

NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL

The North Country Trail is part of the National Scenic Trail System that runs throughout the United States. The North Country Trail runs through 7 states, from New York to North Dakota.

There is no Biking allowed on the North Country Trail. Foot Traffic Only. Two Chapters of the North Country Trail Association maintain the sections that runs through Luce County, the Hiawatha Shore to Shore Chapter, and the Superior Shoreline Chapter.

The Superior Shoreline chapter runs along what is known as "Shipwreck Coast. Remnants of shipwrecks, lighthouses, logging camps, and more are in evidence along the way. Starting from Two Hearted River State Forest Campground the trail crosses the river by means of a suspension bridge. From this point west to Grand Marais the trail is relatively flat and generally follows along the bluff overlooking Lake Superior. The first 3 miles west is an interesting hike where Mother Nature in her fury can be witnessed. This area was hit by the 2012 Duck Lake Fire. The hottest point in the fire may be found in these 3 miles. It is in the process of re-growth. The Two Hearted Campground is a nice, no frills place to spend a few days. Even though the large trees that once populated the trail are now gone, hiking along the cliff over Lake Superior is awesome. The panoramic views of the Big Lake, as referred to by locals, are showstoppers. Many places exist along the trail with ready access to the lake. It is an area populated by bear, wolves and the occasional moose.

Approximately 17 miles west of the Two Hearted River mouth brings one to Muskallonge State Park, a very hiker friendly park, where the trail leads directly through the campground before resuming its course along the bluff overlooking the lake. The winter months in this region are often brutal with snow remaining on the trail into May.

Continuing west to Grand Marais, an additional roughly 17 miles, the views of the lake remain unspoiled. Currently, approximately 7 miles west of Muskallonge State Park one fords the Blind Sucker River before continuing on to Grand Marais. The river has a solid bottom and is just over knee depth. In high water times it can be swift.

The entire shoreline from the Two Hearted to Grand Marais is known as a rock hunter's paradise with a large display kiosk at the road entrance to Muskallonge State Park. Other than in the immediate area of the Two Hearted River mouth, Muskallonge State Park and where the trail crosses or is adjacent to the roadway, one is not likely to see another hiker.

The Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter's (HSS) portion of the North Country Trail (NCT) begins at the south end of the Mackinac Bridge and passes through both Chippewa and Mackinac Counties before making its way through Tahquamenon Falls State Park before it turns north again to Lake Superior and the mouth of the Two Hearted River.

This portion of the NCT is uniquely composed almost entirely of true foot trail through remote forests free of commercial establishments. You must hike over 80 miles from Saint Ignace before you reach the first restaurant (the Silver Creek Grill and Pub) near Whitefish Bay. The next businesses are 20 and 25 miles up the trail; a summer camp-store at the Lower Tahquamenon Falls, and finally a brewery (Tahquamenon Falls Brewery & Pub) at the Upper Tahquamenon Falls.

This Upper Peninsula section of trail features a low population density, few paved road crossings, and several rustic campgrounds. 122 miles of varied topography can be experienced including lakes, streams, ridges, bogs, an outcropping of the Niagara Escarpment, several fixed sand dunes, and more as you cross the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Careful logistical planning is required for longer hikes. There are many access points for day hikes. M123 is your main access highway.

ZELLAR'S MEADOWS TRAIL
GENTLY SLOPED FOR
WHEELCHAIR ACCESSABILITY,
THIS TRAIL IS FOR WALKING AND BIKING.
MEANDERING 1 MILE THROUGH
MEADOW AND WOODLAND,
WHERE IT MEETS WITH A LESS
DEVELOPED TRAIL THAT
RUNS FROM ZELLAR'S MEADOWS
TO HAMILTON LAKE
FROM M123 TURN ON
TO W VICTORY WAY TURN ONTO AUTUMN LANE.
HAMILTON LAKE NATURE AREA & TRAIL
HAMILTON LAKE IS PART OF THE
TAHQAMENON WATERSHED.
THE HILLY TERRAIN AND VARIED TOPOGRAPHY
MAKE IT THE PERFECT
DESTINATION FOR A SHORT WALK. .4 MILES LONG
FROM M123 TURN ON TO HAMILTON LAKE ROAD.

