

## PRESS RELEASE

### HAPPY (AND SAFE) TRAILS TO YOU!

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STEVENS POINT, Wis. (May 2, 2006) -- The Stevens Point area offers a rich & plentiful landscape with endless splendor and natural scenery. Each trail has a distinct character and a beautiful backdrop to enjoy the outdoors.

Reconnect with nature and the local communities by following the Green Circle trail. The 30.5 mile trail circles the city winding along the Wisconsin River, Little Plover River and other tributaries. The trail head is located within the Schmeekle Reserve, a 275-acre nature preserve on the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point campus.

Relive the past by biking the trail once shaped by glaciers. On the Ice Age Trail wind through the hills and valleys left by nature's wonder in Portage County. To see the physical remnants of the glacier framed by a forest and a diverse mix of wildlife throughout, Standing Rocks County Park offers 10 miles of trails to enjoy the landscape. Or take a journey down a once abandoned railroad bed, where the 14 mile Tomorrow River State Trail brings the county's history and natural beauty to the forefront.

#### **Two if by sea, fun if by car...**

Rediscover the historical roots of Portage County by traveling the Polish Heritage Trail. Quietly winding through the countryside marked with remnants of the past, see where the first rural Polish settlement in Wisconsin was established. From Ellis to Polonia to Stevens Point and beyond, follow the road to the Polish roots. Do zobaczenia jutro! (See you tomorrow!)

Looking for adventure? Highway 51 is a road that links heritage, culture, and the northwoods of Wisconsin to southern Louisiana. Explore the historic highway as it runs through Portage County. Experience area's attractions, history, food, museums, and more by staying on the road less traveled. On this route, adventure finds you!

Reminiscent of days gone by with unmarked roads and no map to call your own, then the Yellowstone Trail is calling you. While the roads have changed and the yellow stones have been removed, the charm of the trail has not. Ride along the historic Yellowstone Trail through Portage County and see the changes time has made.

For more information about trails in Portage County, contact the Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1-800-236-4636 or visit [www.stevenspointarea.com](http://www.stevenspointarea.com).

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