North Eastern State Trail

The NEST is a Michigan Department of Natural Resources multi-use rail-trail that runs 70 miles from Alpena to Cheboygan. The trail has a 10’ wide packed crushed limestone surface and is open to all non-motorized users year-round and snowmobiles from December 1 through March 31.

Notes:
- NEST Mile Markers use the historic Detroit to Mackinac Railway numbering. Mile Marker 125 is just north of Alpena and mile marker 194 is just south of Cheboygan.
- There is limited cell phone coverage and services along the NEST; be prepared.

Trail Mileage
- Alpena to Cathro: 6.4 miles
- Cathro to Bolton: 2.5 miles
- Bolton to Posen: 7.7 miles
- Posen to Metz: 5.6 miles
- Metz to Hawks: 4.3 miles
- Hawks to Millersburg: 8.9 miles
- Millersburg to Onaway: 9.2 miles
- Onaway to Tower: 3.6 miles
- Tower to Aloha: 14 miles
- Aloha to Cheboygan: 7.8 miles
- Total Miles: 70

Map notes:
- Aloha Trailhead: Park at Aloha State Park; Restrooms, beach, picnic area
- Onaway Access: Park along M-212 (Main Street) just north of the commercial district
- Millersburg Trailhead: Park at the Historic Depot, just off 638 Hwy (Main Street); Restrooms & picnic area
- Hawks Community Park: Water and picnic area
- Metz Fire Historic Trailside Park (2014): Historic marker just south of trail at CR 441; future restroom & picnic area
- Tower Trailside Park (2014): Future restroom & picnic area
- Aloha Trailhead: Park at Aloha State Park; Restrooms and picnic area
- Cheboygan Trailhead: Off Western and Taylor Streets; Restrooms and picnic area
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