

JOIN US ON AN EXPEDITION BACKPACKING: The Ice Age National Scenic Trail at the Kettle Moraine State Forest

October 18th – 21st, 2018

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail (IAT) is a 1200-mile-long trail located entirely within and unique to Wisconsin. Currently, more than 600 miles of trail are complete, with the remaining 600 in progress. The route of the trail follows the terminus of Wisconsin's most recent glacier.

The Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest maintains five, year-round backpack shelters for rustic camping along the 31 miles of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

COST: There will be a \$30 fee for each participant which will cover: Reimbursing drivers for fuel cost, State Park Vehicle Permit Fees, 1st night Campground Registration and Planning Costs. Each participant will be responsible for purchasing their own food prior to the trip. And each participant must supply their own camping / backpacking gear.

Itinerary

10/18 - Thursday Evening (6pm):

- Meet at staging location and load gear. Depart for Kettle Moraine
- 2.5 Hour Drive: Arrive at state park camp and set up for the night. This first night will be spent at a proper state campground with hot showers and toilets.

10/19 – Friday

- Wake-Up & Breakfast (Sunrise 7:10am)
- 10 Miles of Hiking (5 Hours @ 2mi/hr + 2 Hours for Lunch = 7 Hours)
- Camp Set-Up & Dinner (Sunset 6:02pm)

10/20 – Saturday

- Wake-Up & Breakfast (Sunrise 7:11am)
- 10 Miles of Hiking (5 Hours @ 2mi/hr + 2 Hours for Lunch = 7 Hours)
- Camp Set-Up & Dinner (Sunset 6:00pm)

10/21 – Sunday

- Wake-Up & Breakfast (Sunrise 7:12am)
- 10 Miles of Hiking (5 Hours @ 2mi/hr + 2 Hours for Lunch = 7 Hours)
- Get to Shuttle vehicles and load gear
- Stop at a diner for group meal
- Head back to staging area in Chicago
- 9-10pm Estimated Arrival Time

NOTE: Participants will 1) Wake up when they choose, 2) Hike at their own pace, and 3) Meet the group each evening at the pre-determined sleeping/camp location.

Tired of living “inside-the-box?” Del, Jay, and Fernanda are trying to form a community of local travel pioneers united by the type of bond that can only be achieved by adventuring together. In an effort to build strong and lasting friendships within the Chicago travel community, the “take-away” from each event we plan will be the relationships we strengthen through both internal and external exploration.

THE KETTLE MORAIN STTE FOREST & THE ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL: Kettle Moraine state forest contains very hilly terrain and glacial landforms, such as kettles, kames and eskers. The forest includes 250 miles of hiking trails that include a portion of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail that stretches 1,200 miles in the state of Wisconsin.

J. CURRIE: In 2014 he left the corporate grind and set out on a three-year adventure to travel the world. His travels have led Jay to many interesting places, meeting people and exchanging wisdom. He has spent months at a time traveling in India, Nepal, Philippines, China, Mongolia, Russia, Scandinavia, Northwestern Europe, Romania and Spain; in addition to hitchhiking from China to Germany, backpacking the Great Wall of China, hitchhiking across Canada, joining a SCUBA survey of sunken World War II shipwrecks in the Philippines, climbing to Mt. Everest Basecamp (w/ the French summit team) and hiking the Appalachian Trail. He is the author of *The Frugal Nomad: A Quick-Start Guide to World Travel* (available at bookstores world-wide).

