



Fact Sheet

Northern Forest Canoe Trail *A 740-Mile Historic Water Trail*

- The Northern Forest Canoe Trail is a **740-mile water trail following Native American** routes through New York, Vermont, Québec, New Hampshire, and Maine. It is the **longest inland paddling trail** in the United States.
- The Trail crosses the **major watersheds** of the Northeast and travels through 45 unique northern communities in the four states and Québec.
- This Trail is a living reminder of the **history and heritage of the Northern Forest** region - its people and way of life.
- The Trail is within a day's drive of more than 70 million people, from Montréal to New York City
- The Trail was **first envisioned in the late 1970s** by Mike Krepner, Ron Canter, and Randy Mardres, three men interested in tracing Native American routes.
- Rob Center and Kay Henry became impassioned about the trail in their former management roles at Mad River Canoe. In 2000, they incorporated a nonprofit, **The Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Inc.**, to develop and manage the Trail.
- Kate Williams is the current Executive Director. Since March 2004, Kate has led NFCT to develop the programs and funding sources that support long-term sustainability.
- NFCT continues to develop a **strong membership base**, currently numbering more than 800.
- The physical Trail was completed in **Spring 2006**. We celebrated the official opening on June 3, 2006.
- The **first through-paddle** was completed in 2000 by Donnie Mullen. Subsequent individuals and groups have completed the Trail.
- Publications include a guidebook, *The Northern Forest Canoe Trail*, and a series of **thirteen comprehensive maps** published by Seattle-based Mountaineers Books. *Paddling Through Time* describes the route and shares the history of the Trail, and *Northeast Passage* is a photographic journey of the 740-mile water route.
- More than **300 volunteers work on all levels of trail projects** — from trail administration to trail maps to trail work.

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