



**Chief Noonday Chapter**  
*of southcentral Michigan, including Calhoun, Kalamazoo & Barry Counties*  
North Country Trail Association

**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Meetings are at **7:00 PM** at the [Barry Township Hall in Delton](#) on Orchard Street the second Wednesday of each month, and are open to the public. Meetings through the First Quarter of 2011 are **January 12, February 9, and March 9**. For those who can join us, prior to the meeting, we will meet for dinner at 5:45 PM, at the [Grove Street Cafe](#) on the north side of Delton, located at 370 N. Grove Street (just across from intersection of Delton Road and M-43)

**REMINDER:** For updated information on chapter events, especially toward the end of the quarter, please visit our web site: [www.northcountrytrail.org/cnd/index.htm](http://www.northcountrytrail.org/cnd/index.htm) at the [Events Calendar](#) link.

**Upcoming events** (see details in following pages)

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| <b>Jan 8:</b> Hike Rogue River SGA,<br>Kent County              | <b>Feb 19:</b> Work day, kiosk<br>literature updates              | <b>March 5:</b> Quiet Water<br>Symposium, Lansing                   |
| <b>Jan 22:</b> Work day building<br>register boxes              | <b>March 5:</b> Hike Yankee<br>Springs Rec. Area,<br>Barry County | <b>March 19:</b> Workday<br>installing Carsonite posts<br>as needed |
| <b>Feb 5:</b> Hike Battle Creek Linear<br>Trail, Calhoun County |   |   |

**The Chief Noonday Chapter welcomes everyone to join us for any of our meetings, hikes, or workday events. For more information, please contact Larry Hawkins at 269-945-5398 or [hawkeyemd@cablespeed.com](mailto:hawkeyemd@cablespeed.com), or see web site for other contacts.**

**January 12: 2010 Chief Noonday Hiker Challenge Miles Due to be Reported**

We will ask that all miles completed for the 2010 Chief Noonday Hiker Challenge by 12/31/10 be reported by email by 5:00 PM on January 12, or at the meeting in Delton. **We will report our winners at the January 12 meeting.** Our current leaders:

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| <b>Ron Sootsman:</b> 295.75 miles  | Mike Wilkey: 49.24 miles    | Larry Pio: 29.22 miles        |
| <b>Robert Sulaski:</b> 152.1 miles | Mary Rebert: 47.84 miles    | Larry Hawkins: 27.1 miles     |
| <b>Jason Buckner:</b> 131.5 miles  | Linda Sootsman: 35.93 miles | Steve Hicks: 21.65 miles      |
| <b>Jim Burgess:</b> 71.35 miles    | Bob Cooley: 30.8 miles      |                               |
| Mick Hawkins: 58.34 miles          | Linda Wilkey: 30.14 miles   | Total all others: 83.14 miles |

In addition to our top 4 finishers, **a 5<sup>th</sup> person will be drawn from the rest of the participants**, to win a Chief Noon Day embroidered shirt. Get your miles entered – its not too late to start! So far in 2010, we have hiked **1065.9 miles** of combined unique North Country Trail!

**Coming in 2011, a virtual hike of the North Country Trail, using all your hiking miles.** We will still be doing the CND Hiker Challenge pretty much as is, but this virtual hike will include **all miles hiked anywhere**. This may be a bit tricky for us to do, and prizes are not anticipated, but we will give it a shot.

## **Event Details**

### **January 8: Winter Hike Rogue River State Game Area; Kent County, about 5 miles**

Our **January 8** winter hike will be in northern Kent County at the Rogue River State Game Area. We will hike the NCT between 22 Mile Road and the trailhead south of the [Howard Christensen Nature Center on Red Pine Drive](#), at approximately **10:00 AM**. This hike is all North Country Trail, and qualifies for Hiker Challenge miles.

