

Welcome to the North Country Trail

The North Country National Scenic Trail is a 4600 mile hiking trail from New York to North Dakota. National Scenic Trails are the premeir trails in the Nation for scenery. Other National Scenic Trails include the Appalachain Trail, Pacific Crest Trail and Ice Age Trail.

Heritage Chapter

The Heritage Chapter builds, maintains and promotes the section of the North Country Trail in Ashland and Iron Counties in Wisconsin. When completed, our portion of the NCNST will include about 55 miles of beautiful hiking trail! From May to November our chapter holds monthly work weekends to improve our section of the trail. We have a great group of volunteers, but are always open to new members, with their help and enthusiasm. We have a lot of trail to build, so we could use your help.

To sign up for the events call Mike Stafford at 414-403-4575 or go to our Meetup Website at <https://www.meetup.com/PenokeeHikers/>

Chapter Area: From Copper Falls State Park to the Michigan State Line

Highlights: The trail goes along the rim of the Bad River Gorge in the new addition of Copper Falls State Park. It also passes Wren Falls and several vistas in the Penokee Range.

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Americorps Crew

The section of the North Country Trail going up to the Upson Lake Overlook was built by a crew of the Americorps NCCC in conjunction with the Heritage Chapter. The Americorps Crew consisted of 8 young adults from the age of 18 to 24. The crew members were from all over the United States.

