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TEST HIKE NOTES: Successful completion of a **Test Hike is required** for the 19.6 mile Pictured Rocks hike or 21.2 mile Grand Island hike. **To qualify** you must successfully complete a 20 mile Test Hike at one of the following: Indiana Dunes (JUL 12), Grand Mere (JUL 26), or Swiss Valley (AUG 23). Lesser distance hikes on Grand Island and Pictured Rocks do not require a Test Hike.

TRIP 1

SEP 13

DAY 1 SATURDAY [St. Ignace]

TRIP 2

SEP 27

- 7:30AM Bus arrives at public parking in downtown Dowagiac near the Amtrak station (the Dowagiac Police Department has been informed) for loading. [Car pool if you can.]
- 8:00AM Bus promptly leaves for your hiking adventure Up North.
- 1:30PM Lunch stop in Petosky and get trail lunch supplies for tomorrow.
- 4:15PM Hike at *Wilderness State Park*.
- 7:00PM Arrive at *Day's Inn* in St. Ignace for one night.

SEP 14

DAY 2 SUNDAY [Munising]

SEP 28

- 8:30AM Checkout and load bus. Dress for a hike en route.
- 10:30AM Hike at *Pictured Rocks*.
- 4:30PM Load bus and check in at *Boarders Hotel* in Munising for three nights.

SEP 15

DAY 3 MONDAY [Munising]

SEP 29

- 9:00AM Load bus for short hikes at *Wagner Falls* and *Seney National Wildlife Refuge*.
- 1:00PM Rehydration station with stop for fresh smoked Whitefish and Lake Trout from *Matson's Fishery*. Following our meal at "Ron's Patio" high up over the bay we will stop in downtown Munising for supplies for the *Grand Island* hike.

SEP 16

DAY 4 TUESDAY [Munising]

SEP 30

- 6:30AM Early breakfast at hotel.
- 7:30AM Bus leaves for hike at *Grand Island*. Pack food for lunch and afternoon snack.
- 7:30PM Dinner stop in downtown Munising. Waiting for us at our hotel are an indoor pool and Jacuzzi.

SEP 17

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY [Silver City]

OCT 1

- 9:00AM Checkout and load bus for a three hour drive to a beautiful recovery hike at *Porcupine Mountain State Park*. Our lodging for two nights is at the beautiful and remote *AmericInn* in Silver City on the shores of Lake Superior and Big Iron River.

SEP 18

DAY 6 THURSDAY [Silver City]

OCT 2

- 9:00AM Load the bus for the *Lake of the Clouds* and *Lake Superior Trail* hike. Pack trail lunch.
- 6:00PM Load bus for dinner at *The Konteka Black Bear Resort*.



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- | | SEP 19 | DAY 7 FRIDAY [Marquette] | OCT 3 |
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| 8:30AM | Checkout and load bus for our two hour trip to Marquette with a stop en route for our hike at <i>Canyon Falls</i> (The <i>Grand Canyon of Michigan</i>) near L'Anse. After the hike we will move on to Marquette for a late lunch. This is a very charming city and our hotel for two nights is the <i>Fairfield Inn</i> located very close to Lake Superior. An extra credit hike will be conducted to <i>Sugar Loaf Mountain</i> or just enjoy a great urban hike along the shores of Lake Superior from our hotel. Marquette is great for shopping and rehydration. | | |
| | SEP 20 | DAY 8 SATURDAY [Marquette] | OCT 4 |
| 9:00AM | Load the bus for a beautiful hike on a beautiful 11.2 mile segment of the <i>North Country Trail</i> . | | |
| | SEP 21 | DAY 9 SUNDAY [Mackinac Island] | OCT 5 |
| 8:00AM | After checkout we'll load the bus for a two hour 15 minute ride to <i>Taquamenon Falls</i> . Following a super hike of 6.0 miles we will rehydrate at the <i>Falls Brew Pub</i> before venturing on another hour and 15 minutes to our final destination on Mackinac Island. Our luggage will be taken from the dock to our lodging for our last two nights, the wonderful <i>Lake View Hotel</i> located on the main street. Enjoy the magic that sets in when the day tourists leave the island. | | |
| | SEP 22 | DAY 10 MONDAY [Mackinac Island] | OCT 6 |
| | Breakfast on your own. This is our only hotel on this trip that breakfast is not included but there are several great restaurants nearby. A variety of hikes will be offered including <i>Ron's Inner Island hike</i> , <i>Around the Island hike</i> , and the <i>Arch Rock hike</i> . | | |
| | SEP 23 | DAY 11 TUESDAY [TRAVEL] | OCT 7 |
| 9:30AM | Put luggage outside your room with ID before 9:30AM. The hotel will move luggage to the ferry. Our ferry departure time for the mainland will be announced later. | | |