

# Jordan Valley 45°

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## Calendar

### JV45° CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday, Nov.8

General: 7:00 p.m.

Boyne Falls Fire Hall

All Welcome

Directions: East of US131 in  
Boyne Falls

### LAST CHANCE BEFORE DEER SEASON HIKE

Saturday, Nov.10

Hike: 8:00 a.m.

Landslide Overlook

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### ANNUAL MEETING

January 2013

Coyles Restaurant

Houghton Lake

Details to be announced

### General Meeting

March (tba)

October, 2012

*Editorial---* **"Whassup?"** *by Duane Lawton*

*President*

### New Meeting Plan

In November we are starting a new pattern for our chapter meetings. They will be held on a fixed weekday evening of the month in a central fixed location. We think that this will make it easier for us all to fit it into your busy schedules. In addition, at each meeting we will have a presentation of general interest to hiking enthusiasts.

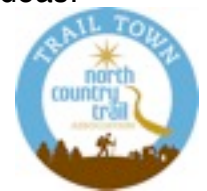
At this time we still do expect to hold our annual meeting at the traditional location (Coyles Restaurant in Houghton Lake) on a Saturday early in January.

We will still have group hikes. However, they will be scheduled separately on weekends. **Note:** our November group hike is the "Last Chance Before Deer Season", in the Jordan Valley.

### Oden Reroute

Our big project for next year will, (hopefully), be the reroute from Conway to Kipp Rd. via the Oden State Fish Hatchery. Since this is a big job, we are thinking of having regular work days throughout the summer—perhaps every other weekend. There are other, smaller, projects to do too. For National Trails Day, we are thinking of having a group hike/cookout/celebration.

Let me know what you think and of your other good ideas!



### Petoskey Trail Town

We met with community leaders in Petoskey on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and presented the proposal for the City of Petoskey to become a Trail Town of the NCTA. We were honored to have NCTA Headquarters represented by Andrea Ketchmark, Director of Trail Development, and Bill Treat, in charge of the Trail Protection initiative.

## Notice Board

Send entries to

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Before the meeting I toured them around recent and potential reroutes, including Dobleski Rd., Boor (Krause Rd.), Grimes St. and Oden. Bill is interested in helping us get our access to private right-of-way preserved long-term, through purchase of property and/or easements.

We made a presentation about the NCT, the NCTA, Jordan Valley 45° Chapter, and the Trail Town program to representatives of the Petoskey Parks and Rec and Planning Departments, North Central Michigan College, Petoskey Downtown, the Petoskey Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Latitude 45 Bicycle and Sport Shop. In addition to myself, our chapter was represented by Jen Winnell and Jerry and Connie Allen.

We agreed in principle to proceed, by the first step of working to craft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document to be formalized between the City of Petoskey and the North Country Trail Association. A first draft MOU is being reviewed, participants will provide input, and we will consider an edited version at our November chapter meeting.

One point raised to be addressed is forging a closer cooperation among hikers and bikers...and there was even the suggestion that we work with ATV and Snowmobile clubs to better understand our differences.

Hopefully Petoskey will be a Trail Town yet this year...

### **Jordan River National Fish Hatchery Fall Fest**



We hosted a booth at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery's Fall Fest on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This event features representation from local organizations, tours of the hatchery, and free food. Last year there were reputedly over 1500 attendees. Unfortunately, this year the weather sucked. A hatchery employee told me it was 34 degrees. It was raining. It was windy. We had intended to lead hikes on the hatchery's nature trails, but no one wanted to hike. I would estimate attendance this year at 300-400—amazing in the circumstances.

### **Above photo, JV45°'s, Sally Wagle, VP, talks about North Country Trail**

We did have a contest guessing the weight of a loaded backpack. We had about 30 entries, and the winner was Sam Johnston, who guessed 32 pounds 6 ounces. The actual weight was 32 pounds, 13 ounces. Other guesses ranged from 15 pounds to 100 pounds! The prize was a child's backpack from REI.

We handed out discount NCTA membership coupons, and I expect at least 2—and hopefully more—to sign up. We also will be soliciting all the folks who guessed the backpack weight.

My thanks to the others who helped man the booth: Bob Bennett, Jim Flick, Gary Johnson (who brought the display boards), Sally Wagle, Dan Sutherland. A big thanks also to Bob Schrems for loaning his backpack and contest sundries, and most of all to Peg Myers, for suggesting our participation, for donating the prize, and for providing display, etc. materials.

We'll be back!

