



Saturday October 4th



@ the Jacob V. Brower Visitors Center – Itasca State Park

10:00 am: Come early for the **Friends of Itasca’s** annual meeting

11:00 am: Gather in the Visitor Center’s North Parking Lot for the North Country Trail Association – Itasca Moraine Chapter’s **13th Annual “Hike for Hope”** (finish by 4pm)

- Shuttle to the Bear Paw Campground / Headwaters
 - Hike south along Lake Itasca to the Brower Visitor’s Center (options include 1.1 mile, 1.9 miles, 2.6 miles, & 5 miles via drop offs at Preacher’s Grove, Peace Pipe Vista, Bear Paw Campground, and the Headwaters, respectively)
- Shuttle provided to the Gartner Farm Trailhead off of Hwy 113
 - Hike the NCT and Deer Park Trail back to Visitor’s Center (7 miles)



1:30 pm: Friends of Itasca State Park’s 27th Annual **Ozawindib Walk**

- Registration from 1 – 1:30pm
- Hike runs from 1:30 – 3:30 and is a ~3 mile loop. Along the way, Park Naturalists will narrate the history of the Headwater’s “discovery.” This walk is held in honor of Ozawindib, the Ojibwe guide who led Henry Rowe Schoolcraft's expedition to the Mississippi Headwaters in July 1832.

1:30-2:15 pm: **Which Way is North? Compass Capers**

- Meet by the playground equipment near Douglas Lodge/Ozawindib Trail Head. What do you do when your GPS, smartphone or other electronic device’s batteries go dead? Grab an old fashioned compass! Learn the basics of using a compass during this family-friendly activity. Then use your compass to find the hidden treasures.

3-3:45 pm: **Junior Naturalist: Leaf Art**

- Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center. The leaves are changing color! Join the naturalists as we explore the colorful leaves. Make your own leaf art using hammers, paint, crayons and more!

4:00 – 5:00 pm: **Dan Bera Voyageur re-enactment program** outside the Brower Visitor Center Classroom (indoors if the weather is inclement). *Bring your lawn chair(s) or a blanket for sitting outside.*



5:30-6:30pm: Cookout dinner by Douglas Lodge

- Outside the Brower Visitor Center’s classroom catered by Douglas Lodge and available for purchase. *Menu: Bison Burger and/or Garden Sandwich with a Fruit Tray, Vegetable Tray and Chips.* Free lemonade will be available. Cost is **\$8** per person with a la carte pricing available. *Bring your lawn chair(s) or a blanket for sitting outside. If necessary, indoor seating will be available.*

6:30-7:30pm: **Music by Alabaster Falls** inside the Brower Visitor Center Classroom. Learn more about this local “acoustic folkgrass” band at <http://www.alabasterfalls.com/>.



The Hiking Fest event is sponsored by the North Country Trail Association’s Itasca Moraine & Laurentian Lakes Chapters and the Friends of Itasca and the MN-DNR.