

Fallasburg Park Segment



1.3m

Native Footpath,
Concrete Sidewalk

1.5m

Native Footpath,
Asphalt Road, Gravel

6m

Gravel Road, Native
Footpath



The North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) is a long-distance hiking trail similar to the Appalachian Trail that stretches across eight states from Vermont to central North Dakota. Part of the National Trails System, the NCT links scenic, natural, historic, and cultural areas allowing visitors to experience a variety of northern landscapes. When completed, the trail will be the longest continuous hiking trail in the United States. The total projected length of the North Country Trail is 4,800 miles, of which more than 3,100 have already been completed. In Michigan, the NCT also serves as the hiking route of the DNR's Iron Belle Trail. In Kent County (the most populous county on the trail), the trail includes roughly 37.1 miles off-road and 38.67 miles of road walk.



Fallasburg Park covers 328.6 acres, has been a Kent County Park since 1929, and is one of the county's busiest and most popular parks. It includes the historic village of Fallasburg whose history dates to the 1830s. It also includes a [covered bridge](#), a [historical museum](#), and extensive recreational areas.

To the Northwest

1.3m

From this point, the NCT meanders through the woods for about 0.3 miles until it comes to the [Flat River](#). It then follows the river for roughly a mile and crosses a pedestrian bridge over the river. Near the southeast end of this bridge, the river is shallow and has a sandy bottom. It is popular for bass fishing and as a place for children to play in the water.

Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



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To the Southwest

1.5m

If you follow the trail to the southeast for a few yards, you will come to Covered Bridge Road. This is the beginning of a somewhat unique feature on the NCT, a loop trail, roughly a mile and a half in length. While anyone can hike and enjoy it, it was especially designed to provide a way for families to introduce young children to hiking. It passes through historic Fallasburg then crosses the covered bridge. This is a scenic spot and it is popularly used for wedding photos. It then passes through woods for about a quarter of a mile and crosses Covered Bridge Road at a children's playground. From there it traverses a meadow along the west shore of the Flat River, crosses the pedestrian bridge, and circles back to this point on the east shore of the river.

To the South

6m

The trail follows Montcalm Ave. for about 0.9 mile, much of it along the river, then enters the [Lowell Game Area](#); the LGA contains just over 4 miles of wooded NCT trail and another QR symbol after about another mile.



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