

MI-TRALE NEWS

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From Under the Presidents Helmet

I hope that this newsletter finds you enjoying this winter and thinking about the soon to be riding season. You may think that your board turns our attention to just keeping warm and shoveling snow during the winter. I thought you might like to know that we all remain quite active in a variety of activities that show our support of not only outdoor recreation but our local communities as well.

Here is a sample list of what collectively we are involved with.

1. President of a snowmobile club
2. Secretary of a snowmobile club
3. Snowmobile trail groomer operators
4. Serve on local chamber of commerce board of directors
5. Serve on local recreational boards
6. Serve on State Equestrian Advisory Work Group
7. Serve on State ORV Advisory Work Group
8. Volunteer Fireman and First Responder
9. Serve on local theater board
10. Chairman of streets and sidewalks committee in their community
11. Serve on local historical board
12. Owns a local Polaris Dealership
13. Manages and owns a resort
14. Works for a living in addition to volunteer time
15. Serves on community boards
16. Serves the community through area churches
17. Commercial Airline Pilot
18. Actively involved in the growth of the local economy
19. Owns and manages a bunch of recreational rental homes
20. Working with multiple agencies to develop a ORV & Equestrian campground
21. Working private & public land owners to open a connector trail from Bergland to Marenisco
22. Working with the DNR on the new OR Multi-use ORV Route
23. Establishing the MI-TRALE Ambassador Program

24. Developing the new MI-TRALE Guide book & map
25. Working with private & public land owners to extend the Pioneer (P) route to connect to the BN Route.
26. Engineering work on the replacement bridge to be installed outside of Bergland.

This represents just a few of the projects and commitments that your board is involved with during the winter months. There are a few home chores that were not listed, but carry a lot of weight as well.

You might ask what we are doing this summer. The DNR has approved funding in the amount of \$120,000 to MI-TRALE for **trail projects** this year. This will keep us all very busy to not only manage these projects, but make sure they are completed in a safe manner for those doing the work and those of you riding the trails. You will read about several events that the board feels need to happen as they represent why your organization exists and is growing. We have the 5th annual **SPORT Ride** on June 11th, the 9th annual **Senior Fall Color Ride** on September 22nd, the 4th annual **Equestrian Camp & Ride**, and parades. These all require planning to make happen, so you can join the ride and the fun. A new event for this year is the **Copper Fest** taking place in Ontonagon County on June 24-26th. We will be sponsoring a historic ATV ride on June 25th that will take you to several historic copper sites. Expect to read more about this as we get into spring. However, so the “event planners” can also have some fun this year, we are going to have an **Open Club Ride** every month this summer. You will see more about these rides in the newsletter. I encourage you to attend any or all of them so we can get to know each other. Your board has agreed to launch the MI-TRALE **Ambassador** program this year. This is a very exciting program allowing MI-TRALE to give back or “Pay Forward” to the many people and organizations that make your trails available to you to ride and enjoy. I encourage you to read about the program and the opportunity it provides to you to share your passion of outdoor recreation with others.

Membership time is fast approaching. You will be receiving your membership form in the next few weeks. We certainly would like for you to renew your membership, but encourage you to extend the invitation to your friends. Your club is dependent on membership dollars, donations, grants, and the guide book sales for funding of our trail work. Without these funds we would not be able to provide the new signage (trail reassurance markers & trail names that you see on the club sponsored trails, and the trail names on the designated trails. These all take dollars to install to secure your safety. It needs to be said again, that all of the MI-TRALE volunteers do not receive any compensation for the time they spend on your trails. We all do it, because of our passion for our sport, rider safety, and it helps to retain the use of the private and public lands that we use.

Our **Equestrian Team** has been working with the Michigan DNR on the new ORV/Equestrian campground to be located near the Courtney Equestrian Trail. This is an exciting project as the Upper Peninsula (UP) does not have an ORV specific campground, and Michigan does not have a shared use campground. The facility will not be huge, but it has very high potential. You will find an update in the equestrian section of the newsletter.