We will gather for breakfast at the [Lakeside Inn](#), at 23 W. Lake Street in Sand Lake at **9:00 AM**. Sand Creek is located to the east off of Exit 110 on US-131. From the exit, head directly east until the road turns into W. Lake Street. This is a great time to let **Mick Hawkins** know if you are planning to join us, so we don't leave you behind, or, if a blizzard hits, we can let you know if we cancel. Email Mick at: [webmaster.ncta-cnd2@comcast.net](mailto:webmaster.ncta-cnd2@comcast.net). Alternatively, let our new Hike Administrator, **Robert Sulaski**, [rsulaski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsulaski@sbcglobal.net), or his assistant, **Larry Pio**, [nalcoman1@aol.com](mailto:nalcoman1@aol.com), know of your plans.

### **January 22: Work day building Register Boxes for our Kiosks**

On January 22, we will spend the morning building register boxes in **Steve Hicks'** heated workshop, located at 4797 Saddlebag Lake Rd, in Woodland, MI. If you get lost on your way there, Steve's phone is 269 367-4632. **What is a register box?** It is a weather resistant enclosure used to hold literature and a register log. The register log invites folks to leave comments on their hike.

The best way to avoid getting lost is to join us for breakfast in Nashville, MI, at [Shirley's Chuckwagon Cafe](#), at 202 N. Main Street at **8:00 AM**, and travel to [Steve's place](#) at 9:00 AM.

### **February 5: Hike on west portion of Battle Creek Linear Trail; Calhoun County, about 4 mi.**

We will hike the west portion of the BC Linear Trail, between Brady Road and downtown, for our February 5 hike. Breakfast before the hike will be at [Duda's](#), at 113 W. Michigan in **Augusta** at **9:00 AM**. We will spot cars downtown, and drive to Brady Road to begin the hike at **10:00 AM**.

Lunch is planned at the conclusion of the hike at the **Arcadia Brewery**, at 103 Michigan Avenue West, in Battle Creek, which opens at noon. **Perhaps you missed the hike, but can still join us at Arcadia!** Once again, this is North Country Trail, so your Hiker Challenge miles will be building up. Also, let Mick, Bob, or Larry P., know if you plan to join us, to get any late breaking news.

### **February 19: Kiosk Work Day**

We are planning to replace literature as needed in our kiosks, and install some of the register boxes we made in January, for our work day on February 19. We will meet at **8:00 AM** at the [Grove Street Cafe](#), at 370 N. Grove Street, in Delton. Assignments will be spread to all who participate, and we will head out at about **9:00 AM**. It would be a good idea to bring an electric drill with screwdriver attachments, a staple gun, and small nut drivers or a socket set

### **March 5: Hike in Yankee Springs Recreation Area, Barry County, about 4 miles**

We will hike from the west Norris Road trailhead, past Hall Lake, to McDonald Lake for our March 5 hike through the YSRA. Breakfast will be at [Big Easy Deli & Bakery](#), 126 E. Main Street in Middleville, at **8:00 AM**. We will leave from there to spot cars, and begin the hike about **9:00 AM**. Once again, these are all NCT, and are eligible for Hiker Challenge miles.

### **March 5: Quiet Water Symposium, Lansing**

The Quiet Water Symposium will be held March 5 at The Pavilion for Livestock and Agricultural Education on the campus of Michigan State, at the southwest corner of Farm Lane and Mt Hope. Chief Noonday Chapter, and probably other Chapters (as well as Lowell), will be exhibiting.

From the Quiet Water Society website: "At the Symposium visitors will find presentations by world famous authors, photographers, and expedition travelers. Other presentations may cover skills, safety, local and distant destinations. There may be presentations on bicycling, sailing, diving, and history."

### **March 19: Work day replacing and installing Carsonite posts**

Our tentative work project on March 19 will be to replace damage Carsonite posts, and install new posts in locations that need them, as well as the appropriate labels. We plan to meet at the [Hickory Timber Inn](#) at Hickory Corners for breakfast. Check the web site for further details as this date approaches.

### **More Chief Noonday Hikes coming in 2011**

The following additional hikes are scheduled for 2011:

April 2, 2011; Ionia State Recreation Area, Sessions Lake, Ionia County

May 7, 2011; Paul Henry Thornapple Trail, Middleville to Irving to Whispering Pines, Barry County

We switched the dates for these 2 hikes to join the Middleville Volksmarch on May 7. More details in the next newsletter.

