

Upcoming Events

April 13, 2019. Jay's Hiking & Backpacking Day. Clare MI store location. Start at 9 am. Jerry & Connie Allen will have a NCT Table, but welcome other NCT members to help. Address: 8800 S. Clare Ave., Clare, MI. Email Jerry at: hikershaven@m33access.com

April 20, 2019. Chapter Hike and Work Day. Meet at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery at 9:30 am. Contact: **Bob Courtois** at 248 212-6699. See story on p. 2.

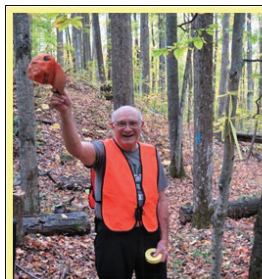
April 26, 2019. Mini-Workday. Meet at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery at 9:00 am. Contact Duane Lawton. See story on this page.

April 27, 2019. Trail Work Day. Meet at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery at 9:00 am. Contact: Dove Day at doveday70@gmail.com See story on p. 3.

May 2-5, 2019, NCTA Celebration at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, MI. Be there!

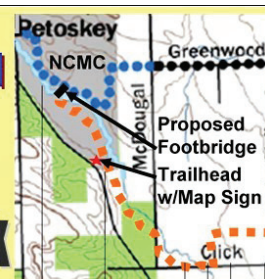
Note: JV45 typically offers a hike on the 3rd weekend of every month, usually Saturday, sometimes Sunday.

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BUILD IT

Let's Get To Work



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Preparation for Celebration 2019, May 2-5!

We have a trail building workshop at Celebration. We'll build a spur trail to the old boardwalk across the beaver ponds which is being repurposed as a viewing platform. The workshop will be led by NCTA Michigan Regional Trail Coordinator Kenny Wawczyk. He will join us on Friday, April 26th as we go in and select the exact route, detail flag it, and remove any large deadfall in the way. I will need a couple of chainsawyers as well as a few other folks to help. Meetup at 9:00 AM at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. If you can participate, let me know. There are a couple of other minor things that need doing that we can do too—fix a map sign, widen a short length of puncheon, and relocate a marker post.

Projects After Celebration

We are planning a four day trail building extravaganza around North Country National Scenic Trail Day, September 27-30. Now that the funding for the Bear River Bridge is secured, we need to start building the new trail it will enable. This 1+ mile trail will run from the new bridge SE through the Petoskey River Road Sports Complex, into and through Township of Bear Creek property, and then cross back over the Bear River on Click Rd. just west of the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association fields. We will be invit-

ing participation from anyone anywhere along the NCT. Save the date—it should be epic!

There will be a lot of preparation required for this event: Determining the exact route, flagging it, making sure the governments approve the route, planning for any needed structures, etc. There will be work days throughout the summer to accomplish this, stay tuned for details.

We also have the opportunity to build two short trail reroutes between Springvale and Chandler Hill Roads, each a few hundred yards. I expect each will be a weekend project, and they should be fun.

See you at Shanty! Duane

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Editor's note: We did not start off this issue with a message from our President Mary Campbell because she is currently out of the country on a well deserved vacation. Hopefully she will fill us in on her travels in a future *Where I Hiked* column. **Bob Haack**



February Chapter Hike Report

Eight hardy JV45° members arrived for the Chapter Hike on February 16, 2019. It was a snowshoe hike of course that went from Cinder Hill Road to Mancelona Road. About 5 miles. We had great snow, temperatures in the mid-teens and no



wind. Perfect conditions! Afterwards, we had lunch at Shirley's in Mancelona.



March Chapter Hike Report

About a dozen members of the JV45° Chapter met on March 9th for the monthly hike. We started soon after the morning potluck brunch and chapter meeting. We gathered at the Trail Head on M32 and split into two groups. One group hiked



to Dobleski Rd. (4.5 miles) and the other hiked a portion of the Warner Creek Loop and Beaver Deceiver (2.4 miles). Temperatures were in the low 30s and there was about 2 feet of snow. Some were on skis and some on snowshoes.



NCTA-Jordan Valley 45° Chapter Minutes 3/9/19

Meeting called to order by JV45° President Mary Campbell at 10:05 am.

