



# North Country National Scenic Trail USDA Forest Service Partnership

The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) and National Park Service have a Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Region 9, detailing the collaborative management of the trail. Additionally, the NCTA has a Stewardship Agreement with the USFS, and Challenge Cost-Share agreements with individual forests. These agreements fund various projects, including volunteer training, bridges, boardwalks, signage, and trail construction and maintenance. Additionally in 2025, the NCTA Field Grants program funded more than \$8,000 for projects on USFS lands.

## 1 Sheyenne National Grasslands

NCNST Miles: 31.5  
Volunteer Hours: 400

## 2 Chippewa National Forest

NCNST Miles: 62.4  
Volunteer Hours: 1,384

## 3 Superior National Forest

NCNST Miles: 120  
Volunteer Hours: 1,626\*

## 4 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

NCNST Miles: 61.7  
Volunteer Hours: 980

## 5 Ottawa National Forest

NCNST Miles: 100  
Volunteer Hours: 1,183

## 6 Hiawatha National Forest

NCNST Miles: 94.7  
Volunteer Hours: 1,702

## 7 Manistee National Forest

NCNST Miles: 117.5  
Volunteer Hours: 2,610

## 8 Wayne National Forest

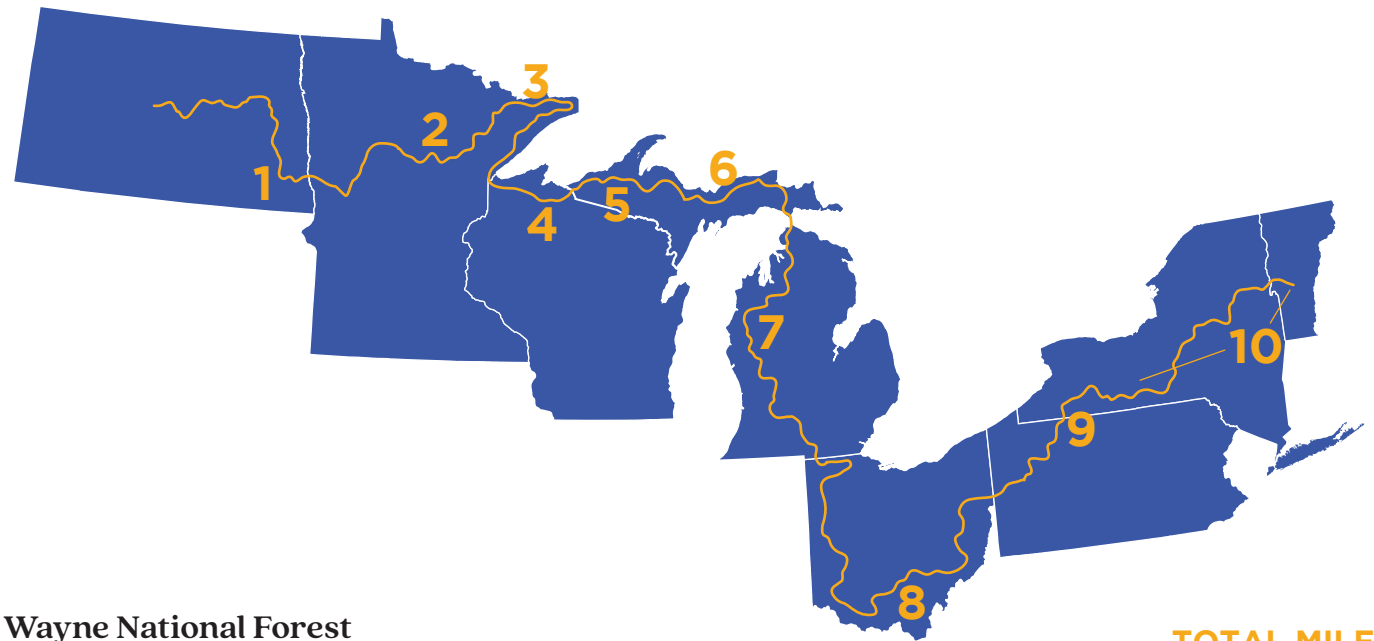
NCNST Miles: 57  
Volunteer Hours: 153\*

## 9 Allegheny National Forest

NCNST Miles: 90.3  
Volunteer Hours: 5,790

## 10 Green Mountain-Finger Lakes National Forest

NCNST Miles: 31.2  
Volunteer Hours: *N/A, tracked by Affiliates*



TOTAL MILES  
IN FORESTS

775

2025 VOLUNTEER  
HOURS IN FORESTS

15,469

\*Does not include hours from Superior Hiking Trail Association and Buckeye Trail Association volunteers.