North Country National Scenic Trail
North Dakota

Current Initiatives
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Securing a permanent protected corridor by partnering with private landowners to acquire easements.
- Working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to organize a Grand Opening event for the new 14-mile Trail through the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge.
- Supporting the new Central Flyway Chapter on promoting use of the NCT in Central North Dakota.

Partners
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Sheyenne National Grasslands
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
- North Dakota Game and Fish Dept.
- North Dakota Parks and Recreation Dept.
- NDSU’s Ekre Grassland Preserve
- State Historical Society of North Dakota
- Three active NCTA Chapters: Dakota Prairie Chapter (Sheyenne State Forest to the Red River), Sheyenne River Valley Chapter (Sheyenne State Forest through Griggs County), and the new Central Flyway Chapter (Lake Sakakawea through Lonetree Wildlife Management Area).

Trail Highlights by Congressional District
- Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, Garrison Dam, Sheyenne National Grasslands, Ekre Grassland Preserve, Fort Ransom State Park, Sheyenne State Forest, Lake Ashtabula, Lake Sakakawea State Park, Lonetree Wildlife Management Area, Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site

475 NCT miles

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CURRENT INITIATIVES
- Implementing the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act by working to develop new NCT segments in between the Chippewa National Forest and Grand Rapids, and also between Ely and the Kekekabic Trail. We are also working with ARDC Planning on early route planning in two areas between Grand Rapids and Ely.
- Securing permission from public and private landowners between Maplewood State Park and Fergus Falls with the Minnesota Waters and Prairie Chapter.

PARTNERS
- Chippewa National Forest
- Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge
- Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
- Superior Hiking Trail
- Border Route Trail Association
- Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota
- Six active NCTA Chapters
- Trail Towns of Walker and Frazee
- Prairie Wetlands Learning Center, USFWS
- Superior National Forest

775 NCT miles

MINNESOTA NCT IS 89% COMPLETE

693 MILES ARE READY TO HIKE

82 MILES ARE LEFT TO BUILD

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the NCNST is developed.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- 7th. Maplewood and Itasca State Parks, Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, Hubbel Pond State Wildlife Management Area, and Prairie Wetlands Learning Center. (168.3 miles)
- 8th. Paul Bunyan State Forest, Chippewa National Forest, Forest History Center, Soudan-Lake Vermillion and McCarthy Beach State Parks, Superior National Forest, and eight North Shore State Parks. (686.1 miles)

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WISCONSIN
NCT IS 67% COMPLETE

134 MILES ARE READY TO HIKE

66 MILES ARE *LEFT TO BUILD

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Securing a permanent protected corridor by partnering with the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, local government and conservation organizations to acquire land/easements.
- Working with federal, state and local agency partners to better manage and protect the Trail statewide.

PARTNERS

- Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
- Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
- Bayfield, Douglas, and Iron County Forests
- University of Wisconsin-Superior
- Trail Towns of Mellen and Solon Springs
- Three active NCTA Chapters

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

- 7th. Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Copper Falls State Park, Pattison State Park, Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, MacQuarrie Wetlands, and Iron County Forest.

200 NCT miles

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MICHIGAN NCT IS 75% COMPLETE

864 MILES ARE READY TO HIKE

286 MILES ARE LEFT TO BUILD

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CURRENT INITIATIVES
- Working with state agency partners to better manage and protect the Trail statewide and the state designated Iron Belle Trail.
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Securing a permanent protected corridor by partnering with local government and conservation organizations to acquire easements.