Celebration 2019 update

-most hikes are covered but still looking for volunteers to lead/sweep what's remaining. Contact is Duane Lawton, delawton@torchlake.com

- looking for volunteers to help in various areas. Will be sending out a Survey Monkey to members to assist as volunteers

- request trail adopters to clear their sections prior to Celebration. Report downed trees needing sawing ASAP, refresh blazing.

- new chapter brochures are available for trail adopters to place in kiosks

- registration ongoing, some hikes are filling up and registration closes on 4/15/19. Likely no walk-ins will be allowed on day of events for hikes (most will be full) and for evening meals (there is an early cut-off).

- CPR/First Aid seminar available for hike leaders/sweeps at Shanty Creek on 5/1/19 at 1:30-4:30. Attend if you can.

Projects by Duane Lawton:

- Duane needs help moving logs and flagging trails on Friday 4/26/19 for

Celebration trail building workshop
- wants to start planning trail building projects in anticipation of the Bear River bridge construction

Upcoming Events:

- Jay's (Clare location) Hiking & Backpacking Day 4/13/19. Need volunteers to staff NCT table, contact Jerry Allen, hikershaven@m33access.com

- Top of Michigan Trails Council Marathon, 5/25/19. Need volunteers to hand out refreshments, contact Dove Day to volunteer, doveday70@gmail.com

- National Trails Day 6/1/19. Looking for ideas Bob Courtois may move the May hike to this day.

- Petoskey Open House, 6/7/19. Need volunteers to staff table to promote NCT & JV 45° Chapter

- Bear River Bridge Project: President Mary Campbell. Funding in place, details being worked out, City of Petoskey is managing the project. Pledges to be collected later this year.

Currently the JV45 membership total is 83, and the Chapter Account Balance is \$ 7,077.85. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 followed by hike

Respectfully Submitted,
Acting Secretary **Tim Roth**
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April Chapter Hike Plans

The Chapter's Hike on April 20 will be more of a work day in the Jordan Valley. Gather at the JR National Fish Hatchery at 9:30 am. Depending on how many people arrive, we will break up into a few work groups. See details on the JV45 Facebook Page.

Three options could be...

Deadman's to Hatchery

Landslide to Hatchery

Warner Creek trailhead to Hatchery.

Besides having fun, we need to assess road, parking and trail conditions, blaze, clear branches and report any significant issues. We can report any trees requiring chain saw crews.

Afterwards we may go to Larry's (on 131 South of 32) for pops and burgers.

Regarding the other celebration hikes outside the Jordan Valley, trail adopters are encouraged to report conditions on their sections to Dove Day. If you can't get out, please try to arrange for an alternate to get out for you. In reality, hikers can get around most obstacles on the trails. The bigger concern will be road conditions and parking.

Any questions? Contact Bob Courtois at 248 212-6699 or bcourtois@comcast.net

Register Box Buzz



Krause Road Trail Box Danyell Minier

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I last visited this box on January 27, 2018, and since then we have had lots of hikers through. On February 25, Jane and Cliff say "Happy Birthday Dave!" At the end of March the temperature was 30 degrees going out. On April 2nd it was advised by Vince and Leo Schmidt "Just don't wear flat soled shoes. Icy." End of April is recorded to be 40 degrees going out. Beginning of May it was up to 68 degrees. May 4, Matt Holtman from Corvana MI says "Bridge in 3 days!!". Alex and Louren wish us a "Happy Cinco DeMayo Baby!" on May 5th. Darren and Rob from South Lyon, MI are northbound to Mackinac and say "Hike on!" Dean Hutchins and Emma Laskey were out for a walk enjoying their days off. Karen W. says "Awesome 1st time here." June 1, Mike Penpazoli was on "day 5, started in Mackinaw stayed at the shelter Awesome - Great section of trail. Thank you." June 2 was National Trails Day and Jerry

