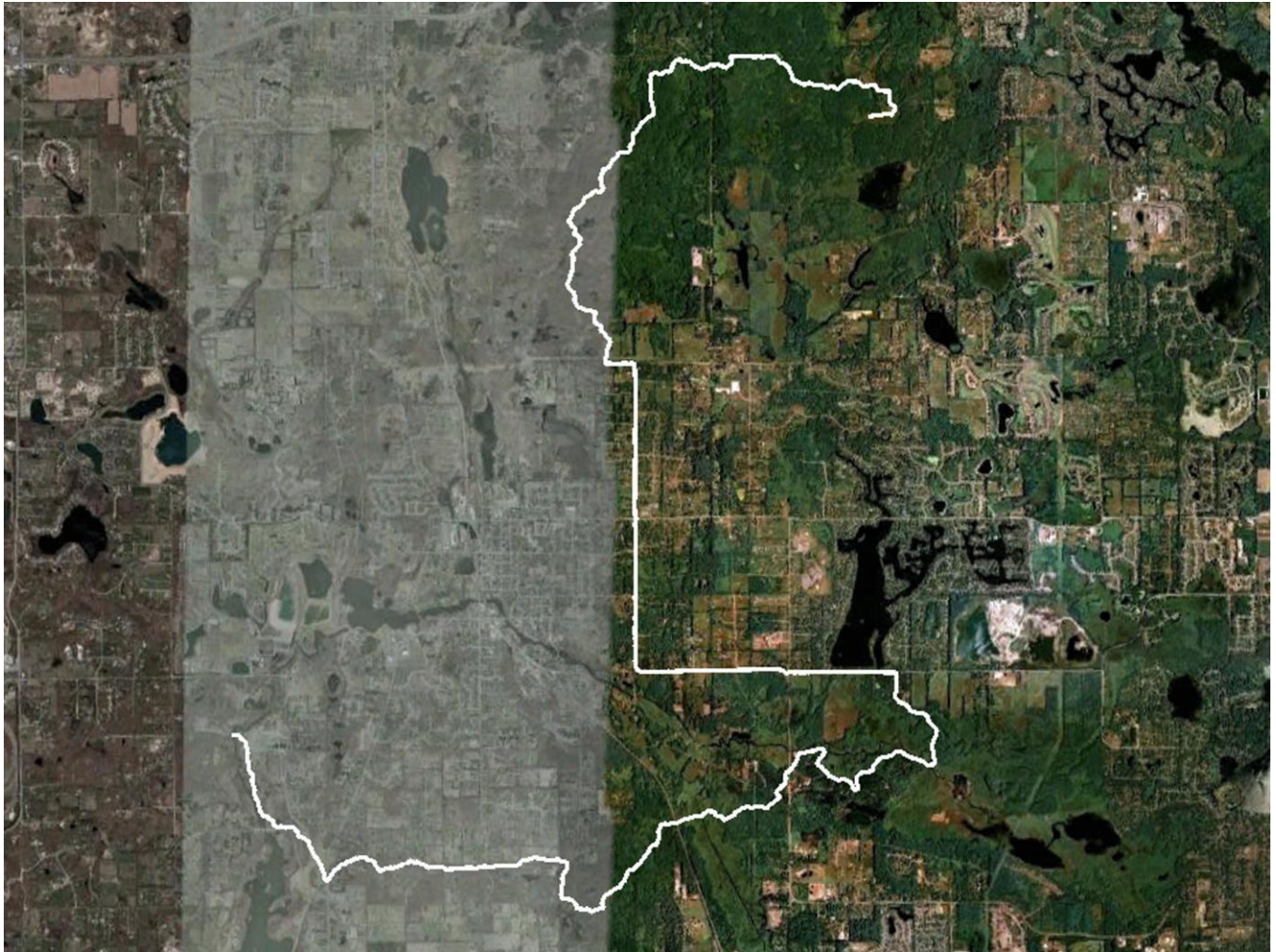


16.5 Mile Trek Guide



Chief Pontiac Trail Credential Hikes

WP#	Dist. Feet	Accum. Miles	Dist. Meters	Accum. Meters
1	0	0.0	0	0
2	961	0.2	293	293
3	820	0.3	250	543
4	866	0.5	264	807
4a	407	0.6	124	931
4b	1,106	0.8	337	1,268
5	197	0.8	60	1,328
6	2,080	1.2	634	1,962
6a	56	1.2	17	1,979
7	1,716	1.6	523	2,502
7a	141	1.6	43	2,545
7b	948	1.8	289	2,834
8	686	1.9	209	3,043
9	738	2.0	225	3,268
10	2,654	2.5	809	4,077
11	1,381	2.8	421	4,498
12	997	3.0	304	4,802
12a	3,209	3.6	978	5,780
13	663	3.7	202	5,982
14	1,306	4.0	398	6,380
15	1,558	4.3	475	6,855
16	1,969	4.6	600	7,455
17	377	4.7	115	7,570
18	21,010	8.7	6,404	13,974
19	1,050	8.9	320	14,294
20	115	8.9	35	14,329
21	1,368	9.2	417	14,746
22	1,673	9.5	510	15,256
23	1,965	9.9	599	15,855
24	505	9.9	154	16,009
25	1,040	10.1	317	16,326
25a	148	10.2	45	16,371
26	1,181	10.4	360	16,731
27	492	10.5	150	16,881
28	495	10.6	151	17,032
28a	984	10.8	300	17,332
29	722	10.9	220	17,552
30	1,050	11.1	320	17,872
30a	197	11.1	60	17,932
30b	2,477	11.6	755	18,687
31	328	11.7	100	18,787
31a	459	11.8	140	18,927
31b	951	11.9	290	19,217
32	197	12.0	60	19,277
33	328	12.0	100	19,377
34	1,804	12.4	550	19,927
35	689	12.5	210	20,137
36	82	12.5	25	20,162
37	246	12.6	75	20,237
38	623	12.7	190	20,427
39	492	12.8	150	20,577
40	1,148	13.0	350	20,927
41	1,886	13.4	575	21,502
42	3,150	14.0	960	22,462
43	6,053	15.1	1,845	24,307
44	459	15.2	140	24,447
45	919	15.4	280	24,727
46	1,148	15.6	350	25,077
47	3,346	16.2	1,020	26,097
48	459	16.3	140	26,237
49	459	16.4	140	26,377

