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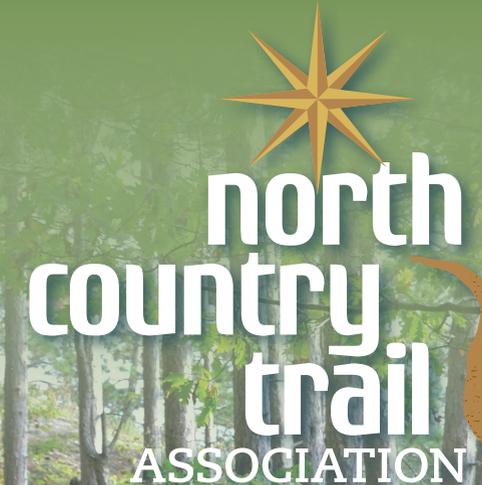


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The mission of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) is to **develop, maintain, protect** and **promote** the North Country National Scenic Trail as the premier hiking path across the northern tier of the United States through a trail-wide coalition of volunteers and partners.

The NCTA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that partners with the National Park Service to unite individuals, affiliated trail groups, local Chapters, corporate sponsors and others linked in support of building and maintaining the North Country Trail and telling its story.

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Headquarters and the Trail Shop are open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Closed Saturday and Sunday, and all federal holidays.

Find out how you can best support the Trail at northcountrytrail.org/donate.



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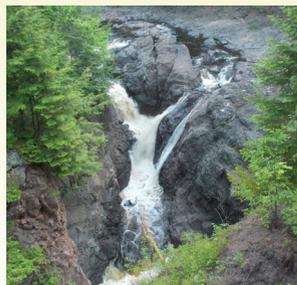


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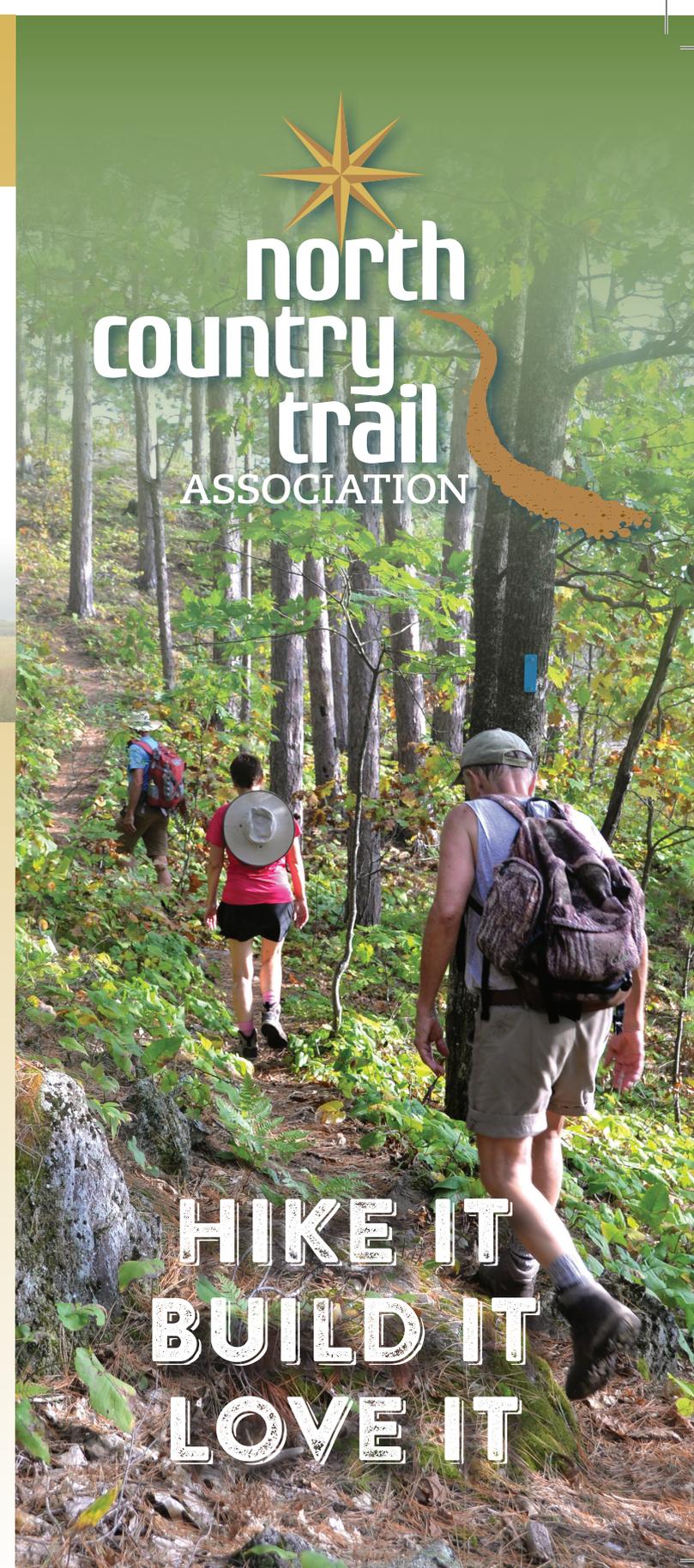


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HIKE IT BUILD IT LOVE IT



HIKE IT



Photo: Elizabeth Smith

As an impressive part of our National Park System, the North Country Trail crosses a variety of public and private lands, and it's closer than you think.

You can wander across vast prairies and gaze miles ahead with the open sky above you. You can venture through dense forest wilderness while your boots thump rhythmically across wooden boardwalks alongside streams, as you admire waterfalls. Your boots can crunch over loose rock on steep slopes of ancient foothills. You can explore city and county parks, historic sites and canal paths.

Whether you're a walker, day hiker, trail runner, long distance backpacker or an outdoor enthusiast, NCTA programs like the Hike 100 Challenge and free online navigation resources are available to support your next adventure.



Photo: Mike Chapple



Photo: Tom Walker

BUILD IT



Photo: Tina Toole

The North Country Trail exists thanks to remarkable volunteers. They carve this footpath across our North Country.

They paint blue blazes, install signs and build bridges. They organize community events for Trail users. The NCTA works alongside the National Park Service to support volunteers through training programs, guidance handbooks, instructional videos, Field Grants funding and more.

Are you interested in expanding and improving the Trail too? Local Chapters and Affiliate organizations have boots on the ground across the entire Trail and are always welcoming newcomers to work days, trainings, group hikes and events. You don't need experience to get involved but over time, you will gain so much. Visit northcountrytrail.org to submit a Volunteer Interest Form, or find guidance and training opportunities.



Photo: Becky Heise



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LOVE IT



Photo: Brian Bienkowski

When you give a gift and become a member, you join a community that builds a safe and scenic path for premium outdoor access.

From the North Dakota plains to the mountains of Vermont—and through all the special places in between—dedicated people are building and maintaining the North Country Trail and telling its story so that all Americans will have a place to hike and fully experience what makes us unique.

We ensure that the National Trails System remains your land. We advocate for thousands of dedicated volunteers and promote countless adventures for all. Together we must protect the North Country Trail because its survival is in our hands. You are invited to join the NCTA and accomplish all of this by becoming a member and making a contribution today.



Photo: Wampum Chapter



Photo: Sarah Collier and Brett Rybski