and Connie "Enjoyed the Scout prepared lunch at "Skyline" shelter. Great day for a hike." Mary also said "great day on the trail in celebration of National Trails Day and thanks to Petoskey Scout Troop #5 for preparing lunch! Sue Cameron and Sonia Lake "started at Brutus Road trailhead 10 miles North of Petoskey. We are on our 2nd day. Will be camping soon and finishing up tomorrow at Welsh Road. Great trail and great time!" Tim was on his way home to Wisconsin and was excited to hit Petoskey, Loving the trail. Paige and Colin Smith are from Battle Creek. Merri Carol Wozniak from Sault Ste. Marie, MI is going for her 4,600+ miles next 15 years! Jemily was walking 3 dogs on June 10th and mentioned it would be nice to have water here. The McElwain's were from Park City, UT and Loved It! The Driscolls were from Cincinnati Lovely find! On July 1, "Thanks to the JV45 group and especially the trail adopter for this segment. You are appreciated!" On 8/3/18 the LTBB Youth Services had 16 total hikers. Barbara from Windsor, CO and Lindsey from Kicklad, WA were here in August. Jane, Brandon, Paisley, Stella and Remi saw two fox snakes on September 2nd. Kate and Nate loved the two kinds of forests and the views from the observation deck. September 24th saw a JV 45 chapter hike come through. Kate Melly from Petoskey says she loves the NCT, Thank You! "The world is this magic and I am a bit of it. Love you, too." The "Ryan family goes on a hike on a trail that they've never walked through. A new experience Happy day! Yah!" Shayna was "Thru hiking MI (WI to OH). Today is mile 612ish Day 46 I think. Peace, love, coffee. P.S. Your tread south of here is pretty great, especially considering all the hillsides they run along thank you!"

Trail Coordinators' Report

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With the amount of snow out in the woods this year there's going to be a very small window of opportunity for us to get out and clear fallen trees before the big NCTA Celebration. The weekend of April 27th will be the last weekend we have to get our spring maintenance done before the Celebration begins. **You can help!** If you are out on the trail and see that there are trees down feel free to send a trail report to us. If our trail adopters know WHERE the trees are down and about how many there are, it will help them out greatly when they head out with their saws and chainsaws.

Reports can be sent to Dove or John at doveday70@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR A TRAIL WORK DAY

A trail work day will be held on **Saturday, April 27th**. We will meet at the **Jordan Valley National Fish Hatchery at 9:00 am**. Working as a group we can accomplish more in a shorter period of time and we will also save time by being able to spot cars. Hopefully you can join us for a day of trail maintenance! Bring a sack lunch, water bottle, work gloves, and wear some paint clothes and/or clothes that you don't mind getting muddy. If you can make room in your car to shuttle people that would be very helpful too. You can also bring your favorite trail tools. Official blue blaze paint will be made available at the work-day. Hope to see you there!

Dove and John Day

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Celebration 2019 Hikes

We are winding down on planning the Celebration hikes...now we move into the "Oh darn, we forgot to..." phase. We are MOSTLY set with hike leaders and sweeps as seen in the chart below. They will board the bus at Shanty at the departure time, and host the participants through the return. There are a couple of holes, and if you can fill one, or be on standby, please let me know. If standby, tell me which mornings and afternoons you are available.

As reported before, Mike Schaffer of the Grand Traverse Hiking Club (GTHC) has done a great job organizing celebration hikes to be held in GTHC territory—7-1/2 hikes there, and the other 21-1/2 hikes are in Jordan Valley 45° territory. We will be communicating with our volunteers shortly.

And there's more: Getting ready for Celebration, along the trail—see the "Build It" article (p. 1) and the Trail Coordinators' Report (p. 3).

As of April 8, over 295 people had registered for the Celebration! Since registration is open until April 15, we'll have a lot of procrastinators getting on board too. We also had several hikes overbooked, particularly on Friday morning, so we have juggled the transportation plan to create more space...and may have to do it again. In total, we have 700-odd hike slots and 525 are reserved so far.

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Submit Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to submit your volunteer hours on the NCTA website at <https://northcountrytrail.org/members/report-volunteer-hours/>. This is especially important for all individuals involved in planning the 2019 Celebration

The JV45° Chapter is on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/North-Country-Trail-Association-Jordan-Valley-45-636045479799699/>

