



Trails Committee Kick-Off





Committee Structure and Objectives

Structure:

- This committee will have a Chair or Co-Chairs. This seat is voted on and confirmed by the Board.
- Chair(s) will present monthly committee activity to the Board at monthly Board meetings. They will provide committee meeting minutes to be discussed and attached to the Board's monthly meeting minutes.
- The committee will meet once monthly in advance of the regular Board meeting. Can meet in person, via Zoom or both.
- Committee members may be asked to head certain objectives for better committee flow and management
- Committee would propose any needed annual budget amounts to the Board for consideration in the Club budget
- Chair(s) or designated committee member would participate in monthly calls for MHTA/MHC Trail Committee whenever possible
- Make recommendations to the Board





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Objectives:

- Committee members, with the guidance of their Chair(s), will research, plan, prepare and present ideas and proposals for new trails in our region. This includes walking, driving or riding trails for GPS tracking, map creation, communications with DNR or NPS personnel, state trail organizations
- The committee will work to support existing trails through liason with other trail organizations (MTRA, MHTA, MHC)
- Provide trail use, etiquette and safety guidelines and education for our members
- Advocate for existing trails so as not to lose our access
- Create/maintain a comprehensive list of all current area trails, including maps, skill level, points of interest, staging areas, etc. for inclusion on our website and access by our members.
- Create/schedule appropriate trail work bees in association with MTRA/MHTA/MHC efforts





Areas of Immediate Focus

East Side of our Region:

- Continuing the work done by members in this sector of our region
- Organize the data and create a formal presentation for the DNR

Port Oneida Area:

- Reach out to SBDNL personnel for continued conversations regarding our initial proposal submitted in June 2025
- Continued discussion with Leelanau Outdoor Center for seasonal trailer parking on their property
- Gather more formal support from Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear, a group aligned with the SBDNL and whose strategic plan includes the return of horse presence to the Rural Historic District of Port Oneida.





Areas of Immediate Focus

Establish Comprehensive List of Area Trails

- Create accurate trail maps
- List of facilities at trailheads
- Where to park and what to know
- Ranking trail skill levels
- Possibly add Club provided trail markers with Club logo (with permission from applicable trail authority)

