

NCT PUBLIC LANDS DAY HIKE  
Saturday, September 21

Each year, hundreds of thousands of volunteers come together on National Public Lands Day to assist with various projects designed to restore and enhance public parks, forests, waterways and more. North Country National Scenic Trail Day coincides with National Public Lands Day each year, to bring awareness, use and volunteerism specifically to the longest National Scenic Trail in America: the North Country Trail. It is held annually on the fourth Saturday in September, this year being the 25<sup>th</sup>.

To celebrate National Public Lands Day, the Grand Traverse Hiking Club will lead a hike at the Sand Lakes Quiet Area. We will meet at the Sand Lakes trailhead parking lot located on Broomhead Road at N44°43'24.58", W85°22'25.3". It is 3.7 miles south of M-72 or 4.3 miles north of Supply Road.

To simplify things, this will be a combination out and back and loop hike. This eliminates the need for a shuttle.

I am thinking of doing a hike of either 4.0 or 5.4 miles, depending on what the majority of those who show up desire. If we have enough people, we can split up into two groups and take separate routes. If someone wants an even shorter hike we can point you in the right direction for an out & back hike.

We'll meet at the Sand Lakes trailhead at 9:00 am. Bring a sufficient amount of water as well as your own lunch. We will either eat lunch along the hike or afterwards in the parking lot.

Let's get out on the trail and celebrate!