Hike Leaders and Sweeps Volunteers for the various hikes

Code	Name	Depart/Return	Miles	Difficulty	Leader	Sweep
TD-1	Muncie Lakes Loop*	7:45AM	8.4	M	Mike Schaffer	Bill Danly
TD-2	Sand Lakes Loop*	7:45AM	7.5	M	Heather Peyton	Marilyn Hoogstraten
TD-3	Deadman's Hill to Landslide Overlook	7:30AM-5:00PM	13.1	S	Kevin Whitley	John Larch
TD-4	Pickrel Lake SFCG to Sand Lake	8:15AM-4:15PM	9.0	M	Cheryl Kreindler	Ellen Whitehead
TA-1	Deadman's Hill to JRNFH	8:00AM-1:30PM	4.8	E	Heidi Shaffer	Robert French
TA-2	Deadman's Hill to JRNFH	9:30AM-3:00PM	0.5	E	Open	Linda Mansfield
TA-3	Deadman's Hill to Warner Creek Parking	9:00AM-2:00PM	5.0	E	Jim Howell	Evelyn Howell
TP-1	JRNFH to Pinney Bridge	12:00PM-5:00PM	5.5	M	Shari Sanderson	Linda Mansfield
TP-2	Warner Creek Parking to Dobleski Road	11:45AM-3:45PM	4.8	S	Jane Denay	Cliff Denay
TP-3	Muncie Lakes TH to Dollar Lake TH*	12:15PM	3.9	M	Chuck Brumbaugh	Pat Brumbaugh
FD-1	Trail Building / Deadman's Hill to JRNFH	8:30AM-4:30PM	4.8	S	Kenny Wawczyk	Duane Lawton
FA-1	Landslide Overlook to Pinney Bridge	8:00AM-12:00PM	3.8	E	Jerry Allen	Bob Haack
FA-2	Landslide Overlook to Deadman's Hill	8:00AM-12:30PM	5.4	E	Jane Denay	Cliff Denay
FA-3	Cinder Hill Road to Mancelona Road	7:45AM-12:15PM	5.5	M	Kevin Whitley	Susan Miller
FA-4	Au Sable Institute to Eagle Lake		3.5	M	ASI Staff	Open
FA-5	Landslide to Cascade Creek, (out and back)		4.0	E	Janeen Wardie	Mr. Wardie
SD-1	Petoskey-pouri (NCCMC, BRRA, Skyline)	8:00AM-5:00PM	6.3	E/M	Duane Lawton	Sue Bouwense
SD-1	(need second leader/sweep team)				Dove Day	John Day
SD-2	Landslide Overlook to Deadman's Hill	8:00AM-5:00PM	13.1	S	Susan Miller	BB Courtois
SD-3	Sand Lakes TH to Muncie Lakes TH*	7:45AM	10.2	M	Sara Cockrell	Mike Schaffer
SD-4	Spring Lake SFCG to US131 SFCG*	7:45AM	10.5	M	Ed Morse	Terry Dickey
SD-6	Springvale Rd to Slashing/Thumb Lake Rd	8:00AM-5:00PM	7.7	M/S	Dave Matz	Cliff Denay
SD-7	Harmon Road to Chandler Hill Road	8:00AM-5:00PM	9.8	S	Shari Sanderson	Kathy Hill
SD-8	Pinney Bridge toward Jordan R Rd					
	Photo Hike (out and back)	tdb			Andy Mytys	Open
SA-1	Landslide Overlook to Pinney Bridge	9:30AM-1:30PM	3.8	E	Jerry Allen	Bob Haack
SA-2	Muncie Lakes TH to Dollar Lake TH*	12:15PM	3.9	M	Lois Goldstein	Debby Page
SA-3	Sand Lakes TH to Dollar Lake TH*	8:00AM	6.2	M	?	John Gerty
SA-4	Starvation Lake Road to Twin Lake Road, Walk and Write		4.0	M	Ellen Whitehead	Open
SP-1	Warner Creek M32 to Dobleski Road	12:00-5:00PM	4.8	S	Tim Roth	Karen Roth
NA-1	Muncie Lakes TH Loop	8:30AM	5.3	M	Mike Schaffer	Debby Page
NA-2	Scheck's Loop/Valley of the Giants	8:30AM	7.8	M	Dick Naperalala	Jerry Marek
NA-3	Deadman's Hill JV Short Loop	?	3.5	M	Open	Open
NA-4	Warner Creek Pathway Loop	?	3.7	E	Open	Open

CODE: T-Thursday; F-Friday; S-Saturday; N-Sunday; A-Morning; P-Afternoon; D-All Day; * = a GTHC hike

