy 14 and turn Left on sidewalk, cross Wilson St. to Hickory Hill St. and turn Right. Follow Hickory Hill St. to Cross St. and zig-zag to the Right and Left to remain on Hickory Hill St. Enter the IAT near gate, (Green Dot) uphill into the Hickory Hill Conservation Park. Follow the IAT until it comes out on Lewis St. Left on Lewis St. for ¾ of a block to American Legion Dr., turn Right, pass Sylvia Pine Way, cross Julius St. to Park St. Right on Park St., Left on Mills St. to Main St., cross carefully and return to Start Point.

**10km:** From Start Point No. 2, parking area on Table Bluff Rd. follow trail South (Green Dot to Red Dot) and return.

**11km:** From Start Point No. 2, parking area on Table Bluff Rd. follow trail South (Green Dot to Red Dot). Turn Left on Scheele Rd. to Cty Hwy KP. Turn around and return to Start Point No. 2.

**22km:** From either Start Point! From Start Point no. 1 follow 6km route, when you reach Park St. turn Right and follow to Market St. turn Right and follow to Sherwood Forest Lane \* and turn Left. Right on Cy Hwy KP, Left on Scheele Rd. to the end of the Table Bluff IAT Segment and enter the trail to the Right and follow to start of this IAT segment. Turn around and return to Start Point. **OR** Start Point No. 2 Follow Table Bluff IAT Segment (Green Dot to Red Dot), Left on Scheele Rd., Right on Cty Hwy KP Left on Sherwood Forest Lane \*, Left on Park St. to Hickory Hill St. to start of Cross Plains IAT Segment (Green Dot) and follow to end (Red Dot), turn around and return to Start Point.

**Alert:** No restroom or water facilities are on this route. Commercial sources exit in the Village, and seasonal restrooms and water are available at a county parking area just west of town to the Left on Scherbel Rd. (see map).

\* These two IAT segments are connected by a 1.6 mile connecting route on roadways (see map). In 2017 we had trouble following the map route not finding how the Sherwood Forest Lane portion connected without hiking on private property, and instead walked along Main St. until the sidewalk ended, and then, carefully, walked along the US Hwy 14 wide shoulder to Cty Hwy KP, Right on Cty Hwy KP to Scheele Rd. and Left along Scheele Rd. to the end of the Table Bluff Segment of the IAT (Red Dot). Using this alternative also logs the hiker approximately 22km.

**Alternative 16km Route:** From Start Point No. 1 follow the 6km route (Cross Plains IAT Segment) back to Start Point, and then drive to Start Point No. 2 and follow the 10km route (Table Bluff IAT Segment) and return to Start Point No. 2.

**AVA Special Program:** Wisconsin Ice Age Trail (WI IAT) Regional Program.



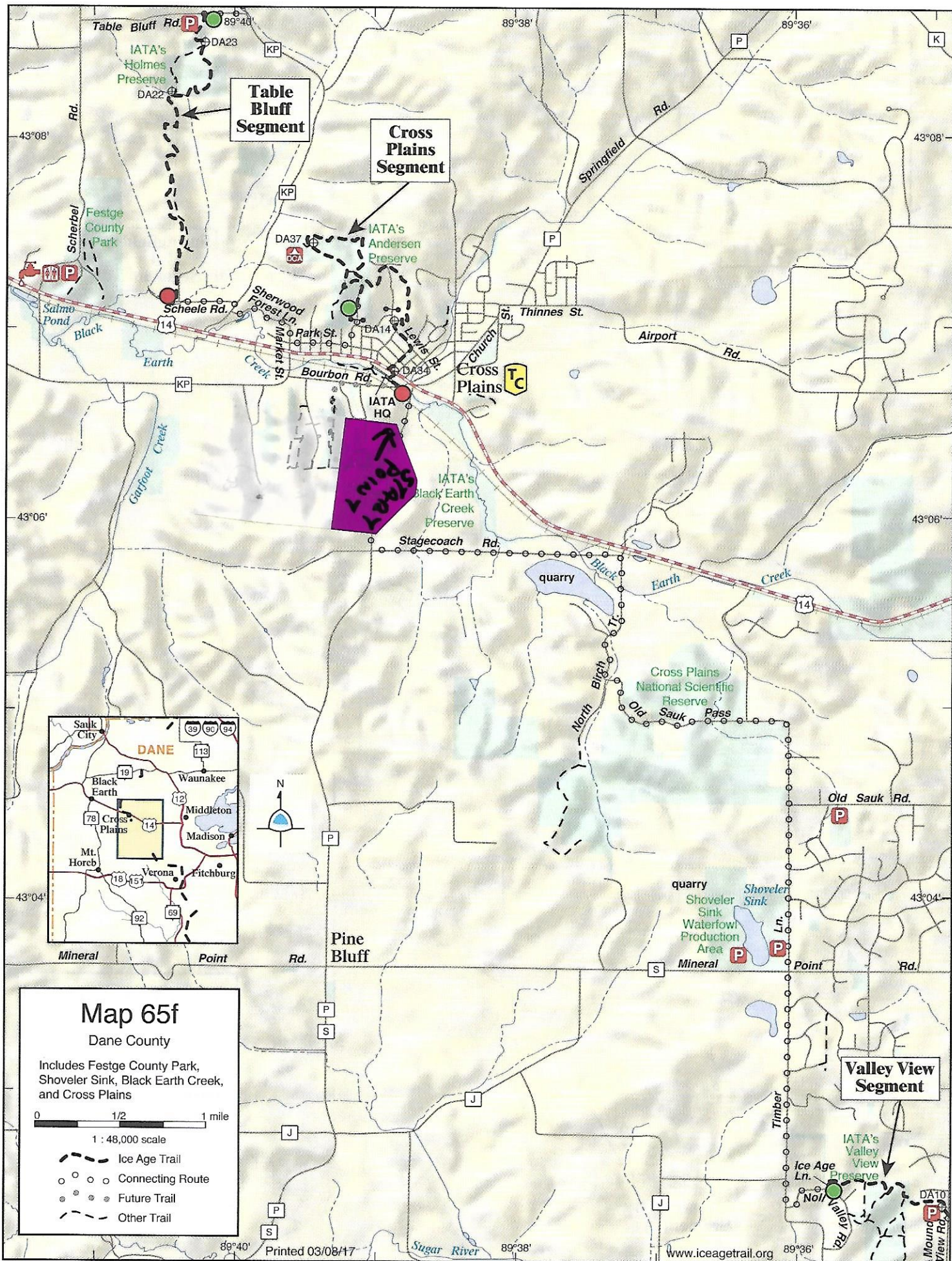
In Case of emergency, dial 911. For an AVA administrative issue, contact the NC Regional Director Jerry Wilson at (cell) 608-695-6449, leave a message, expect a return call as close to immediately as possible.