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Sharing The Trail With Horses

It is very common to come upon horses and riders along this entire trek. The local trail rider's association recommends that when you encounter them to stand a ways off of the trail, but still visible to the horses. While waiting for the horses to pass maintain eye contact with the horses and speak softly to them. This will let the horses recognize you as being a human, instead of a predator. Once the horses have passed you may resume your trek.

About The Maps

The trail data points were collected using a Lowrance H₂O-C handheld GPS with an attached Gilsson amplified external antenna. Topographical trail maps were produced using ExpertGPS by TopoGrafix. Final images and pages were composed using Adobe Photoshop, MS Word, and Adobe Acrobat.

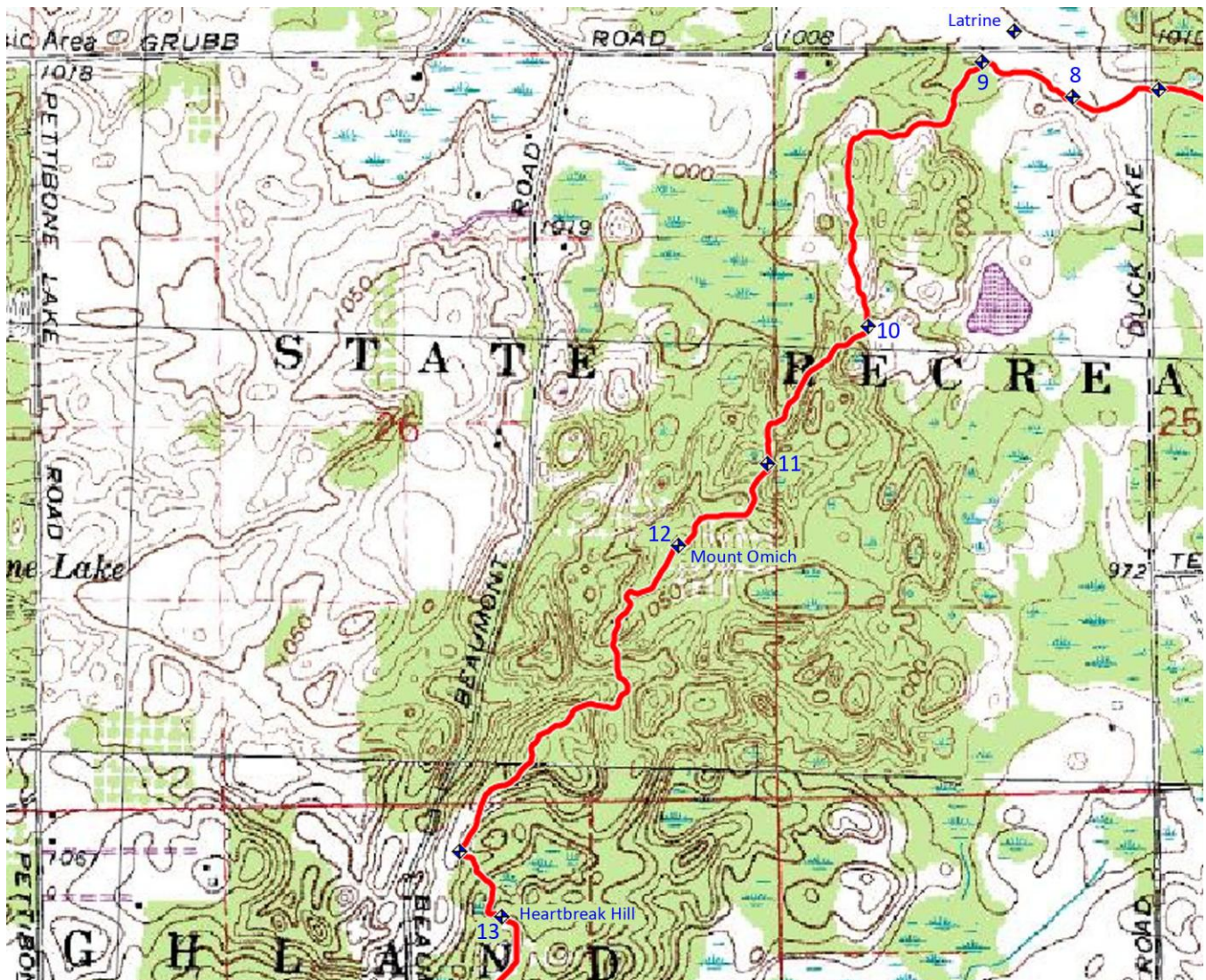


CPT 1st Day, CPT Trailhead to Mountain Bike Trailhead (CPT Trek Map #1)