Where I Hiked

Alligator Point, FL and Some Non-NCT Trails in Antrim County, MI

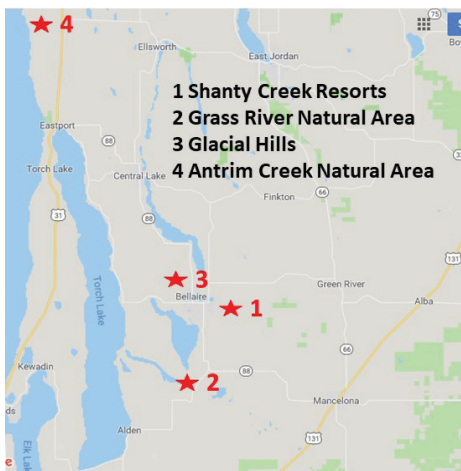
Shelby Haack “The Aussie”

Bob Haack said that I could write the “Where I Hiked” column this time since, once again, no human submitted a story for the JV45 Newsletter. So here goes.

I am nearly 14 years old now and I just got back from another winter in Florida. We stayed on the Gulf Coast of the Florida Panhandle, directly south of Tallahassee, on a 6-mile-long spit of land called Alligator Point. I hiked at least 1-2 miles along the beach every day, rain or shine, and sometimes 3-4 miles. My favorite activity on the beach is to collect shed exoskeletons of horseshoe crabs. Below is a picture of me with dozens of horseshoe crabs that some local kids and I collected.