**The North Country Trail Association Annual Conference will be held in Dayton, OH on August 11-14. Please note these dates are modified from any previously announced dates.**

### **Web Site Trail Log Reports**

**Mick Hawkins** has included detailed reports, with pictures, at the [TRAIL LOG](#) page on our web site on some of our recent activities. In the last quarter he has included reports on:

- Mutiny in the Ranks – The October 2 hike, which was canceled due to rain, but 6 of us went anyway. Photos included.
- Hunting Season safety, with links to web sites with the dates for Michigan's hunting seasons.
- The October 23 workday at Fort Custer Cemetery, where we cleaned up some downed logs, and did a small reroute near the kiosk at Armstrong Road. Thanks to **Mick Hawkins, Mary Rebert, Jeff Fleming, Jim Mackey, Bob Sulaski, Bob Cooley, Larry Pio, and Steve Hicks** for all the work on this project.
- A report, with some great photos, of the November 6 hike in the Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area
- Our November 13 work day, we cleaned up downed trees in three areas of our trail, then headed to Middleville to help our Middleville partners remove some downed trees on their new Village Park, which will be renamed next year. **Steve Hicks, Ron Sootsman, Larry Pio, Mary Rebert, Bob Sulaski, Bob Cooley, Mick Hawkins, George Lee and Jason Buckner**, all helped on the trail, and most of us joined **Phil VanNoord** to help in Middleville. Thanks to all of you. On a side note: the **Thornapple Trail Association**, and the **Village of Middleville** each awarded our Chapter a "Certificate of Appreciation" at our December meeting.

### **New Members**

We want to welcome new members to the Chief Noonday Chapter in the 4th Quarter:

**Jane Norton** – Delton

**Phil Courtright** - Hastings

**Daniel Hansen** – Holt

**Michael Bannasch** – Spring Arbor

**Receive the Chief Noonday Chapter newsletter via email. Contact Larry Pio at [Nalcoman1@aol.com](mailto:Nalcoman1@aol.com). Share your newsletter with a friend, and tell someone about Chief Noonday Chapter and the NCT.**

Past newsletters are available on our web site.

## REGISTER LOG – Kellogg Biological

Our register at MSU's Kellogg Biological Station is located on the kiosk above the steps just as you turn into the entrance to the Bird Sanctuary. The following are entries on this register. Sorry for any errors. Last names, street addresses, and phone numbers will not be included in the newsletter unless they are CND Chapter contacts or nationally known hikers.

Thanks to everyone for their register comments. As you can see, we are getting a lot of feedback, and some pretty creative entries.

5/26/06 – Welcome to the Kellogg Biological Station and the Kellogg Farm specifically. Most of this section of trail runs along the edges of fields managed by the farm. We are part of Michigan State University.

While hiking through here we would like to invite you to the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, the Kellogg Dairy Center and W.K. Kellogg's "summer home" on Gull Lake. All of these facilities are owned by MSU and open to the public. See the kiosk for details about visiting these places.

We also want to acknowledge the fine members of the Chief Noonday Chapter of the North Country Trail. These are the people that created and maintain the trail in our area. They encourage you to join their chapter and help support the trail.

So enjoy your hike, wherever you plan to go. And welcome to the Kellogg Biological Station and MSU! Jim Bronson, Manager, Kellogg Farm - Press on regardless!

5/28/06 – Just passing through!!! Great Trail – Great Day One Step

6/20/06 – Great job Chief Noonday Chapter "Brother Son"

6/24/06 – Smith Brothers enjoying Kellogg Forest to B Ave and back. Everything appears to be in great shape.

7/11/06 – Checking out the trail. Looks to be in good shape. Needs a mow. Steve Hicks – VP CND Trails

7/19/06 – Mowed – Jim M.

8/6/06 – Today I will complete all the Noonday Chapter of the NCT. Good Job! Brian T.

8/14/06 – Mowed – Jim M.