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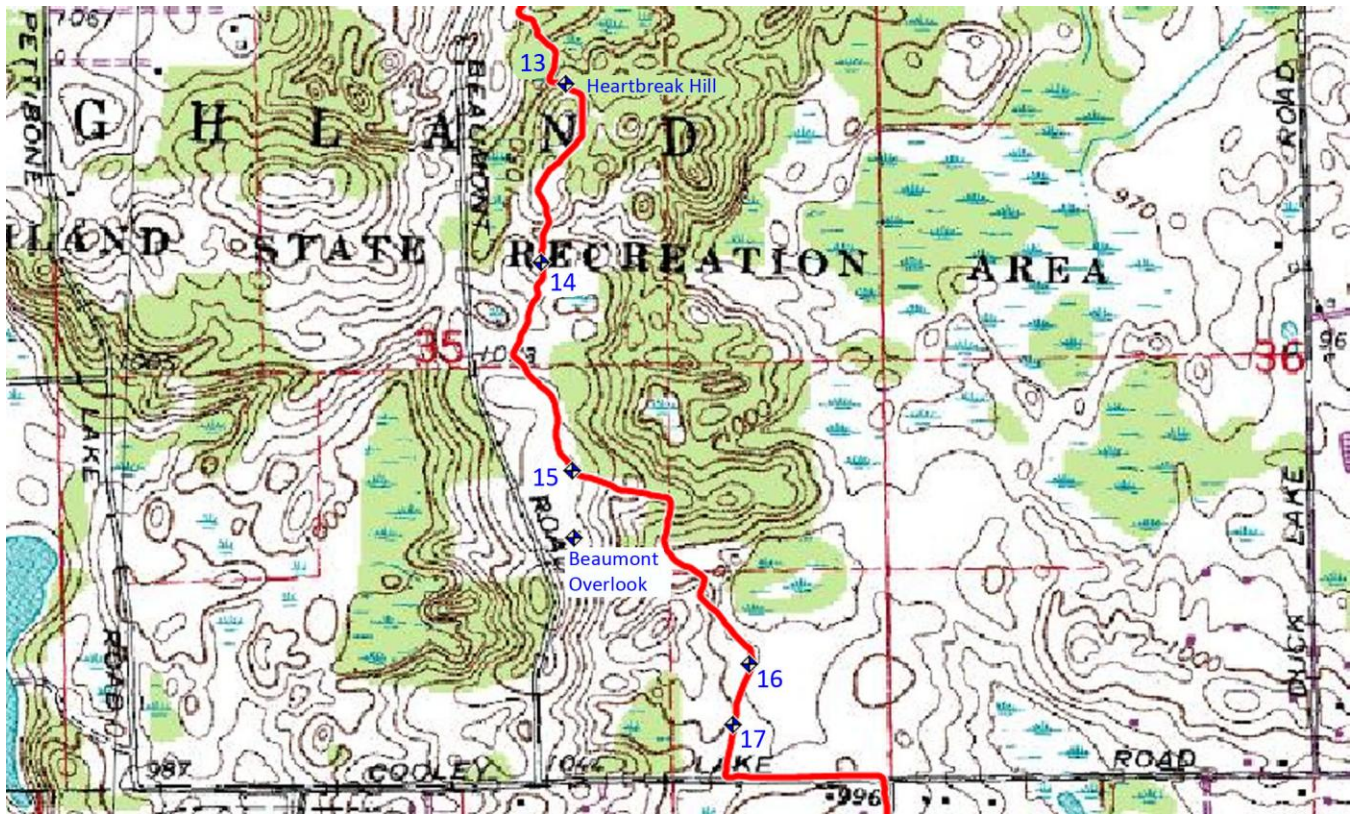
- Several portions of this trek will lead through areas of poison ivy and thorny bushes and contact is unavoidable. It is therefore highly recommended that you wear pants, preferably synthetic, when hiking. **Wear pants, not shorts!**
- It is very common to come upon horses and riders throughout this trek. The local trail rider's association has suggested that hikers should stand together and a ways off of the trail. While waiting for the horses to pass maintain eye contact and speak softly to the horses. This is to let them know that you are gentle and human. Once the horses have passed, you may resume your trek.

