



2026 Hike Schedule

All mileages are approximate. Out and back hikes will start at hike time listed.

Through hikes will start as soon as the spotted cars arrive. Most hikes will take approximately 2-4 hours.

Please RSVP to attend hikes to Shari (text 231-838-9744). If no RSVP's are received, hikes will be cancelled.

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 3

9:30 a.m.

2 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 3, Stutsmanville Road
to Lark's Lake Road.

Meeting Location

Meet at Lark's Lake Trailhead
5498 South Larks Lake Road,
Harbor Springs, MI 49740 and drive
filled cars to Stutsmanville Road.
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.

Sunday, February 1
6:30 p.m.

Full Moon

2.5 Mile Out and Back Hike

Hike Section 2 from Valley Road to Brutus Road and back

(Snow shoes and flash lights recommended in case the moon is hiding)

Meeting Location

Meet at Valley Road 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 7
9:30 a.m.

2 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 2, Brutus Road to Stutsmanville Road.

Meeting Location

Meet at the East end of Stutsmanville Road (east of Pleasantview Town Hall, GPS 45.507915, -84.914252) where the road widens and they stop plowing. Drive filled cars to Brutus Road. Snow shoes recommended. Along road parking on Stutsmanville and parking lot at Brutus Road.

Trail Description

This is a trail of hills, valleys, and hardwood forests.

Saturday, March 7
9:30 a.m.

2 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 5, Van Road to
Robinson Road.

Meeting Location

Meet at Robinson Road (east of
Gregory Road, GPS 45.564984,
-84.982413, and drive filled cars to
Van Road.

Parking lot at Robinson Road along
road parking at Van Road.

Snow Shoes/cleats may be needed.
Check the weather.

Trail Description

The trail goes through hardwood
forests and Red Pine plantings.

Saturday, April 4
9:00 a.m.

4.2 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 4, from Robinson Road to Lark's Lake Road.

Meeting Location

Meet at Larks Lake Road, 5498
South Larks Lake Road, Harbor
Springs, MI 49740

(GPS 45.528280, -84.945003) and
drive filled cars to Robinson Road
(snow shoes/cleats may be needed,
check weather)

Widened road parking at Lark's Lake
Road and parking lot at Robinson
Road.

Trail Description

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

Saturday, May 9
9:00 a.m.

3.6 Mile Out and Back Hike

Hike Section 5A, from Division Road to Beckon Road and back, on the Bliss Fest property.

Meeting Location

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

Side road parking on Dzedzie Road.

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, June 6
9:00 a.m.

Multi-Chapter Hike
8 Mile through Hike

Hike Sections 10 and 11, from Cecil Bay Road to Mackinaw City.

Meeting Location

This is a Multi Chapter Hike with JV 45 and Hiawatha Shore to Shore Chapters celebrating National Trails Day.

Meet in Mackinaw City at the **North Central State Trailhead** on Mackinaw Crossings Dr., near 200 S. Nicolet St., Mackinaw City, MI 49701 (GPS 45.780344, -84.730496).

Parking in trailhead parking lot and along the road at Cecil Bay Road.

Drive filled cars to Cecil Bay Road. Shorter hikes offered. We will split into groups according to hike

distance preferences at the North Central State Trailhead pavilion.

Prepare your car for shuttling hikers. There is an option of going to lunch after the hike.

Trail Description

Section 10 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.

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

Section 11 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 which is paved between Trails End Road and Mackinaw City.

Saturday, July 11
9:00 a.m.

5.7 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 6 from Sturgeon Bay Trail to Levering Road

Meeting Location

Meet at Levering Road, 2000 West Levering Road, Levering, MI 49755, Corner of Zmikly Road and Levering Road (GPS 45.636646, -84.975558) at 9:00 and drive filled cars to Sturgeon Bay Trail.

Parking along Zmikly Road and widened road parking at Sturgeon Bay Trail.

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 1
9:00 a.m.

6.75 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 8 from Wilderness State Park to Lakeview Road.

Meeting Location

Meet at Lakeview Road at 9:00 and drive filled cars to Goose Pond in Wilderness State Park.

Parking lot at Lakeview, but a State Park Recreation Passport is required, otherwise park along the road. A Recreation Passport is also required at the Goose Pond parking lot.

Trail Description

Part of this trail follows Wilderness Park Trails, Swampline and Sturgeon Bay Trail. Wilderness Park marks trail intersections.

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 5
9:00 a.m.

5.2 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 9, from Goose Pond in Wilderness State Park to Cecil Bay Road.

Meeting Location

Meet at Cecil Bay Road, 12168 Cecil Bay Road, Carp Lake, MI 49718 (GPS 45.727502, -84.829378) and drive filled cars to Goose Pond. Side road parking.

The parking lot in Wilderness State Park requires a Recreation Passport. Parking at Cecil Bay Road is along the road.

Trail Description

The trail follows Wilderness Park trails—Red Pine, Nebo, and East Ridge—with boardwalks and pine forested hills then goes through level pine forests.

Saturday, October 10
9:30 a.m.

2.8 Mile Through Hike

Hike section 7 from Lakeview Road to Sturgeon Bay Trail.

Meeting Location

Meet at Sturgeon Bay Trail, 1875 West Sturgeon Bay Trail, Levering, MI 49755 (GPS 45.679888, -84.967291) and drive filled cars to Lakeview Road.

Widened road parking at Sturgeon Bay Trail. The parking lot at Lakeview Road requires a Recreation Passport.

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, November 7
9:30 a.m.

Note: This hike is PENDING provided logging is complete

4.8 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 1 from Valley Road to Kipp Road.

Meeting Location

Meet at Kipp Road, 7600 Kipp Road, Conway, MI 49722 (GPS 45.442860, -84.874047) and drive filled cars to Valley Road (possible snowshoes/cleats-keep an eye on the weather)
Widened road parking at Kipp Road and a parking lot at Valley Road.

Trail Description

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

Saturday, December 5
9:30 a.m.

Note: This hike is PENDING. If there is too much snow to get to French Farm Lake this will change to an out and back hike and if logging isn't finished on section #1 November and December hikes could be flipped. Updates later in the year. (Possible snowshoes/cleats-keep an eye on the weather)

2.7 Mile Through Hike

Hike Section 11 from French Farm Lake Road to Mackinaw City

Meeting Location

Meet at North Central State
Trailhead in Mackinaw Crossings
Dr. near 200 S. Nicolet St.,
Mackinaw City, MI 49701
(GPS 45.780344, -84.730496)

Parking lot parking at Mackinaw
City and widened road parking at
French Farm Lake Road.

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.

Hiking Challenges

Harbor Springs Chapter

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



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, snowshoe, or cross-country ski. Register at:

<https://northcountrytrail.org/hike-100-challenge/>.



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