Shelby and her horseshoe crab collection

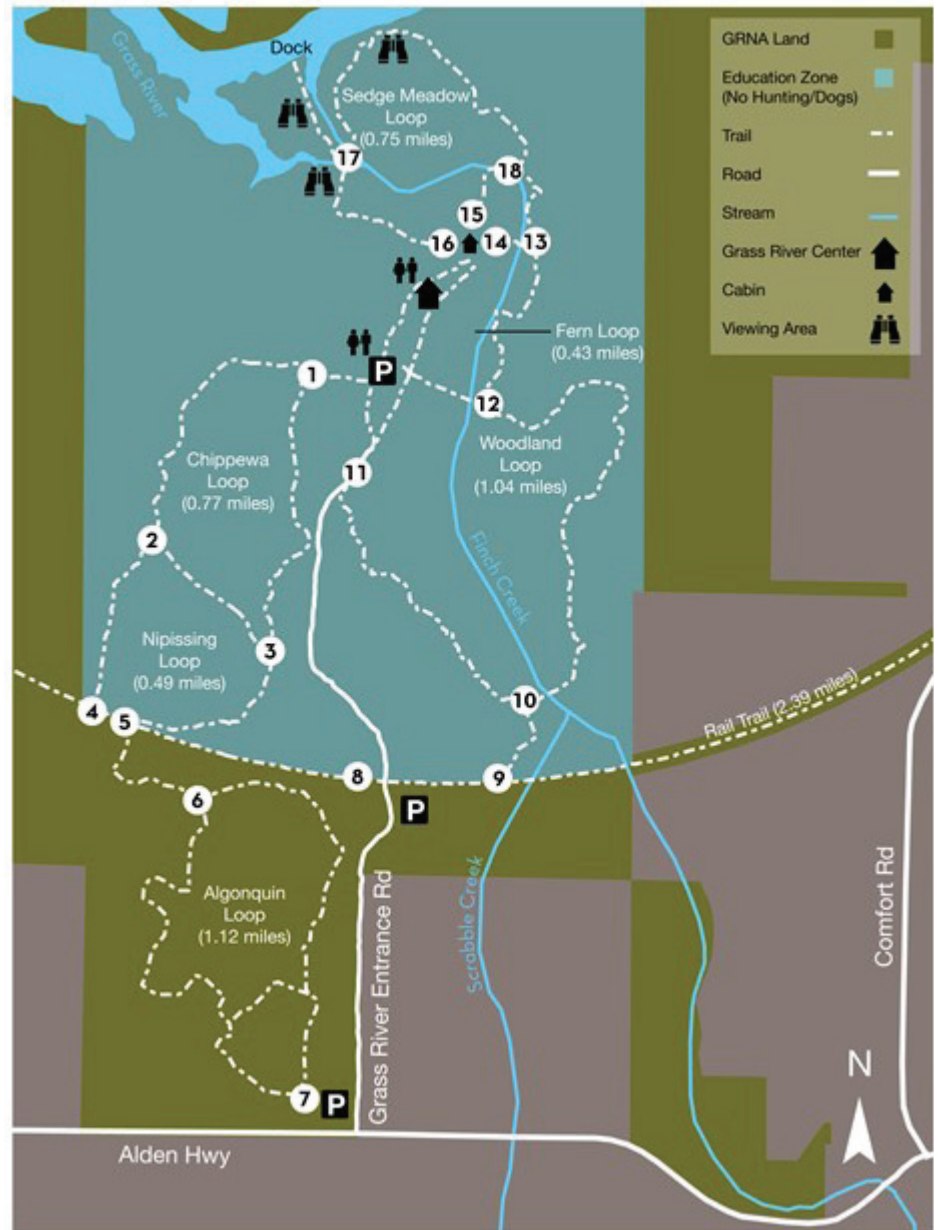


A couple weeks after this picture was taken, a big storm hit and the large waves took all the “crabs” back into the ocean, so I had to start over. Ugh. When walking on trails near the coastline, my favorite animals to encounter are armadillos. Sometimes you can get real close before they jump and run away.

Now I’m back in Michigan and I know that you are going to have the NCTA Celebration at Shanty Creek Resorts in a couple weeks and that some hikes will be nearby but off the NCT. Since I’ve been coming to Antrim County, MI, for nearly all my life, I know all the local trails. Here are 4 maps to help you during Celebration. One shows the approximate location of Shanty Creek Resorts, and three of the locations where side activities will take place during the Celebration: Grass River Natural Area, Antrim Creek Natural Area, and Glacial Hills. And the others are trail maps of these three locations.

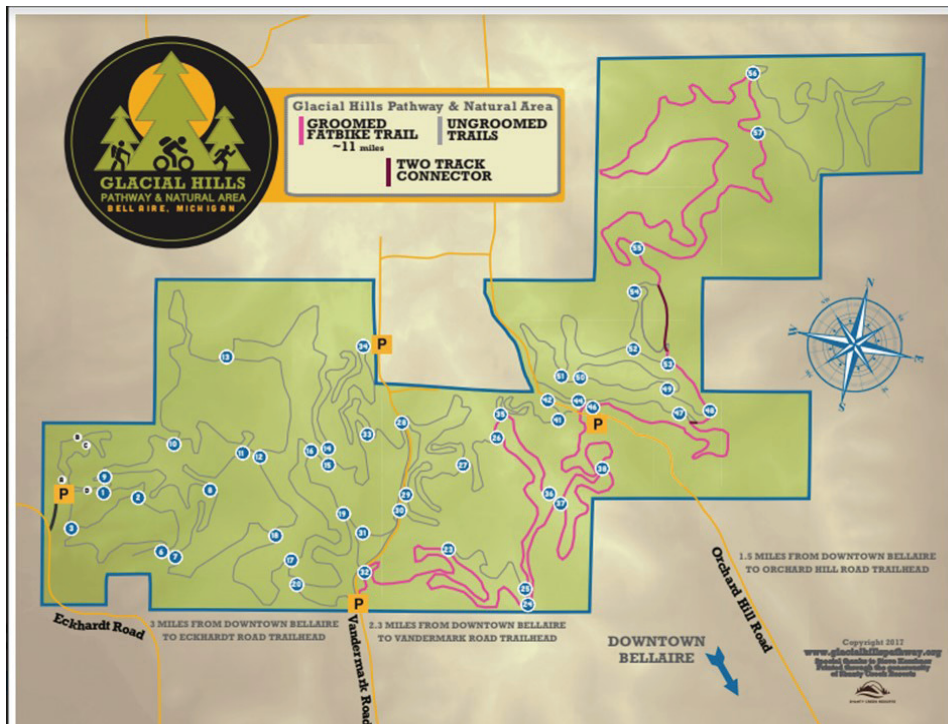
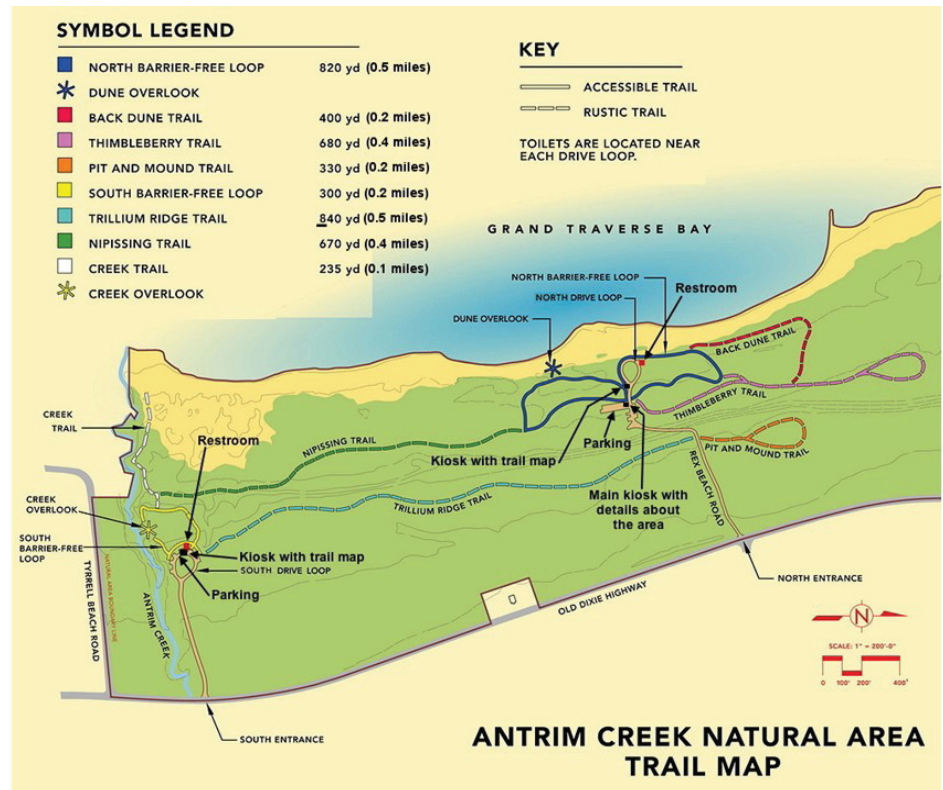
Grass River Natural Area Trail Map