1. E – Your days trek begins at the trailhead in Highland Recreation Area Organizational Camp. The trailhead is marked by one of the CPT metal arrowhead signs. Head due east out of the group camp and across the parking lot to the edge of the woods (300m). Here you will find the start of an equestrian bridle trail.
2. NE – Continue northeast and across the road to the next intersection (250m).
3. W – Head west towards and across the road (270m). When you come to a loop road and parking area, continue on the trail looking northwest for a latrine. At this point stop; your path now separates from the bridle trail you are on.
4. NW – Turn and head northwest towards the latrine (125m) and take a break in the clearing. Make adjustments to your pack or use the latrine. Take the trail heading west into the forest and to a waterfowl observation bridge (340m). It is a CPT tradition to pause here for a minute and set the tone for the rest of the trek. Listen quietly to the sounds of nature. Proceed to the next intersection (60m).
5. W – Continue west across the bridle trail (630m).
6. SW – Turn southwest at the three-way intersection as you near the pond. After a short distance (20m) turn north onto a “two-track” service road. Proceed on the two-track to the next intersection (550m).
7. W – Continue west on the two-track for just a short distance (45m) to the next intersection. Then turn south off of the two-track. The trail will turn westward and lead you to a tunnel going under Duck Lake Road (290m). Just before the tunnel you will find another of the old metal arrowhead signs on the south side of the trail. Proceed through the tunnel and follow the trail westward (210m) to the next intersection.
