

# Harbor Springs Chapter

## Trail Guide

### Camping

Facilities for camping along the North Country Trail vary greatly. In Emmet County camping is permitted on the North Country Trail with these provisions:

- Campsite must be on public land
- Campsite must not be within a mile of a designated campground
- No camping in Wilderness State Park, except at campgrounds.

Sections 7,8,9 are in Wilderness State Park.

- Campsite must not be adjacent to a rail-trail
- Campers must fill out and post a campsite registration card

(Make up your own registration card if you don't have a pre-printed one)

### GPS Coordinates

GPS coordinates mark landmarks along the trail. Only two-track roads used by vehicles have been noted. Mile markers noted are small wooden signs posted on a tree and denote approximate miles within a section. Sometimes they are missing. Wilderness State Park marks their trails with intersection numbers.

### Maps

To get a digital map of any portion of the North Country Trail, download the Avenza App (free), and then go to <https://northcountrytrail.org/the-trail/trail-map-and-downloads/#mobile> and download the maps you wish to use. There is no charge.

### Emmet County Headlands Park

The French Farm Lake area borders Emmet County Headlands. The park is 550 acres of pristine woodlands, with more than two miles of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline and is home to many species of rare and endangered plants. It is also home to an International Dark Sky Park.

Access the park by leaving the NCT at the north end of French Farm Lake (trailhead 11). Follow

French Farm Lake Road (dirt road) one mile to the corner of Wilderness Park Drive and Trailsend Road. Follow Wilderness Park Drive (paved) one mile north to the entrance of Headlands Park.

The Park has many groomed trails for hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and skiing. A map at the entrance gazebo shows marked trails.

### **Crossing the Mackinac Bridge**

From the Mackinaw City Trailhead, follow the North Country Trail south to Nicolet Street (short distance). Follow Nicolet Street north about 1 1/2 blocks, going past the traffic light. Just past the road entry to the Mackinaw Bridge is a booth with directions of how to telephone the Mackinac Bridge Authority for assistance to cross the bridge.

## **Harbor Springs Chapter Trail Sections**

### **Section #11 - 2.7 Miles**

Mackinaw City - north end of French Farm Lake

#### **Directions**

The trailhead is located on French Lake Road one half mile south of Trails End Road.

#### **Description**

The trail includes views of French Farm Lake, contains many puncheon walkways and goes through hardwoods and pine forests. Part of the trail follows the Northwestern State Trail and is paved between Trails End Road and Mackinaw City. It also crosses a gas and oil pipeline.

#### **Recommended activities**

Hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing

### **Section #10 - 5.12 Miles**

Cecil Bay Road northeast to the north end of French Farm Lake

#### **Directions**

The trailhead is located on Cecil Bay Road one eighth mile north of Oliver Road.

**Description**

The trail includes balsam, cedar and pine forests. It crosses Carp River and French Farm Lake dam. It includes many puncheon walkways over streams and wet areas. Two miles of the trail border French Farm Lake with many scenic views and waterfowl viewing in summer.

**Recommended activities**

Hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing

**Section #9 - 5.2 Miles**

Swamp Line Trail through Wilderness State Park to Cecil Bay Road

**Directions**

The trailhead is on Swampline Trail near Canada Goose Pond within Wilderness State Park. A State Park Passport Permit is required for parking.

**Description**

Much of this pine forest trail follows Wilderness Park Trails, including Swampline, Nebo, East Ridge, and Red Pine. It crosses East Boundary Trail. Note that Wilderness Park marks their trail intersections. Park rules apply when hiking Park trails.

**Recommended activities**

Hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing

**Sturgeon Bay Trail** - There are two Sturgeon Bay Trails. One is a county road which goes between Pleasantview Road and Lakeshore Road. The other is a trail within Wilderness State Park.

**Section #8 - 6.5 Miles**

West Lakeview picnic area north to Canada Goose Pond in Wilderness Park (6.5 miles)

**Directions**

The trailhead is east of the corner of North Lakeshore Drive and West Lakeview Road in the "picnic area" parking lot.