The board has decided to issue an all **new guide book** for 2016 with some exciting changes that we will be telling you about in the future. If you have a copy of the current guide you know that the map committee made an extra effort to make this as “personal” as they could for each of you. So that we are able to continue doing this, we are requesting that you submit any of your favorite photos to include in the new guide. We ask that you include the date, location, and any comments you would like with the photo. Not sure we will have room for the comments, but we will try to include as many as possible. Please submit your photo and information to: mi-trale@runningbearresort.com, or call Linda Schulz @ (906) 827-3208.

Don

President MI-TRALE

MI-TRALE Announces the Ambassador Program

By Don Helsel

MI-TRALE in partnership with Ottawa National Forest is very pleased and excited to announce the creation of the Ambassador Program. Specially trained MI-TRALE members will provide a multitude of services to the recreation public under this new program. Perhaps their duties can be best described as outlined in the Mission Statement:

Mission Statement

MI-TRALE specially trained volunteers will interact with the recreation public on behalf and in partnership with the Ottawa National Forest to promote and monitor the trail system; providing trail services, assistance and education while providing a positive and informative role model. Ambassadors will by example promote responsible riding, rules of the trail and trail safety. Ambassadors will encourage and promote the protection of the natural resources, proper conservation practices and the future of the sport. Ambassadors may complete minor trail repairs and report those as well as repairs beyond their capabilities.

Ambassadors must be MI-TRALE members in good standing and approved by the Board of Directors. In addition, must undergo training noted below and in other subjects as may be required in the future. Ambassadors will be provided specialized equipment to assist them in performing responsibilities as outlined in the mission statement. However, as volunteers, they will provide their time and all other equipment at their own expense. Initially, our goal is to have ten (10) ambassadors at different times and locations, monitoring the trails.

Training modules will cover the following subjects:

- Positive recreation public interaction.
- CPR/First Aid.
- Winch use.
- Monitoring and handling of irresponsible riding.
- Reporting of trail conditions, trail work accomplished and required.
- Identifying non-native invasive species and reporting to the ONF.
- OHV laws, proper riding practices and explanation to the public.
- Trail system and promotion of MI-TRALE to the recreation community.
- Points of interests in the area.
- Services, location and contact information.
- First responders and how to report an event to 911.
- Equestrian – Trail etiquette for other than OHV's.

We are currently concluding the writing of the training modules and hope to begin the training in May. We are making every effort to provide this service to our recreation public as early as possible this summer.

If you see us on the trail, please stop and say hi or give us a wave, as we are there to provide assistance to you and make the 550 miles of our monitored trails even a much better riding experience.

**TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY, RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS
And
AVOID SENSITIVE AREAS**





Please note: the geocaches placed on both the Courtney Equestrian trails and Pioneer trails have been removed for the winter season. Check back this spring, we plan to make them harder to locate...



Interested in Geocaching?

Contact one of us:

Janet Miesbauer - MITRALE.PR@GMAIL.COM

Cathy Wainio - cndwainio@yahoo.com



Report Trail problems:

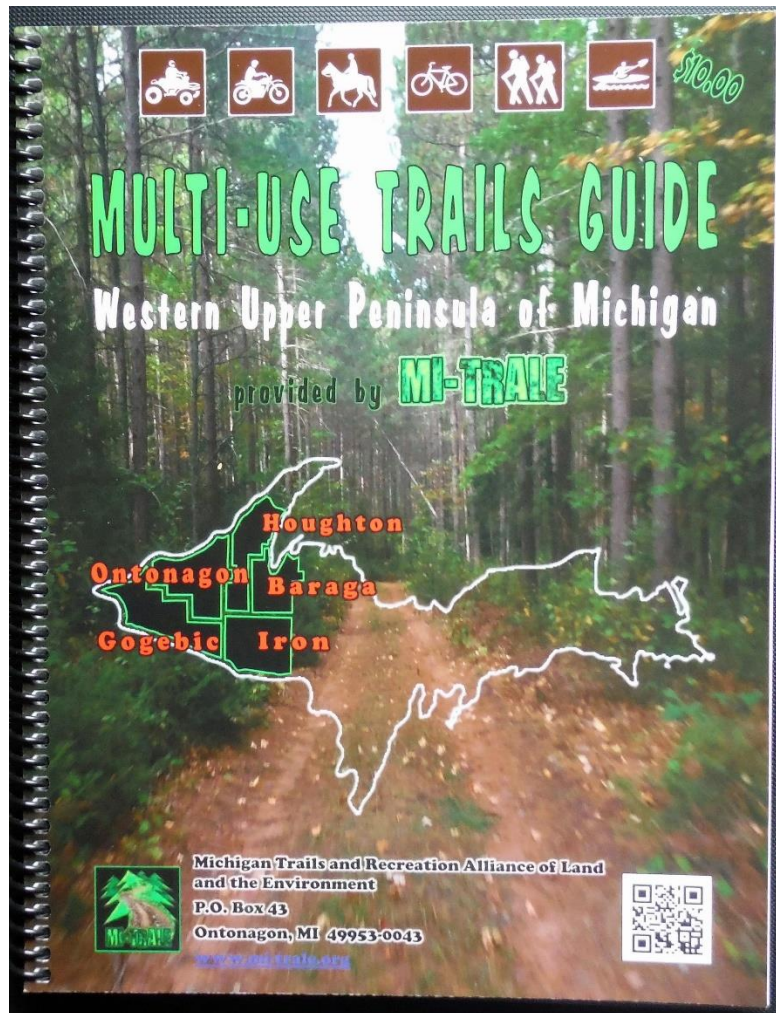
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A great gift idea!



This is a 142 page guide for multiple types of trail users, of which 89 are detailed maps including Ottawa Forest trails, DNR Trails, club trails, horse trails, mountain bike, hiking and water trails! There is a list of sights to see along the trails, a trip planner with loops mapped out and information on lodging, dining and services and so much more. You will be proud to own one, and don't forget to purchase one as a present for the trail riders on your list.

You can purchase a Guide Book on the website using PayPal or through mail order
There is a list of locations where you can buy the guide too.
Now available on **ebay**.

http://www.ebay.com/itm/2014-Trails-Guide-for-the-Western-UP-of-Michigan-with-Ottawa-Forest-Roads-/201241212550?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item2edae93686#ht_82wt_1153



Courtney Equestrian Trails News

Cathy Wainio EQ Director Reports:

FROM UNDER THE COWBOY HAT....

PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN/ORV MULTIUSE CAMPGROUND IN MASS CITY, MICHIGAN:

You have heard of this project before. We had originally called it "SIMAR", depicting a suggested location. However, a choice location has been offered, nearby. It is a bit further off the highway, tucked into the trees in what used to be a sand pit. The ground and location is good. Along with the plans for a campground, we plan to scout out more routes to ride for both horses and ATV's connecting to the campground. This will be the only Equestrian campground within a 100 mile radius.

Back in October of 2013, Janet Miesbauer and I attended our first meeting with the "Michigan Department of Natural Resources" (MDNR) to gain insight of how to present recreational proposals. By October of 2014 MI-TRALE's Equestrian Committee's horse friendly campground proposal was officially being reviewed and subsequently approved by the MDNR. The plans included sites which will be open to the general public, but specifically set up to serve equestrian and ATV riders.

On Friday January 29, of this year, MI-TRALE met with "Michigan Department of Natural Resources" (MDNR) planners, at their conference room in Baraga, to discuss the building of this new campground in Ontonagon County near The Courtney Equestrian Trails. The teamwork and considerations of the MI-TRALE team and MDNR, was really great. Janet's insight from the EQ Trails Subcommittee and her work there is valued.

That meeting was pretty exciting to me. We were a team sharing idea's to build a campsite that would be specifically set up to serve both the ATV and Equestrian recreations. We know that this campground will welcome all of the public, but I don't know of a campground that is so kindly oriented to both the ATV and Equestrian enthusiasts. Considerations of "How to Share" successfully and safely I think sets a precedent. There are unusually kind people here at MI-TRALE. I am thankful to be a part of such a great group.

