

U.S. Reps. Pocan, Grothman: Welcome newest National Parks to Wisconsin

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, **U.S. Congressmen Mark Pocan (WI-02)** and **Glenn Grothman (WI-06)** applaud the National Park Service for designating the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and the North Country National Scenic Trail as units of the National Park System. This new status will increase funding and improve maintenance for these Wisconsin-based National Scenic Trails, and include them on official National Park Service maps.

“Every year, thousands of volunteers – including many of my constituents – contribute hours and hours to ensure their neighbors and visitors can enjoy these beautiful trails,” **Congressman Mark Pocan (WI-02) said.** “This new status levels the playing field among other National Parks, giving them more resources to maintain their natural beauty. These trails are invaluable resources that provide communities like mine with unique outdoor experiences and economic opportunities. I applaud the National Park Service for recognizing these two vital scenic trails in Wisconsin and look forward to enjoying these trails for years to come.”

“As a lifelong Wisconsinite, I am proud to be from a state with such a beautiful natural environment,” **said Congressman Grothman (WI-06).** “I am happy to support this bipartisan effort to ensure the Ice Age Trail has the opportunity to participate as a unit of the National Park System.”

Congressmen Pocan and Grothman have fought to designate these trails as National Scenic Trails for years, including by introducing legislation last Congress to change their unit status.