



HIKING MICHIGAN

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The dictionary defines hiking as:

"An extended walk for pleasure and health".

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WHAT'S THE LATEST

Lots of milestones for Hiking Michigan in 2012. We could have taken more advantage of many of them, if my personal health had not gone to Venus, but that's OK, Mom Nature is not going anywhere, and the wonderful people that make up Hiking Michigan will remain wonderful. :-)

Our Outdoor NewsLetter reached a new readership level, by crossing the 18,000 downloads line with our last issue. Just AMAZING! We are hoping that this 47th issue will exceed 30,000 readers, since we are distributing this particular issue across the entire state.

As well as having the NewsLetter online and downloadable from there, we are printing up about 2,000 copies to be left at various Outdoor stores, and local Outdoor Vendors through out the state. Not sure where this will go. We may end up with a permanent printed Magazine, as well as the web site/online version. This remains to be seen. This 47th issue just happens to be a Bird jammed issue. Many articles & Bird pictures.

There will be many changes over the Winter months here at Hiking Michigan. We will of course continue with our scheduled Hikes, Snow shoeing and Winter activities for both the S.E.MI. club, and with the new North/Central group as well. Look for many new happenings

TRAILS REPORT

HIKING TRAILS NEED WORK

Trails quality and maintenance varies all over the place, from Park to Park. Some of the trails are in great shape, having gotten a good clean-up from various Volunteer groups. Others are in desperate need of some work. There are some trails that have completely vanished, due to the total lack of maintenance. This is primarily in our State Parks. I will tell you why in an article later in this addition. The Metro Parks and most of the County Parks have been well maintained and are in great shape. No matter what the Trails conditions, Fall is a wonderful season in Michigan.



"FALL SUNSET"

ALL ABOUT BIRDS - MICHIGAN

This bird identification gallery is being developed to help our web site visitors identify and learn more about birds that can be seen in Michigan. Species are grouped by taxonomy. By simply clicking on a group name you will see all the individual species within that group. Next, to get a full description of the bird, click on its name and a new window will open. This is the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's "All About Birds" page. It contains a full description of each species including behavior, habitat, vocals and other interesting facts.



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