8/17/06 – Great views and diversity. Mid Michigan at its best. Well maintained. Michael P., Kalamazoo

8/17/06 – Came out with friends and my husband, who does the mowing and maintains this section. I'm very proud of him. Arienne Martin

8/27/06 – Me, my daughter, my sister in law, her husband and 2 dogs! The dogs are having a great time@ Saw 4 huge bucks@ Kim D.

9/13/06 – Just passing through. Great trail. One Step

9/28/06 – Mowed Jim M.

11/26/06 – Signs of deer pooh everywhere. Still looking for the elusive deer. Love the trail. Thank you for maintaining it!! Ruth and Andre de S.

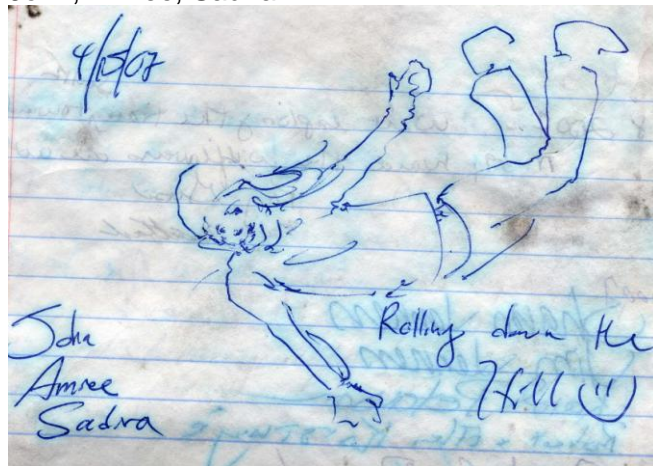
12/2/06 – Jay L. & Jean P.

12/16/06 – Mick Hawkins

1/1/07 – Deer Sighting. Happy New Year All. Jeanne F.

1/15/07 – Great to get out! Kay G, Val K, Marie S.

4/15/07 – Rolling down the hill! (with picture) John, Amree, Sadna



5/6/07 – Kim, Lisa, Maisee, Cindy, & Lizzie all hiked thru on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

5/21/07 – Mowed Jim M.

5/26/07 – This Rocks. Cows were scary, but fun. Thanks for maintaining this amazing trail. Jerry & Kelly

6/22/07 – Mowed Jim M.

7/8/07 – Went exploring the trail south toward M-89; heard the wildflowers are art! Kay G, Mark M.

7/8/07 – Sharon J., Jim J., Karol P., Robert & Ellen K., David G D.

7/11/07 – Ellen & Art L.

7/14/07 – Robert K., Sam S.

8/29/07 – Mowed Jim M.

9/2/07 – Marlo, Ingmar & Robert K.  
9/21/07 – Just passing through. One Step  
9/30/07 – We enjoy coming here to see the deer.  
Jim & Debbie  
10/5/07 – Mowed. Jim Martin  
11/10/07 – Troop 291 LOL! Please keep it up!  
11/27/07 – Mike St. C., Rosie St. C., Doug H.,  
Tam H.  
11/24/07 – Now you can justify more pumpkin pie!  
Nancy K.  
11/24/07 – Great to see a deer / even a buck.  
Robert D.  
1/9/08 – Checked kiosk. Mick Hawkins  
3/20/08 – Checking it out! Nice trail. Here comes  
the sun! D.P. & J.P.  
4/18/08 – Hiked up to B Avenue & back. Trail  
looking good. I noticed that the stile that used to  
be in the middle of the field with no fence to cross  
is gone. Cheers! Mick Hawkins (CND / NCTA)  
4/19/08 – Beautiful spring day. Lots of peepers /  
crane. Many deer. Sue & Don  
4/27/08 – Delton Troop 50 Boy Scouts. Jarryd C.  
was here  
5/13/08 – Mowed and cleared trees (C Avenue to  
40<sup>th</sup>) Jim Martin  
5/24/10 – Just wandering through. JN  
6/11/08 – Mowed. Jim  
6/14/08 – BSA Troop 239 – Augusta, MI Kevin &  
Ryan B., Lukas & Mark M., Ken & Lucas S., Kellie  
C.  
6/21/08 – Mowed & cut trees off trail. Jim Martin  
8/29/08 – Hiked from Bird Sanctuary via new  
reroute & original trail to C Avenue & back – then  
up to kiosk on service road. Running out of  
steam!! – Mick Hawkins  
9/2/08 – Hiked from kiosk (on service road) up to  
B Avenue & back via new reroute. Mick Hawkins  
9/6/08 – A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
WORK ON THE TRAILS! What a gift!! We love  
it! Sue & Bibby  
10/3/08 – Matt W.  
10/11/08 – Just passing through!!! Love the new  
site for this kiosk. One Step  
10/13/08 – Hiked, measured, & lopped from C  
Avenue to the Service Road. Mick Hawkins  
10/22/08 – Mowed Jim Martin  
Katie J. PCCU wuz here  
11/1/08 – Planning re-route at top of hill. Mick,  
Larry, & Steve  
11/7/08 – Flagged and cleared updated  
modification of re-route to south and north from  
top of wooden steps & kiosk. Follow the red

