

Getting started with the North Country Trail Association's map and navigation resources.

For all resources referenced here, please visit: <https://northcountrytrail.org/trail/maps>

Step 1. Use the NCTA's online map to research and plan your hike.

Step 1a. Using the online map, generate Google Maps driving directions to the trail's parking areas.



Click on any Parking area and follow the "More Info" link to generate Google Maps driving directions

Step 2. Download and print out hiking maps for your hike area. *Note: All map sets will be republished annually, at the beginning of each year. However, updates to maps and the mileage index are inevitable over the course of a year. Please regularly check the website for updated maps and mileage points. Whenever possible, changes will be indicated on maps as "Decommissioned Trail" and noted on the published map change log.*

Michigan - Lower Peninsula

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- Northwest Lower Michigan (Maps 091 - 124)
 - For Printing: [Michigan Maps 91-124](#)
 - For Smartphones: [Add to the Avenza App](#)
- Manistee National Forest (Maps 125 - 143)
 - For Printing: [Michigan Maps 125-143](#)
 - For Smartphones: [Add to the Avenza App](#)

Follow the "For Printing" link to download multi-page PDF maps to your computer or laptop. Follow the "For Smartphone" link to add digital maps to your mobile device.

Step 3. Track your location on the printed hiking maps in a number of ways:

- A. By using traditional land navigation skills with map and compass.
- B. By adding digital versions of the maps to your smartphone, with the Avenza App.
- C. By adding a states numbered mileage index GPX file to your GPS receiver.
- D. By referencing the numbered mileage index on the NCTA's online map through your smartphone's web browser. Note: you must have internet/data connection for this option.

The NCTA strongly supports the backcountry principals of always carrying paper maps and knowing how to use them. For those users opting to use an electronic device as their primary navigational tool, hard copy paper maps should be brought as a backup. Always tell someone your hike plan.

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