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Photo on left, JV45°s Gary Johnson at the Jordan Valley National Fish Hatchery Fall Fest. Young hiker trying on the backpack, which was the prize in the contest to “guess the weight of a loaded backpack”. The actual weight was 32 pounds, 13 ounces. The winning weight guess by Sam Johnston was 32 pounds, 6 ounces

*Minutes of JV45° Chapter Meeting by Sally Wagle,*  
General Meeting, September 28, 2012

Duane called the Jordan Valley 45° meeting of September 28<sup>th</sup> to order at 2:28pm

1. Board members in attendance ,Duane Lawton, Sally Wagle,Peg Myers, Amy Wilks, Josh Berlo, plus members and attendee; Bob Bennett, Ken Phillips, Bill Hinds, Gary, Connie and Jerry Allen, Larry Wagle, Gene Dawson, and Jim Flick.
2. Agenda approved with the addition of adding a booth at the fall festival on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Jordan Fish Hatchery.
3. Duane gave Trail Town presentation and will give it to the city of Petoskey on October 8<sup>th</sup>,2012
4. Trail talk: Duane showed pictures of his GT hike with Jim. Bill Hinds gave new suggestions for the reroute on his land.
5. Minutes were approved from the last meeting and Duane gave the treasurers report.
6. Amy gave membership report of 42 members.
7. Trail in Review: Peg gave a report. She acknowledged Lindall Sage, the ranger working on trails in the Jordan Valley area. Her contributions to the trails are appreciated. Larry gave an update on the Oden reroute. Pendleton is not on board yet. It was stated the map for the Titabawasse trail is held by Matt at headquarters which Josh will need for the brochure.
8. November Meeting at the Boyne Falls Fire Department on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm and hike started from Bill Hinds home to explore the Oden reroute.

## *Trail Coordinator Report by Peg Myers*

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

**Tool Coordinator**

**Ridge Runner Coordinator**

**Hiking Coordinator**

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

### **Last Chance Before Deer Season Hike!**

18 mile Jordan River Pathway/North Country Trail

November 10, 2012---8:00 a.m.

In shape hikers, out of shape hikers, crazy hikers, anyone willing to hike all day in the Jordan Valley and leave with the experience of a lifetime...no one has ever been disappointed,-- some have participated more than once!

Hike the entire Jordan Valley Pathway/North Country Trail...18 miles,some say 20!). If you prefer to hike less, have your car drop done, before start of hike. (See following for car drop locations.)

**New Starting Location!** Meet at the Landslide Overlook parking area at the end of Harvey Road.

Saturday, Nov. 10,2012--- ready to hike at 8:00 a.m.

P lan on 7-9+hours, depending on the pace of your group.

Warm clothing, raingear, hat, lunch/snacks,water, first aid, headlamp, Motrin (and moleskin, Val!)

Potable water is available at Pinney Bridge Campground and the Hatchery (1/2 mile off the trail.)

Questions??? Peg Myers [pmyers@freeway.net](mailto:pmyers@freeway.net) 231-620-6812

**Hiking:** Begin at landslide overlook. Head west on the JRP/NCT to Pinney Bridge Campground where potable water and pit toilets are available. Continue on to the 3 Tubes then uphill to Deadman's Hill (pit toilet). Follow the JRP southwest to the Landslide Overlook, completing the 18 miles! Your group may choose to divert to the Hatchery at Turner Rd., adding an additional mile to your hike...but immersing yourselves in the amenities of flush toilets, water, hot chocolate, etc., at the Hatchery Visitor Center.

#### **Directions:**

From PetoskeyH

Take US 131 south to Alba. Turn right on the Alba Highway (County Rd. 620).Go to harvey Rd. There is a brown DNR sign here for the Landslide Overlook. Turn right. Go to the end of Harvey Rd. to the Landslide Overlook parking area.

From East Jordan:

Go south on M-66 to the Alba Highway (County Rd. 620). Turn left. Go to Harvey Rd. There is a brown DNR sign here for the Landslide Overlook. Turn Left. Go the the end of Harvey Rd. to the Landslide Overlook parking area.

From Mancelona:

Go north on US131. Turn left on M-66 to the Alba Highway (County Rd. 620). Turn right. Go to Harvey Rd. Turn left. Go to the Landslide Overlook parking area.

#### **Car Drop locations:**

Pinney Bridge parking area (hiking distance from Landslide Overlook: 3.6 miles) Other dropoffs; Call Peg

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## *Communications Coordinator Report by Amy Wilks*

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

At present, Jordan Valley 45° Chapter has 42 members.

**WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER: Kimberly Philliben**

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank, Bill Hinds, for attending our last meeting and personally leading us on a hike along his property lines, which are under consideration for the proposed Oden Reroute. Bill's hiking abilities are an inspiration to me and a big motivation to continue hiking the North Country Trail, as long as I can. Congratulations Bill, on your active lifestyle!!!!!!

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### *Members Report:*

#### BEAVERS GONE?

Bob Bennett reports that he thinks the beavers at O'Brien Pond may be gone. Below are two photos of their work ( in the past) by Duane Lawton. Any other information on this very wet problem???