streamers until we can put in the carsonite posts.  
Cheers! Mick Hawkins  
11/7/08 – Had fun running through the corn &  
taking pictures. Betsy, Karon, Judy  
3/9/09 – Today is a beautiful day! And I love the  
earth. Thomas W. III  
3/9/09 – deew gnikoms evol I. Kenny  
3/30/09 – 16:00 “czuwaj!” 22.M.D.H. im “M.  
Kopernika”, Hamtramck, MI Z-HP.pgk,USA  
CODY WAS HERE  
4/12/09 – The G. family was here. Slowly  
covering all NCT in Kalamazoo County! Kids (13  
&12) Love this!!! Not!! (Liar – Nathan)  
The trail is poorly marked here. Its not clear  
where to go to continue north.  
I love this place.  
5/12/09 – Today the G. family walked from here  
north to B Avenue & back. We just followed the  
ribbons until the blue marks resumed.  
5/14/09 – Mowed & trimmed. Jim Martin  
5/24/09 – Dylan & Lisa D.  
5/25/09 – I love to take pics here. Thanks a lot!  
Katie Z.  
5/25/09 – This place is great. Rhamey H.  
5/25/09 – This place is great to walk around fun!  
6/3/09 – Sarah H. & Callie We love this trail!  
6/5/09 – Mowed – Jim Martin  
6/14/09 – Pete C. – met Jeff Fleming (NCTA  
volunteer) at this kiosk. Very beautiful  
7/3/09 – Michael T. Nicerase T.  
7/4/09 – Mowed – Jim Martin  
7/14/09 – Out giving the mosquitoes a snack!  
New carsonite & blue blaze markings a big  
improvement. Good work!! And Jim’s mowing  
makes the whole thing a cinch to follow. Kudos!  
Mick Hawkins (Chief Noonday Chapter)  
7/14/09 – Lucien, Eliot, and Don were here, we  
live close by. We will hike it again soon.  
7/18/09 – Amy “Twinkle Toes” M. – I love running  
these trails in my free time. Thank you.  
7/28/09 – Mowed – Jim Martin  
8/13/09 – Brad T. was here!  
8/28/09 – This is a very peaceful place to smoke  
xxx (**Editor change**), and we seen a lot of deer.  
8/29/09 – It was really fun Maycee M. 8 years  
old  
8/30/09 – Mowed – Jim Martin  
9/4/09 – GPS’ed new reroute between B Ave &  
Baseline Road. Replaced blaze notice on kiosk  
with updated version. Mick Hawkins  
9/13/09 – Suzanne L. – Please send a map to:  
James K.; Kalamazoo Thanks! We had fun!  
9/24/09 – Mowed – Jim Martin

9/27/09 – Found common nighthawk roosted on steps here. Walked up the embankment so as to not disturb it. Installed carsonite post near service drive just north of here. Painted over the “right turn” blue blazes on the end of this kiosk as the trail doesn’t go that way! There should be info at this kiosk directing folks to the Bird Sanctuary (it’s very close by!) and informing them of what they’ll find when they visit. Trail north of B Avenue (about 1 mile north of here) has just been rerouted to take it through a woodlot and near the new KBS automated dairy barn. Great place to visit, folks, check it out. And the new trail is very nice too! Jeff Fleming

10/1/09 – New kiosk maps posted – Mick Hawkins

10/2/09 – Live just across the street from this spot. This trail is a wonderful and peaceful place to walk with your dog and friends. Plan on hiking more of it!

