

Signs of Glaciers



Note the stones scattered along side the trail here. These are not native to Wisconsin but have been transported here by the glaciers that have moved across our area repeatedly over the last 1.8 million years. The most recent episode of glaciation ended about 13,000 years ago with the melting and withdrawal of the Lake Michigan Glacier's Delavan lobe from our area. Left behind are soils comprised of glacial clays, sand and gravel, tens of feet thick. As these soils erode they reveal stones, called erratics, that had not been reduced by glacial action. Notice the u-shaped valley, this is a tell-tale sign that a glacier has shaped the land. When you go north on the green trail, there is also a moraine, another glacial feature.