



Poto Overview

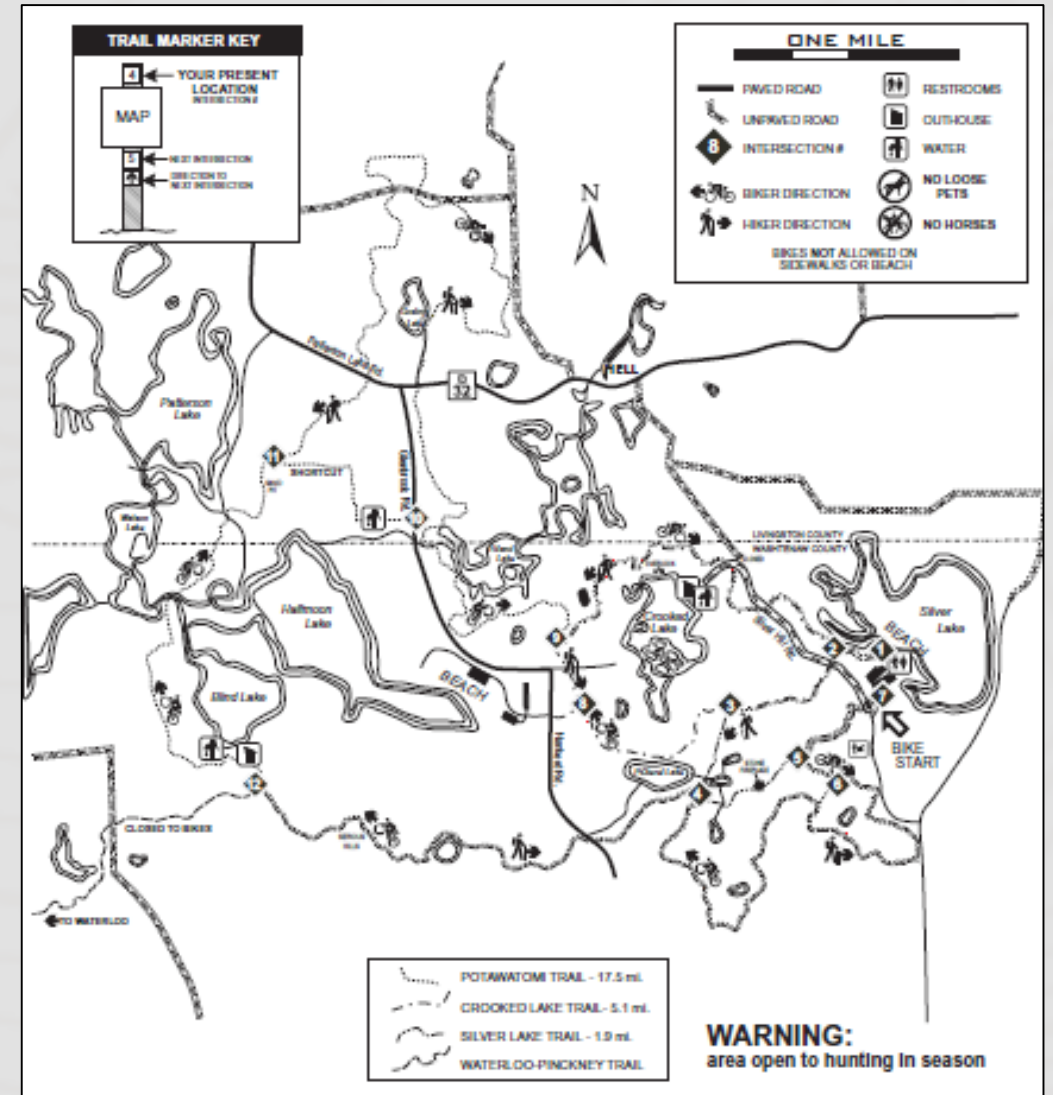
The Potawatomi “Poto” is a **20+ mile multi-use trail** at Pinckney Recreation Area and one of Michigan’s most popular trail systems:

“According to Singletracks trail reviewers, the Potawatomi trails are among the most popular in the state, and for that reason we also included them in the Michigan Five2Ride.” - Singletracks.com

“The 17.5-mile loop within Pinckney Recreation Area is arguably the most popular in Southeast Michigan.” - Detroit Free Press, Freep.com

It caters to **all types of outdoor enthusiasts**:

- Supports multi-use recreation, highly popular among advanced mountain bikers and trail runners
- Also supports hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing
- Varied multi-use **HIGH VISIBILITY** events are hosted here annually



The Poto needs help...

