

2025 Hike Schedule

All mileages are approximate. Out and back hikes will start at hike time listed. Thru hikes will start as soon as the spotted cars arrive. Most hikes will take approximately 3 hours.

Member meetings and work days will be announced by emails to members and/or posted on the North Country Trails Event Page.

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Saturday, January 4 10:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike Section 5 north towards Van Road and back - 4 miles - Snowshoes recommended

Meeting Location

Meet at West Robinson Road Trailhead - Robinson Road east of Gregory Road Small off-road parking lot (GPS 45.565059, -84.983102)

Trail Description

The trail goes through hardwood forests and Red Pine plantings.

Monday, January 13 7:00 p.m.

Hike Details

Full Moon Hike - Hike Section 1 north to Brutus Road and back - 2.5 miles. Warm clothing, snowshoes, and flashlight recommended

Meeting Location

Meet at Valley Road Free Parking Lot 1000 Valley Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (GPS 45.4784489, -84.8933905)

Trail Description

The trail goes through hardwoods, cutover areas, and pine plantings.

Saturday, February 1 10:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike section 5A south towards Beckon Road - 4 miles out and back Snowshoes recommended

Meeting Location

Meet at Division and Dzedzie Road intersection 2922 Division Road, Pellston, MI 49769 Side road parking on Dzedzie Road (GPS 45.622534, -84.975412)

Trail Description

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

Saturday, March 1 10:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike Section 2 south towards Brutus Road - 4 miles, out and back

Meeting Location

Meet at Stutsmanville Trailhead 400 E. Stutsmanville Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Widened road parking (GPS 45.507822, -84.907076)

Trail Description

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

Saturday, April 5 9:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike Section 7 south from Lakeview road towards Sturgeon Bay Trail - 3 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at Sturgeon Bay Trail Trailhead 1875 West Sturgeon Bay Trail, Levering, MI 49755, then drive (spot) cars to Lakeview Road. Widened road parking (GPS 45.679888, -84.967291)

Trail Description

This is a very vigorous hike. The 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.

Saturday, May 3 9:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike section 4 south towards Lark's Lake Road - 4.25 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at Section 4 Trailhead 5498 South Larks Lake Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, then drive (spot) cars to Robinson Road. Widened road parking (GPS 45.528280, -84.945003)

Trail Description

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

Saturday, June 7 9:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Lady Slippers Hike - Hike section 10 north towards French Farm Lake - 5.25 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at Section 11 Trailhead, French Farm Lake Road, 1/2 mile south of Trails End Road, then drive (spot) cars to Cecil Bay Road and hike to French Farm Lake Road.

If you are just doing an out and back to the dam, we will leave as soon as the cars arrive from French Farm Lake Road. The bridge is being redone and should be finished if they are on schedule. If not, stay tuned for updates. Widened Road Parking (GPS 45.763242, -84.767346)

Trail 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. Many lady slipper flowers and other flowers are likely to be in bloom during the time of this hike.

Saturday, July 5 9:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike section 6 south towards Levering Road - 5.75 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at Trailhead 6 2000 West Levering Road Levering, MI 49755 Corner of Zmikly Road and Levering Road, then drive (spot) cars to Sturgeon Bay Trail. Hike back to Levering Road.
Parking along Zmikly Road (GPS 45.636646, -84.975558)

Trail Description

The trail goes through pine and hardwoods forests, then along the edge of Wycamp Lake. It leaves Wilderness State Park, crosses Wycamp Dam and then through hardwoods.

Saturday, August 2 9:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike section 8 south from Goose Pond towards Lakeview Parking lot -6.75 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at Section 8 Trailhead 2000 West Lakeview Road, Levering, MI 49718, (Near the corner of West Lakeview Road and N. Lake Shore Drive) then drive (spot) cars to Goose Pond in Wilderness State Park. Hike back to Lakeview Parking lot. Parking Lot with Recreation Passport required (GPS 45.703508, -84.952033)

Trail Description

Part of this trail follows Wilderness Park Trails, Swampline and Sturgeon Bay Trail. Wilderness Park marks trail intersections. Then the trail goes along many ponds, through Lake Michigan forested sand dunes, a swamp, and pine and hardwood forest. All of this section is within Wilderness State Park, and Park rules apply. **Note:** There are two Sturgeon Bay Trails. One is a county road which goes between Pleasantview Road and North Lakeshore Drive. The other is a trail within Wilderness State Park.

Saturday, September 6 9:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike Section 1 south towards Kipp Road - 4 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at Kipp Road Trailhead 7600 Kipp Road, Conway, MI 49722 Side road parking, then drive (spot) cars to Valley Road and hike back to Kipp Road.

(GPS 45.442860, -84.874047)

Trail Description

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

Saturday, October 11 10:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike Section 11 north towards Mackinaw City - 2.7 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at North Central State
Trailhead on Mackinaw Crossings
Dr. near 200 S. Nicolet St.,
Mackinaw City, MI 49701, then drive
(spot) cars to French Farm Lake
Road and hike back to Mackinaw
City.
Free Parking lot

Free Parking lot (GPS 45.780311, -84.730280)

Trail Description

The trail includes views of French
Farm Lake and crosses a gas and oil
pipeline. It has 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.

Saturday, November 1 10:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike section 9 north towards Cecil Bay Road - 5.2 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Section 10 Trailhead 12168 Cecil Bay Road, Carp Lake, MI 49718, then drive (spot) cars to Goose Pond in Wilderness State Park and hike back to Cecil Bay Road (State Park Pass Required for Goose Pond parking lot) (snow shoes may be required) GPS 45.727502, -84.829378)

Trail Description

The trail first follows many Wilderness Park trails with boardwalks and pine forested hills then goes through level pine forests.

Saturday, December 6 10:00 a.m.

Hike Details

Hike Section 3 south towards Stutsmanville Road and back - 4 miles

Meeting Location

Meet at Section 4 Trailhead 5498 South Larks Lake Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, then hike to Stutsmanville Road and back. Widened Road Parking (Snowshoes may be required.) (GPS 45.528280, -84.945003)

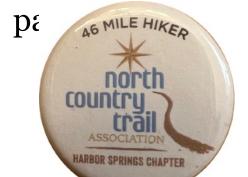
Trail Description

The trail is situated on wetlands with pine and aspen forests, and includes many puncheon walkways.

Hiking Challenges

Harbor Springs Chapter

Hike all 46 miles of the Chapter's trail and receive a recognition pin or





North Country Trail 100 mile

Hike 100 miles on the North Country

Trail and receive a commemorative patch. Hike 100 different miles or the same mile 100 times. Hike, walk, backpack, snowshood



backpack, snowshoe, or crosscountry ski. Register at: https://northcountrytrail.org/ hike-100-challenge/. *Harbor Springs Chapter OFFICERS*

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