

North Country National Scenic Trail

- **Established:** 1980
- **Location:** New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota
- **Length:** 4,500 Miles
- **Key Fact:** Longest National Scenic Trail When Completed



With over 2,000 miles of trail already complete, the North Country NST allows hikers to experience a variety of northern landscapes across the United States by connecting more than 160 different public land units operated by numerous state and federal agency agencies. Of particular interest are the National Park Service lands connected by the trail, including Michigan's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Wisconsin's St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, New York's Fort Stanwix National Monument, and Ohio's Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park. Built and maintained by over 3,200 volunteers working for the North Country Trail Association in 7 states, the North Country NST is a true national treasure for America's outdoor enthusiasts.

Ice Age National Scenic Trail

- **Established:** 1980
- **Location:** Wisconsin
- **Length:** 1,200 Miles
- **Key Fact:** Traces the Glacial Edge from the Last Ice Age



The Ice Age NST was established by an Act of Congress in 1980 largely because of the work of Wisconsin Congressman Henry S. Reuss. Reuss built on the earlier work of Ray Zillmer, the founder of the Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation, precursor to the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Inc., which currently provides volunteers to build and maintain the trail. The trail represents the culmination of over 50 years of advocacy to protect and appreciate this fascinating area. With over 600 miles of trail already completed, the trail follows the location of the terminal moraine from the last Ice Age. The trail passes through 30 of Wisconsin's 72 counties, from Lake Michigan to the St. Croix River and features an innovative geocaching program that uses GPS technology to alert hikers to glacial features, like kettles, potholes, eskers, and glacial erratics. Of particular interest are the several Ice Age National Scientific Reserve units connected by the trail. These reserves were established between 1964 and 1970 to preserve geological evidence of glaciation.

New England National Scenic Trail

- **Established:** 2009
- **Location:** Connecticut, Massachusetts
- **Length:** 215 Miles
- **Key Fact:** Showcases Classic New England Landscapes



The New England NST was in existence for over half a century as the Metacomet-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail System before it finally received federal designation as a national scenic trail in 2009 to preserve the trail system as a recreational resource. A product of the efforts of Senator John Kerry and Representative John Olver, among many others, the New England NST winds its way from Long Island Sound over the Metacomet Ridge, and into the highlands of the Pioneer Valley in Massachusetts. The trail route features long distance vistas, rural towns, agrarian lands, un-fragmented forests, and large river valleys, as well as important Native American and colonial historic landmarks.