The North Country National Scenic Trail in Vermont

Vermont is 57% Complete

- 42 miles ready to hike
- 31 miles left to build*
- Public Land

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the Trail is developed.

Current Initiatives

- Implementing the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act

Partners

- Green Mountain Club
- Middlebury Area Land Trust
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Green Mountain National Forest
- Moosalamoo Association

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- At-Large: Moosalamoo Recreation Area, Trail Around Middlebury, Green Mountain National Forest.

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The North Country National Scenic Trail in New York

New York is 68% Complete

- 430 miles ready to hike
- 195 miles left to build*
- Public Land

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the Trail is developed.

Current Initiatives

- Finalized a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service, North Country Trail Association and state agencies for the management and protection of the trail state wide.
- Working with DEC and APA to implement the Adirondack Park Trail Plan, which designates the route of the Trail through the Adirondack Park.
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.

Partners

- NY Department of Environmental Conservation
- NY Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- Central New York Chapter of the NCTA
- Trail Town of Canastota
- Finger Lakes National Forest
- Adirondack Park Agency
- Finger Lakes Trail Conference
- Adirondack Mountain Club

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- 21st: Crown Point State Historic Site, Adirondack Park
- 22nd: Erie Canal State Historic Park and Morgan Hill State Forest, Stone Quarry Hill Art Park
- 23rd: Finger Lakes Trail System, Finger Lakes National Forest, Robert Treman State Park, Watkins Glen State Park and Allegany State Park
- 24th: Labrador Hollow State Unique Area and the Onondaga Branch of the Finger Lakes Trail
- 27th: Genesee Valley Wildlife Management Area

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The North Country National Scenic Trail in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania is 88% Complete

- 234 miles ready to hike
- 31 miles left to build*
- Public Land

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Current Initiatives

- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- North Country Trail Association continues to partner with the Allegheny National Forest to put on the Allegheny 100 Backpacking Challenge, an event that grows each year and now pulls in national recognition.

Partners

- Allegheny National Forest
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Keystone Trails Association
- Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
- Four active NCTA Chapters
- Butler Outdoor Club
- Moraine Preservation Fund
- Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy
- Trail Towns of Wampum, Darlington and Parker

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- 15th: Allegheny National Forest and Cook Forest State Park
- 16th: Moraine State Park
- 17th: McConnells Mill State Park and State Game Lands 285

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The North Country National Scenic Trail in Ohio

Ohio is 48% Complete

- 501 miles ready to hike
- 549 miles left to build*
- Public Land

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the Trail is developed.

Current Initiatives

- Coordinating with state and federal land managers, and private organizations, to improve hiking trail development state-wide.
- Working with the Wayne National Forest to improve the Trail on the ground, making it more sustainable and safe for hikers.
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.

Partners

- Wayne National Forest
- Buckeye Trail Association
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor
- Northwestern Ohio Rails-to-Trails Association
- Wright State University
- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park
- Five Rivers MetroParks
- The Nature Conservancy
- City of Dayton

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- 1st: Following the Little Miami River
- 2nd: Shawnee and Pike State Forests, as well as the East Fork State Park; Edge of Appalachia Project with The Nature Conservancy
- 4th: Miami and Erie Canal Trail
- 5th: Oak Openings Preserve and portions of the Wabash Cannonball Trail, Defiance, OH
- 6th: Wayne National Forest, Salt Fork State Park
- 7th: Zoar Village and the Ohio & Erie Canal, where the BT, NCNST, Tuscarawas River, and Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail all come together
- 8th: Miami and Erie Canal Trail near Piqua
- 10th: Following the Little Miami River
- 15th: Hocking Hills State Park and the Wayne National Forest – Athens unit

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The North Country National Scenic Trail in Michigan

Michigan is 74% Complete

- 854 miles ready to hike
- 296 miles left to build*
- Public Land

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the Trail is developed.