10/23/09 – Collected great insects from the ponds. Chilly day.

11/7/09 – Mowed (Last for season) – Jim Martin

11/8/09 – We just got in New York. Then I saw something Bigfoot

11/8/09 – Been backpacking for 23 days now. Coming down from Minnesota through the U.P. 14 miles back we were chased by an ape-like creature. Stood 7-8 ft. tall, been feeling like he has been stalking us the whole time. We are about to .....wait ....what’s that ..... its backkkkk.

11/14/09 – Another beautiful day. Greg & Vicki Hall

11/28/09 – New map posted on north kiosk & doing kiosk survey in this area. Jeff here as well working on the kiosk. Beautiful day! Mick Hawkins

12/26/09 – Just going out for a walk. Kellogg Forest to Baseline Road. 5 inches of snow. Having fun! – Paul

12/29/09 – TMAN on my winter hike.

<http://sites.google.com/site/isawtman/>  
great day

4/10/10 – Sat/Sabbath Hiking 39<sup>th</sup> to Augusta. Very nice day! Jim B & Doug C of Battle Creek

4/11/10 – It don’t get any better than this. So peaceful. Tom and Julie

Nice job Noonday Chapter. I have been following the trail from Ohio. Website for hike:

[www.thequest-hikingthenorthcountrytrail.blogspot.com](http://www.thequest-hikingthenorthcountrytrail.blogspot.com) Ed Miller

5/3/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

5/9/10 – Loved the trail. Thanks

5/10/10 – I’ve been camping out here. You’ll never find me, I’ve been eating your animals and chopping your trees down. I’ve been waiting for you for a good meal for once. I hide in your bushes. I hide in your trees. I hide in your house. Sincerely, Bigfoot.

You are hiding from yourself.

No, you’re just jealous cuz you never seen me.

5/16/10 – Peter & Alex C. South to M89 & back.

Cody was here

5/27/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

5/29/10 – Pete & Alex C. here to Baseline (Barry Co. line) & back

6/4/10 – Jim Martin, you are a good grass mower.

Bob G. KBS Security

6/9/10 – Megan L. & Nala

6/15/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

6/27/10 – Trimmed brush to clear trail. Cleared B. Avenue to C Avenue Jim Mackey and Eric

7/2/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

7/11/10 – Walked the trail out north 1 mile to walkover. Also ran trails @ Kellogg Experimental Forest. Love the trails. Dave & Kathy

7/13/10 – Cleared trees north of Bird Sanctuary & brush cleared. Jim Mackey & Elizabeth Mackey

7/13/10 – Cleared brush along the trail from here to 40<sup>th</sup> street. Enjoy the trail. Jim Mackey

7/17/10 – Jorge from Jesary!, Al B., Black Dynamite

7/26/10 – The J.s. Nice!

7/27/10 – Spent over 15 hours clearing trail C Avenue to 40<sup>th</sup>. Reblazing KBS section. Jim Mackey

7/28/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

7/28/10 – Trail reblazed from this point to baseline. Jim & Eric Mackey

8/17/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

9/3/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

9/7/10 – Tuesday, visited the Bird Sanctuary.

Wish my husband was with me so we could walk the trail together. DB Lansing

9/24/10 – A real great place to find some G.O.D. Good orderly direction. Keep coming back! CC

Chuck A.

9/27/10 – Mowed – Jim Martin

9/29/10 – Trail trimmed & checked. Jim Mackey

10/5/10 – K & C K. – NY

10/14/10 – Tom B Paul O Tim L.

10/16/10 – Dan & Paula Just got some

10/25/10 – I went on the trail and it was fun.

Hunter

12/6/10 – Hard to find, but OK. Jane N.

