

Ludington State Park Adopt-a-Trail Program

Volunteer Requirements

- **Adopt-a-Trail Volunteer**

- Hikes segment at least once per month, from April through October, though is encouraged to hike weekly or bi-weekly and during winter months if trails allow
- Picks up litter and garbage
- Clears trail debris, such as branches, small logs, small trees
- Photographs and records locations of large hazards, such as
 - Large, downed trees and widowmakers
 - Broken boards, stairs, railings
- Records locations of missing or damaged wayfinding and trail signage
- Records new areas of erosion or water issues
- Gathers found items and turns into the park office lost and found
- Photographs and records locations of invasive species
- May do minor trimming of trees and shrubs, after consulting with park staff
- Reports hazards to park staff immediately upon returning from the trail
- Adopt-a-Canoe Trail volunteers are required to wear a PFD and must provide their own watercraft while monitoring the canoe trails
- After the hike as issues require per the above list, submits an email to park manager of actionable comments for park maintenance and interpretive staff including photographs and recorded locations of trail issues
- Once a month, submits hours spent hiking and gathering/reporting information and estimate of litter picked up, via reporting process

- **Adopt-a-Trail Volunteer Prerequisites**

- Volunteer must complete Adopt-a-Trail volunteer training
- Must be 18 years of age or older, unless with a parent or guardian
- Must be physically able to cover necessary distance to complete assigned segment
- Must follow DNR, Parks and Recreation Division Rules and Regulations
- Must not accept gratuities from park visitors
- Must sign the Parks and Recreation Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability (form PR0511)

Adopt-a-Trail Assignments

- Land based segments:
 - Island Trail – 2 miles + return
 - Lost Lake Trail – 1 mile + return
 - Logging Trail – 3 miles + return
 - Lighthouse Trail – 2.5 miles + return
 - Coast Guard Trail – 1.5 miles + return
 - Lighthouse Road – 1.8 miles + return
 - Ridge Trail -

- Sable River Trail – North of River – 2 miles ‘round trip
 - Skyline Trail and Sable River Trail – South of River – 1.5 miles inc. backtracking
 - Evergreen Trail – 1.5 miles ‘round trip
 - Juniper Trail – 2 miles ‘round trip
 - Dune Trail – 3 miles ‘ round trip
 - Piney Ridge Trail – 3 miles out and back from Piney Ridge Road
- Water Trail Segments
 - South Canoe Trail – 5 miles ‘round trip
 - North Canoe Trail - 2.5 miles ‘round trip
- Beach Segments
 - First Curve to long pull-off (x2) – 2 miles one way
 - Long pull-off to Big Sable rivermouth (x2) – 1.5 miles one way
 - Big Sable rivermouth to lighthouse (x2) – 2 miles one way
 - Lighthouse to park boundary (x2) – 4.5 miles out and back
 - Vehicle access to lighthouse provided to volunteers

Contacts

- Emergencies
 - Call 911 and then call the park office
- Park Office
 - 231-843-2423 extension 0
- Park Manager – Jim Gallie
 - 231-843-2423 extension 0
 - galliej@michigan.gov
- Park Supervisor – Dan Adams
 - 231-843-2423 extension 0
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- FLSP Adopt-a-Trail Program Coordinator – Patrick O’Hare
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