

WALK IN WONDER

Travel the Trails in 2026



Photo by Zoe Wickler

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) is rolling out our new **Walk in Wonder** hike-a-thon this summer to raise funds for local land conservation. Explore SMLC's most scenic nature preserves including protected wildlife habitats, land restoration project areas, and farmland. Event hikers will travel through diverse scenery representing southeast Michigan's varied natural areas and open space.

The **Walk in Wonder 2026** goals are:

- Encourage hikers to explore SMLC's nature preserves and share their experiences with others
- Raise \$15,000 (fundraising for SMLC's mission and programs in 2026)
- Promote the wonder and beauty of southeast Michigan's natural world

Hikers will visit up to 7 of SMLC's most scenic nature preserves. They raise funds for SMLC through their registration and team supporters. The more supporters, the more hikers raise. Hikers are encouraged to hike all 7 featured nature preserves (or a minimum of 5) and share their experiences with their supporters and SMLC. For more information: see back side of this flier and www.smlcland.org



SMLC MISSION

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy conserves natural land and open space – including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, and places of scenic beauty – to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people.





SMLC is a 501(c)3 qualified conservation organization founded in 1988. During the past 38 years, SMLC has protected nearly 3,500 acres across the region and has been the lead conservation partner for the Superior Greenway conservation project - 2,751 acres of protected farmland, woods, wetlands, and grasslands in eastern Washtenaw County.

Event Details

When:

June 27th, Kickoff Event at Lost Lake Nature Preserve, 1:30-3:30 pm

August 24th, Event Hiking concludes

August 30th, Celebration Event and Hike at the Conservancy Farm, 12:00-3:00 pm

Where:

Seven of SMLC's nature preserves: 5 are located in the Superior Greenway (Washtenaw County), plus Lost Lake (Oakland County) and Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve – West Prairie (Wayne County).

How to Participate:

Hiker registration is \$45/person. <https://givebutter.com/WalkinWonder/register>

Hikers register by choosing a fundraising goal for their team of supporters (suggested minimum is \$270, and 5 supporters), and submit a short story as to why they are participating. Hikers share their Givebutter page link with supporters for event donations.

The **Walk in Wonder** hike-a-thon also accepts donations from individuals who do not wish to hike and are not supporting a registered hiker (donations are \$45 minimum). <https://givebutter.com/WalkinWonder>

Celebration Event:

All hikers and event donors will be invited to the August 30th Celebration event and hike. SMLC will provide good food and drinks, and fun prizes. SMLC will also present our biennial awards to key volunteers and partner organizations. Anyone is welcome to sign-up, \$45/person, if they are not a hiker or event donor. Sign-up will be available later this summer: <https://givebutter.com/WalkinWonder>

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Sponsors: Corporate and Individual sponsorships are available, visit www.smlcland.org for more information.