

NCTA Heritage Chapter Newsletter - 2025

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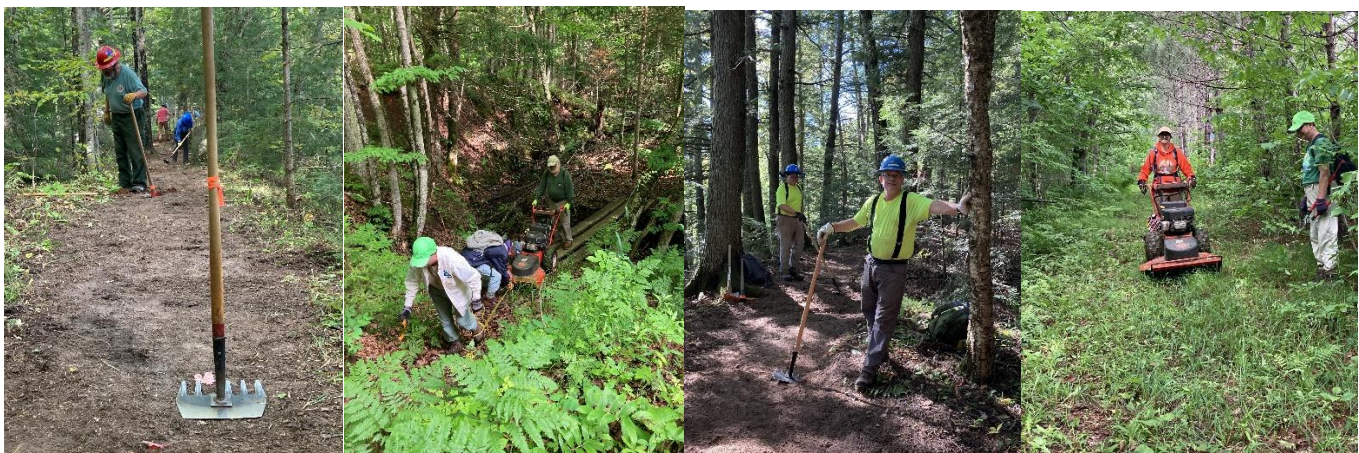
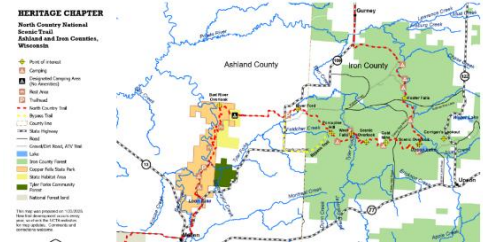
2024 Update from President

At the Annual Meeting in early February 2025, Bethany reviewed the 2024 Heritage chapter accomplishments. A summary is in the following:

- Hired 1 college student for weekend work (handshake agreement).
 - Repaired vandalism damages on trail: new carsonites, registration box.
 - Repaired logger damage to trail on segment between Wren falls and Overlook – over 200 hours and \$2,000 spent to repair.
 - Trail building – Wi Rovers along with WiCorp, Heritage members and other volunteers built 3 miles of new trail north of Sullivan Fire Lane (including bridges, puncheons, and campsites).
 - Updated blazing, cleaned slippery boardwalks with (metal brush) weed wacker, mowing trails, lead 4 hikes and staffed booths at local events.
- Collected background information and applied/nominated 2 unnamed waterfalls along NCT for recognition.
- Misc – land easement, bridge grant for Heritage bridge repair and bid on Tyler Forks bridge.

New Brochure & Map

The Heritage chapter has a new landscape map of the entire Heritage chapter section. Ian Shackelford applied his GIS and cartography skills to complete this task. The map will be included in the new Heritage chapter brochure. There are a few minor updates and then the brochure/map will be printed at Iron County Miner News. The new brochure will be posted on all trailheads and be available on the NCTA website.



2025 Events

By Colleen Matula



In May 2025, the Wi Rovers and Heritage chapter members will continue trail building on the new segment. Wi Rovers plan to work on the new section almost every month for a week at a time. Wi Rovers schedule is listed at the end of this newsletter. Please contact Brad Stewart if interested in helping the Rovers. In addition, the chapter will hire WisCorp and CASP (Conservative Anabaptist Service Program) team for a short period to help with new trail construction.

2025 Guided Hikes and Maintenance work – The Heritage chapter will offer a series of 4 guided hikes throughout the season. They will be held at various locations on the trail throughout the summer. In addition to hikes, the chapter’s work schedule for routine trail maintenance is listed below. Please see Penokee Meetup for the event announcements and the calendar of events below. We will also send out an event reminder via email each month or contact Bethany @ sally65bones@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

May 12-16 – Wi Rovers week*

May 17 – Heritage work weekend

June 7 – Heritage Hike 10 to 1pm – Foster falls

June 9-13 – Wi Rovers week*

June 21 – Heritage work weekend

July 14-18 – Wi Rovers week*

July 19 – Heritage work weekend

August 9 Heritage Hike at CFSP

Sept 13 – Heritage work weekend

Aug 18-22 – Wi Rovers week*

Sept 27 NCT Hike and Bridge Dedication – CFSP

Sept 29-Oct 3 – Wi Rovers (location TBD)*

Oct 4 -- Heritage work weekend

Nov 1 - Heritage work weekend

Nov 3-7 – Wi Rovers (location TBD) * contact Brad Stewart @ bradstewart1029@gmail.com

