



## Engaging Youth with the North Country Trail through Photography

**Picture This!** In celebration of the National Park Service's upcoming 100th anniversary and their new Find Your Park campaign, the North Country National Scenic Trail teamed up with a variety of agency and non-profit partners to engage Battle Creek youth with the North Country Trail and other local public lands through digital photography.

Nearly 60 youth, ranging in age from 6 to 17, from the Boys & Girls Club of Battle Creek and the Battle Creek Family YMCA attended at least one of four Picture This! outings held at Ott Biological Preserve, Kimball Pines County Park, Battle Creek Linear Park and Fort Custer State Recreation Area in August 2015.

Each outing kicked off with a friendly introduction to the North Country Trail and the National Park Service from a local park ranger. Participants then met with naturalists, volunteers and representatives from the North Country Trail Association and the hosting public land units – the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Calhoun County Parks & Recreation and the City of Battle Creek – to learn more about each site and its natural history.

Staff from the Udall Foundation's Parks in Focus® program provided photography instruction and helped participants capture interesting photos of the people, places, plants and animals they encountered along the trail.

Each Picture This! participant has at least one photo featured in this exhibition. It is our hope these images will inspire our participants, their families and communities to find their park, get outside and explore.



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# Picture This!

## Partner Information & Contacts



**North Country National Scenic Trail**  
From New York to North Dakota, the North Country National Scenic Trail links scenic, natural, historic, and cultural areas across seven states allowing visitors to experience a variety of northern landscapes. For more information:

<http://nps.gov/noco>  
616.430.3495



**North Country Trail Association**  
NCTA is a non-profit membership organization of volunteers along the seven-state trail and elsewhere that partners with the National Park Service in bringing the North Country Trail to local communities. For more information:

<http://northcountrytrail.org>  
866.445.3628 or [hq@northcountrytrail.org](mailto:hq@northcountrytrail.org)



parks in focus  
Udall Foundation

**Parks in Focus®**  
Parks in Focus® is a program of the Udall Foundation that connects youth from underserved communities to nature through photography, environmental education and outdoor recreation. For more information:

<http://udall.gov>  
520.901.8569 or [muter@udall.gov](mailto:muter@udall.gov)



**Boys & Girls Club of Battle Creek**  
The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Battle Creek is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. For more information:

<http://bgcofbattlecreek.net>  
269.788.9930 or [bgcofbc@gmail.com](mailto:bgcofbc@gmail.com)



**Battle Creek Family YMCA**  
The Battle Creek YMCA is a friendly non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening our local community while building strong minds and strong bodies. For more information:

<http://ymcabattlecreek.org>  
269.963.9622 or [info@YMCABattleCreek.org](mailto:info@YMCABattleCreek.org)

# FIND YOUR PARK PICTURE THIS!



Photos taken by Battle Creek youth on the North Country National Scenic Trail



## 2015 Exhibit Guide

**Ott Biological Preserve** • Battle Creek, Mich.  
<http://calhouncountyroads.com/parks/> • 269.781.9841



**Aaleaya A.**, age 10    **Austin J.**, age 11    **Austin S.**, age 13



**Carter S.**, age 13    **Claudia M.**, age 15    **Claudia M.**, age 15



**Jacob C.**, age 14    **Joy C.**, age 14    **Ne'amyah B.**, age 10



**Niani J.**, age 13    **Taren T.**, age 9



**Paige D.**, age 11

**Zion B.**, age 14



8/3/15 photos from the  
**Battle Creek Family YMCA**

**Kimball Pines County Park** • Battle Creek, Mich.  
<http://calhouncountyroads.com/parks/> • 269.781.9841



**Ariana C.**, age 6    **Ashlie G.**, age 17    **Ashley K.**, age 13



**Keonni R.**, age 6    **Lynn W.**, age 14

**Asia C.**, age 9



8/5/15 photos from the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Battle Creek**

**Linear Park** • Battle Creek, Mich.  
<http://www.battlecreekmi.gov/> • 269.966.3431



**AJ H.**, age 10    **Asia R.**, age 10    **Avery H.**, age 11



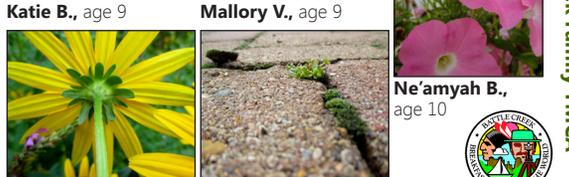
**Caroline R.**, age 13    **Dayton R.**, age 13    **Dejalena W.**, age 10



**Jakariyah V.**, age 8    **Joy C.**, age 14



**Katie B.**, age 9    **Mallory V.**, age 9    **Carter S.**, age 13



**Nicholas B.**, age 10    **Paige D.**, age 11



8/18/15 photos from the **Battle Creek Family YMCA**

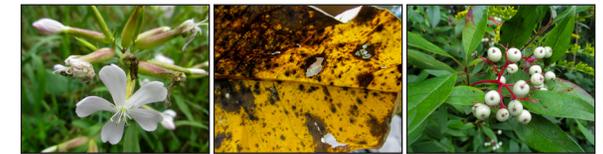
**Fort Custer State Rec Area** • Augusta, Mich.  
<http://michigan.gov/dnr/> • 269.731.4200



**Anisha B.**, age 16    **Charles B.**, age 11    **Daimere M.**, age 11



**Damon B.**, age 13    **Danaja A.**, age 10    **Derrius H.**, age 10



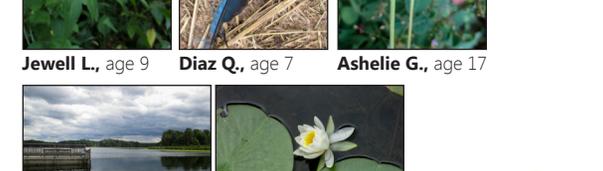
**Dre'elle B.**, age 11    **Dre'leah B.**, age 11    **Kapree R.**, age 8



**Kathrin B.**, age 17    **Lynn W.**, age 15    **Madison C.**, age 10



**Jewell L.**, age 9    **Diaz Q.**, age 7    **Ashlie G.**, age 17



**Tabricee K.**, age 7    **Yesenia R.**, age 17



8/20/15 photos from the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Battle Creek**



**Mya B.**, age 9

**FIND YOUR  
 PARK**