www.grassriver.org | office: 231.533.8314 | grass river center: 231.533.8576



The Grass River Natural Area (GRNA; www.grassriver.org/) is a nature preserve that covers nearly 1500 acres with over 7 miles of trails. The property runs along the Grass River between Lake Bellaire and Clam Lake. The main entrance is at 6500 Alden Highway (County Road 618), Bellaire, MI 49615.

Antrim Creek Natural Area (www.antrimcounty.org/acna.asp), is a 156 acre preserve with about 1 mile of shoreline on Lake Michigan and over 2 miles of trails. It has two entrances along Old Dixie Highway. The official address for the north entrance is 13256 Rex Beach Rd, Ellsworth, MI 49729. Rex Beach Rd is an E-W road that starts in Atwood. At its west end it hits Old Dixie Highway and the entrance is right there. The south entrance is about 0.6 miles south on Old Dixie. Note that the south entrance is flat while the north entrance goes down a steep hill with a limited view. GPS Coordinates: 45° 10' 48.972" N, 85° 22' 36.588" W.



Glacial Hills (www.antrimcounty.org/glacial.asp) is an 814-acre public property near Bellaire with over 31 miles of hiking/biking trails. There are 3 trail-head parking lots. They are located on Eckhardt Rd, Orchard Hill Rd, and Vandermark Rd (maps at www.glacialhillstrails.org).

Eckhardt Road Parking Area & Trail Head: From Bellaire, head west on the Bellaire Highway for about 2 miles. Turn right (north) on Eckhardt Road. The parking lot is on the right, less than a mile from Bellaire Highway.



Shelby stalking an armadillo in Florida. She was leashed so didn't get any closer!

Vandermark Road Parking Area & Trail Head: From Bellaire, head west on the Bellaire Highway for just over half a mile. Turn right (north) on Vandermark Road. The parking lot is on the right, about a mile from Bellaire Highway, where the road narrows.

Orchard Hill Rd Parking Area & Trail Head: From downtown Bellaire, drive north on Bridge Street. Turn left on Forest Home Avenue. After half a mile, bear right onto Orchard Hill Road and drive less than a mile. The parking lot is on the left.