

**Cornell, WI – Chippewa River and Firth Lake IAT Segments (NW-3)**

**Wisconsin Ice Age Trail (WI IAT) Regional AVA Program Y2293**

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**6km, 8km, 15km, 27km**

**Linear Routes: 8km, 14km**

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**IAT Alliance Snapshot:** Chippewa River Segment highlights Perch Lake and features dramatic views of the Chippewa River.

Firth Lake Segment is an interesting and scenic hike, crosses an ice-walled lake plain and beaver dams in a generally forested setting and highlights beautiful Firth Lake.

**Start/Finish Point:** This route is rare, only the second of sixteen that has a Start Point at one end of the route. To Millyard Park (3¼ hours north of Madison), in Cornell, WI. From Eau Claire, WI (45 minutes), US Hwy 53 North, East on US Hwy 29 to Cornell, WI.

Walk West from parking area across Bridge St, Dam, Cty Hwy CC, head NW along the roadway minding traffic. Enter Brunet Island State Park to pick up the IAT. This is a fee area. (Anyone not wanting to walk the Millyard Park and Cty Hwy CC stretch and has a WI state park sticker or wants to buy a sticker can drive into Brunet State Park. Deduct 3 km distance.)

**GPS:** 45°09'58.8"N 91°09'12.8"W 45.166329, -91.153558

**Hike Options:** The Start Point: Millyard Park, Cornell, WI (seasonal restrooms and water) at eastern end of the route.

**6km:** Follow trail along Cty Hwy CC into Brunet Island State Park, (Red Dot indicates end of Chippewa River Segment.) passing Perch Lake to the right-side and bend East to Cornell Flowage. At this point turn around and return to Start Point.

**8km:** Follow trail along Cty Hwy CC into Brunet Island State Park, (Red Dot indicates end of Chippewa River Segment.) passing Perch Lake to the right-side and continue to start of Chippewa River Segment (Green Dot) and east end of Firth Lake Segment (Red Dot). At this point turn around and return to Start Point.

**15km:** Follow trail along Cty Hwy CC into Brunet Island State Park, passing Perch Lake and Cornell Flowage, both to the right-side. Follow IAT as it turns West away from the Cornell Flowage to the parking area after passing Firth Lake. Turn around and return to Start Point.

**A Linear route of 8km** is possible by following this route if two vehicles are used or a driver meets the hiker at the parking area near Firth Lake, off 250<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**27km:** Follow trail along Cty Hwy CC into Brunet Island State Park, passing Perch Lake and Cornell Flowage, both to the right-side. Follow IAT as it turns West away from the Cornell Flowage, passing Firth Lake to the IAT Firth Lake Segment start (Green Dot) near intersection with 245<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Turn around and return to Start Point.

**A Linear route of 14km** is possible if two vehicles are used or a driver meets the hiker at the parking area near intersection with 245<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Green Dot).

**Alert:** Seasonal restrooms and water exist in Cornell in Millyard Park beyond the farthest south point of the Chippewa River IAT Segment, Two (2) km will be along Cty Hwy CC.

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



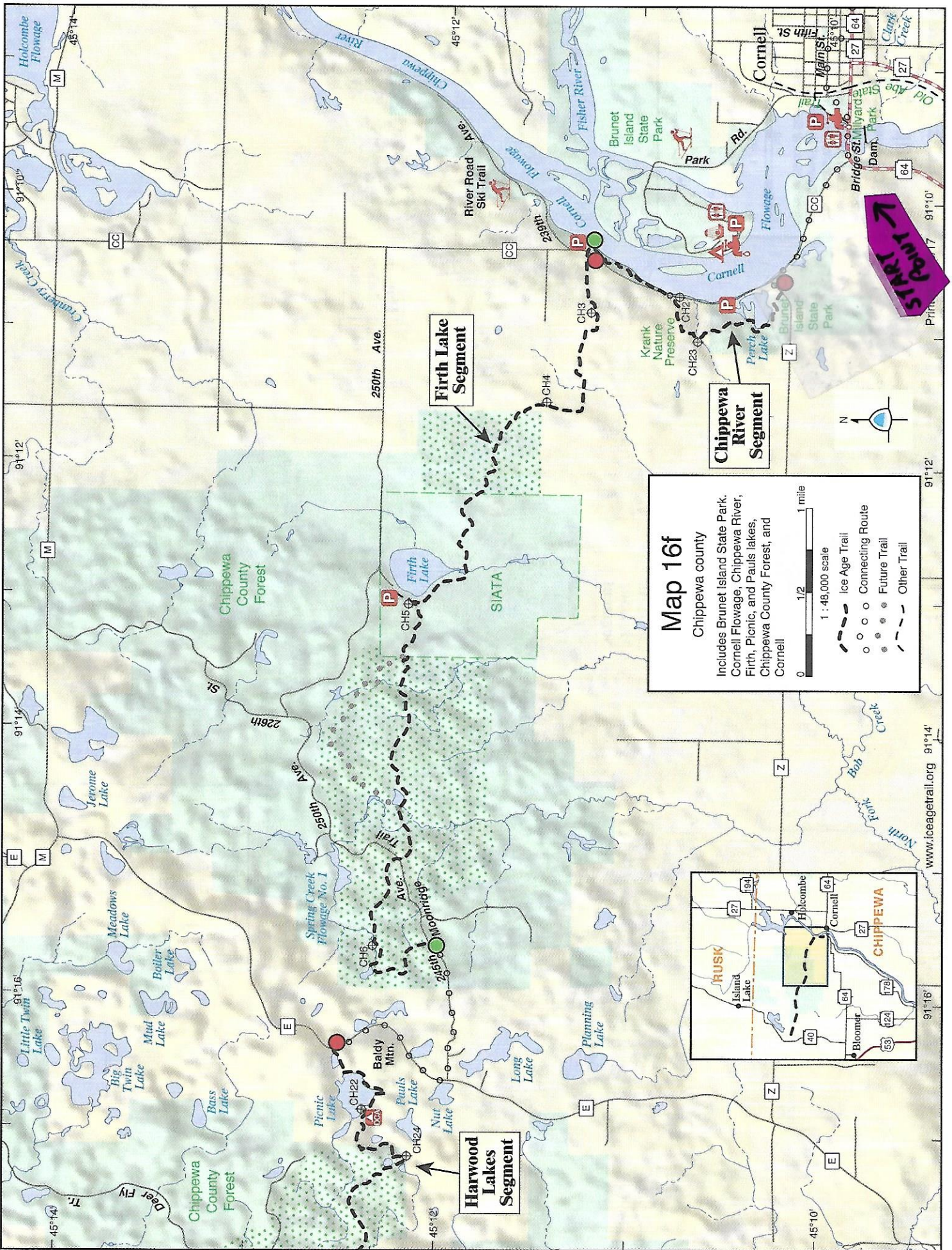
In Case of emergency, dial 911. For an AVA administrative issue, contact the NC Regional Director Jerry Wilson at (cell) 608-695-6449, leave a message, expect a return call as close to immediately as possible.

**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).



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**Map 16f**  
Chippewa county

Includes Brunet Island State Park, Cornell Flowage, Chippewa River, Firth, Picnic, and Pauls lakes, Chippewa County Forest, and Cornell

1 : 48,000 scale  
0 1/2 1 mile

- 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:

