

Jordan Valley 45°

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Calendar

ANNUAL MEETING:

Saturday, Jan.11.2014
11:00 a.m.
BJ's of Gaylord, MI.
Luncheon Menu
Featured Speaker
Raffle
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Statewide Trails Summit

Tues. Jan.21, 2014
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Grand Traverse Resort
100 Grand Traverse
Village Blvd., Acme MI.
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Bean Pot Jordan River National Fish Hatchery

Early February
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Quiet Water Symposium

Sat., March 1, 2014
MSU Pavilion
E. Lansing, MI.
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PHOTO CONTEST:

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

December, 2013



Editorial-----Another Year

by Duane Lawton

This year we kept you informed with this bi-monthly newsletter, and we had bi-monthly meetings with guest speakers. We had a small project in the Valley, and the DNR was able to replace the washed out culvert there. We had a couple of group hikes. We held the first Petoskey Trail Town Celebration on National Trails Day.

Several other events didn't happen...weather, politics, everyone too busy, etc.

I would have liked to have seen more activities, led by more chapter members, this year. That said, **I am proud of what we did, and I appreciate everyone who is involved, at any level.**

On to 2014...and a new opportunity!

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Duane

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P.S. Come to the annual meeting

2014 JV45° ANNUAL MEETING

Once again, our annual meeting will be held in January, same place as last year. Come on out and enjoy getting together in the “off season”.

Awards! Door Prizes! Elections! PLUS!.. our featured speaker will be Bruce Matthews, Executive Director, North Country Trail Association.

This is a nice place to meet, the food is good, and we have Bruce Matthews! Be sure to have your questions ready!

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

BJ's of Gaylord

990 N. Center Ave. Gaylord, MI. 49735

(989)732-4010

Luncheon Menu Available

Directions to BJ's: Proceed East on M-32 (Main St.) from I-75 interchange #282 about 1/2 mile to Center Ave., turn Left. Proceed North on Center Ave. about 3/4 mile to BJ's on the Right side.

ELECTIONS

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. Anyone wanting to know about positions' responsibilities, let me know. Here are the positions:

President

Vice-President

Secretary/Treasurer

Trail Coordinator

Communications Coordinator

Board Members at-Large

Incumbent:

Duane Lawton

Eugene Branigan

Vacant

Peg Myers

Amy Wilks

Josh Berlo (website maintenance)

Jen Winell (Petoskey Trail Town Coordinator)

In addition, we can designate additional “At Large” Board Members. If you would to step up to a supporting role in the club, you can be a Board candidate, (I predict you will win election).

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. It is particularly hazardous in winter.**

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide Trails Summit-January 21, 2014

The Michigan DNR invites you to attend the **Statewide Trails Summit** in January. The goal is to share an overview of Michigan's comprehensive trails plan; provide the opportunity for attendees to have real conversations about the best ways to manage trail priorities for multiple use groups; and lay out action steps over the next five years.

Michigan's trails are an incredibly big part of Michigan's recreation, economic, and quality-of-life picture. If you, your organization, or your community has a vested interest in our state's trail system, don't miss this chance to lend your voice to the discussion.

NOTE: The afternoon discussion panel includes Al Hansen, Petoskey Parks and Recreation Director, who is a good friend of the NCTA and JV45°.

WHO: Trail user groups, trail owners and trail enthusiasts

WHERE: Grand Traverse Resort, 100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme, MI.

WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COST: \$50 per person for the Trails Summit ONLY or \$90 per person for the Trails Summit, the keynote address, access to the Trade Show Exhibit Hall and dinner.

For more information: www.mrpaconference.com

Bean Pot, Jordan River Fish Hatchery

1st or 2nd weekend in February, 2014

Plans are yet to firm up for this annual event. A gathering of snowmobilers, snowshoers, skiers, hikers, sponsored by the Friends of the JRNFH. It's been suggested that we hold a group snowshoe hike in conjunction with the Bean Pot this year. If you are interested, please contact Peg Myers.

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Quiet Water Symposium-March 1, 2014

The 19th Annual Quiet Water Symposium will be Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the MSU pavilion in East Lansing. The Quiet Water Symposium celebrates non-motorized outdoor recreation and a shared concern for our Great Lakes environment.

At the Symposium, visitors will find presentations by world famous authors, photographers, and expedition travelers. Other presentations may cover skills, safety, local and distant destinations. There may be presentations on bicycling, sailing, diving, and history.

The Symposium has a wide range of exhibits on the show floor. You will find clubs and nature centers. Handcrafted and historic watercraft will be on display. Biking, hiking, and water trails are represented. Conservation and watershed groups are available. A number of outfitters and liveries are represented to support your outdoor adventures.

We have a growing selection of outdoor oriented retailers as well.

The Quiet Water Society is a 501C3 corporation founded to educate the public and encourage participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation; to promote public concern for the water resources of the Great Lakes region; to support environmental stewardship and conservation of natural resources.

NOTE: Traditionally, the JV45° partners with Isle Royale Natural History Assn., in a booth at Quiet Waters. There are usually a couple of other NCTA chapters with booths there too. We are always looking for folks, who would enjoy coming to the symposium; helping to staff the booth, and being able to take in the exhibits and presentations. There are a limited number of free passes for exhibitors (otherwise-\$10).

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME HIKING?

Jim Flick and I have been section hiking the NCT in Michigan, working outward from our area. Eugene Branigan has joined us a couple of times. So far, the area between Tippy Dam and Munising has been covered. Typically, we go out for four days and three nights, and cover about 50 miles, twice a year.

We have not scheduled our 2014 backpacks, but this is an invitation for anyone who might be interested in this sort of thing to contact us and get in on the planning. We always manage to fit schedules together somehow. What we expect to do this time is one in Manistee NF, Tippy Dam South, and one, Munising to Marquette (would alternatively consider a section further W. in U.P., if there's interest).

Also, there will be a gathering of NCTA members in Duluth in August, (we can't call it "Annual NCTA Conference"). It occurs to me that if one's going that far, why not do a hike too?..any thoughts?

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Photo: Fall, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore



NEW JV45 °CHAPTER BROCHURE

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

http://northcountrytrail.org/j45/?page_id=57

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

And "Like" us on FACEBOOK—

www.facebook.com/pages/North-Country-Trail-Association-Jordan-Valley-45/129820953759968

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

Communications Report by Amy Wilks

As of December, the Jordan Valley 45° Chapter had 60 members. WELCOME Peter Corwin.
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RENEWED AND VOLUNTEERED THIS YEAR

Another Photo of Teens and Adults, Who Volunteered Oct. 26,2013 !!!

Coming from Charlevoix , this work group cleared phragmites along the beaver ponds below Deadman's Hill.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO TEENS AND CHAPERONES!!!



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