**Description**

About half of this trail follows Wilderness Park Trails, Swampline and Sturgeon Bay Trail. Wilderness Park marks trail intersections. The other half goes through pine and hardwood forests,

a swamp, through Lake Michigan sand dunes and along many ponds. All of this section is within Wilderness State Park, and Park rules apply.

**Recommended activities**

Hiking and snowshoe

**Section #7 - 2.8 Miles**

Sturgeon Bay Trail north to West Lake Shore Road

**Directions**

The Sturgeon Bay trailhead is two tenths of a mile east of the corner of West Sturgeon Bay Trail and North Lakeshore Drive.

**Description**

This trail goes through Lake Michigan sand dunes covered with oak and maple trees along with pines. It has a few steep hills. It is within Wilderness State Park, so Park rules apply. The Park marks trail intersections.

**Recommended activities**

Vigorous hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing

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**Section #6 - 5.7 Miles**

West Levering Road - Sturgeon Bay Trail

**Directions**

The West Levering trailhead is four and one half miles west of Pleasantview Road.

**Description**

Forests on this section of trail include mainly hardwoods. It has only a few small hills. It crosses Wycamp Dam, and one mile of the trail goes along the shore of Wycamp Lake

**Recommended activities**

Long hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

## **Trailhead Connector #6-#5A**

### **Hiking south - Reverse for hiking north.**

Hike south on Zmikly Road to Division Road, then west to Dzedzie Road. Property on both sides of this 1.8 mile road walk is private. **Please do not camp** along this corridor.

## **Section 5A - 1.85 Miles**

Beckon Road to Division Road

### **Directions**

The north end of the trail is near the corner of Division and Dzedzie Roads. The south end of the trail is at Beckon Road east of Hill Road.

### **Description**

This section crosses the property of the BlissFest Music Organization, following some of their trails. Please stay on the marked trail. **Do not camp.** The trail is not marked with blue blazes on trees. It is marked with blazes carsonite posts with North Country Trail and BlissFest stickers.

### **Note**

There is a drinking water source on this property next to the trail, but operational only in summer.

### **Recommended Activities**

Hiking, biking, cross country skiing

## **Trailhead Connector #5A-#5**

### **Hiking south - Reverse for hiking north.**

Hike west on Beckon Road to Rugged Road, then south on Rugged Road. At Van Road continue south on Van Road. When Van Road turns west, go straight to Section 5. Property on both sides of this 3 mile road walk is private. **Please do not camp** along this corridor.

## **Section #5 - 2.3 Miles**

West Robinson to Van Road

### **Directions**

The West Robinson trailhead is four and one half miles west of Pleasantview and one and six tenths of a mile east of State Road.

### **Description**

The trail goes through hardwood forests and Red Pine plantings.

### **Recommended activities**

Vigorous hiking and snowshoeing

### **Section #4 - 4.2 Miles**

South Larks Lake Road To West Robinson Road

#### **Directions**

The Larks Lake trailhead is one and nine tenths of a mile northwest of Stutsmanville Road and one and four tenths of a mile south of Robinson Road. This section can be accessed on Middle Village Road, .8 mile west of Larks Lake Road, and on Palmer Road from the west.

#### **Description**

The trail has rolling hills and goes through Beech-Maple forests and Red Pine plantings

### **Recommended activities**

Vigorous hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing

### **Section #3 - 2 Miles**

Stutsmanville northwest to South Larks Lake Road

#### **Directions**

The West Stutsmanville trailhead is one half mile west of Pleasantview Road.

#### **Description**

The trail is situated on wetlands with pine and aspen forests, and includes many puncheon walkways. There are beds of trillium in the spring at South Larks Lake Road.

### **Recommended activities**

Gentle hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing

### **Trailhead Connector #2-#3**

The Trailhead connector is one mile in length along Stutsmanville Road, and crosses Pleasantview Road. Water is available at the Pleasantview Town Hall.

## **Section #2 - 1.9 Miles**

Brutus Road north to Stutsmanville Road

### **Directions**

The Brutus Road trailhead is one and one half miles east of Pleasantview and seven tenths of a mile west of North Conway Road.

### **Description**

This trail of hills, valleys, and hardwood forests crosses an active stream.

### **Recommended activities**

Vigorous hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing

## **Section #1 - 4.85 Miles**

Kipp road north to Brutus Road

### **Directions**

Trailhead #1 is .5 mile west of North Conway Road and .5 mile north of Hathaway Road. The middle of this section can be accessed with good parking on Valley Road, 1 miles west of North Conway Road. Turn at the sign for Chestnut Valley Golf.

### **Description**

The trail traverses high hills and deep valleys through hardwoods, cutover areas, and pine plantings.

### **Recommended activities**

strenuous hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing

## **Harbor Springs Chapter Trail GPS Coordinates**

### **Using the GPS Guide Below**

1. Locate your entry point on the trail
2. Hiking south - read down, top to bottom
3. Hiking north - read up, bottom to top

## **Section 11 GPS Coordinates**

**Mackinaw City Trailhead**

**North Country Trail**

**Northwestern State Trail**

**North Central State Trail**

**End of Section 11**

45.780344, -84.730496

**Trails End Road**

45.767170, -84.744498

**Enter/Leave**

**Northwestern State Trail**

45.759601, -84.744960

**Electric Line/Pipeline**

45.762918, -84.758326

**Section 11 Trail Head**

45.763242, -84.767346

## **Section 10 GPS Coordinates**

**End of Section 10**

45.763242, -84.767346

**Mile 5 hiking north**

45.762293, -84.767641

**Campsite 1**

45.762089, -84.767599

**Campsite 2**

45.762089, -84.767599

**Campsites 3 and 4**

45.757397, -84.766577

**Mile 4 hiking north**

45.757397, -84.766577

**Campsites 5 and 6**

45.752576, -84.766081

**Mile 1 hiking south**

45.752087, -84.766279

**Mile 2 hiking south**

45.743371, -84.777482

**French Farm Lake Dam**

45.734380, -84.790514

**Mile 3 hiking south**

45.734106, -84.791419

**Mile 2 hiking north**

45.733047, -84.793691

**Mile 4 hiking south**

45.731389, -84.808796

**Mile 1 hiking north**



45.731214, -84.811364

**Carp River Bridge**

45.729005, -84.826421

**Mile 5 hiking south**

45.728873, -84.827454

**Section 10 Trail Head**

45.727502, -84.829378

**Section 9 GPS Coordinates**

**Cecil Bay Road**

**End of Section 9**

45.727502, -84.829378

**Mile 5 North**

45.727499, -84.829811

**Iron Post**

45.731101, -84.839085

**Mile 1 South**

45.734042, -84.846708

**Mile 4 North**

45.734258, -84.847077

**Wilderness State Park**

**Eastern Border**

**(Enter/Leave Wilderness State Park)**

45.736684, -84.853101

**Mile 3 North**

**Primitive Camp Site**

45.741375, -84.861212

**East Boundary Trail**

**Wilderness Park Intersection #14**

45.742759, -84.863531

**Leave/Enter East Ridge Trail**

**Wilderness Park Intersection #12**

45.743122, -84.868266

**Mile 3 South**

45.740696, -84.876922

**Mile 2 North**

45.738563, -84.878579

**Nebo Trail - East Ridge Trail**

**Wilderness Park Intersection #11**

45.737878, -84.879120

**Red Pine Trail - Nebo Trail**

**Wilderness Park Intersection #10**

45.745302, -84.878773

**Mile 4 South  
Bench**

45.744436, -84.881928

**Mile 1 North**

45.742712, -84.884082

**Canada Goose Pond Dam**

**Wilderness Park Intersection #3**

**Mile 5 South**

45.743137, -84.896592

**Section 9 Trail Head**

**Swampline Trail**

45.740922, -84.897806

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**Section 8 GPS Coordinates**

**End of Section 8**

45.740922, -84.897806

**Mile 5 hiking north**

45.733033, -84.896435

**Mile 4 hiking north**

45.727087, -84.906317

**Swampline-South Boundary**

**Sturgeon Bay Trails**

**Wilderness Park Intersection #20**

45.725597, -84.906274

**Sucker Creek Bridge**

45.723921, -84.910234

**Mile 3 hiking north**

45.723273, -84.922507

**Snowmobile Trail**

**Intersection #19**

45.723166, -84.929032

**Enter/Leave**

**Sturgeon Bay Trail**

**Wilderness Park Intersection #21**

45.723313, -84.929498

**Mile 2 hiking north**

45.720726, -84.932316

**Bridge**

45.710071, -84.939680

**Mile 1 hiking north**

45.709839, -84.940408

## **Bridge**

45.708155, -84.943309

## **Section 8 Trailhead**

45.703508, -84.952033

## **Section 7 GPS Coordinates**

### **End of Section 7**

45.703508, -84.952033

### **Lakeview Road/Parking**

### **Wilderness Park Intersection #22**

45.702877, -84.952346

### **Boling's Creek/Bridge**

45.701010, -84.952548

### **Mile 2 hiking north**

45.693802, -84.953503

### **Mile 1 hiking south**

45.692580, -84.956325

### **Mile 1 hiking north**

45.687560, -84.954985

### **Mile 2 hiking south**

45.686665, -84.958500

### **Hill and Pond**

45.686435, -84.960390

### **Old Railroad Grade**

45.680673, -84.967611

### **Section 7 Trailhead**

### **Intersection #23**

45.679888, -84.967291

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## **Section 6 GPS Coordinates**

