



## ANNUAL NCNST DAY EVENT IDEAS

Remember to register your event with NCTA at <https://northcountrytrail.org/ncnst-day-registration/> and with National Public Lands Day <https://www.neefusa.org/public-lands-day>, as they are concurrent on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of September.

### Event examples:

1. Family or community hike/walk
2. Culmination hike: ex. last of consecutive section hikes that occurred over the summer/season
3. Celebration hike: ex. upon completion of trail work project
4. Pot luck dinner, picnic or pizza party following a hike or work trip
5. Focus hike: ex. essentials to carry in daypack, light weight backpacking, Leave No Trace, winter hiking tips, orientation to hiking
6. Instructional hike: ex. geocaching, orienteering, GPS, map and compass, trail maintenance
7. Nature study: Fall leaf and tree identification, migrating waterfowl, trail geology, mushroom identification, animals prepping for winter,
8. Contest event: ex. pumpkin carving, chili cook-off, gorp recipes, backpacking menus, open fire cooking, best pumpkin pie or apple crisp recipe.
9. Theme hike/walk: ex. wellness walking, bird or Fall wildflower identification, walking with children, history along the trail, stories, myths, local characters
10. Hay ride before hike with cider and donuts after hike
11. There is no limit to the creativity one can apply to an exciting and varied schedule that will help promote the NCNST and NCTA and. We are limited only by our imagination.