

Highland Trails

LOOPBACK Trek Guide

Chief Pontiac Trail

Credential Hikes

RDS.HT.120415

WP#	Dist. Feet	Accum. Miles	Dist. Meters	Accum. Meters
1	0	0.0	0	0
2	984	0.2	300	300
3	820	0.3	250	550
4	820	0.5	250	800
4a	394	0.6	120	920
4b	0.21M	0.8	340	1,260
5	115	0.8	35	1,295
6	0.35M	1.2	570	1,865
7	0.34M	1.5	550	2,415
8	0.31M	1.8	500	2,915
9	787	2.0	240	3,155
10	0.50M	2.5	800	3,955
11	0.25M	2.7	400	4,355
12	0.19M	2.9	310	4,665
12a	0.60M	3.5	965	5,630
13	656	3.6	200	5,830
14	0.26M	3.9	420	6,250
15	492	4.0	150	6,400
16	0.45M	4.4	720	7,120
17	0.24M	4.7	390	7,510
17a	82	4.7	25	7,535
17b	0.28M	5.0	450	7,985
18	443	5.0	135	8,120
19	0.20M	5.2	320	8,440
19a	656	5.4	200	8,640
20	820	5.5	250	8,890
21	295	5.6	90	8,980
22	738	5.7	225	9,205
23	886	5.9	270	9,475
24	0.47M	6.4	750	10,225
25	0.36M	6.7	575	10,800
26	0.53M	7.2	850	11,650
27	0.64M	7.9	1,030	12,680
27a	164	7.9	50	12,730
28	656	8.0	200	12,930
29	656	8.2	200	13,130
30	902	8.3	275	13,405
31	0.72M	9.1	1,165	14,570
32	0.56M	9.6	900	15,470
33	0.45M	10.1	725	16,195
34	0.33M	10.4	525	16,720
35	0.32M	10.7	520	17,240
36	1.76M	12.5	2,825	20,065
37	0.21M	12.7	340	20,405
38	886	12.8	270	20,675
39	0.33M	13.2	535	21,210
40	0.50M	13.7	800	22,010
41	0.50M	14.2	800	22,810
42	0.93M	15.1	1,500	24,310
43	820	15.3	250	24,560
44	0.37M	15.6	600	25,160
45	0.27M	15.9	440	25,600
46	410	16.0	125	25,725
47	0.42M	16.4	675	26,400
48	607	16.5	185	26,585

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- * Each day of this trek has a six mile loop which **does not** have a water source *
- * along its route. *
- * each hiker must carry enough water to complete a fairly easy six mile loop. *
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- * It is also recommended to **not** attempt this trek if the temperature is *
- * expected to be 84° or higher. *

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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. Also hold any type of walking staff as low as possible. 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.

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CPT Trek 1st Day, CPT Trailhead to Picnic Area (CPT Highland Trails Trek Map #1)