12/19/10 – A.M. 20° F & cloudy, nice day on the trail. Hiking from M-89 to Osbourne Road. Jason

Buckner

### **Adopters: Thanks From All of Us**

As you can see in the above register log, the adopter for KBS, Jim Martin, is out there a lot making the trail better. All of our adopters put in a lot of hours, and we want to recognize their efforts for the past year.

**Phil Van Noord** – Johnson Road to Crane Road (Middleville State Game Area)

**Rick Moore** – Middleville to McCann Road in Irving (Paul Henry Thornapple Trail)

**George Lee** – Peet's Road to M-179 (Barry State Game Area) George previously adopted the section now adopted by Phil Van Noord (above)

**Jerry Pattok** – retired adopter for above, 2010

**Tom Warner** – M-179 to McDonald Lake (Barry State Game Area & YSRA)

**Roxanne Potter** – retired adopter for above, 2010

**Jason Buckner** – McDonald Lake to Gun Lake Road (Yankee Springs Recreation Area)

**Joe Higdon** – retired adopter for above, 2010

**Marcia Mellon** – Gun Lake Rd. to Norris Road (Yankee Springs Recreation Area)

**Tom Funke** – Norris Road to McKibben Road (Barry State Game Area)

**Jim Martin** – Baseline to C Avenue (MSU's Kellogg Biological Station)

**Jim Bronson** – Baseline to C Avenue (MSU's Kellogg Biological Station)

**Jim Mackey** – just now retired as adopter for above section

**Ron Sootsman** – C Avenue to M-89 (Cheff Center)

**Jeff and Mary Fleming** – M-89 to Sackett property (Kellogg Experimental Forest)

**Chris Vreeland and family** – Kellogg Forest to EF Avenue (Sackett property)

**Mike Wilkey** – EF Avenue to Augusta Drive (Hutchinson property)

**Larry Pio** – Fort Custer Drive to Armstrong Road (Fort Custer National Cemetery)

**Susan Bond** – Brady Drive to Emmett Street (Battle Creek Linear Trail)

**John Rudnicki** – Jameson to Wattles Road (Ott Preserve, Kimball Pines, and Bridge Park)

**Bob Cooley** – Jameson to Wattles Road (Ott Preserve, Kimball Pines, and Bridge Park)

We want to also recognize our past leader of the adopters, **Dave Cornell**, who has retired from that position. His responsibilities have been taken over by **Mick Hawkins**. **Mick**, **Steve Hicks**, and **Mike Wilkey** serve on our Trail Committee under the leadership of our Trails Vice President, **Jeff Fleming**. **Thanks to all our adopters and leaders for their efforts.** See also the [Volunteer Recognition page](#) on our web site for this and other volunteer recognition.

### **Mary Rebert accepts position with National Membership Committee**

**Mary Rebert**, head of our Chapter Membership committee, has agreed to serve on the National Committee. Thanks for your work on this, Mary.

### **MSU's W.K. Kellogg Biological Station**

One of our partners on the trail, Michigan State's W. K. Kellogg Biological Station, hosts a variety of programs throughout the year. Additional information on KBS special events and membership information can be found on the web at [www.kbs.msu.edu](http://www.kbs.msu.edu).

In addition, the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary is open to visitors year round. For more information, contact the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary at 269-671-2510 or email: [birdsantuary@kbs.msu.edu](mailto:birdsantuary@kbs.msu.edu).

Coming soon: Owl Prowl at the Bird Sanctuary after dark on January 7 and January 11, beginning at 6 PM. This is an indoor introduction followed by an outdoor hike, ending at 7:30 PM for a modest cost.



Photograph in the Fort Custer National Cemetery on a nice day to be out for a hike.

Add to your New Year's Resolutions: Get out for a wintry hike.

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**Chief Noonday Chapter now on [FACEBOOK](#)**

We have started a page on Facebook for the North Country Trail Association, Chief Noonday Chapter. Please find our page, and "like" it to get updates from the page. You can also add comments, as well as uploading video and photos of your hiking experience. Maybe it is a good time to add your New Year's Resolution to our page on your target mileage for the 2011 Hiker Challenge!

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