

CAIRN STONE OFF SEASON NEWSLETTER

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GREAT HUSTLE AT TREE-MENDUS!

TREE-MENDUS: Our bonus hike at *Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm* was a bit nippy but our Cairn Stone hikers toured the beautiful farm course very well. And they enjoyed some apples off the tree and some new Bison and cows along the route. Special thanks go to Jay and Kathy Crouch, Fred Shilling (great toilets with a sink!), Peggy Watts for the red cones; and to Cindy, Glyn, Tom Ferry and family and the Shilling family for allowing us to hike on their wonderful land.

BONUS HIKE: We will be offering a special Bonus Hike on **Monday, November 13** at **Lawless County Park**. It will be a night hike on the **Dr. T.K. Lawless** designated **International Dark Sky Park**. A 7.3 mile hike will start at 4:30PM and a 4.8 mile hike will start at 5:30PM. The sunset is at 5:32PM but I added the 7.3 mile hike to make it a worthwhile hike for our longer hitters. The weather forecast calls for 48° and clear skies. Please bring red lenses for your camera, a fully charged cell phone or Walkie Talkie, and good headlamps. Please hike with at least one buddy. There is no scheduled meteor shower but it should still be a beautiful view if the night stays clear. Special thanks to Scott Wyman and Jay Wade for their expertise and help.

DIRECTIONS: Lawless Park, 15122 Monkey Run Street, Jones, MI

REHYDRATION STATION: Lindy's Restaurant, 57983 M-62, Cassopolis, MI (4 min. out of Dowagiac)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

SUN, NOV 19, 1PM - 56th Annual Turkey Trot 10k, 5k at SMC Dowagiac on Roadrunner Trails.

FRI, DEC 12, 6PM - Cairn Stone Christmas Party potluck at Dowagiac Elks Lodge.

SAT, DEC 16, 10AM – Saugatuck Dunes Christmas Hikes.

MON, JAN 1, 10AM – Aloha Run & Hike at Dowagiac Elks Lodge.

SCOTLAND: I am very excited about returning to Scotland and I am now working hard on airlines, ground transportation, hotels and hikes. I have expanded it to 14 days in order to add an extra day in Skye and in Glencoe. This will make a proven great hiking tour even better!

TURKEY TROT: I'm looking for volunteers and participants for this classic and oldest Turkey Trot in Michigan. (See attachment)

