

Hiking Schedule Summer 2025

Attention:

Some changes of note to this quarter's hiking schedule. One is that the **Sunday hikes will be morning hikes**. The other is regarding the **June 3rd hike**, which will be an **evening hike**.

June

Tuesday 6/3: *Hike and optional dinner.* Hike the Great River Trail beginning at the trailhead across from David Reay's in Onalaska. Flat/easy. After the hike, enjoy dinner at David Reay's. There is a concert scheduled at the adjacent Dash Park that evening as well.

Time: Carpool leaves from UU at 3:30 pm, or meet at 4:00 at Great River Trailhead. Dinner to follow hike.

Sunday 6/22: Myrick Marsh Loop. Easy/flat.

Time: 8:00 am. Meet at Myrick Park lower parking lot. No carpool planned.

July

Tuesday 7/1: Blackhawk County Park (Vernon Co). Flat/easy.

Time: Carpool leaves at 8:15 am from UU or meet at 9:00 at the concession stand in the park.

Sunday 7/20: Butterfly Trail (Shelby, La Crosse). Moderate. 1.6 miles round trip 264 ascent.

Time: Carpool departure from UU at 7:45 am or meet at the end of Vineyard Rd at 8:00 am in the parking lot.

August

Tuesday 8/5: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Easy

Time: Carpool leaves UU at 8:15 am or meet at 9:00 am at the Visitor's Center/overlook parking lot.

Sunday 8/17: Easter Road Trailhead (Haas tract). Moderate/challenging. 2.7 miles round trip with significant elevation change.

Time: Carpool leaves UU at 7:45 am or meet at the trailhead at 8:00.

Trail Difficulty

1. Easy: 1-2 miles with easy terrain and little elevation gain
2. Moderate: 2-4 miles with moderate terrain and some elevation gain
3. Challenging: 4 or more miles or varying terrain

These are self-led hikes (not church-sponsored), and hiking is at your own risk. We have attempted to give you enough information about each hike to determine whether it is a good fit for your interest and abilities. Feel free to invite family members and friends to participate. Kids, accompanied by responsible adults, are welcome to join!

Pets are discouraged for these hikes and are prohibited on some local trails. Hikes will not occur if severe weather is in the forecast or if wet weather has left trails vulnerable to erosion, but no announcements regarding cancellations will be made. Always be prepared with enough water and snacks to meet your own needs. Consider using walking shoes or hiking boots; hiking poles can be helpful, though are not needed for easier hikes. Also, when hiking in the winter, please consider using traction devices for boots such as microspikes or yaktrax, which can help reduce slips and falls.

Carpooling is encouraged, with a meet up location at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship parking lot (401 West Ave S La Crosse, WI