MI-TRALE will soon understand more about the funding process and the scope of work involved. There will be an approval process for it all and a final choosing of a name for the campground.

These initial plans are for 4 equestrian camp sites; two with corrals and two with highlines. There will be a central gathering area with a fire pit, offering a place to gather as a group. The ATV side will have 4 camp sites also, with a central gathering area. Between the equestrian and ATV sides of the campground, will be the latrine, water and kiosk with information signs maps and such. The whole campground is set up to receive large rigs to accommodate everyone.

The new campground will need to be maintained. The MDNR has set up opportunities for groups to organize and support such campgrounds, with an agreement called a "Friends" group. Would you consider joining? You will have a chance, once the campground is in place and being used.

OTHER CAMPING AND RECREATION NEARBY:

We can note that across the highway is the Ottawa National Forest Courtney Lake Campground, a public campground that is open to the general public, but not to equestrians or ATVs. There are hiking trails,

cross country ski trails and horse trails intersecting and surrounding Courtney Lake, which has boat launch and a public day use area with a latrine and water. So, there are a lot of neighboring recreational opportunities offered there. Equestrians and ATV riders often enjoy Dispersed Camping on the Ottawa outside of the public campground. And, the nearby Old Simar Landing strip is a good place for day parking, especially for large rigs.

THE COURTNEY EQ TRAILS NEWS:

As you know, trail maintenance and exploratory rides typically take place during summer months. And, I manage a few rides just to relax and camping to refresh, and other rides to get excited about; to challenge my horse and myself. Most meetings, plans and details are ironed out during the winter months. This winter was no different. Logging projects, new signs, proposed changes and improvements and trail maintenance goals are all noted. We meet with the Ottawa National Forest regularly; the folks who keep things moving. We coordinate ideas and work schedules with them. We are beginning plans for a "Shared Trailhead" for all the trails out there. It will likely offer better parking and an informational kiosk.

Logging will continue on the eastern edge of the trail system this summer. We have been out there, and appreciate the improvements on the trails that the logging project created. No more big sinking water holes to deal with. A notice will be at the trail head to let you know the projects location.

The trails leading across the river are currently blocked off. The trail needs repair to offer a safe way to the future river crossing.

RIDING WITH MI-TRALE:

We equestrians will be joining our ATV riding friends on Saturday August 13th for a "MI-TRALE RIDE IN". Where horse and ATV trails meet, we will gather for a meal and fun. You can expect to hear more about that as plans develop.

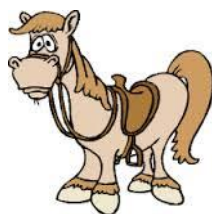
We are planning a few exploratory rides this year, some fun rides and of course the Annual Camp -n- Ride. Please visit the MI-TRALE web for details: dates to be announced. Or, contact either Janet or myself if you would like to join us.

Polish your boot and saddles and get your spring cleaning out of the way. We have shoveled more than enough snow....and barn stuff over the past several months. My horse is beginning to shed and wanting me to rub her all over; a sure sign that spring is near. She seems to have a bit of "Spring Fever" in her stride. She is gearing up for the Giddy-Up, and so am I!

Thanks to all who support MI-TRALE.

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CopperFest 2016 Heritage Festival

Ontonagon, Michigan
June 24th, 25th, & 26th

EVENTS:

- Copper Products & Jewelry Vendors
- Lake Superior Agate Vendors
- Area Mine Tours & Mining Events
- Canoe & Kayak River Run
- ATV & ORV Trail Rides
- Fishing Contest
- Lumber Camp & Logging Events
- Classic Cars & Bikes Show
- Crafts, Food, & Merchandise Vendors
- Treasure Hunt & Games for all ages
- Boat Parade & Fireworks
- Log Cabin Day at Old Victoria

Come visit beautiful Ontonagon County, Michigan located on the shores of Lake Superior, and where the copper boom of the 1800's began with the discovery of the historic "Copper Boulder".

Nestled in amongst over 100 waterfalls, miles of hiking & multi-use trails, and a front row seat to the absolute greatest sunsets on earth, sure to keep you coming back!