8. NW – Continue northwest until you come to the mountain bike trailhead area (225m). Head across the clearing to another one of the old metal arrowhead signs. Across the road from here is a latrine. It is the last one for 2.7 miles.



CPT 1st Day, Mountain Bike Trailhead to Heartbreak Hill (CPT Trek Map #2)

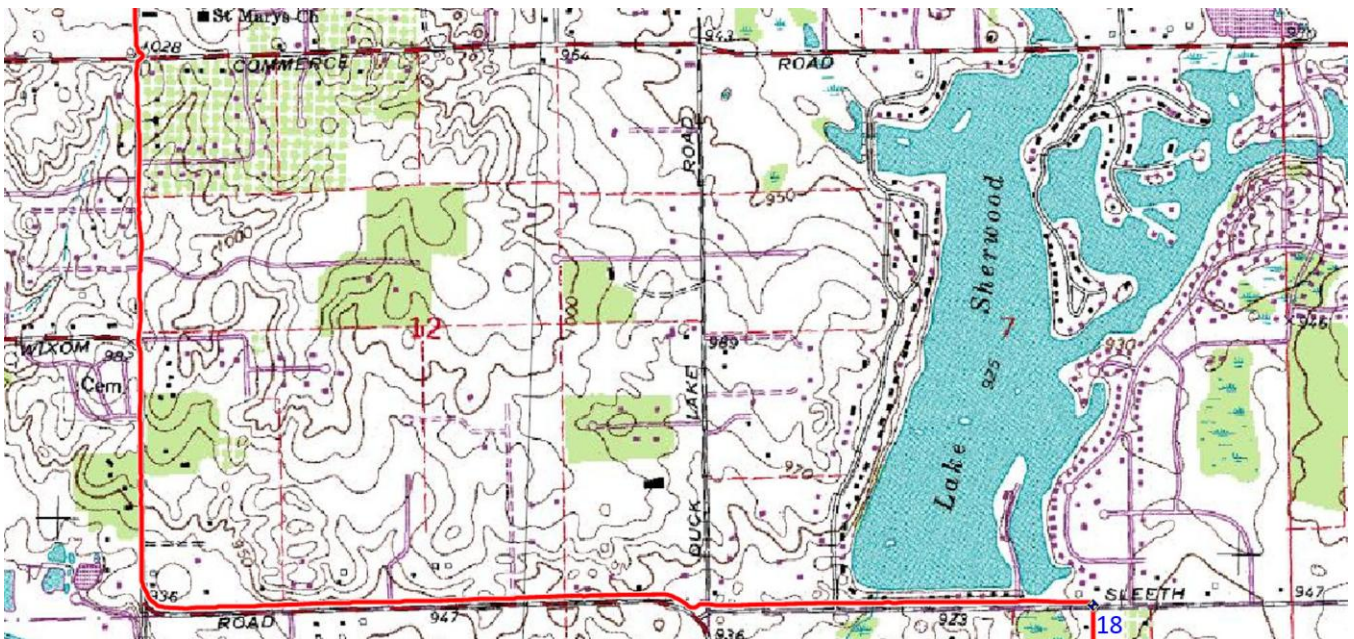
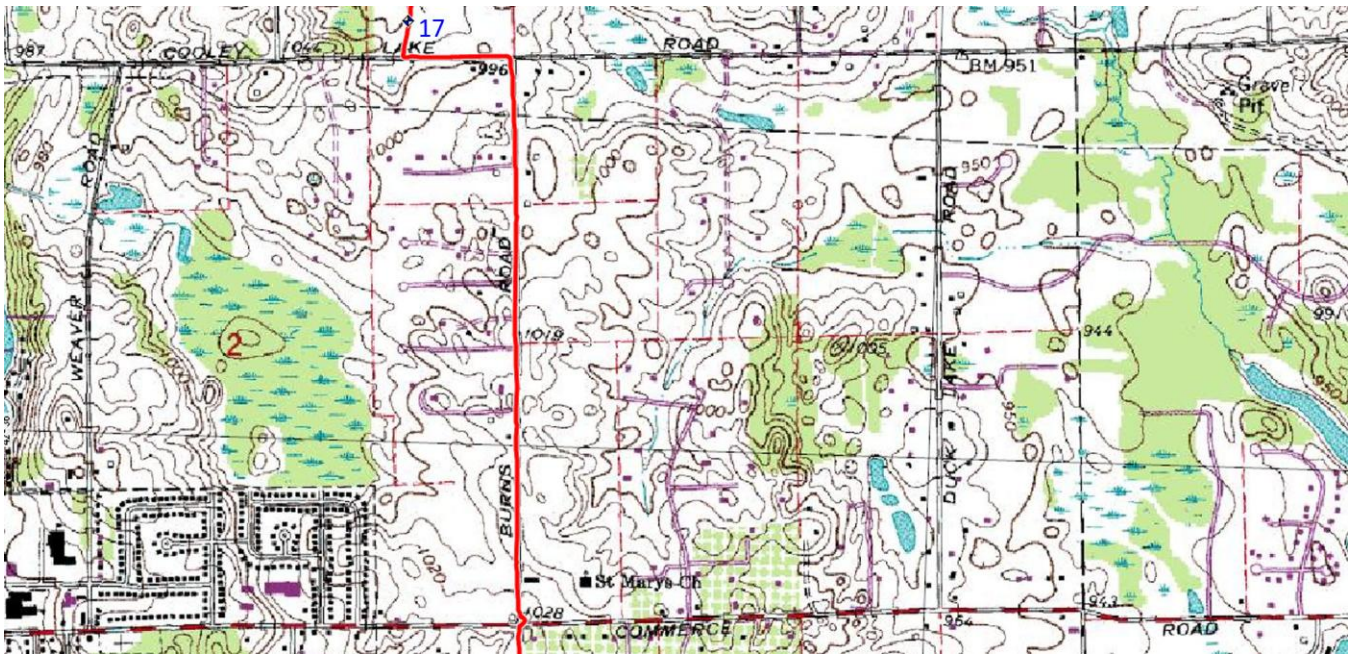
9. SW – To the south are two trails, take the western one. The trail continues from the mountain bike trailhead area to the southwest (810m). The trail from this point is over some of the most interesting terrain in Southeast Michigan. There are numerous hills. You will come to a spot where the trail comes to a "T"-shaped intersection.
10. SW – Continue southwest to the bike trail intersection (420m). At this point there is also a small meadow straight across from the intersection. This spot is nicknamed "Lawn Chair Patio", because many years ago the CPT Chairman, Mr. Dick Russell, found an abandoned lawn chair on this spot during one of his first treks.
11. SW – Continue southwest across the bike trail. The trail leads to the top of Mount Omich (310m), one of the highest points in Oakland County. Along the way watch for a MiDNR surveying marker that lies in the center of the trail. NOTE: Just beyond the peak of Mount Omich is an emergency access trail to Beaumont Road.
12. SW – Continue southwest through some very hilly terrain (1.2km). Note: You will come to a 90° bend (SW→SE) in the trail (980m). Follow the trail southeast; do not take the unmaintained southwestward exit path. Soon after this you will come to a short, but very steep hill. This hill has been nicknamed "Heartbreak Hill". Watch your footing. The path is strewn with small rocks and is often covered with leaves in the fall or very muddy in the spring. No matter what time of year it always seems to be slippery here!



