

# Jordan Valley 45°

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## Calendar

### JV45° CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Boyne Falls Fire Hall

Boyne Falls, MI

All Welcome

#### Directions:

East of US 131 in Boyne Falls (Fire Hall is visible from US 131 on East side)

Speakers: Eugene Branigan & Jim Flick, words & photos of hiking on the NCT in Eastern U.P., 2011 & 2012

### LAST CHANCE BEFORE DEER HUNTING JORDAN VALLEY HIKE

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013,

Time: Meet 7:30 a.m.

Hike: 8:00 a.m.

Meet Deadman's Hill Parking Lot

Leader: Jim Flick

Info: 231-838-5463 or

[jimflick0711@gmail.com](mailto:jimflick0711@gmail.com)

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### ANNUAL MEETING:

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014  
11:00 a.m.

BJ's of Gaylord, MI.

Luncheon Menu

Featured Speaker

Raffle

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### PHOTO CONTEST:

Details on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/northcountrytrail/posts/10151863764795816>

## *President's Report by Duane Lawton*

**OCTOBER, 2013**

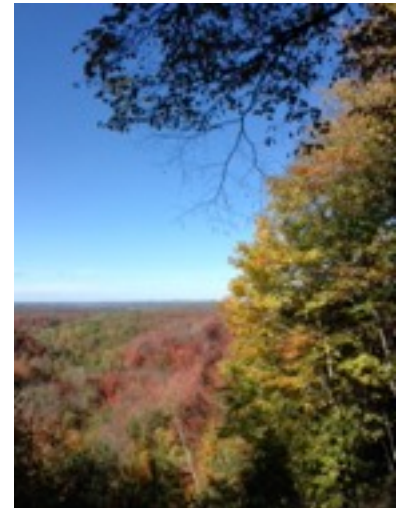


Photo: October, 2013  
Landslide Lookout  
Trailhead, Jordan Valley,  
Alba

## LAST CHANCE BEFORE DEER HUNTING SEASON JORDAN VALLEY HIKE

Our traditional LCBDS hike, 18 miles around the Jordan Valley loop, will be held on Saturday, November 9th.

You will not want to miss this annual favorite!! Tell your friends, and bring them!

Our leader this year is Jim Flick (thank you, Jim).

Meet at Deadman's Hill parking lot, be ready to start hiking at 8:00 am. (I suggest you target getting there at 7:30) The hike will proceed counter-clockwise.

You will probably want to bring: warm clothing, raingear, hat, lunch/snacks, water, first aid, headlamp.

As usual, you have the option of staging a car at Pinney Bridge, if you only want to do a "half loop".

...but the fit and intrepid do the whole thing, and get out before dark.

Jim would love to hear that you're coming, and if he has your phone number he can let you know of any last-minute changes (such as, a foot of snow, bring your snowshoes).

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## NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Boyne Falls Fire Hall. Our featured speakers will be Eugene Branigan and Jim Flick, who will tell of their hiking on the NCT in the eastern U.P. in 2011 and 2012, with words and pictures. Be there or be square.

Our September meeting was a big success with the outstanding presentation by Jen and Todd Winnell about their family hike on the Long Trail in Vermont. It was a very interactive presentation, and we really enjoyed learning about their experiences. Amy also brought really good cookies!



Is this part of the Eastern U.P. NCT?  
Jim Flick, Duane Lawton, and Eugene Branigan, pictured  
Come to November meeting to find out.

## SHUTDOWN

(no politics zone)

Sadly, the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery Annual Fall Fest (October 12) was canceled this year, due to the federal government shutdown. In addition, the National Park Service suspended the "Volunteers in Parks" (VIP) program, which meant that the insurance provided by the NPS for volunteers working on the NCT was not in effect. As a consequence, the NCTA advised us not to hold any organized activities on the trail until further notice.

We received "further notice" on October 17 that the VIP program is back in force!!

