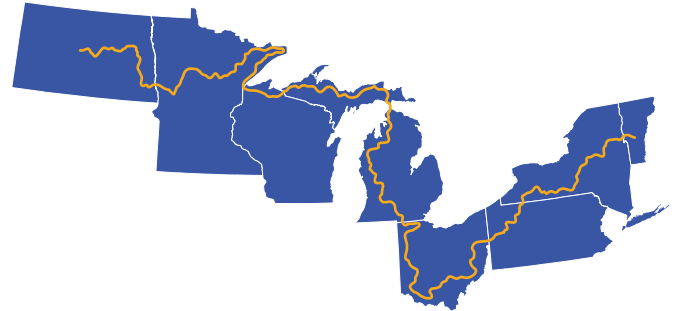




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The North Country National Scenic Trail provides nationally significant recreation experiences as it traverses, interprets, and celebrates the unique natural, historic, cultural, and ecological landscapes of America's northern heartlands. Stretching 4,800 miles, the North Country Trail is the longest in the National Trails System. Anchored in the west at Lake Sakakawea in North Dakota, the trail passes through eight states, 10 National Forests, and more than 150 other public land areas on the path to its eastern terminus where it meets the Appalachian Trail in Vermont. The North Country Trail is managed by the National Park Service in concert with its partner, the North Country Trail Association (NCTA). Together, we plan, build, promote, and protect the North Country Trail.



## Quick Trail Facts

- The longest of 11 National Scenic Trails
- 40% of Americans live within a day's drive
- Traverses more than 100 counties
- Links eight states, 10 National Forests, and 150+ federal, state, and local public lands
- 3,300+ miles built and maintained by volunteers in a public-private partnership since 1980
- Enjoyed by hikers, families, skiers, bikers, hunters, and nature enthusiasts
- Links 26 Congressional districts

## Trail Community

- Volunteer network of 39 NCTA Chapters, Affiliate and partner organizations
- NCTA volunteers match every federal dollar with nearly \$8 of their own



**1,217 volunteers contributed**

**64,253 hours of time to**

**3,310 miles of off-road NCNST**

**for a value of \$2,151,816**



Find a full interactive map at [northcountrytrail.org](http://northcountrytrail.org)

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