

# CAIRN STONE NEWSLETTER

**TO:** ALL HIKERS  
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## ALOOOOOHA WAS GREAT

**ALOHA:** Believe it or not the intrepid 38 trekkers who showed up at our 58<sup>th</sup> Aloha Walk/Run enjoyed a great hike in a winter wonderland! It was cold but no wind and the powdered snow was great to navigate. And the fellowship that followed at the potluck was very heartwarming. We did raise close to \$300 for the Elks Club community charities. *Mahalo!* Special thanks go to Jay and Kathy Crouch, Gary Kachur, Jeff Gunn, Thom Janssen and Ray Klomes of the Dowagiac Elks.

**LOVE CREEK:** Our first training hike for 2026 will be this **Saturday, January 10** at **Love Creek County Park**. All trail courses of 5.2 and 7.6 miles will be set up. Our schedule for this Saturday includes a **9:00AM** orientation lecture on *proper equipment* and the *tear 'n repair training* program in the beautiful *Love Creek Nature Center*. This is primarily for *Rookies* but experienced hikers may also want to attend to refresh their skills. **At 9:45AM** I will update the *Best of Washington State* hiking tour followed by a course briefing. **At 10:00AM we will start the hikes.**

**Attached** is a revised training schedule. Please review it carefully and note the changes. Your course map will be emailed on Friday.

**DIRECTIONS:** Love Creek Park, 9292 Huckleberry Road, Berrien Center, Michigan

**REHYDRATION:** Indian Lake Pub, 55986 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, Michigan (11 minutes from Love Creek Park) [Driving map links in the email]



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