PARTNERS
- Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources
- Manistee, Hiawatha, and Ottawa National Forests
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
- Friends of the Jordan River Fish Hatchery
- Michigan State University - W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
- Trail Towns of Marquette, Grand Marais, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Petoskey, Kalkaska, Fife Lake, White Cloud, Lowell, Middleville, Marshall, Albion, and Litchfield
- 12 active NCTA Chapters

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- 1st. Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness, Wilderness, and Tahquamenon State Parks, Pere Marquette and Mackinaw State Forests. (795.1 miles)
- 2nd. Manistee National Forest. (109.4 miles)
- 3rd. Yankee Springs Recreation Area, Battle Creek Linear Parkway. (179.2 miles)
- 4th. Pere Marquette State Forest. (40.6 miles)
- 6th. Kellogg Biological Station. (12.5 miles)
- 7th. Lost Nation State Game Area. (40.5 miles)

1,150 NCT miles

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OHIO

CURRENT INITIATIVES
- Coordinating with state and federal land managers, and private organizations to improve hiking trail development statewide.
- Working with the Wayne National Forest to improve the Trail on the ground, making it more sustainable and safe for hikers.
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Hired new NCTA Regional Trail Coordinator for Ohio and Pennsylvania.

PARTNERS
- Wayne National Forest
- Buckeye Trail Association
- Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources
- Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor
- Northwestern Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association
- Wright State University
- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park
- Five Rivers MetroParks
- The Nature Conservancy
- City of Dayton

1,050 NCT miles

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- 1st. Following the Little Miami River. (36.7 miles)
- 2nd. Shawnee and Pike State Forests, East Fork State Park, Edge of Appalachia Project with The Nature Conservancy. (258.5 miles)
- 4th. Miami and Erie Canal Trail. (61.1 miles)
- 5th. Oak Openings Preserve and portions of the Wabash Cannonball Trail in Defiance, OH. (125.9 miles)
- 6th. Wayne National Forest, Salt Fork State Park. (314.7 miles)
- 7th. Zoar Village, and Ohio and Erie Canal where the Buckeye Trail, NCNST, Tuscarawas River, and Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath meet. (3.2 miles)
- 8th. Miami and Erie Canal Trail near Piqua. (31.5 miles)
- 10th. Following the Little Miami River. (47.6 miles)
- 15th. Hocking Hills State Park and Wayne National Forest - Athens Unit (167.6 miles)

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CURRENT INITIATIVES
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- NCTA continues to partner with the Allegheny National Forest to put on the Allegheny 100 [Hiking] Challenge, an event that grows each year and now draws national recognition.
- Hired new NCTA Regional Trail Coordinator for Ohio and Pennsylvania.

PARTNERS
- Allegheny National Forest
- Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Keystone Trails Association
- Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
- Four active NCTA Chapters
- Butler Outdoor Club
- Moraine Preservation Fund
- Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy
- Trail Towns of Wampum, Darlington, and Parker

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- 15th. Allegheny National Forest and Cook Forest State Park. (208.7 miles)
- 16th. Moraine State Park (61.6 miles)
- 17th. McConnells Mill State Park and State Game Lands 285 (10.6 miles)

265 NCT miles

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**CURRENT INITIATIVES**
- Finalized a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service, NCTA, and state agencies for the management and protection of the Trail statewide.
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Hired new NCTA Regional Trail Coordinator for New York and Vermont.

**PARTNERS**
- New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
- New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
- NCTA Central New York Chapter
- Trail Town of Canastota
- Finger Lakes National Forest
- Adirondack Park Agency
- Finger Lakes Trail Conference
- Adirondack Mountain Club

**TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**
- **21st.** Crown Point State Historic Site, Adirondack Park. (172.7 miles)
- **22nd.** Erie Canal State Historic Park, Morgan Hill State Forest, Stone Quarry Hill Art Park. (163.7 miles)
- **24th.** Labrador Hollow State Unique Area, Onondaga Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail. (14.2 miles)
- **27th.** Genesee Valley Wildlife Management Area. (17.1 miles)

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VERMONT

CURRENT INITIATIVES
- Hired new NCTA Regional Trail Coordinator for New York and Vermont.

PARTNERS
- Green Mountain Club
- Middlebury Area Land Trust
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Green Mountain National Forest
- Moosalamoo Association

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
- At-Large. Moosalamoo Recreation Area, Trail Around Middlebury (TAM), Green Mountain National Forest.

VERMONT NCT IS 53% COMPLETE
40 MILES ARE READY TO HIKE
35 MILES ARE *LEFT TO BUILD

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75 NCT miles

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