## JORDAN VALLEY DETOUR

Earlier this month, the bridge over the outlet from the beaver ponds below Deadman's Hill failed. Since then it has continued to deteriorate and collapse. **As a consequence, the DNR has marked a detour. Please avoid trying to cross the dangerous bridge and let all your friends know too.**

If you are southbound on the NCT, the detour takes you up the Deadman's Hill short loop just before the beaver ponds. At the top of the hill it then takes an old logging road which rejoins the NCT shortly before Jordan River Rd./ Three Tubes. See photo on next page

Photo:

Collapsed bridge over the outlet from  
beaver ponds below Deadman's Hill-  
Please AVOID! Detour available.



## 2014 J45 ANNUAL MEETING

It's almost 2014. Once again, our annual meeting will be held in January, same place as last year.

**Saturday, January 11, 2014, 11:00 am**

**BJ's of Gaylord**

**Luncheon Menu Available**

Our featured speaker, hopefully, will be Bruce Matthews, Executive Director, North Country Trail Association. Be sure to have your questions ready!

**It is also time to elect your Officers/Board of Directors for two year terms.** We will be accepting nominations in advance, or at the meeting. Please make sure that your nominee is willing to serve. Here are the positions:

	Incumbents:
President	Duane Lawton
Vice-President	Eugene Branigan
Secretary/Treasurer	vacant
Trail Coordinator	Peg Myers- NOTE:OPEN for 2014-2016
Communications Coordinator	Amy (Amelia)Wilks
Board Members at Large	Josh Berlo (website maintenance)
	Jen Winnell (Petoskey Trail Town coordinator)

## INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION TRAIL PROJECT

The NMMBA (Northern Michigan) hosted a trail-building workshop with a seminar in Walloon Lake on Friday, August 23, and a trail reroute project to put the lesson into practice on Sat. August 24, 2013.

The project involved benching a new trail around a hill where the former trail has steep slopes on both sides. It is located on the NCT about 1/4 mile south of Chandler Hill Rd. The DNR cooperated with NMMB and authorized the work.

It turns out that some unknown bikers preferred the steep up-and-down, and the blockage of the old trail was quickly removed. Because of that, the DNR decided that both routes would be permitted. However, we have determined that the new trail is the **Official NCT**.

In related news, Steve Schnell of NMMBA has joined us as a member of JV45°, and volunteered to become our Tool Trailer Coordinator. Peg is happy.

...and, NMMBA and TOMMBA (Top of Michigan) held a joint ride that included our trail in the Five Lakes area and south..extending into Grand Traverse territory and ending in Kalkaska. The event was called "Long and Shorts", because they went to Shorts Brewery in Bellaire afterward.

In consideration of the use of our trail,  
they donated part of the proceeds to our chapter-\$300!



Photo: The old trail (to the right with logs blocking) and the new trail (to the left) located on the NCT about 1/4 mi. South of Chandler Hill Rd.



## NEW JV45 °CHAPTER BROCHURE

...is completed, and printed. You can also view it on our website:

[http://northcountrytrail.org/j45/?page\\_id=57](http://northcountrytrail.org/j45/?page_id=57)

The two sides are [TRAIL MAP](#) and [TRAIL INFO GUIDE](#)

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### *Trail Coordinator Report by Peg Myers*

Jordan Valley 45° is looking to fill the following positions:

**Hiking Coordinator**

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. [pmyers@freeway.net](mailto:pmyers@freeway.net)

### *Communications Report by Amy Wilks*

As of September, the Jordan Valley 45° Chapter had 60 members.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RENEWED AND VOLUNTEERED

### **Talking of Volunteers----17 Teens and 12 Adults Volunteered Oct. 26,2013 !!!**

On the Jordan Valley pathway section, 29 volunteers worked for 3 hrs. clearing the trail, as a service project. Coming from Charlevoix , they organized 2 work groups to clear phragmites along the beaver ponds below Deadman's Hill, and clearing at least 12 deadfalls along the trail from Landslide Overlook and Jordan River Rd. Using only "teen" power (and some adults), they worked,cooperatively to move the deadfallen trees.

THANK YOU TO TEENS AND CHAPERONES!!!



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