Current Initiatives

- Working with state agency partners to better manage and protect the trail state wide and the state designated Iron Belle Trail.
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Securing a permanent protected corridor by partnering with local government and conservation organizations to acquire easements.

Partners

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Manistee, Hiawatha, and Ottawa National Forests
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
- The Friends of the Jordan River Fish Hatchery
- Michigan State University – W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
- Trail Towns of Marquette, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Petoskey, Kalkaska, Lowell and Middleville and Grand Marais, Fife Lake, White Cloud and Litchfield.
- Twelve Active NCTA Chapters

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- 1st: Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Porcupine Mountains, Wilderness and Tahquamenon Falls State Parks, Pere Marquette and Mackinaw State Forests
- 2nd: Manistee National Forest
- 3rd: Yankee Springs Recreation Area, Battle Creek Linear Parkway
- 4th: Pere Marquette State Forest
- 6th: Kellogg Biological Station
- 7th: Lost Nation State Game Area

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The North Country National Scenic Trail in Wisconsin

Wisconsin is 68% Complete

- 135 miles ready to hike
- 65 miles left to build*
- Public Land

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the Trail is developed.

Current Initiatives

- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Securing a permanent protected corridor by partnering with local government and conservation organizations to acquire easements.
- Working with state agency partners to better manage and protect the trail state wide.

Partners

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Chequamegon National Forest
- Bayfield, Douglas and Iron County Forests
- University of Wisconsin – Superior
- Trail Towns of Mellen and Solon Springs
- Three active NCTA Chapters

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- 7th: Chequamegon National Forest, Copper Falls State Park, Pattison State Park, the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway and a new section in the MacQuarrie Wetlands, made in partnership with the University of Wisconsin - Superior

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The North Country National Scenic Trail in Minnesota

Minnesota is 81% Complete

- 689 miles ready to hike
- 161 miles left to build*
- Public Land

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the Trail is developed.

Current Initiatives

- Implementing the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act allows the NCNST to travel on existing trail along the north shore of Lake Superior, linking the Superior Hiking Trail, the Border Route Trail and the Kekekabic Trail.
- Securing permission from public and private landowners between Maplewood State Park and Fergus Falls with the new Minnesota Waters and Prairie Chapter.
- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Restoration of the Kekekabic Trail following a major 2016 windstorm.

Partners

- Chippewa National Forest
- Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Superior Hiking Trail Association
- Border Route Trail Association
- Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota
- Six active NCTA Chapters
- Trail Towns of Walker and Frazee
- Prairie Wetlands Learning Center - USFWS

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- 7th: Maplewood and Itasca State Parks, Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, Hubbel Pond State Wildlife Management Area
- 8th: Chippewa National Forest and the location of the proposed Arrowhead reroute

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The North Country National Scenic Trail in North Dakota

North Dakota is 54% Complete

- 256 miles ready to hike
- 219 miles left to build*
- Public Land

*Miles left to build are estimates, subject to change as the route for the Trail is developed.

Current Initiatives

- Increasing awareness of the benefits of quiet recreation, health and wellness, and access to natural areas that a hiking trail offers to smaller communities and for tourism.
- Securing a permanent protected corridor by partnering with local government and conservation organizations to acquire easements.
- Working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to finalize the Trail route through the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge.
- Updating the Western Terminus at Lake Sakakawea State Park.

Partners

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Sheyenne National Grasslands
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
- North Dakota Game and Fish Department
- North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department
- NDSU's Ekre Grassland Preserve
- ND Historical Society
- Two active NCTA Chapters: Dakota Prairie Chapter (Lisbon to the Red River) and Sheyenne River Valley Chapter (Fort Ransom through Griggs County)

Trail Highlights by Congressional District

- Sheyenne National Grasslands, Ekre Grassland Preserve, Fort Ransom State Park, Sheyenne State Forest, Lake Ashtabula, Lake Sakakawea State Park, Lonetree Wildlife Management Area

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