

# CAIRN STONE ADVENTURE TOURS

## JORDAN RIVER VALLEY PATHWAY



**TO:** Utah Trekkers & Training Partners  
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## JORDAN RIVER VALLEY PATHWAY WILDERNESS 18.7 MILE HIKE INFORMATION

I am replacing the 2020 Devil's Lake Test Hike with a bonus hike at Jordan River Valley Pathway (18.7 mile loop). The Devil's Lake Test Hike will be rescheduled for June 27, 2021.

This is a wonderful loop hike that was used very successfully for our last Grand Canyon trip in 2018. It is the only wilderness area in the Lower Peninsula and is located 4 hours 10 minutes from South Bend and 3 hours 40 minutes from St. Joseph. It is definitely possible to do this as a day trip. For those who feel comfortable staying over several area campgrounds and hotels are scheduled to be available.

**DATE: SUN June 28, 2020 Open start between 9:00AM and Noon**

**COURSE:** The course (18.7 mile) is a very scenic clockwise loop through the Jordan River Valley and features several hills, including the half mile Deadman's Hill at the finish. Much of the course is also on the North Country Trail (NCT). Trekking poles are definitely recommended. Maps will be emailed and available at the start.

**OTHER COURSES:** There are three shorter course options that are also good:

Deadman's Hill Loop (3.2 miles): Starts and finishes at Deadman's Hill trailhead.

Pinney Bridge to Deadman's Hill (9.4 miles): Great hike but requires you to provide your own drop off at Pinney Bridge. (Two or three with two cars could make this work.)

Deadman's Hill – Fish Hatchery – Deadman's Hill loop (8.6 miles): Another great hike that starts and finishes at Deadman's Hill trailhead.

**AID:** There will be one aid station on the course at Pinney Bridge at 9.3 mile mark. It will be a no touch station with bottled water (take what you need) and *untouched by human hands* packaged Windmill cookies. Please bring your own water and pack your daypack according to the daypack checklist on my website (if you need a copy). You will need your snacks, sun lotion and bug repellent.

**CHECK PTS:** This is not a Test Hike but for safety reasons we will have sign-in checkpoints at the start, Pinney Bridge aid station and the finish.

**COSTS:** There will be no cost for our Utah trekkers in good standing. A special \$10 fee will be charged for 2020 Training Partners and \$30 for guests.

**LODGING:** There is no organized trip to this hike but Thom will coordinate a list for ride shares and lodging roommates. Unfortunately there will be no host hotel or pre-hike reception or orientation. Several area campgrounds and hotels are open for those who feel comfortable doing this. **[MORE ON PAGE 2]**



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**DIRECTIONS:** Deadman's Hill trailhead, 8250 Deadman's Hill Rd, Elmira, MI 49730. US131 to Deadman's Hill road then west less than two miles to trailhead. GPS N 45° 02' 47.79", W 84° 56' 09.93"

**COMMENTS:** This hike is not mandatory and is being set up for motivational reasons for those who feel comfortable being involved. May 21 I will make a final decision for this hike based on your responses. If there is little interest I may cancel this or if interest is high I may want to add Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to keep from crowding on the trail. I am planning to do a scout trip on May 22 and will have the course set up and marked well prior to our hike on June 28. There is no charge for our Utah trekkers because I am so appreciative and inspired by their support, patience and understanding. It is very touching and makes me try even harder to keep everyone fired up!

**STEP ONE:** If everyone that would like to do this hike will email me your interest before May 21 I will be able to make a final decision and inform everyone. Please mail your check after May 22 and the trip is a go.

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### JORDAN RIVER VALLEY HIKE REGISTRATION

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS: Utah Trekker  Training Partner  Guest hiker

EST. ARR. TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ HIKE DISTANCE: 18.7  9.4  8.6  3.2

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AMT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to: Cairn Stone Adventure Tours

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