

Northern Forest Canoe Trail
Presentation by Jeff Liebel – President of the NFCT
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The Northern Forest Canoe Trail is a 740 mile inland paddling trail tracing historic travel routes across New York, Vermont, Quebec, New Hampshire, and Maine. The mission of the NFCT organization is to connect people to the Trail's natural environment, human heritage, and contemporary communities by stewarding, promoting, and providing access to canoe and kayak experiences along this route. NFCT provides trail access, trail mapping, trail construction and stewardship, but in addition, it differentiates itself by the depth of programs and involvement within the communities along the trail, such as rural tourism development and youth paddling programming.

Joining us to tell the story of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail and take us on a journey along its lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and portages is Jeff Liebel, president of the board of directors of NFCT. Jeff is an avid paddler and instructor in canoe and kayak along with his wife Laura who operates WeKanu Paddling School in Buffalo, NY. Jeff is a past president and former member of the national board of directors of the American Canoe Association, is a New York State Licensed Guide and a member of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association and the Adirondack Mt. Club. When not in the outdoors he is the managing partner of a management consulting firm that works with family and closely held businesses throughout the United States. His interactive presentation will offer a tasting of experiences from a day paddle to a through paddle, from the well utilized resources of New York State to the remote reaches of Maine's moose country. Jeff will provide a history of the trail and explore some of the unique work of the organization, such as helping communities along the route to rebuild their economic foundations through Trail tourism and connecting local youth to the overlooked natural wonder in own their backyard.

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