**Congratulations!** You have finished this WI IAT route, this is 1 of 16 routes. Don't forget to return to the Online Start Box to check-in within the required timeframe to secure credit for your event and distance books. WI IAT Regional Program credit will be achieved and stored online until all 16 routes have been completed.

This walk is sponsored by the North Central Region of the American Volkssport Association. Please send constructive comments to [NC\\_RD@AVA.org](mailto:NC_RD@AVA.org).



**America's Walking Club!**



**Map 65f**  
Dane County

Includes Festge County Park, Shoveler Sink, Black Earth Creek, and Cross Plains

0 1/2 1 mile

1 : 48,000 scale

- Ice Age Trail
- Connecting Route
- Future Trail
- Other Trail

## Things to Know - Wisconsin Ice Age Trail (WI IAT) AVA Regional Program

WI IAT AVA Segments: Many Start Point locations have seasonal restrooms and water, some do not. Please read directions in advance and prepare yourself.

Hiking with another person is recommended. These routes were established under the AVA Regional Program "Wisconsin Ice Age Trail" in conjunction with the Wisconsin Ice Age Trail Alliance. These 16 routes are "hikes" rather than walks; although portions of a few routes can be rated below 3C when on bike paths and roads or in urban areas, portions of some could be considered rated 4D.

Drinking water, insect repellent, hiking boots, sunscreen and a hat/cap may be necessary, depending when the trail is hiked. Many will want a walking stick. Checking for ticks after completing a hike is suggested.

**Property Types:** The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is uniformly marked with yellow blazes, but as a "partnership" project the land ownership and management for the Trail are anything but consistent. The Trail crosses a wide variety of property types, including private lands owned and managed by municipal, county, state and federal agencies. Generally speaking, lands open to public access are shown on maps with green shading. The patchwork of land management also yields different regulations for camping, hiking with pets, parking and so on.

The IAT segments chosen for the Wisconsin Ice Age Trail Distance AVA Regional Program for the most part avoid "connecting routes"; however, some are included but walkers have the option to skip these portions by driving from one trail segment to another. *Disclaimer:* Roads on connecting routes, while legally open to pedestrians, may not have been designed for safe use by pedestrians (in contrast to Ice Age Trail segments). By identifying these routes, neither the Ice Age Trail Alliance, National Park Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources nor the local governmental body, or the American Volkssporting Association, are implying any guarantee about their safety or suitability for Ice Age Trail hikers/walkers.

While AVA participants will be given a route map and limited instructions, to make the participants IAT experience most fulfilling we suggest AVA Regional Event participants consider purchasing the IATA Trail Guidebook for more detail about each segment. The IATA also has a three-ring binder Atlas that has larger segment maps (8.5" x 11") for all segments statewide (over 100 maps). These maps were made available by the IATA for AVA planning use.

IATA provided maps include a green dot and red dot where the local IATA chapters designate the start and end of each segment. These markings rarely coincide with the designated AVA route because we chose to start hikers at locations with parking and allowed hikers to go one direction, the other or both. Hiking both allows longer distance hiking passing your vehicle midway.

When walking, generally follow the yellow blaze IAT signs. Participants will also encounter other IATA signage marking the trail. Refer to the provided map frequently, especially related to leaving parking areas, trail turns and when crossing roads or following roads.

**Safety:** Personal Safety is a concern when one ventures to unfamiliar places. Always use common sense and take precautions. It is best not to hike alone. Following are some IATA inspired suggestions:

- Leave a trip itinerary with family or friends and stay in contact while away.
- Consider medications that may be needed when leaving home.
- Secure your vehicle and leave nothing in plain sight.
- Carry a cell phone, but realize there may be "no service" portions of trails.
- Avoid camping within a half-mile of road crossings.
- Do not tell strangers where you are headed or plan to camp.
- If you encounter a suspicious person, consider moving to another location.
- Always trust your instincts.
- Take precautions to avoid mosquito & tick-borne illnesses, including insect repellent. Light colors make ticks easier to find. Promptly remove ticks!
- Consider the various Wisconsin hunting seasons when dressing to walk, be visible, "Blaze Orange" and other bright colors are encouraged especially walking September – December.

Examples of IAT Signage:

