

Portage Creek District, PTAC, BSA Presents:

Adventure Trek VIII

Hiking the Historic 1848 I&M Canal & Chief Shabbona Trail

Saturday, April 20, 2024

**See The canal that made Chicago the Metropolis of the Midwest
See Locktender's Houses, Locks, Dams, a Wier, an Aqueduct, 1930s CCC Camp!**



Who: Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers

Price: \$10.00 per scout or adult includes event patch
+\$5.00 for Chief Shabbona Trail Award-apply
on completion.

Schedule: -8:00am: Channahon State Park

(Mile 45) Shuttle cars to Dresden, Aux Sable,
or Morris

Hiking options:

-6 mile hike along the Illinois and Michigan Canal Trail from Lock 6 at Channahon State Park to Dresden Rd. featuring interpreters explaining the historical significance of the canal and sites along the trail.

-14 mile hike—Continue on to William G. Stratton State Park in Morris, and visit the Chief Shabbona Grave site to earn the BSA historic trail: **Chief Shabbona Trail Award!**

Camping options: Recommended Camping: Rainbow Scout Reservation. Other possibilities: McKinley woods, Will County (reservation Req), Channahon State Park or Gebhard Woods State Park: No prior reservations—Contact locations for availability and details

***Bring lunches
trail snacks
water bottles
sunscreen
appropriate shoes
extra socks
patrol first aid kit.***



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-Approximately 12:30: The 6 mile hike ends at the **I&M Trail Dresden parking lot** (Mile 50.5) at the intersection of McLinden, Cemetery and Hansel rds. Shuttle 6 Mile hikers 2.4 miles to Aux Sable (Mile 53). Shabbona Trail hikers continue on.

-From 12:30-1:30pm: Lunch break and more program at **Aux Sable Aqueduct, Lock and Tender house**

-After lunch: Shabbona Trail Hikers resume. Shuttle Shabbona Trail Cars to Morris if needed

-4:30pm-5:30pm or so: Shabbona Trail Hike ends at **William G Stratton Park** (Mile 58.4)

-Shabbona trail hikers must take a side trip to **Evergreen Cemetery** to see **Chief Shabbona's Grave**