CPT 1st Day, Heartbreak Hill to Cooley Lake Road Dog Training Area (CPT Trek Map #3)

13. SE – From the peak proceed southeast, then south to the dog training area (400m).
14. S – There is a sign here warning that dogs off the leash maybe present. Proceed south across the horse trail and enter the Cooley Lake Road Dog Training Area (475m).
15. E – Turn east at this intersection. (The alternate south trail leads to Beaumont Road and the Beaumont Overlook. Nearby there is a large old tree known as the "Pedro Tree". Look for the name Pedro carved in the tree about 5 feet up from the ground. It is faded into the bark, but still clear if you know where to look). Finally you will descend and cross through open ground to another two-track road (600m).
16. SW – Turn southwest onto the two-track and head towards the latrine and parking lot (115m). Just north of the parking lot is a pump and picnic table. This is traditionally where most crews have lunch.

Note: The next pump is almost six miles away. If you have less than two liters of water, fill up now! Also it is almost five miles to the next latrine, which is at Moss Lake Dam.

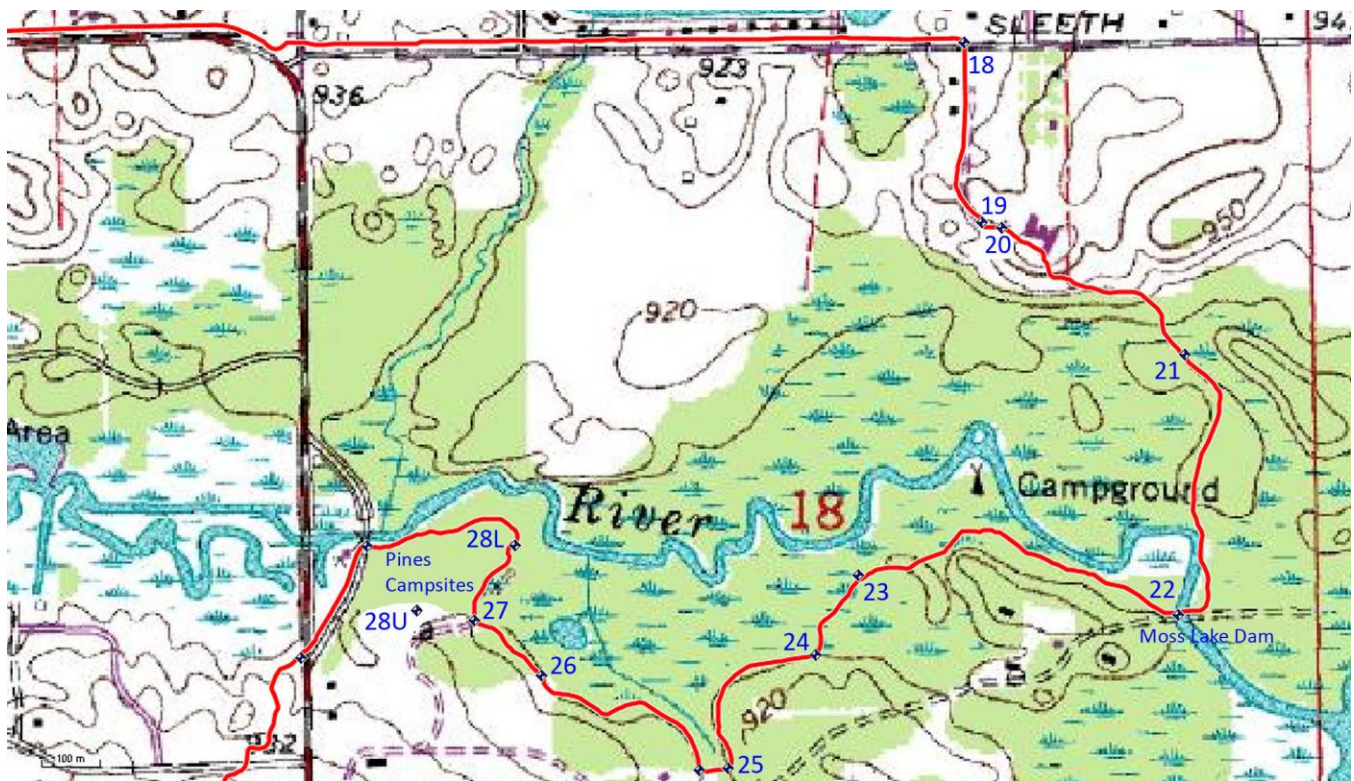


**CPT 1st Day, Cooley Lk Rd to Walled Lk Outdoor Ed Ctr
(CPT Trek Maps #4 & #5)**

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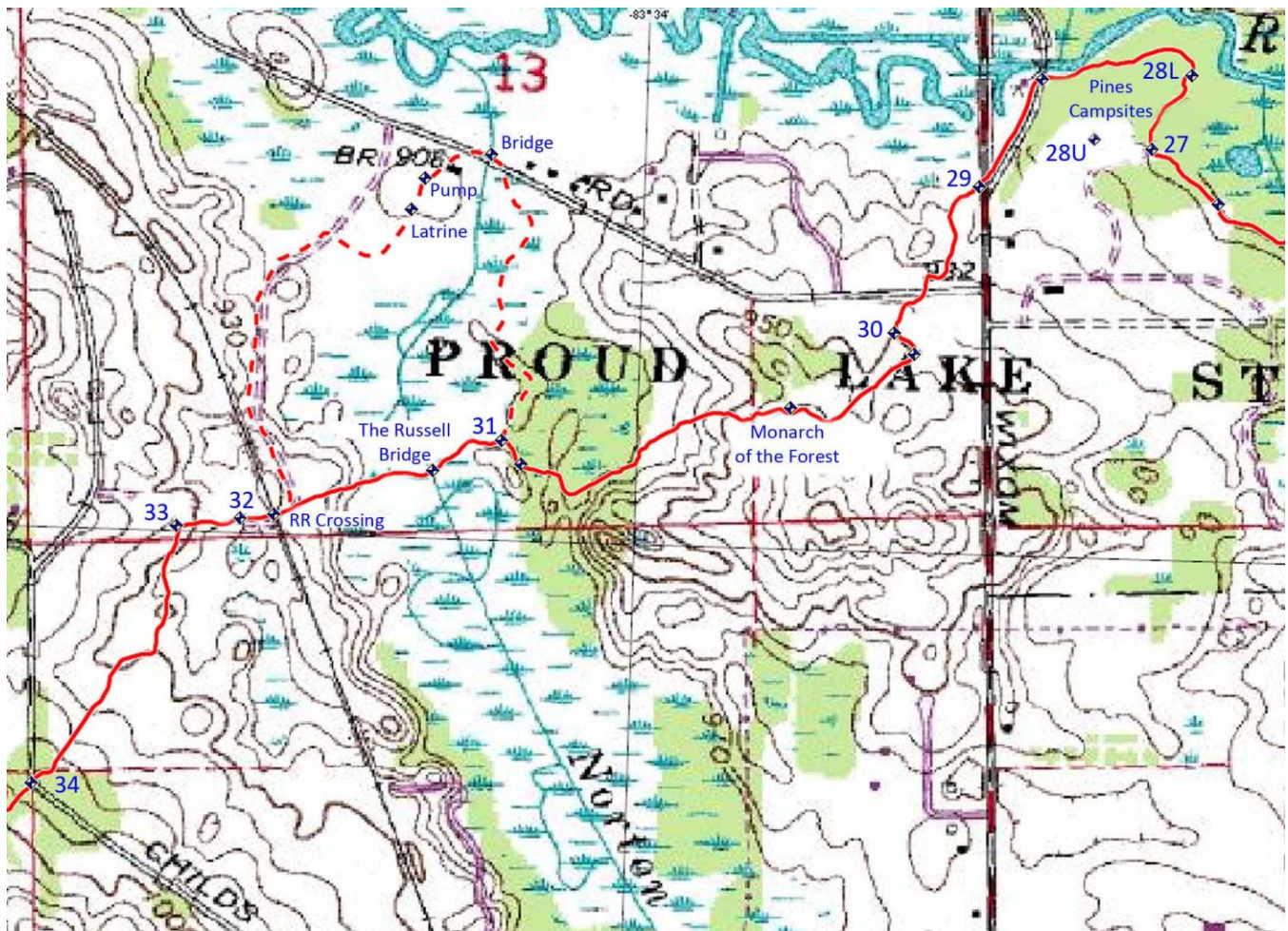
- This is the road hike portion of your trek. Please follow all of the rules for safe hiking:
Hike on the left against traffic; Stay in single file; Cross roads safely and use crossing guards.

