

Segment 29 Craig Lake to Long Lake Outlet

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Segment length: 2.7 miles

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Website: www.northcountrytrail.org/nct/Craig.htm

Other trail: Craig Lake West Spur

Other trail: Teddy Lake Spur

On the trail:

- **Westbound:** From the parking area at Craig Lake State Park take Craig Lake Road past the kiosk and locked gate. The first portion (0.2) mile is a road walk down to the privy at the campground on Craig Lake. Just before the privy (N46 36.089 W88 11.220), turn left to pick up the trail as it heads into the woods. This segment is dotted with lots of boulders looking like they just dropped out of the sky. When you have hiked 1.1 mile you will come to the intersection of the Teddy Lake Spur to the left (N46 36.277 W88 12.324). Continue on the NCNST for another 0.6 mile where you will reach Snyder Road and turn right, walk approximately 55-60 paces and then turn left into the woods again to complete the 0.8 mile hike to the bridge (N46 36.494 W88 13.838) over the Long Lake outlet.
- **Eastbound:** There is no vehicle access to the west end of this segment so you would need to be coming from the Peter Wolfe Chapter's eastern most segment to reach the western end (N46 36.494 W88 13.838). You would hike east about 0.8 mile when you would reach Snyder Road, turn right and walk about 55-60 paces then turn left back into the woods, reaching the Teddy Lake Spur (N46 36.277 W88 12.324) on the right after about 0.6 miles. This segment is dotted with lots of boulders looking like they just dropped out of the sky so enjoy the view. Continue heading east for about 1.1 mile, reaching the campground at Craig Lake, including a privy at N46 36.089 W88 11.220. Turn right and hike the Craig Lake Road out to the trail (N46 35.961 W88 11.152) as it continues with Segment 28 to the east or hike past the trail to the parking lot.

Previous segment: 28 - Crooked Lake Outlet to Craig Lake

Next segment: Visit the Peter Wolfe Chapter (www.northcountrytrail.org/pwf)

Vehicle access for this segment:

- From US-41 west of Michigamme turn north (right coming from the east or left coming from the west) onto Nelligan Road, also known as Craig Lake Road. Follow the signs for approximately 6.5 miles to the parking lot at Craig Lake. A Michigan State Park sticker is required for your

vehicle. From the parking lot, walk down the gated road. The NCT goes both directions from this road, to the east and to the west.

Maps of Craig Lake State Park and the Craig Lake Trails are also available for downloading.

The Craig Lake State Park parking area is at the east end of this segment and provides the “main” road in (rough and an adventure in itself!) from US 41. Vehicles with high ground clearance are recommended. Craig Lake State Park is Michigan's most remote state park, a wilderness with rustic campsites, cabins and yurts for rent. Fortunately the park keeps some of the trails up, but it's still a rugged area to maintain. The park contains six full lakes and a variety of wildlife such as deer, black bear, beaver, loons and moose. Large boulders dot the landscape as well as hills and valleys.

The terrain is less strenuous in this direction and eventually intersects with a short spur off to the left to Teddy Lake. Staying on the NCT takes you to Snyder Road where you turn right, walk approximately 55–60 paces and then turn left into the woods again to complete the hike to Long Lake.

Portions of this segment of the NCT are described in Eric Hansen's Hiking Michigan's Upper Peninsula, pp. 80 – 84.

Other websites with information about Craig Lake State Park

- http://hunts-upguide.com/michigamme_craig_lake_state_park.html – includes a nice map
- <http://www.fishweb.com/maps/baraga/craiglake/statepark/index.html> – includes a nice map as well as a satellite view of the area.

As you get out and hike this or any of our segments, please contact the trail adopter or Cliff Stammer (906–228–9897 / cnstammer@charter.net) with reports of trail conditions, including blow-downs, washouts, and inadequate blazing.