

## **Development of the North Country National Scenic Trail in Northwest Wisconsin**

*The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:*

- **That the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Tourism continue assistance in developing Wisconsin's segment of this national trail as a significant recreation and tourism resource.**

The North Country National Scenic Trail has been under development since 1980 as one of nine major American long distance hiking and recreation trails. The trail is being built through a partnership of the National Park Service, state and local agencies, and local volunteer members of the North Country Trail Association.

On the 30th anniversary of its official creation, the trail is 55% complete in Wisconsin, with 120 of 220 planned miles in place. Most Wisconsin development is taking place in the areas near Solon Springs, Gordon, and Pattison State Park. In recent years, newly built trail sections have included significant recreation features used by both local citizens and visitors. These have included a boardwalk across the Brule Spillway State Natural Area, and new trail access to the Douglas County State Wildlife Area.

Continued state assistance is needed to acquire easements or property for the trail route. Critical areas where route completion is needed are near County Highway M southwest of Solon Springs, and in the areas adjacent to Pattison State Park.

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