17. S – Head south out of the parking lot and turn east onto Cooley Lake Road. Then south on Burns Road to Wixom Trail. Follow Wixom Trail east to Sleeth Road. Continue east on Sleeth Road to the paved road leading to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center (6.4km/4.0M).



CPT 1st Day, Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center To Pines Organizational Campsite (CPT Trek Map #6)

18. S – Proceed on the paved road south and around to the Center’s pavilion (320m).
19. E – From the pavilion head east and uphill towards the flagpole. When you reach the top of the hill, turn southeast and proceed to the large wooden sign marking the beginning of the Chief Pontiac Trail (35m).
20. S – Turn south and follow the trail downhill to the next intersection (420m).
21. SE – Turn southeast and proceed (510m) to Moss Lake Dam.
22. NW – Immediately after crossing over the dam, you turn onto the trail leading to the northwest (600m) to the next intersection. This portion of the trail runs parallel to the Huron River.
23. S – Turn south and follow the trail to the next intersection (160m).
24. W – Turn west and proceed to a four-way intersection (320m).
25. W – From this four-way intersection head west a short distance (45m) to the next intersection. From here turn and head north, continue past the path to the parking lot, then proceed a very short distance to the next intersection (360m).
26. NW – Continue northwest and uphill to the access road (150m).
27. W/N – Your day’s hike now ends here at the Pines Organizational Campsite. You may camp at the Upper Pines (26U) or Lower Pines (26L) campsites (150m). The upper campsite has a water pump and may be warmer than the lower site. The lower campsite has a pavilion and borders the river, but no water pump. There are latrines and fire rings at both sites. If the water pump is not functioning you may need to get water at the back of the park office building. Follow the two-track road from the campsite to get to the office. No ground fires are allowed.



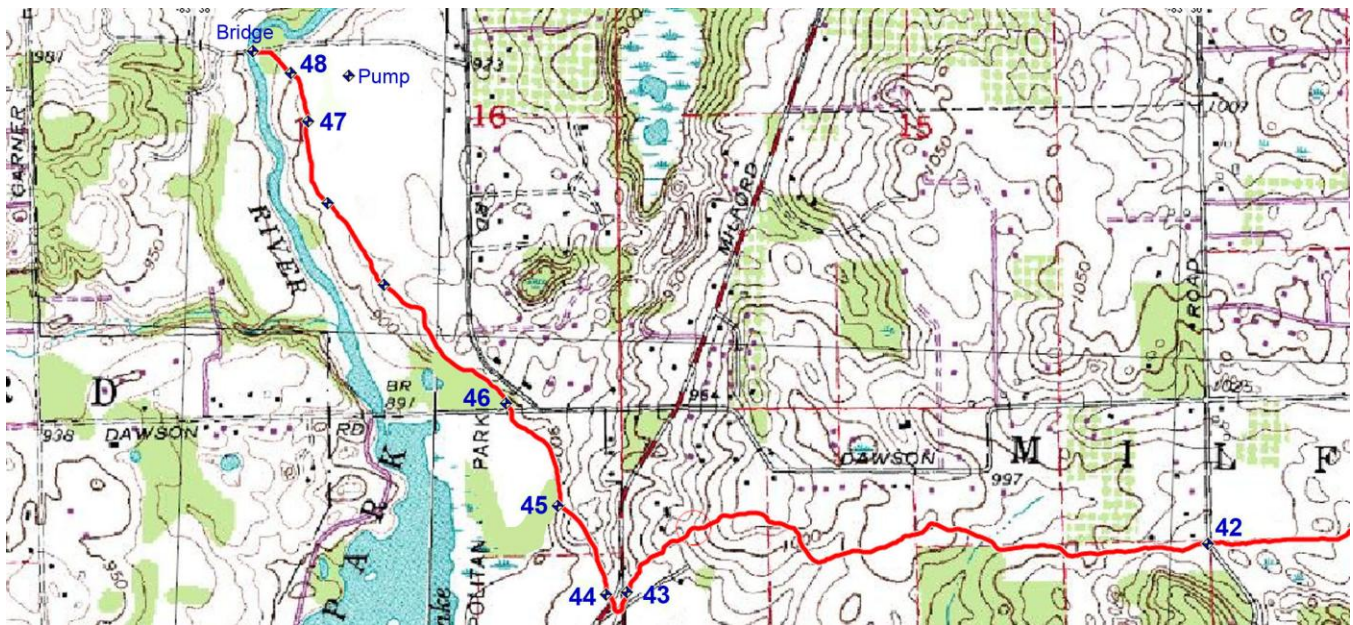
CPT 2nd Day, Pines Campsite to Childs Lake Road (CPT Trek Map #7)

