



## Chief Noonday Chapter

*of southcentral Michigan, including Calhoun, Kalamazoo & Barry Counties*

North Country Trail Association

# PRESS RELEASE

## ***NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY***

7:00 pm – March 9, 2011

The Chief Noonday Chapter of the North Country Trail will have a presentation of Nature Photography by **Josh Haas**, Co-owner of “*Glances at Nature*” during their March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Josh is a well recognized photographer of all things nature. Glances at Nature offers training programs, field trips, and sales of some phenomenal pictures taken by Josh and his father. Examples of their work can be found at [www.glancesatnature.com](http://www.glancesatnature.com) The presentation is titled “***Enriching your hikes, One photo at a time***” All interested in hiking or nature photography are welcome to attend! See a couple examples of their photography on our web site “TRAIL LOG”.

This presentation will be held **at the beginning** of our **March 9** Chapter Meeting, at the Barry Township Hall at 155 East Orchard Street in Delton, which is open to the public. For those who can join us, prior to the meeting, we will meet for dinner at 5:45 PM, at the Grove Street Café on the north side of Delton, located at 370 N. Grove Street (just across from intersection of Delton Road and M-43)

### **Other Upcoming events**

**March 5:** Hike Yankee Springs Rec. Area, Barry County (see detailed hike description next page)

**March 5:** Quiet Water Symposium, Lansing; for after the hike? We will have a booth.

**March 19:** Workday at Ott Preserve, Battle Creek; this is a change. We will be replacing broken railings on the boardwalk. Breakfast at the Homespun Restaurant; 210 Columbia Ave. E; Battle Creek.

**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.**

### **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

## Yankee Springs Recreation Area Hike

Date: 3/5/11

<b>Hike Length</b>	<i>About 4 miles, primarily flat, wooded terrain</i>
<b>Description</b>	<b>We will hike from the west Norris Road trailhead, past Hall Lake, to McDonald Lake. In Barry County.</b>
<b>Breakfast location</b>	<b>Big Easy Deli &amp; Bakery; 126 E. Main Street; Middleville</b>
<b>Breakfast time</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Best way to get to breakfast</b>	<b>From the light on M-37 in Middleville, turn east about 0.5 miles to Big Easy, which is on the south side of the road</b>
<b>Hike time</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Car spotting location</b>	<b>Near McDonald Lake, possibly at Chief Noonday Road (M-179) Parking Lot</b>
<b>Hike start location</b>	<b>Trailhead, with parking, on west side of Norris Road, 0.4 miles south of Gun Lake Road</b>
<b>Best way to get to hike start location</b>	<b>From Middleville, take M-37 south about 2.4 miles to Yankee Springs Road, which continues south 6 miles to Gun Lake Road. Yankee Springs Road changes to Norris Road. Continue south 0.4 miles to beginning of hike.</b>
<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>Not planned</b>
<b>Lunch location</b>	<b>Not planned</b>
<b>Things to bring</b>	<b>Boots, sunglasses, warm clothes, hat, mittens, water, snack, cell phone, camera, gps, first aid kit, rain gear (if needed)</b>
<b>Cancellations</b>	<b>This hike will not be cancelled; if conditions warrant, we will start closer to our end point.</b>
<b>Updates</b>	<a href="http://www.northcountrytrail.org/cnd/index.htm">www.northcountrytrail.org/cnd/index.htm</a>
<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Robert Sulaski – <a href="mailto:rlsulaski@sbcglobal.net">rlsulaski@sbcglobal.net</a> 616-538-4827</b>
	<b>Larry Pio – <a href="mailto:nalcoman1@aol.com">nalcoman1@aol.com</a> home: 269-327-3589 cell: 269-341-5964</b>
	<b>Mick Hawkins – <a href="mailto:webmaster.ncta-cnd2@comcast.net">webmaster.ncta-cnd2@comcast.net</a> Mick will not be present for this hike, but will be a contact ahead of time</b>
<b>On line map</b>	<a href="http://www.michigandnr.com/Publications/PDFS/RecreationCamping/yankee_springs_map.pdf">http://www.michigandnr.com/Publications/PDFS/RecreationCamping/yankee_springs_map.pdf</a> trail location is not current, but close enough