MUSKALLONGE
LAKE STATE PARK TRAIL
SHORT TRAILS
CONNECT THE PARK
TO THE NEARBY NORTH
COUNTRY TRAIL.
THE 1.5 MILE MUSKALLONGE
LAKE TRAIL IS OPEN FOR HIKING.
M123 TO COUNTY ROAD 407

CANADA LAKES SKI TRAIL & PATHWAY
14 MILES OF GROOMED SKI, HIKE, BIKE TRAIL.
DURING SPRING, DELICATE WHITE WILDFLOWERS
BLANKET THE FOREST
SURROUNDING THIS DOUBLETRACK
MAZE. HOSTING SKIERS IN WINTER
AND HIKERS AND MOUNTAIN
BIKERS IN SUMMER, THE HARD-PACKED TRAIL IS A
FAST, ROLLING RIDE THAT CROSSES AN
INVITING ORV SINGLETRACK
AND RAMBLES THROUGH
DENSE FOREST WITH TREES SPROUTING
HUGE, GNARLED GROWTHS LIKE
CROUCHING GARGOYLES.
THE TRAIL IS FAIRLY WELL MARKED
WITH THE TYPICAL PATHWAY POSTS, ARROWS,
AND MAPS, BUT IT DOES
BECOME A BIT OF A PUZZLE BETWEEN
POSTS 6 AND 8. VANDALIZED
SIGNS WITH MISSING MAPS LEAVE RIDERS
CONFUSED, BUT THERE ARE SO
MANY OTHER DOUBLETRACKS
TO EXPLORE THAT BEING LOST MIGHT BE A
WELCOME DIVERSION.
THERE ARE MANY LOOPS AND DIFFERENT PATHWAYS
THAT YOU CAN CHANGE UP TO
MAKE IT A QUICK AND EASY
HIKE, TO AN ALL DAY ADVENTURE.
PEOPLE ALSO USE IT FOR HORSEBACK RIDING.
FROM M28 EAST, TURN ON TO COUNTY
ROAD 403 SOUTH TO THE END OF THE ROAD.

Tahquamenon Falls State Park

Clark Lake Loop - 5.2 miles: Trail accessed from Clark Lake road, 11 miles southwest of Paradise. Complete the hike to Clark Lake, a nice spot for a picnic or snack on the bordering ancient sand dunes.

Emerson Trail - 1 mile: Located near the Rivermouth Campground on the Tahquamenon River. The last 200 foot section of the trail leading to Whitefish Bay remains incomplete, and is difficult, but possible to navigate. For birding enthusiasts, the trail head presents opportunities to hear songbirds.

Giant Pines Loop - 3.8 miles: This loop offers hikers the sights and sounds of ancient hemlocks, bubbling streams, and the occasional active woodpecker. The highlights of the trail are two giant white pine trees left over from the late 1800's logging era.

Nature Trail - .5 miles: Carpeted with ferns during the summer months, this trail offers hikers an alternative route on their journey from the Upper Tahquamenon Falls to the parking lot. Birding enthusiasts have reported many sightings on this trail during the spring. Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome.

River Trail - 4.8 miles: The trail between the Upper and Lower Tahquamenon Falls. Exposed roots, hilly terrain and several staircases make this trail difficult. The River Trail travels along the Tahquamenon River and is considered the most scenic trail in the park.

Wilderness Loop - 7.4 miles: Hikers are led through the most remote areas of the park among old hemlock forests and peatland areas. The trail features a beaver pond and dam on the loop's eastern portion. As ferns grow taller in mid-summer, the trail becomes increasingly difficult to follow. It is recommended for advanced hikers only.

Leashed dogs are welcome on these State Park hiking trails!

Call 906-492-3415 for trail maps and additional information.

Mouth of the Two Hearted River
Not only a beautiful campground, but some amazing back country hiking, and walking along Lake Superior.

Located on Lake Superior at the mouth of Two-Hearted River in Luce County, 35 miles northeast of Newberry via M-123 and County Roads 500, 414, 412 and 423.

Tahquamenon Logging Museum Nature Trail
A short but beautiful hike, stroll along the boardwalk and nature trail in part of the Tahquamenon Forest. The Tahquamenon River is nestled along this beautiful trail, where blue herons, ducks, other birds, and wildlife abound. Just North of Newberry on M123.

Bodi Lake

A beautiful rustic campground, with a 1.5 Hiking Trail
M123 to County Road 500 To
County Road 437

Luce County is full of 2 Track Roads and back roads that are perfect for biking or hiking down. Stop at the Newberry Information Office for a county map and find your new destination today!

HIKING & BIKING

IN LUCE COUNTY, MI