28. W – This day's trek begins by following the trail west through the woods and to a parking lot (300m). Proceed southwest across the parking lot and down the driveway (200m). Then continue straight across Wixom Road to one of the old metal arrowhead signs showing the entrance to the trail (20m).
29. SW – Enter the woods and follow the trail southwest and across Garden Road to the next intersection (320m).
30. SE – The trail turns to the southeast for a bit (60m) to the next intersection and then to the southwest. In a short while (265m) you will come to a large old tree that has been named "Monarch of the Forest". Continue on this path until it ends, joining an equestrian trail (490m). Turn northwest and hike to an intersection with another one of the old metal arrowhead signs (100m). This sign is a little different because it is a double sign. The upper arrowhead shows an image of a canoe with two scouts in it.
31. W/N – In the spring the trail after The Russell Bridge may be flooded. If this is the case, follow the northward trail to Garden Road and west, crossing over the Norton Creek Bridge. Then head southwest through the staging area and follow the two-track road south to the railroad crossing. In dryer conditions, follow the westward trail over The Russell Bridge (140m) to the railroad crossing (290m). From the railroad crossing continue west a little ways to where the trail splits (60m). FYI: Taking the bypass adds a quarter of a mile (400m) to your trek.
32. WSW – Veer to the west-southwest at the split and follow the trail for a bit to the next intersection (100m).
33. S – Turn south and continue down this trail to Childs Lake Road (550m).



CPT 2nd Day, Childs Lake Road to Old Plank Road to South Hill Road (CPT Trek Map #8)

- 34. SW – The trail continues southwest from Childs Lake Road through a meadow to the next intersection (210m).
- 35. S – Turn and head south for a short distance (25m).
- 36. ?? – Note: The shorter trail, the “A” route, is the original CPT route and has recently been reopened. The “B” route has for many years been the traditional route. They both have steep, and often muddy, uphill climbs.
 - 36A. SW – Turn southwest and proceed to the next intersection (75m).
 - 37A. W – Head west and hike the ridge to the next intersection (190m).
 - 38A. SW – Turn southwest (160m) to the next intersection.
 - 36B. SE – Turn southeast and proceed to the next intersection (75m).
 - 37B. S – Head south and continue this direction to the next intersection (275m).
 - 38B. SW – At this point head southwest (185m) and then at the next intersection head northwest (115m).
- 39. W – Both routes meet at this intersection. From here head west towards Old Plank Road (350m). As you approach the road, the trail turns north and then crosses the road opposite a Hike/Bike Trail entrance. After crossing Old Plank Road you will be on Kensington Metropark property. This part of the trail is closely bounded by private property on both sides. Also between here and Milford Road the bridle and the hike/bike trails are separated. Stay off the bridle trail; It has many uncharted paths.
- 40. NW – The trail proceeds uphill in a northwest direction, then curving north (575m) to a bridle trail crossing. Here the trail will meanders through a hardwood grove with many short, but steep, slopes. Be careful!
- 41. N – Continue north across the bridle trail, then immediately head west. This part of the trail is intersected with many equestrian trails and meeting horses and riders should be expected. From this point westward, the bridle trail runs parallel to your trail on the south side. Eventually you will come to South Hill Road (960m).



CPT 2nd Day, South Hill Road to Trail's End (CPT Trek Map #9)

42. W – Continue west across South Hill Road and back onto the Hike/Bike Trail. Here is another metal CPT sign. As you get closer to Milford Road, the trail turns to the north and uphill, then southwest and downhill (1.8km/1.1M).
43. S/W/N – For safety reasons, cross Milford Road in the following manner: Head south across Huron River Pkwy, west across Milford Road, then north across Huron River Pkwy (140m). This is because the traffic light may start the northbound traffic before the southbound side without warning. (Sorry, but no ice cream until after you complete the trek). Continue north to another metal double-arrowhead sign.
44. N – Follow the trail to the north until you come to the top of a hill overlooking a paved bike/hike trail (205m). From here proceed downhill to the paved path (80m).
45. N – Head north down the path to Dawson Road. Cross the road and go to the metal CPT signpost on the north side of the road (350m).
46. NW – Midway up the hill you will find a path heading northwest into the woods. Take this path all the way to a gate next to a latrine (1.0km). Note: On this segment you will cross over two other paths, a paved one and then a dirt one. Just past the paved trail the path splits, you can take either path.
47. N – From this latrine head north to a path found between two large bushes. You should be at the top of a very steep slope leading down to another latrine. Carefully take the path downhill to the second latrine (140m).
48. NW – From the second latrine head northwest to the camp road (100m). The trek does not end at the group campsite. The official trail end is on the bridge to the west (40m). This has been a tradition since the trail's inception in 1958. Literally thousands have completed their trek by ceremoniously walking onto the bridge. Here is the place and time to congratulate each other and take pictures.

Congratulations! You have walked in Chief Pontiac Steps!

Please return the credential map you were given at the beginning to your trail guide along with your 250 word trail experience reports and hand drawn map sketches, within 42 days (six weeks) of completing your trek.