



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

## **SPEAKER ALERT**

### ***Retracing John Muir's 1000 Mile Walk By Wil Reding***

7:00 pm – May 11, 2011

Interpretive Naturalist **Wil Reding** will speak about the 2006 retracement hike he and his wife Sarah did from Indianapolis, IN to Cedar Key, Florida during our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Wil and Sarah were retracing famed naturalist John Muir's 1867 hike after the Civil War. For more info on other of Wil and Sarah efforts, see: <http://www.rentaramblingnaturalist.ws/index.htm>.

Wil's presentation will be held **at the beginning** of our **May 11** Chapter Meeting, at the Barry Township Hall at 155 East Orchard Street in Delton, which is open to the public. **This meeting is our Chapter Annual Meeting**, and we will be electing Board Members, and other yearly business.

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**

**May 21:** Workday in Middleville State Game Area (See description next page).

**June 4:** Trails Day Hike on Kalamazoo River Trail in Kalamazoo County. **This itinerary has been completely changed.** Please see next page for new details.

**June 18:** Workday with plans yet to be finalized. Check our web site later.

**August 11-14:** NCTA Annual Conference in Dayton, OH.

**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.

**No Family Left Indoors – all Tuesdays, June and July, 6:30PM to 8:00PM – Barry County**

These are family outdoor events held every Tuesday in June and July throughout Barry County. Each event begins at 6:30 PM, and continues to 8:00 PM. We found out about this via the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, and you can see the entire listing of these events included within their schedule at [www.cedarcreekinstitute.org](http://www.cedarcreekinstitute.org). An example: **June 7 - YMCA of Barry County – Get Back to Nature** Participants will view birds and participate in other nature activities in the YMCA's nature learning center. Participants will also take trail hikes that will involve natural history and increase their outdoor skills by making fires without matches, orienteering through the woods, and making simple shelters.

**May 21: Workday in Middleville State Game Area – Barry County**

We will be working on repairing a section of severely eroded trail in the Middleville State Game Area, about 0.4 miles from the Crane Road trailhead, beginning about **9:00 AM**. At **8:00 AM** we will meet for breakfast at the **Thornapple Kitchen**, located at 499 Arlington (aka M-37) in Middleville, north from the light on the west side of the road (269-795-3672).

**June 4: Hike Kalamazoo River Trail; about 5 miles along the Kalamazoo River**

**Our itinerary has completely changed for this hike.** Breakfast will be at **8:00 AM** at the **Cooper Café** located at 7759 Douglas Avenue, north of Kalamazoo (269-383-2960). To get to the Cooper Café from US.131 at Exit 44 (D-Avenue), drive East to Douglas Avenue and turn South about 0.2 miles.

The hike will begin on D Avenue, and continue to Parchment. The best way to get to the beginning of the hike is the small parking lot West of the Kalamazoo River on D Avenue and South of the Rail Road tracks.

**Trail Blazes we use to mark the North Country National Scenic Trail**



Trail straight ahead



Trail turns sharply right



Trail turns sharply left

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