

North Country Trail

The Harbor Springs Chapter of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) works in close cooperation with the National Park Service to provide support for the longest National Scenic Trail in the United States. About half of the projected 4,800 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) are now complete, traveling through the diversity of beautiful wilderness, rural and urban areas of seven northern states.

As steward of this great venture, the responsibilities of the NCTA include: 1) Education and promotion, 2) Building and maintenance, 3) Protecting the trail, 4) Enjoyment of the trail, and 5) Funding the trail.

The Trail In Emmet County

In Emmet County the North Country Trail varies in width and surface type. In some areas the trail is very rugged and narrow, while in much of Wilderness State Park the trail is wide and flat. Many wet parts of the trail in Emmet County have boardwalks installed.

All segments of the North Country Trail are open to travel by foot for walking, hiking, or backpacking. Other non-motorized uses, including cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and jogging are generally permitted. On limited segments, bicycling is allowed if the trail has been specifically designed to withstand such uses.

Please be careful to respect the rights of private property owners—those who have generously allowed the trail to cross their land and those who live adjacent to publicly owned segments. Please stay on the trail.

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Crossing the Mackinac Bridge
Call Bridge Services at 906-643-7600 24/7
for transport (\$5 per pedestrian).

**North Country Trail Chapter
to the North**
Hiawatha Shore To Shore Chapter
www.northcountrytrail.org/hss

**North Country Trail Chapter
to the South**
Jordan Valley 45° Chapter
www.northcountrytrail.org/j45

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Get Involved With The Trail!!

- Become a member
- Maintenance (Trim, Mow, Build)
- Promote (Lead hikes, Meeting Helper)
- Monitor (Hike trails and report problems)
- Donate (Money, Land, Easements)

Harbor Springs Chapter Activities

Member Meetings

Meeting times and locations will be emailed to members.

Group Hikes

Group hikes will be posted on the website and emailed to members. Go to “Events”, “Calendar” and choose Harbor Springs Chapter to see the calendar.

Work Days

Work is planned as needed. Dates and tasks are emailed to members. Work involves re-painting blazes, trimming trees, removing fallen trees, etc

The Harbor Springs Chapter of the North Country Trail Association, and the Department of Natural Resources do not allow any wheeled vehicles or snowmobiles on part of section 6 and all of sections 7, 8, 9 of the trail, from Wycamp Dam to Cecil Bay Road (Wilderness State Park).

If you find a problem on the trail (sections 1-5) please contact Trail Foreman Tim Calloway at 231-838-0933 or tacalloway@gmail.com. For sections 6-11, call/text Dennis Fay at 231-203-4351 or dennisrfay@icloud.com.



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The *Harbor Springs Chapter* is responsible for developing and maintaining the North Country National Scenic Trail in Emmet County, from roughly Mackinaw City to just east of Harbor Springs, about 46 miles. Trails in this area pass through large public land tracts, including parts of Wilderness State Park.

Harbor Springs Chapter of North Country Trail

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Trail Markings
 The North Country Trail is marked with blue blazes.
 ■ You are on the North Country Trail
 ■ The trail will be heading right
 ■ The trail will be heading left

Camping
 In Emmet County, camping is permitted along the trail subject to these conditions:
 •Must be on public land
 •Not within one mile of designated campground
 •Not adjacent to a trailhead
 •Within Wilderness State Park (Sections 7, 8, 9) camp only at designated camp sites

Legend
 ▲ Trailheads
 — NCT
 - - - NCT (on-road)
 State Park Boundaries
 Michigan DNR Lands
 0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles
 Directions below indicate walking north

- Section #1 - 4.85 Miles**
Kipp Rd - 1/2 mile west of N. Conway Rd and 1/2 mile north of Hathaway Rd (N 45°26.557' W084°52.441'). Can be accessed on Valley Rd. Begins in red pine plantations, then moves into hardwood forests, passes golf courses and descends into a 2-track road.
- Section #2 - 1.9 Miles**
Brutus Rd - 1 1/2 Miles east of Pleasantview; 7/10 mile west of N. Conway Rd (N 45°29.558' W084°53.257'). Hardwood forest descends into wetland, passes over an active stream, then ascends into a beech-maple forest.
- Trail Connector #2-#3 -** Go west one mile on Stutsmanville Rd.
- Section #3 - 2 Miles**
Stutsmanville Rd - 1/2 mile west of Pleasantview Rd (N 45°30.479' W084°55.546'). Coniferous wetland, ferns and beds of trillium lilies in the spring.
- Section #4 - 4.2 Miles**
S. Lark's Lake Rd - 1 9/10 mile NW of Stutsmanville Rd and 4/10 mile south of Robinson Rd (N 45°31.690' W084°56.707'). Hardwood forests and red pine plantation.
- Section #5 - 2 Miles**
W. Robinson Rd - 4 1/2 miles west of Pleasantview Rd and 6/10 mile east of State Road (45.565173, -84.981672). Conifers, beech-maple, and red pine. Trail ends at Van Road.
Three mile road walk to Section 5A
Section #5A - 1.8 Miles
Beckon Rd east of Hill Rd (45.615157, -84.994925) BlissFest Music Organization property and trails. Stay on trail. Drinking water source in summer.
Road walk 1.8 miles to Section #6
Section #6 - 5.7 Miles
Levering Road - 4 1/2 miles west of Pleasantview Road 45.636784, -84.975547). Coniferous wetland , mixed forest, Wycamp Creek Dam.
- Section #7 - 2.8 Miles**
Sturgeon Bay Trail - 2/10 mile east of W. Sturgeon Bay Tr. and N. Lakeshore Drive (N 45°40.778' W084°58.045'). Steep hills through sand dunes containing pine, oak and balsam forests.
- Section #8 - 6.75 Miles**
West Lakeview-Lakeshore Drive (N 45°42.214' W084°57.122'). The trail ascends through conifers and birch into a cedar swamp, then north along small lakes, then follows park trails through Wilderness State Park.
- Section #9 - 5.2 Miles**
Goose Pond in Wilderness State Park (N 45°44.456' W084°53.860'). From Canada Goose Pond, the trails follows Red Pine Trail, Nebo Trail, and East Ridge Trail through Wilderness State Park. (No bikes on Red Pine Trail.)
- Section #10 - 5.12 Miles**
Cecil Bay Road, 2 miles north of Gill Road (N 45°43.645' W084°49.754'). Trail crosses Carp River, goes through wetlands to a dam on French Farm Lake. It then follows shoreline of the lake through pine and oak-covered hills.
- Section #11 - 2.7 Miles**
French Farm Lake Road - one half mile south of Trails End Rd (N45°45.792' W084°46.033'). The trail passes through oak and pine, crosses a pipeline right of way, enters a dense woods, and then follows the Northwestern State Trail to Mackinaw City.