

### Chequamegon Chapter

**WISCONSIN** - We held our last scheduled trail maintenance of the season on October 24th. We had an astounding nine volunteers. Considering the snow, this was awesome. We basically reclaimed a section of NCT that had become an ATV trail with this trail maintenance in the City of Mellen. This accomplishment is due to the efforts of Bill Menke, the City of Mellen, Tana Turonie and Mike Trieschmann. ATV riders have been routed onto an alternative trail by City efforts.

It has been an amazing year! Thank you all for your dedication. Memories for a lifetime!

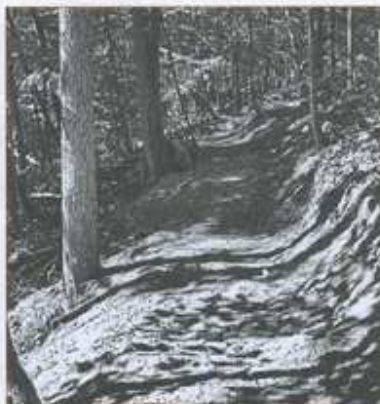
—Marty Swank



Chequamegon "before" photo.



Chequamegon "after" photo, crew pictured left to right: Rick Pomerleau, Bob Erickson, John Beguhn, Lisa McGinley, Laura Nitsche, Mary Stenberg, Bob Norlin, Mike Trieschmann.



Western Michigan Chapter opened a new section of trail in Lowell.

### September's Volunteer Adventure



"Adventurer" Carolyn doing serious benching near the Little Garlic River in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

### Little Garlic River Trail Construction

**UPPER MICHIGAN** - Marquette: This project was intended to construct as much of a new five mile segment of trail as possible. The project attracted 24 "adventurers" who contributed a total of 813 hours! When the entire stretch is finished it will get hikers off a long dusty temporary road walk. By the end of the week, the entire project area had been cleared and it will be blazed in the near future, at least allowing hikers to follow an off-road route through the woods. More importantly perhaps, within this stretch, about ¼ mile of high quality trail (tread work) was completed. Progress was slowed by the extreme steepness and rockiness of the area.

—Bill Menke

### Western Michigan Chapter Clears New Trail Section

**LOWER MICHIGAN** - We made great progress on a spectacular new section of trail in Lowell, at the north end of Fallasburg Park. This trail winds past huge cottonwoods, oaks and hickories as it overlooks the Flat River. It passes large fields of cobbles and big boulders left behind during the ice age. This is an exceptionally scenic area!

(Photo at left)

### Brand New Ni-Miikanaake Chapter Begins With A Chance Meeting

**UPPER MICHIGAN** - Dick Swanson had a conversation with NCTA's Bill Menke three years ago when the latter was staying at Dick's Regal Country Inn in the far western end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, about the lack of a group to maintain existing trail and the gap that remained at the Michigan-Wisconsin border. Because Dick has an abiding interest in tourism, he saw that a completed trail would be a local boon, so began to work with area NCTA members to create a new chapter and with local land management agencies to fix up existing trail in both Ottawa National Forest and the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. Volunteers have already cleared and reblazed much of the existing trail in the eastern end of their area, while alternative routes for the missing segment are being pondered with the National Park Service.

With input from local native Americans, the chapter name was developed. Ni-Miikanaake means "I Make a Trail" in Ojibwa, and their logo will reflect that heritage, too. This new chapter is already working with the Chequamegon Chapter on the 2010 annual conference to be held in Ashland, Wisconsin.

