

HIKE FEST 2018

Hike Descriptions



HIKING GUIDELINES

We're excited to offer several great half-day and full-day hikes this year! Please arrive at your selected hike meeting place on time and ready to go. **Be sure to bring your own water bottle.** Hike leaders will provide maps for you. Please be prepared to participate in the group shuttle – the hikes wouldn't happen without your cooperation!

Friday, 1:00pm - Early Bird Hike - Spirit Mountain Loop

Where to meet: Spirit Mountain Trailhead – Parking Lot D at upper part of Spirit Mountain. From I-35, take Boundary Exit #249. Go south on Boundary Ave to T-stop. Turn left on Skyline Parkway and follow it to Parking Lot D, on left.

Why it's cool: This new loop just opened last year, and this hike will be led by the man responsible for leading the effort. Join Larry Sampson on this beautiful addition to the Superior Hiking Trail.



Saturday, 9:00am Hikes

Wolf Ridge to Superior View and Back, 3.0 miles roundtrip.

Where to meet: outside of East Dorm/Summit Lodge.

Why it's cool: Enjoy the landscape of Wolf Ridge and meander to a spectacular view of Lake Superior without having to get in a car!

Lake County Road 6 to Sawmill Dome and Back, 3.0 miles roundtrip.

Where to meet: Back of Science Center Auditorium.

Why it's cool: Ascend steeply to spectacular Sawmill Dome and take in views of Sawmill Creek Valley, but get back to Wolf Ridge in time to catch some afternoon activities!

What the plan is: Hikers will carpool approximately 4.5 miles to the Lake County Road 6 Trailhead.

Beaver Bay to Silver Bay, 4.4 miles.

Where to meet: Science Center Classroom.

Why it's cool: Enjoy one of the most iconic sections of the Superior Hiking Trail: the Beaver River and rocky ridgelines are just two highlights on this gorgeous hike.

What the plan is: Hikers will drive approximately 17 miles to Silver Bay, then they will carpool to the Beaver Bay Trailhead to begin their hike.

Lake County Road 7 to Egge Lake and Back, 4.6 miles roundtrip.

Where to meet: Science Center Lobby.

Why it's cool: On this gentle hike (by SHT standards!), enjoy Egge Creek and one of the most-beloved lakes of the Superior Hiking Trail. **Pro tip:** locals pronounce it "Eggy."

What the plan is: Hikers will carpool approximately 7 miles to the Lake County Road 7 Trailhead near the Clair Nelson Center.

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Saturday, 9:00am Hikes (continued)

Lake County Road 6 to Highway 1, 6.8 miles.

Where to meet: Science Center Auditorium Stage.

Why it's cool: Explore the "crown jewel" of the Superior Hiking Trail as you traverse rugged hills with spectacular inland views and views of Lake Superior. See Wolf Ridge from a whole new angle as you overlook Wolf Lake.

What the plan is: Hikers will drive approximately 10.5 miles to Highway 1 Trailhead, then will carpool to Lake County Road 6 to begin their hike.

Other Saturday Hikes

11:00am - Mini-Hike to Marshall Mountain and Back, 1 mile

Where to meet: Science Center Lobby.

Why it's cool: BYO lunch and have a picnic atop Marshall Mountain. Awesome views of Lake Superior, Wolf Lake, and Raven Lake.

1:00pm - Crosby-Manitou Loop Hike, 3.0 miles

Where to meet: Science Center Auditorium.

Why it's cool: Crosby-Manitou State Park is the most rugged and wild state park on the North Shore. See picturesque Benson Lake and explore a remote section of the park.

What the plan is: Hikers will carpool to Crosby-Manitou State Park.

1:00pm - Lake County Road 6 to Section 13 Cliffs and Back, 2.2 miles

Where to meet: Science Center Lobby.

Why it's cool: The Section 13 cliffs are one of the most-loved features of the SHT. Although the climb is steep, it doesn't go on forever. **Pro tip:** Please don't fall off.

What the plan is: Hikers will carpool to the Lake County Road 6 Trailhead.

8:15pm - Night Hike to Wolf Lake

Where to meet: Science Center Classroom.

Why it's cool: Wolf Lake is beautiful any time of the day but not many people get to experience it in twilight. BYO headlamp or flashlight for the hike back from Wolf Lake.



Sunday, 10:00am - Final Hike - Sucker River to Fox Farm Road, 5.0 miles

Where to meet: Fox Farm Road Trailhead. From Hwy. 61 milepost 14.9, turn north (inland) on Homestead Rd. (Co. Rd. 42) and go 5.75 miles. Turn left (west) on West Knife River Rd. and go 0.5 miles. Turn right (north) on App Rd. and go 1.5 miles to intersection with Two Harbors Rd. on right. App Rd. changes to Fox Farm Rd. at this intersection. Continue straight (north) on Fox Farm Rd. 5.3 miles to trailhead parking lot on left.

Why it's cool: This is one of the lesser-known sections of the SHT: come check it out! Explore Fox Farm Pond Campsite and enjoy this gentle end to the weekend.

What the plan is: Hikers will meet at Fox Farm Trailhead (see directions above) and will carpool to the Sucker River Trailhead.