

# Iron Belle

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During the last five years, scouts from across the state have hiked over nearly **50,000 miles** in the Iron Belle Trail Challenge.

The Michigan Iron Belle Trail crosses some of the most scenic areas in Michigan, from Ironwood in the western Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle Park in Detroit. It's two trails in one. The hiking trail joins the North Country National Scenic Trail up the west side of the state; the biking path heads up the east side.

**Pick your trail opportunity:** Michigan is “The Trails State” no matter where you are, opportunities abound to get outdoors and hike, bike or float a world-class land or water trail. Participate in the Iron Belle Challenge and take advantage of hiking along Michigan’s longest hiking/biking trail, the Iron Belle Trail or find a hidden gem in your community. Any trail – short or long, over land or water – promises a day of excitement and memories.

## June 6, 2020 – National Trails Day

Get outdoors and enjoy a great day on one of Michigan’s many trails! Take some photos and let us know what you did and how far you traveled to earn the 2020 Iron Belle Challenge patch. Have a conflict and need to hit the trail a different day? Let us know and we still will recognize your group.

## September 26, 2020 – National Public Lands Day

This is the day to give something back and support our trail and park systems. Completing a stewardship project that promotes or improves trail opportunities in Michigan will get you a rocker patch that complements the trail patch you earned in June.

To register, visit [Michigan.gov/dnrscouting](https://Michigan.gov/dnrscouting) or contact Ray Rustem at [RustemR@Michigan.gov](mailto:RustemR@Michigan.gov) for more information. Visit the Iron Belle Trail interactive map at: [Michigan.gov/IronBelle](https://Michigan.gov/IronBelle)

