

# north country trail

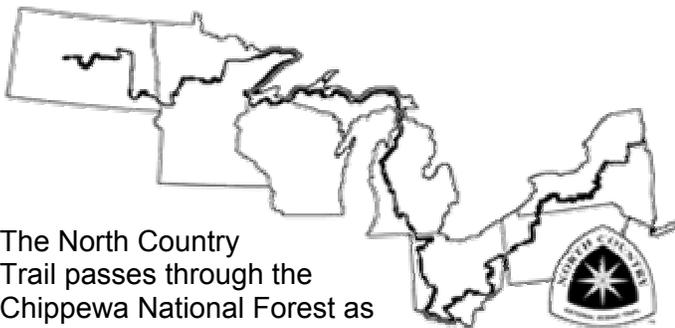


CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST "CELEBRATING 100 YEARS" 1908-2008

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Each season harbors it's own beauty along the North Country Trail. In the spring, the Forest is dotted with wildflowers, morel mushrooms and the bright green of emerging aspen leaves. Mid-summer brings out wildlife, wild berries and northern lights. Autumn brings waves of reds, yellows and oak browns across the Forest to North Country Marathon enthusiasts, and winter brings a new array of recreation opportunities for visitors....skiing, snowshoeing and winter camping.

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The North Country Trail passes through the Chippewa National Forest as part of the larger North Country National Scenic Trail. The trail travels over 4,600 miles from Crown Point, New York to Lake Sakakawea, North Dakota. Eventually the trail will link to the Appalachian Trail to the Lewis and Clark and Pacific Crest Trail. When completed, the North Country Trail will be the longest continuous foot path in the United States.

Within the Chippewa National Forest, the North Country Trail meanders through 71-miles of forested lake country. White Pine forests and river overlooks beckon travelers along this scenic route. Discover old homesteads hidden in the "Woodtick Fields" and enjoy the cool waters of the many backcountry lakes.

## RULES OF THE TRAIL

The North Country Trail is intended for foot travel only. Horses and mountain bikes are not allowed. In addition, motorized vehicles, including motorcycles, snowmobiles and three/four wheelers are not permitted on the trail. Please observe basic trail rules:



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- ◆ Show respect for other Forest visitors and the natural environment
- ◆ Leave areas the way you would like to find them
- ◆ Use caution with fire
- ◆ Treat plant, animal and human neighbors with consideration

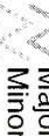
You may camp anywhere on National Forest System land. When camping, choose a site away from the path to protect the trail's natural features. Primitive and dispersed campsites are located along the trail and are indicated on the map on the reverse side. These campsites are cleared; some provide fire rings, picnic tables and latrines. The trail also passes near the Mabel Lake Campground which has 22 developed campsites, water, latrines, a boat ramp and swimming beach. When camping, use only dead and downed wood, pack out all that you pack in and treat all drinking water. Overnight parking is permitted at designated trailheads.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

The U.S. Forest Service and North Country Trail Association (NCTA) volunteers maintain the 71-miles of trail. For more information on trail conditions, or to obtain more detailed maps, please contact the Chippewa National Forest at (218)335-8600, the Walker Ranger District at (218) 547-1044, the NCTA at 1-866-HIKE-NCT, or the NCTA website at [www.northcountrytrail.org](http://www.northcountrytrail.org).

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## Legend

-  NCT
-  Major Roads
-  Minor Roads
-  Lakes
-  Parking
-  Campsites / Campgrounds
-  Water

