

# CAIRN STONE NEWSLETTER

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## LOVELY HIKE AT LOVE CREEK!

**LOVE CREEK:** We had a big turnout enjoy a lovely January day on the quiet roads adjacent to Love Creek. Special thanks to Kathy for covering the last hour of the sign in order that I could attend Dave Briegel's burial. Also thanks to Jim D'Haenens for special aid and to Derrick and Amanda at Love Creek. The Jogpot was great and Love Creek is very happy.

**LAKE LAGRANGE:** Our next training hike will be held on this **Saturday, February 13** starting at **Lindy's Restaurant** and going around the Lake LaGrange wetlands. Lindy's is located between Dowagiac and Cassopolis on M-62. We will have a social distanced start between 9:00 and 10:00AM. Restrooms will be available and the restaurant will be open for those who feel comfortable having some great food and drink. Several courses will be set up including 6.7 loop around the lake and a 10.1 course that includes the lovely Slipper Street. Also an extra credit course of 11.0 will include the spur to Park Point overlooking the charming Kelsey Lake. And because of the very cold forecast I will set up two courses that employ my cold weather strategy of hiking out into the wind and returning with the wind at your back. Please check out my cold weather hiking strategies (see attached).

**DIRECTIONS:** Lindy's Restaurant, 57983 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031

**UTAH; ALL THE CARDS ON THE TABLE:** The past several months have been very uncertain and challenging. I have worked very hard to provide safe training opportunities and to keep our hikers *Fired Up!* It appears that our trips rescheduled for this fall have a good chance of happening. In order to keep everyone safe during our tours, including many hours together on charter buses, I am going to require that everyone have proof of completing shots for the COVID-19 program. I am hoping that the airlines will require a vaccine passport card but it is too early to tell. I am also going to require that everyone continue to mask up when together. I know this is not going to please everyone and I will be happy to refund payments made. [use Refund Request form]

Also it looks like the trip cost will be up about \$110. This is because of fewer flights available. I have paid deposits for the below listed flights on American Airlines. Southwest will not bid until April. I will keep an eye on this but the current flight times with American are excellent.

<u>Departing Flight (non stop)</u>	<u>Return Flight (non stop)</u>
LV O'Hare 9:45AM	LV Las Vegas 3:04PM
AR Las Vegas 11:42AM	AR O'Hare 8:56PM

**DEVIL'S LAKE:** To date I have received only 5 requests to hike at Devil's Lake on June 12. This is an optional bonus hike that can be done for a TEST HIKE or a destination hike. I will be happy to set up the course and monitor the hike but I would like to have 15 declare that they are going to attend. There is no cost for a Cairn Stone hiker but everyone will have to provide their own transportation and lodging. If this trip happens I will be staying at the Baymont Inn West (608-881-7711). Their current rate is \$72. Please contact me at 574-215-4779 or Ron@CairnStoneTours.com if you are interested by March 15, 2021.

