

## **Indianhead Trail, St. Croix Falls – Mike Chrun**

This is perhaps my favorite hike in the spring. North on Highway 87 out of St. Croix Falls, there is another Lion's Park. Park in the northern most area and you can see the trailhead. It's a good surface and on both sides of it you can find a wide variety of **spring wildflowers**. Maybe a third of a mile in you come to **Indianhead Creek** as it cascades over rocks down to the river. **Marsh marigolds** can be found in abundance here. Continuing north you can always see the river and you have an array of wildflowers nestled around moss covered boulders. There are literally carpets of **white anemone** at the right time as well as an abundance of **wild geranium**. Enjoyable walk in the fall also, although the color is not as good as across the river. This trail on a hot summer day is one to be avoided unless you're wearing a head net and even then the bugs might cut your excursion short.

## **Indianhead Trail – Sarah Hefty**

There is a trail slightly north of St. Croix Falls, WI that's called the Indianhead Trail. It's approximately 1 hour's drive from Hudson. This trail offers a small variety of wildflowers such as marsh marigolds, skunk cabbage, anemones, trillium, Dutchmen's breeches, and bellwort. Usually the wildflowers peak around the first or second weekends in May. The variety that can be found can vary from week to week. The trail is mostly flat and is embedded in a wooded area. There is a gravel lot for parking and this lot could probably fit 10 vehicles comfortably.

### **Driving Instructions from Hudson**

1. Take WI-35 north into St. Croix Falls
2. Merge onto US Highway 8 (left turn)
3. Turn right onto Washington St/WI-87
4. Go 1.6 miles north on WI-87
5. The Lions Park and Indian head Trail will be on the left

### **Parking & Trail Instructions**

There is a gravel lot that is right next to the trailhead for the Indian Head Trail. However, I actually believe it would be best to park in the Lions Park parking lot which is near the designated trailhead for the Indian Head Trail. The Lions Park lot is paved and generally better for parking. If the club were to use this area for a wildflower outing, I would make sure to get to the parking lot prior to the outing to make sure everyone is clear on where the trailheads actually are.

The Indian Head Trail is technically part of the Ice Age Trail. The Indian Head section of the Ice Age Trail is mostly flat and wide and covered with gravel. The Indian Head Trail itself is 0.6 miles long, and this area is the only part that is covered with gravel. You can continue after the 0.6 miles of gravel trail, but keep in mind the terrain will become more strenuous and you will be on the narrower, dirt Ice Age Trail.

The Indian Head Trail winds through woods and wetland terrain, so it would be advisable to bring bug repellent and wear hiking pants or tough jeans with boots or comfortable closed toed shoes.

Indianhead Trail, St. Croix Falls Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/cyjK5u1pSSc8GxDz5>