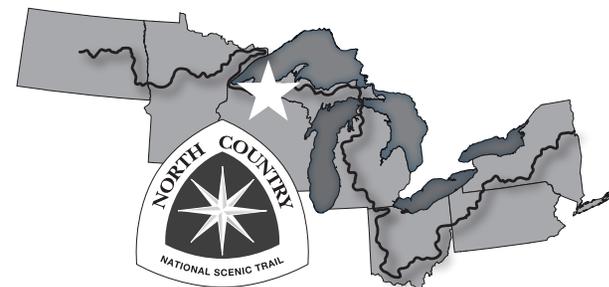


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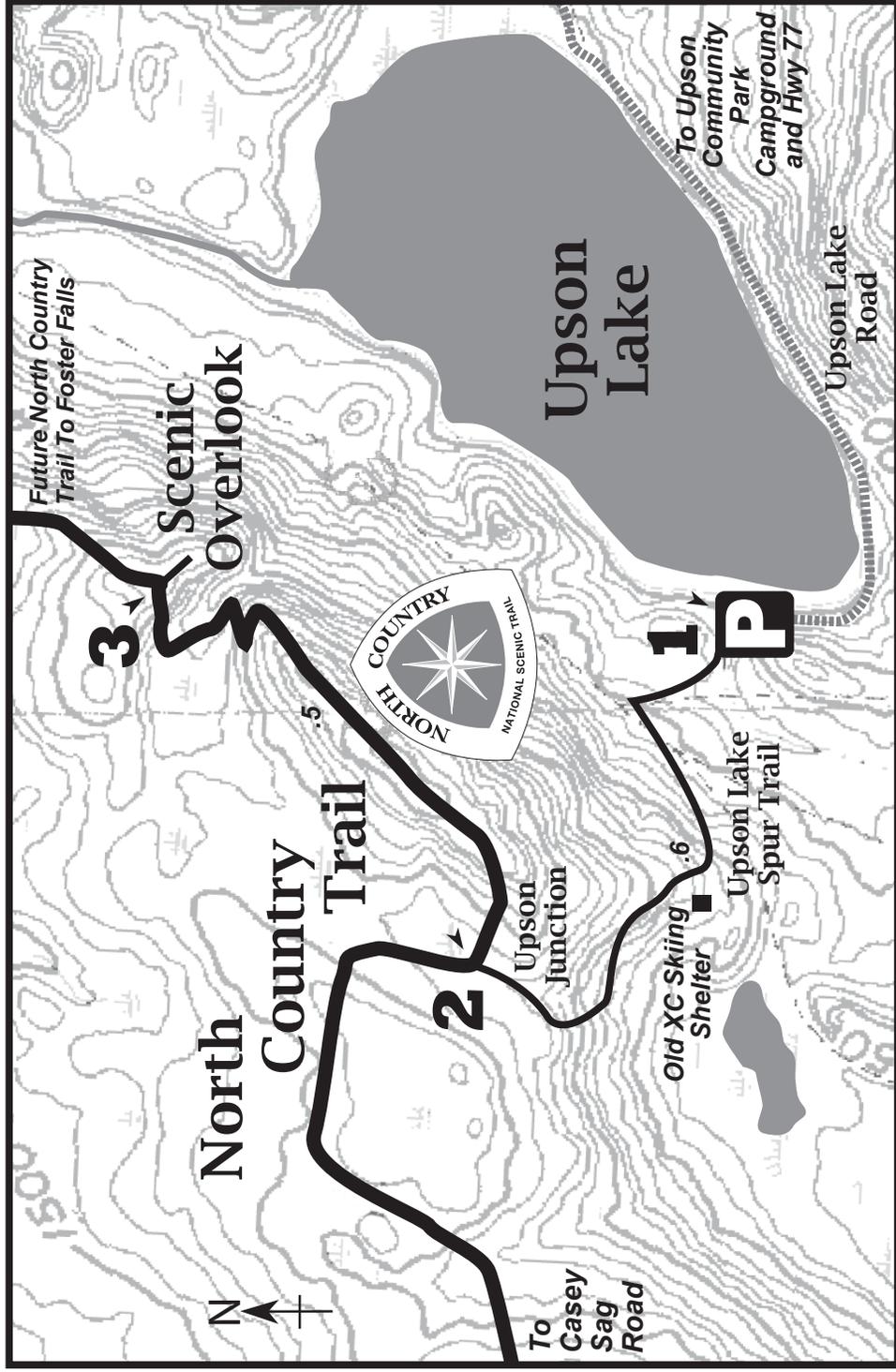
Upson Lake Overlook Hike



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Directions: From Upson, Wisconsin, go 1/2 mile west on Hwy 77, then turn north on Upson Lake Road. Drive on the gravel road 2.5 miles all the way to the end. You can park on the side of the road, but be careful not to block the turn around area.

- 1. Upson Lake Spur Trail.** The spur trail starts on the left side of the road, and uses an old forest road. It goes steadily uphill and takes a left hand turn onto another forest road. Watch for a double blaze that marks the turn. The trail steadily goes uphill through the woods to grassy opening with an old XC Skiing Shelter. The Spur Trail stays on the right side of the grassy opening and returns to the woods. At this point the trail is no longer on an old forest road, it is a regular hiking trail. The trail goes across a small creek with a bridge then continues steadily uphill to the Upson Junction.
- 2. Upson Junction.** From the Upson Junction take a right to continue up to the overlook. You will continue uphill for a ways then the trail goes downhill to a creek. Currently, there is no bridge across the creek, but under normal conditions you should be able to cross the creek on clumps of grass, downed logs, rocks, etc. Then you go along the side of the hill until you reach the top. Continuing on the trail, you reach a geographic marker post right before you go downhill using a switchback. You reach another creek which also currently doesn't have a bridge, but still is fairly easy to cross under normal conditions. After that creek you go uphill and there is a sharp right turn at the top. Continue walking to the junction of the overlook spur trail.

3. The Overlook. At the junction of the overlook spur trail, take a right you will be at the overlook shortly. You will be afforded a great view of Upson Lake and beyond. From the junction, the NCT continues north on top of the hill then starts going downhill to the left. The trail is under construction but if you continue north, the North Country Trail will eventually reach the Potato River. The Trail will eventually travel along the Potato River for almost two miles to the very scenic Foster Falls. To help build the trail up to Foster Falls, contact Heritage Chapter President Mike Stafford at 414-403-4575 or email htg@northcountrytrail.org