Sponsored by the **Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce**



Historic Copper Ride – Come Join Us

MI-TRALE will ride with you on June 25th to several interesting historic sites that were involved in the copper boom in the area. The details are being finalized and will be sent out in a few weeks. The ride will leave from Ontonagon and head to the Old Victoria area where you will be able to view, tour, and photograph the historic Victoria Dam, and the Old Victoria Village (<http://www.exploringthenorth.com/oldvictoria/mine.html>). From there the ride will pass through the village of Rockland, pass by the Caledonia Mine (<http://www.caledoniamine.com/>), and stop at the Adventure Mine (<http://www.adventureminetours.com/>) for a short tour and then to lunch. This is much different than any ride we have organized in the past. Usually we do a ride and might see or even stop at some points of interest. This ride is focused on the history of the area, and we are using ATVs to get to the sites.

We are requesting for pre-registration to join the ride, as we need to have a count for the tours and lunch. Mi-TRALE has talked with Adventure Mine and they will provide a tour for a special price of \$10 per person. We are arranging for the meal to be at a local restaurant either off the menu, or something special for the historic riders. You will be receiving additional information on how to register for this historic event in the near future.

Ontonagon Rail Bridge Repair

You have probably noticed some heavy equipment on the railroad bridge located near Ontonagon during the last few weeks in December, and wondered what was happening. What you were seeing is repair work being completed by Norman Pestka Construction. They were contacted by MI-TRALE to repair/replace the ice shield on the east support pier. The project was funded by ORV license receipts through the DNR grant program. OHM Engineering from Hancock provided engineering services. Donald Helsel, President of MI-TRALE stated "The timing was critical to have this new ice shield in place this winter, as the old ice shield was destroyed last year. Helsel further stated "the protective timbers had received major ice damage in the past due to the old ice shield damage, and it was questionable if the main supports would make it through this winter without major damage." MI-TRALE would like to thank all involved for stepping up and supporting this critical repair:

Norman Pestka Construction Company

OHM Engineering

DEQ

Army Corp of Engineers

MDNR, Parks and Recreation Department

The bridge will be modified to support a Multi-use Recreational Route in the future supporting all recreational users, while providing a connector to Ontonagon from the south. Helsel stated "this bridge is a critical element in the development of all recreational activities on each side of the river. It was very important to protect this asset." MI-TRALE looks forward to being part of developing the prior rail corridor to a full multi-use recreational system. This will be an economic catalyst for Ontonagon and Rockland.



Before



After



Overview

GEOCACHING WITH MI-TRALE 2016

PLANTING CACHES AND FINDING THEM...A GAME WE ALL ENJOY!

There were 8 caches planted last year both on equestrian and ORV trails. They were quite active. We expect this year to be no different. So we will fill the cache and stash the cache and look forward to your finds. Newsflash: this year we are planning to bring you more of a challenge.

Meet two of our favorite characters: "Ted the Turtle" and "Urho from Courtney". Ovation goes to Ted Parker owner of "Wood Wizards" located in Cable WI. Ted is a very talented and generous individual, who carved these little guys and donated them to MI-TRALE's geocache committee.

You can look for them among our caches. They have a special interest to travel to new and exciting places, and there are special instructions on how you can help them. Once they are ready to go, you will find more information on "geocache.com" and will have the fun of helping them to reach their destination. You can share your part in this adventure on the geocache web. Who will give them a ride first and how far will he take them? Who will they travel with next? And who will bring them to their final destination? Pictures please! It is all in the fun. If you find them, please move them along their way to the next cache. That's all for now folks. See you on the web!

Planting caches is as much fun as finding them. If you are a MI-TRALE member and are interested in helping our Geocache Committee, please contact Janet at 906-231-6424 or Cathy at [#906-988-2232](tel:9069882232).





Helping with Trail Work

May 1st – 22nd August 6th – 20th

Anytime during the dates listed above you have time to help with trail maintenance

please **CALL MIKE @ 906-827-3208**

With over 550 miles of trails any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!!

There are so many ways you can help.....