### **End of Section 6**

### **Sturgeon Bay Trail**

### **Wilderness Park Intersection #23**

45.679888, -84.967291

### **Mile 5 North**

45.671540, -84.968493

### **Tony's Trail**

45.671520, -84.970276

### **Mile One South**

45.668954, -84.974399

**2-track trail**

45.666635, -84.977268

**Mile 4 North**

45.662098, -84.976942

**Wycamp Lake Road**

45.661408, -84.976690

**Mile 2 South**

45.659915, -84.982556

**Wycamp Lake Road**

45.658259, -84.992147

**Mile 3 North**

45.658152, -84.992570

**Wycamp Lake Road**

45.656168, -84.993284

**Wycamp Dam**

**Bench**

**Mile 3 South**

**Leave/Enter 2-track trail**

45.653419, -84.995715

**Leave/Enter 2-track trail**

45.651619, -84.999616

**Mile 2 North**

45.650722, -84.992941

**Mile 4 South**

45.650271, -84.985988

**Abrams Road**

**Wycamp Lake Access**

45.651696, -84.982950

**Private Drive**

45.651401, -84.981379

**Mile One North**

45.649449, -84.977847

**Mile 5 South**

45.644378, -84.974413

**Abrams Road**

45.643438, -84.974226

**Section 6 Trail Head**

**Levering Road**

45.636784, -84.975547

## **Trail Connector 6-5A**

### **GPS Coordinates**

**Zmikly Rd - Levering Rd**

45.636579, -84.975539

**Zmikly Rd - Division Rd**

45.622657, -84.966105

**Division Rd - Dzedzie Rd**

45.622534, -84.975412

## **Section 5A GPS Coordinates**

**Division Rd - Dzedzie Rd**

**Enter/Leave BlissFest Property**

45.622534, -84.975412

**Edge of Woods**

45.620907, -84.975927

**Edge of Woods**

45.619520, -84.978116

**Edge of Woods**

45.618993, -84.980121

**Enter/Leave Southwood Trail**

45.619129, -84.990382

**Edge of Woods**

45.615810, -84.992559

**Enter/Leave BlissFest Property**

**Beckon Road**

45.615157, -84.994925

## **Trail Connector 5A-5**

### **GPS Coordinates**

**Enter/Leave BlissFest Property**

45.615157, -84.994925

**Beckon Road-Rugged Road**

45.615085, -85.006361

**W. Van Rd - Rugged Rd**

45.597379, -84.995678

**End of Section 5**

45.586735, -84.995859

## **Section 5 GPS Coordinates**

**Van Road**

45.588070, -84.995949

**End of Section 5**

45.586735, -84.995859

**Mile 1 hiking south**

45.576108, -84.996899

**Mile 1 hiking north**

45.573257, -84.998787

**Enter/Leave 2-track trail**

45.573188, -84.998164

**Enter/Leave 2-track trail**

45.568756, -84.992569

**Mile 2 hiking south**

45.566810, -84.986802

**Gregory Road**

45.566405, -84.985346

**Section 5 Trail Head**

45.565173, -84.981672

**Section 4 GPS Coordinates**

**End Section 4**

45.565173, -84.981672

**2-track trail**

45.557454, -84.978745

**Mile 3 hiking north**

**Mile 1 hiking south**

45.555588, -84.975320

**Palmer Road**

45.550861, -84.972445

**2-track trail**

45.546850, -84.972664

**Mile 2 hiking south**

45.543651, -84.968043

**Mile 2 hiking north**

45.542996, -84.967634

**Middle Village Drive**

45.535529, -84.962872

**Bridge**

45.535145, -84.962885

**Mile 3 hiking south**

45.534880, -84.962876

**Mile 1 hiking north**

45.532704, -84.959814

**2-track Trail**

45.529528, -84.955474

**Mile 4 hiking south**

45.529685, -84.946516

**Section 4 Trail Head**

45.528280, -84.945003

### **Section #3 GPS Coordinates**

#### **Section 3 end**

45.528280, -84.945003

#### **Mile 2 hiking north**

45.528132, -84.944537

#### **Mile 1 hiking north**

45.519756, -84.933610

#### **2-track trail**

45.514534, -84.926881

#### **Mile 2 hiking south**

45.508385, -84.926071

#### **Section 3 Trailhead**

45.507979, -84.926082

### **Trail Connector 2-3**

#### **GPS Coordinates**

#### **Stutsmanville Rd - Section 3**

45.507979, -84.926082

#### **Stutsmanville-Pleasantview Rds**

Pleasantview Township Hall

45.507838, -84.914059

#### **End Sect 2 - Stutsmanville Rd**

45.507744, -84.904189

### **Section 2 GPS Coordinates**

#### **End of Section 2**

#### **Stutsmanville Road**

45.507744, -84.904189

#### **Mile 1 hiking north**

45.504912, -84.890472

#### **2-track trail**

45.504491, -84.889993

#### **Old Railroad Grade**

45.503258, -84.889993

#### **Mile 1 hiking south**

45.502598, -84.889223

#### **Bridge, Bench**

45.502186, -84.889238

#### **Trailhead for Section 2**

#### **Brutus Road**

45.492574, -84.887604

## **Section 1 GPS Coordinates**

### **End of Section 1**

#### **Brutus Road**

45.492574, -84.887604

#### **2-track trail**

45.487552, -84.886305

#### **Mile 4 hiking north**

45.483125, -84.889222

#### **Mile 1 hiking south**

45.480258, -84.891035

#### **Chadderdon Road**

45.478671, -84.893805

#### **2-track trail**

45.476156, -84.894102

#### **2-track trail**

45.475043, -84.893835

#### **Mile 3 hiking north**

45.473817, -84.893717

#### **Mile 2 hiking south**

45.471209, -84.890352

#### **Mile 2 hiking north**

45.462858, -84.885384

#### **2-track trail**

45.459558, -84.884035

#### **Mile 3 hiking south**

45.457960, -84.884973

#### **2-track trail**

45.457158, -84.885632

#### **2-track trail**

45.453839, -84.886704

#### **Mile 1 hiking north**

45.450266, -84.884788

#### **Mile 4 hiking south**

45.446142, -84.883470

#### **2-track trail**

45.442996, -84.882357

#### **Electric Lines**

45.442622, -84.878604

### **Section 1 Trailhead**

#### **Kipp Road**

45.442860, -84.874047