

SLEEPING BEAR HERITAGE TRAIL



PHASE II

PATHWAYS TO SLEEPING BEAR



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CONNECTIONS TO...

LAND

NATURE

COMMUNITIES

HISTORY

FAMILY TRADITIONS

These are the values that visitors to the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail express to describe their experience on the first four-miles of trail that opened in June of 2012.

The paved connection from Glen Arbor to Empire was the first phase of the planned 27-mile trail. It is complete from Glen Arbor to the Dune Climb and will reach Empire in Spring 2014. Fund raising for Phase II is now underway, extending the trail from Glen Arbor to Port Oneida and on to County Road 669 (Bohemian Road), adding nearly 8 more miles of trail.

When complete, SBHT will stretch 27 miles—from the northern end of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (Good Harbor Beach at County Road 651), to Manning Road, just south of Empire.

For further information, please see sleepingbeartrail.org



Survey shows SBHT user activity and satisfaction run high

Enthusiastic family members and groups of friends led the list of some 3,000 weekly users of the new Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail during the summer of 2012.

Survey results compiled by the volunteers show immense satisfaction with the trail experience, and an overwhelming desire to “keep going and make it longer...”

“The trail has become a real draw for multi-generational families and relatives returning to their roots for family reunions. They’re using the trail to recreate and connect with the land. There’s something very satisfying in working on a project like this, a way of giving back...”

BRAD ANDERSON

Owner, Anderson’s Market, Glen Arbor
Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail Campaign Cabinet





PATHWAYS TO SLEEPING BEAR / PHASE II FUNDRAISING GOAL - \$775,000

*(Total cost of nearly 8 miles of trail—\$5,051,000.
Public funding secured—\$4,276,000)*

Phase II of the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail campaign includes the trail from Glen Arbor to Port Oneida, and then on to County Road 669 (Bohemian Road).

Recognition Category	Giving / Donor Level (\$)	Recognition on Donor Plaza at the Dune Climb	Limited Edition Glenn Wolff Pathways Print	Lifetime NPS Pass
TRAIL BLAZER	500,000 AND ABOVE			
PATHFINDER	250,000 - 499,999			
EXPLORER	100,000 - 249,999			
GUIDE	50,000 - 99,999			
SCOUT	25,000 - 49,999			
TREKKER	15,000 - 24,999			
HIKER	10,000 - 14,999			
CYCLIST	5,000 - 9,999			
SKIER	2,500 - 4,999			
RUNNER	1,000 - 2,499			

TALES FROM THE TRAIL...

THE MYTHOLOGY OF SLEEPING BEAR HAS DELIGHTED GENERATIONS.

But the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail (SBHT) is already inspiring some of its own stories.

Early last summer, several hundred students from the Grand Rapids area camped at the D.H. Day Group Campground at the foot of the Dune Climb.

With her classmates was a special needs student who for years had been unable to enjoy the experience of being outside in a natural setting.

“When we got here and saw the paved trail, her world changed,” one of the group’s chaperones told Kerry Kelly, Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes volunteer coordinator. So much so in fact, that following her trail introduction, that afternoon she took her first canoe trip on the nearby Platte River.

“No doubt she would never have made the canoe trek had it not been for her great experience on the trail,” reflected the chaperone.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

To donate and learn more about the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail please contact **Pam Darling, Development Director for TART Trails** (pam@traversetrails.org) or 231-941-4300).



ARTWORK BY GLENN WOLFF

“I ride a 3-wheel trike because of weak legs and poor balance, and truly love the new trail. My trike is unsafe to ride on the road due to its width and lack of visibility, and the trail gives me a safe, relaxing, and beautiful ride. Riding from home, I have a pleasant 8-mile ride, and I look forward to the extension of the trail to Empire.”

JERRY POWLEY—Cabinet Member
Little Glen Lake, Leelanau County

“When our Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes’ volunteers did the trail survey they encountered two frequent comments: ‘We love the trail’ and ‘When are you going to make it longer?’”

KERRY KELLY
National Park Service Volunteer (9 years)
Coordinator Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail Ambassador Program

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