

Beautiful Kettle Moraine Drive Offers Classic Chance For Nature Study; Extends 35 Miles Through County

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Sometime in that eon of time called the glacial period, two lobes of a mighty ice sheet converged on Wisconsin. The glacial masses met along a line running northeast-southwest across Southern Wisconsin.

As the ice melted, it formed the steep hogs back ridges and water-filled domelike kettles that were to become the playground for 20th century residents of the crowded Lake Michigan shoreline.

The state of Wisconsin, not many years ago, found itself with the money and the opportunity to buy up some of the rough glacial Kettle Moraine land. Much of it was no longer wanted by farmers.

Two separate purchase units were included in this Kettle Moraine State forest: the northern unit in Sheboygan and Fond du Lac counties, and the southern unit staggering across Walworth and Waukesha counties, centering near Eagle.

The southern purchase unit, located 15 miles from Waukesha, encompasses 27,000 acres. Of this, 5,900 acres of wooded hills, swamps, marshes, and gravelly uplands, has come into state ownership.

Picnic tables, outdoor fireplaces, and facilities for camping are available in the Waukesha county segment of the state forest. Hikers may tramp through the woods along well-marked trails, getting a glimpse of forest wild life. Oak trees off the trails also offer shaded locations for more secluded picnics.

Winter sports enthusiasts will find a downhill ski run and ski tow developed near the headquarters station located off Hy. ZZ. A shelter is available for winter skiers, and in summer is used by organized hiking and picnic groups.

The entire area is open to public hunting during the legal open season for game birds and animals.

An aid for the scenery seeking visitor is the Kettle Moraine drive, a newly-marked drive extending 120 miles from Whitewater lake in Walworth county to Elkhart lake in Sheboygan county. Sticking mostly to the side roads, the scenic drive aims to give the motorist an unhurried glance at the work of the glaciers.

The drive—designated by tan, acorn shaped markers with the words "Kettle Moraine drive"—enters Waukesha county on Hy. 59 southwest of Eagle. On the left are the typical wooded moraine hills; on the right the Scuppernong marsh. Entering Eagle (3.7 miles) one passes the impressive St. Theresa's Catholic church, and joins Hy. 67. Turning north out of Eagle on Hy. 67, the motorist journeys up "Diamond Hill," where many



(Freeman Staff Photo)

Quiet and peace away from life's troubles, cares

years ago a resident picked up a diamond. Years have passed but the name remains.

Along Hy. 67, the drive winds through typical moraine country, offering scenic views, and a wayside picnic area along Scuppernong creek. Four and a half miles out of Eagle, the drive turns onto Hy. ZZ. Along the county trunk is a large wayside, and good-sized forests of trees specially planted by various groups. Nearby is a ranger station.

After a mile and a half of travel along Hy. ZZ, the drive turns onto Hy. G. Tree-shaded and nearly free of traffic, the four and a half mile drive along Hy. G offers a restful journey. Roadside signs warn, "Winding Road." They mean it, for curves in the Kettle Moraine uplands are vicious.

After junctioning with and leaving behind Hys. C and D, the drive turns onto Hy. CC. Hills flatten out into broad farm lands.

Hy. CC joins Hy. 18 at an intersection marked by the old stone, one-room Moriah school. After a short way on Hy. 18, Hy. CC turns to the left, continuing toward Lapham peak. Two miles from Hy. 18, the motorist passes the road lead-

ing to the right and upward to the peak, Waukesha's highest point.

As the motorist continues toward Hy. 30, the wooded moraine hills are to the right, farms again to the left.

At Delafield, Hy. CC becomes Hy. C. At the village, the motorist so inclined may make side trips to the state fish hatchery, Cushing Memorial state park, or St. John's military academy.

Continuing on Hy. C, one reaches the community of Nashotah where the drive turns right onto Hy. PPP to the intersection with Hy. 16. Here the southern unit of the state forest is left. Travelling only a short distance on the busy highway, the drive turns left at Hy. 83 for a pleasant journey between Pine and Beaver lakes.

The back doors of Pine lake estates border the western edge of the highway. On the east side are the shores of Beaver lake and the golf course at the Chenequa country club.

At North Lake, five miles from Hy. 16, marked by St. Clare's Catholic and St. Peter's Episcopal churches, the drive turns right onto Hy. 74, into an area of flat farm land. A mile farther on, the Kettle Moraine drive turns northward on-

to Hy. E to give the visitor a scenic panorama. The Oconomowoc river meanders along at the left. Suddenly the gleaming spires of Holy Hill, only a few miles distant, loom out of the countryside.

Hy. E swoops into the pleasant county-line community of Monches, past fishermen trying their luck in the Oconomowoc river. There beyond the village, next to the stone St. John's church and the Monches ballpark, the drive leaves Waukesha county. Waukesha county trunk E becomes Washington county trunk K, leading the five miles to Holy Hill.

The motorist may continue on, finishing the journey that will lead him to Sheboygan county. The 35-mile Waukesha county segment of the drive, with no side trips, takes about one hour. Complete maps of the drive may be obtained from the Wisconsin Conservation dept. in Madison.

Foot Loose?

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The United Daughters of the Confederacy found its organization listed on the calendar of the Virginia General Assembly for five successive days as the U-N-T-I-E-D Daughters of the Confederacy.