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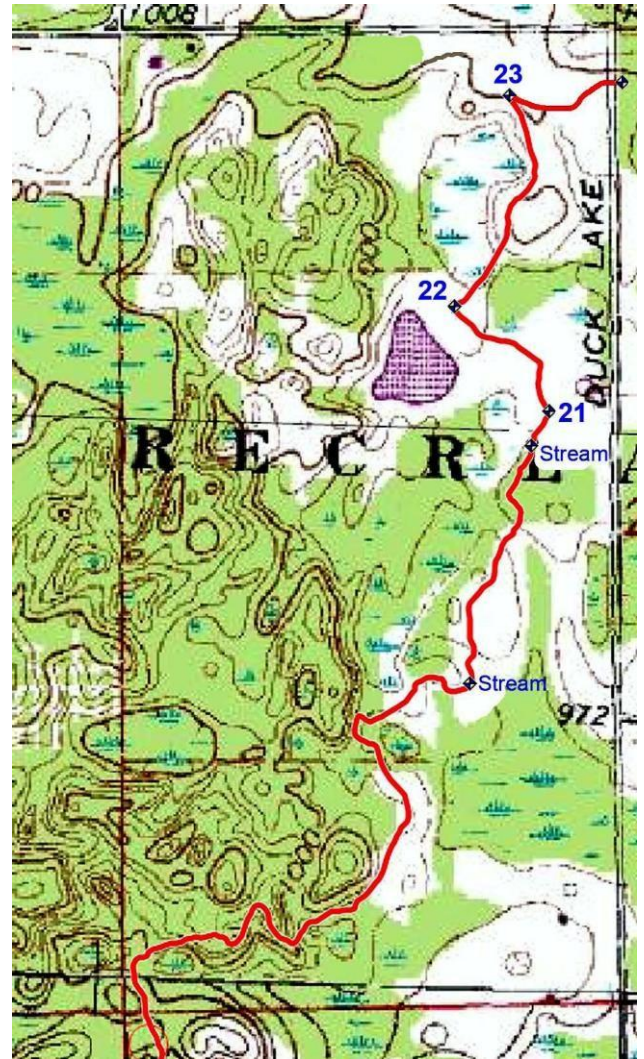
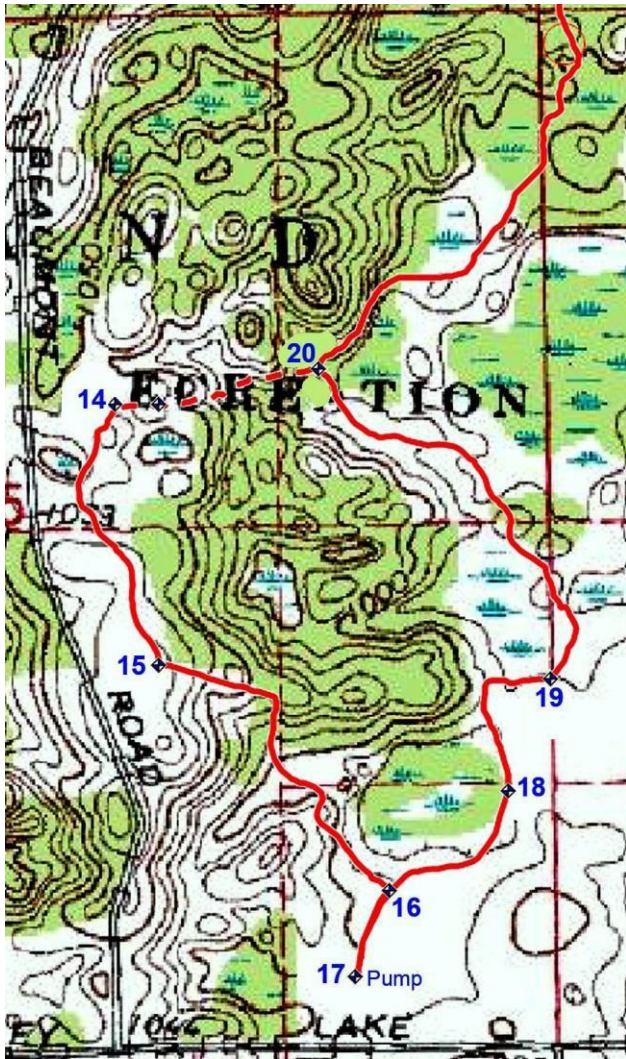
- Before starting your hike, two liters of water for each hiker must be placed at Dodge #10 Unit Shelter off of Pettibone Lake Road, just south of Livingston Road. (See upper left-hand corner of Map #2)
- Several portions of this trek will lead through areas of poison ivy and thorny bushes where contact is unavoidable. It is therefore highly recommended that you wear pants, preferably synthetic, when hiking.
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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. When you come to a loop road and parking area, stop; your route now separates from the bridle trail to the hiking trails (250m).
4. NW – Turn and head northwest walking around the parking lot to a small clearing with a latrine (120m). Take the trail heading west into the forest and to a waterfowl observation bridge (340m). Proceed to the next intersection (60m). Note: 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.
5. W – Continue west across the bridle trail and proceed to the next intersection (570m).
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 (530m).
7. W – Continue west on the two-track for just a short distance (30m) 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 picnic area on Livingston Road. Head across the picnic area to another one of the old metal arrowhead signs (240m). From this point you will begin a six mile loop of extremely hilly terrain. Note: Across the road from here is a latrine and it will probably be at least three hours before you return here.



CPT 1st Day, Mountain Bike Trailhead to Dog Training Area (CPT Highland Trails Trek Map #2)

9. SW – There are two trails to the south, take the western one. This trail continues from the picnic area to the southwest (800m). The trail from this point passes 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 (400m).
Note: Along the way watch for a MiDNR surveying marker that lies in the center of the trail.
11. SW – Continue southwest across the bike path. Your trail now leads to the top of Mount Omich (310m), one of the highest points in Oakland County.
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. You will come to a 90° bend (SW→SE) in the trail (965m). 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 (200m). This hill has been nicknamed "Heartbreak Hill".
13. SE – From the peak proceed southeast, then south towards the dog training area. Along the trail will be a sign warning that dogs not on a leash maybe present (420m). Go to the intersection a couple meters south of this sign.



CPT 1st Day, Loopback Route (CPT Trek Map #10)

14. S – Proceed south across the horse trail and onto the next intersection (465m).
15. E – Turn east and proceed downhill. Then head southeast, uphill through an open area, then downhill to a two-track road (580m) heading southwest.
16. SW – Turn southwest onto the two-track and head towards the latrine and parking lot (150m). Just north of the parking lot is a pump and picnic table. This is traditionally where most crews have lunch.
17. N – Head north on the two-track to the previous waypoint. Continue northeast on the two-track towards the woods, then north along the woods to the northwest corner of the grassy field (400m).
18. N – Continue north into another grassy field and proceed to the northwest corner of this field. Turn east and proceed along its northern edge. Look for a trail heading northeast just before a cluster of birch trees (280m).
19. NE – Turn northeast onto the trail. Take this winding trail northeast, then northwest to the horse trail (725m).
20. E – Turn east and proceed to the next intersection with a “lettered” trail post (2.5km).
21. N – Continue north, then northwest to the next intersection (250m).
22. NE – Turn northeast and proceed to the next intersection (415m).
23. E – From this intersection head east, going under Duck Lake Road, to the CPT arrowhead sign (185m). →NOTE: Turn to Trek Map #6, Waypoint #29 for directions back to group camp.

Congratulations! You have walked in steps of Chief Pontiac!