- Bring your ATV/ORV/HORSE we'll give you a trail and ask you do brushing, checking signs and look for problems
- Drive your truck or MI-TRALE's on county road routes reporting where signs are missing, flagging area
- Drive your truck or MI-TRALE's on county road routes repairing signs. This includes straightening posts, replacing missing posts and signs
- Drive your truck or MI-TRALE's down the railroad grade routes brushing, checking signs and looking for problems

There are other projects throughout the season so if you have **TIME to DONATE**

PLEASE CALL, 906-827-3208

Thank you!

I Had a Dream

By Marv

I had a dream last night. I dreamt that Jane and I were out riding our favorite trail. I dreamt that I could smell the fragrant smells of the woods and traveling with my fellow MI-TRALE friends. We were having a great time! A really great time. Then I woke up and it was cold outside and winter!

Well, MI-TRALE members, when the snow is gone and we are able to get back on the trails, let's ride. Starting in May, let's get out at least once every month for a group ride. But, this is not just a MI-TRALE only ride, so bring your neighbors and friends. It is open to everyone, everyone. The only rules are: 1) no work conversation, okay maybe just a little and 2) have a good time.

In keeping with no work, MI-TRALE members each month will pick a ride from several choices. Majority rules! And, we will take a leisurely ride to that destination where we can have lunch, in a restaurant, all the time relaxing and enjoying each other's company. Oh, one more rule: The ride must be less than 30 miles one way. No marathons, only leisurely, relaxing rides and enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. Those who want to get back in a hurry will have the option of leaving first. Or, even continuing on extending the ride to other locations.

We will start at a leisurely 10:00 a.m. so we don't have to load up the machines and leave home before dawn. To help us reserve the same day every month, we will schedule the rides the second Saturday of every month. Hopefully, this will allow those working during the week to join us. If this doesn't work out, or there is another preferred day, we can change it. It's your ride to enjoy and the more the merrier.

So, what do you think? Ready to ride? May 14th is that date of our first ride.





Activities for the Year 2016

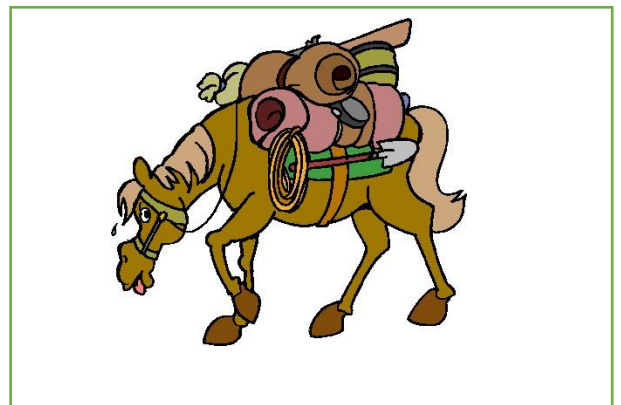
March 7th – General Membership Meeting – Bruce Crossing - Township building
April 4th – Board Meeting – Township building
May 2nd – General Membership Meeting – Township building
14th – Monthly Ride
June 6th – Board Meeting - Township building
11th – 5th Annual Sport Ride (Monthly ride will be announced for June)
24th-26th – Copper Fest in Ontonagon County
25th – MI-TRALE Historic Ride
July 4th – Bruce Crossing Parade
9th – Monthly Ride
11th – General Membership Meeting
Aug. 1st – Board Meeting - Township building
13th – Monthly ride aka. MI-TRALE Ride-In with Equestrians
Sept. 3rd – Ontonagon Labor Day Parade
5th – General Membership Meeting – Township hall
10th – Monthly Ride
22nd – 9th Annual Senior Fall Color Ride
Oct. 1st – Banquet – No meeting
Nov. 7th – Board Meeting – Township building
Dec. 5th – General Membership Meeting – Township building

TBA:

4th Annual Equestrian Camp and Ride
Support of Local Parades

Follow MI-TRALE on Facebook for times and ride details!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/MI-TRALE/120763167985263>





MDNR Multi-Use Routes & Horses

Equestrians have use of the multi-use routes maintained by MI-TRALE and are found in the trail guide book:

Bill Nicholls Route (BN)

Ottawa East Connector Route (OC)

Sidnaw-Bergland Route (SB)

Iron River-Marenisco Route (IM)

These routes are open to other uses including motor vehicle travel, ATV's, ORV's, motorcycles, hikers and mountain bikes so be prepared and stay alert!

www.michigan.gov/dnr

MI-TRALE's annual membership drive will be in April. Please check our webpage for further information or email any questions to

Janet at:

mitrale.pr@gmail.com

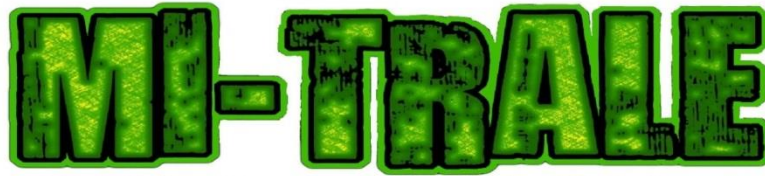


*Next Newsletter
deadline for article &
picture submissions is
06/03/2016.
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UP Facts:

1. Isle Royale National Park, part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, is the least visited national park in the country. It has fewer visitors' in an entire year than Yosemite has in a single day!
2. The largest inland lake in the Upper Peninsula is Lake Gogebic. Its fourteen miles long and two and a half miles wide, covering 13,380 acres.
3. The Mackinac Bridge fare today for a standard passenger vehicle is \$4.00. When the bridge first opened in 1957, the fare was \$3.75. That's about \$28.71 in today's dollars! The reason for the seemingly high fare was that was the cost of a ferry ticket to get across the Straits of Mackinac was \$3.75. So, drivers could either pay \$3.75 to ferry across (which took a while) or pay the same price and drive across in just a few minutes!
4. Almost all of Michigan is located in the Eastern Time Zone. However, the Upper Peninsula has four counties that lie in the Central Time Zone. Those counties are Iron, Dickinson, Gogebic, and Menominee.





Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and The Environment

Links you may find handy.....

MI-TRALE Website:

<http://mi-trale.org/>

Follow MI-TRALE on Facebook:

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Trail Guide on EBAY:

http://www.ebay.com/itm/2014-Trails-Guide-for-the-Western-UP-of-Michigan-with-Ottawa-Forest-Roads-/201241212550?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item2edae93686#ht_82wt_1153

MI-TRALE apparel:

<http://mi-trale.org/club-news/apparel/>

Do you have some riding photos you'd like to share? ATV, bicycle, horse, other..... MITRALE is in need of new photos for use in promotional items and the Newsletter. Send them to Janet at:

MITRALE.PR@GMAIL.COM



MDOT Highway weather cameras:

<http://mdotnetpublic.state.mi.us/drive/Default.aspx>

Dates to Remember, Volunteering & Fun!



All meeting dates can be found on our website at: www.mi-trale.org

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY on designated roads, trails or areas. Travel only in areas open to all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use.

- Minimize wheel spin. On switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing or brake-sliding during descent, both of which gouge the trail. Drive over, not around obstacles to avoid widening the trail.
- Slow down when sight lines are poor.
- Comply with all signs and respect barriers.
- Buddy up with two or three riders, reducing vulnerability if you have an accident or breakdown. Designate meeting areas in case of separation.
- When winching, always inspect your equipment, use the right winch for the situation, find a good secure anchor and never winch with less than five wraps of wire rope around the drum.
- When using a tree as an anchor, use a wide tree strap to avoid damaging the trunk of the tree.

The MI-TRALE Newsletter
is accepting your news, events & photos
at the email address for the Newsletter:

MITRALE.PR@GMAIL.COM

Please send Janet your submissions.

WE NEED TRAIL SPOTTERS!

A trail spotter is someone who will ride the trails throughout the season, especially after storms or strong winds and report back to us if there are downed trees or problem areas. The spotter can also remove the downed trees if they are capable. We need someone from the Iron River or Watersmeet area to check the IM trail which runs between these two towns. We have other trails we need help with also, call Mike if you are interested
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