

## NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

The NCNST is one of our Nation's premier hiking and backpacking trails, extending 4,600 miles, linking outstanding scenic, natural, recreational, historic and cultural areas through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. It is a trail administered by the National Park Service.

Partnering with the NPS, the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) is a nonprofit organization supported by member / donors. Our small but impressive staff guides our equally impressive, but much larger, cadre of volunteers.

For more information about the Trail, and how to get involved, go to: [www.northcountrytrail.org](http://www.northcountrytrail.org)

North Country Trail Association  
866-445-3628



## OUR TRAIL PARTNERS IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY

**Fort Custer National Cemetery** – Hallowed ground, the trail weaves along the undeveloped portion of the cemetery. Call 269-223-5365 before parking for your hike. No night hiking.

**Fort Custer Recreation Area** – Developed camping located a mile south of M-96, with fee. Includes biking and horseback riding trails, fishing, boating, beach. Call 269-731-4200.

**Ron and Grace Hutchinson** – Private landowner hosting Trail since before 1996.

**The Sackett Family** – Private landowner hosting Trail since before 1996.

**MSU W.K. Kellogg Experimental Forest** – Research Forest with some trails also for hiking, horseback riding.

**Holly Cheff** – Private landowner hosting trail since before 1996.

**Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center** – Serving riders of all ages who have physical, emotional, or cognitive disabilities.

**MSU W.K. Kellogg Biological Station** – Includes the Bird Sanctuary, the Kellogg Farm, and the Robotic Milking facility.

You can now see where you are on the Trail, with a mapping App for your cell phone. For more information, see: <https://northcountrytrail.org/trail/maps/>. We now also have detailed maps you can download on your phone, and use with your phone's GPS even if there is no cell service (regional map sets).

We invite you to join us each month at:

- Our Chapter planning meeting held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, often with speakers and presentations
- hikes around our area
- work days on our Trail

Our volunteers also serve by:

- Adopting Trail sections
- Telling others about the Trail
- Trimming along the Trail,
- Leading hikes
- Working with landowners
- and more – you can help.

Sign up for our quarterly newsletter for our upcoming events, and to see what we've been doing, by signing up with our secure provider at:  
<http://eepurl.com/bBn5aP>



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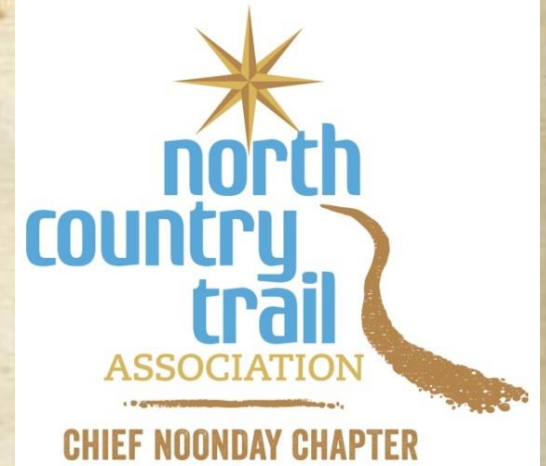
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Email: [cnd@northcountrytrail.org](mailto:cnd@northcountrytrail.org)

## Kalamazoo County Map



Your Adventure Starts Nearby

## CHIEF NOONDAY CHAPTER

Chief Noonday Chapter volunteers build, maintain and promote the 95-mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail passing through Barry, Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties. We are providing a healthy, local, outdoor recreational opportunity for kids of all ages, which is part of a 4600-mile National Trail.

Help support our efforts by volunteering or via donation.

For our activity schedule, go to the Lower Michigan Calendar on the NCTA website, or using Facebook, "Like" the "North Country Trail Association; Chief Noonday Chapter" to see the latest news and upcoming activities.



# North Country National Scenic Trail in Kalamazoo County

**Wear blaze orange in hunting areas during gun season.**

**Do not camp anywhere without permission. Please stay on the Trail on private lands. Private lands next to road walks are not Trail.**

- ◆ 1 Armstrong Rd (aka 48<sup>th</sup>) trailhead – Calhoun County line – 2.9 miles to:
- ◆ 2 Ft Custer Dr trailhead – 0.9 miles to:
- ◆ 3 Augusta Dr trailhead – 2.0 miles to:
- ◆ 4 MSU Kellogg Forest bridge – 3.0 miles to:
- ◆ 5 Fence stile – KBS – 0.7 miles to:
- ◆ 6 W K Kellogg Bird Sanctuary – 2.2 miles to point 8.
- ◆ 7 Robotic milking tours - KBS
- ◆ 8 Baseline Rd - Barry County line

## Fort Custer Recreation Area

## OUR BROCHURE SPONSORS

**DIG-IN CAFE AND CATERING**

**Always Homemade, Always Dig In**  
CALL IN: 269-731-5846 FAX IN: 269-731-5839

111 W Michigan Avenue, Augusta, MI



**Askler's Augusta Pharmacy**

108 South Webster, Augusta, MI  
269-731-2400

Monday – Friday: 9 to 6 Saturday: 9 to 1  
Backpacking supplies, Food, First Aid



**Gull Lake Inn**

12500 M-89  
Richland, MI 49083

Phone: 269-731-4131 Email: [GullLakeinn@tds.net](mailto:GullLakeinn@tds.net)

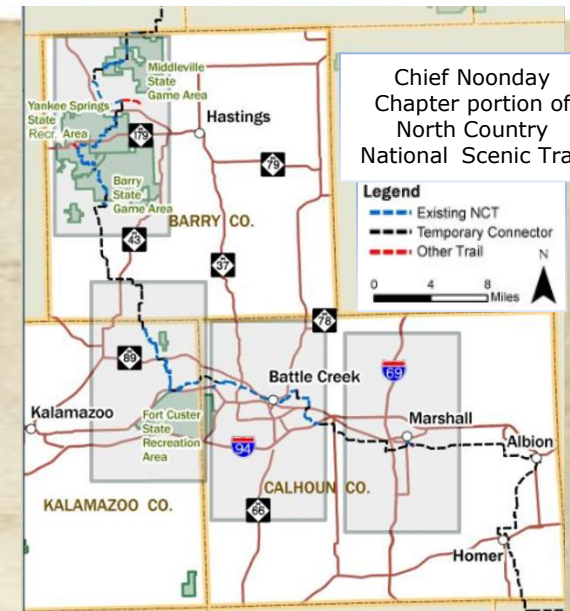
Open April 1 to October 14, otherwise by reservation  
Food service on site.

"Is it NURTURE, or North Country NATURE?"

The Walls Family



Kiosk at W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary



Chief Noonday Chapter portion of North Country National Scenic Trail

**Legend**  
— Existing NCT  
--- Temporary Connector  
--- Other Trail  
0 4 8 Miles

MSU Kellogg Experimental Forest.



View from dike crossing in Fort Custer National Cemetery.