

# CAIRN STONE NEWSLETTER

TO: Utah Trekkers and Training Partners  
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## CRACKERJACK TREK THROUGH MORRIS FARMS!

**NILES:** We had 95 fired up trekkers enjoy a beautiful hike through Morris Farms on a great day to hike! Special thanks to Jay and Kate Crouch for their big help on the course set up and to Dan and Elaine Metzger for the very tasty cookie aid station and for picking up the course signs. Also a salute goes to Denice Peters and her staff at the Niles YMCA.

**LOVE CREEK:** Our next training hike will be held at **Love Creek County Park** near Berrien Center, Michigan on this **Saturday, January 30**. A social distance start will begin at **9:00AM and will run to 10:30AM** at the lodge and restrooms will be available. Our course will be on the scenic Jones Road and area as trails are open only for cross country skiing and fat tire biking. The course distances will range from 3 to 9 miles on quiet winding roads and extra effort distances will also be marked. Please bring cleats and trekking poles for safety but do not wear cleats into the lodge restrooms. Also pay park fees into the Jogpot, not at the office counter. I will be at the hike until about noon when I will leave for my friend Dave Briegel's funeral service in Dowagiac. Cairn Stone vet Cathy Flynn will cover for me until everyone is off the course and checked in.

**DIRECTIONS:** Love Creek Park & Nature Center, 9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center, MI 49102

**2021 TRAINING SCHEDULE:** Please find attached an updated training schedule. Thanks for hanging loose in these uncertain times. I have switched our first Test Hike site to *Jordan River Valley* on June 19. I feel that it may be too soon to take our bus trip to Devil's Lake. However, for those who wish to travel on their own to Devil's Lake, Wisconsin I will set up an alternate Test Hike on Saturday, June 11. I will have more details on this option soon. (**Please email me** if you are interested in the Devil's Lake option to assist my planning. Ron@CairnStoneTours.com.)

**UTAH PARKS:** I remain optimistic about our trips to Utah this fall. I was very happy to receive my first vaccination shot this past Friday and it is looking very good for everyone to be completely vaccinated by late Spring or Summer. The airlines are working on an *IATA Digital Vaccine Passport* and it should be safe for us to go. *Utah or bust!*

**BRIEGEL TRIBUTE:** I am working with SMC (Southwestern Michigan College) to have a David Briegel Tribute Walk starting at the David C. Briegel Building on campus either this Spring or in July at Steve's Run. This would be a good time to celebrate Dave's life if you don't feel comfortable doing it now. I will keep everyone updated.

### FUTURE TRIP REGISTRATION:

We have a wonderful amount of interest in the 2022 and 2023 hiking tours. I will be sending a special message by Friday to each of these groups. If you do not receive a message and think you are registered please contact Thom - he will work with you.

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