Built 50+ years ago before sustainable building practices, this unique trail has experienced **significant degradation and negative environmental impacts, and a decline in user enthusiasm**

The Poto MBA strives to **restore the trail system for today's users and future generations to come.**

Our revitalization imperatives include:

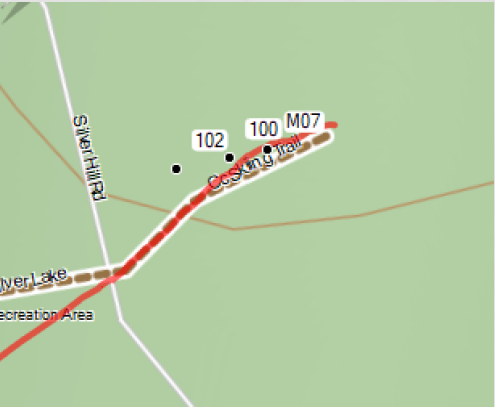
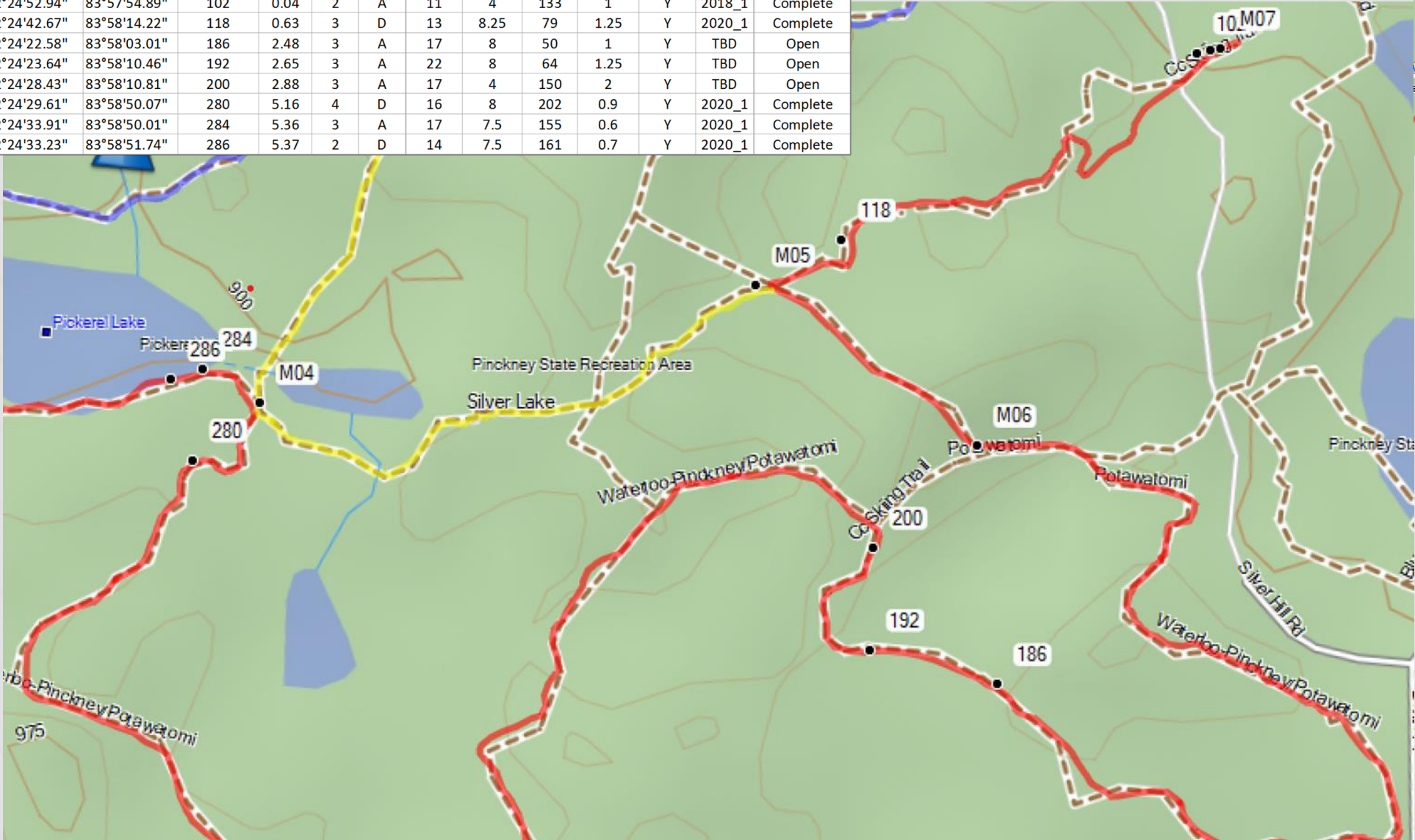
- Updating the trail tread to current sustainability standards
- Enhancing multi-use user experience
- Combating erosion and wetlands sedimentation
- Removing geoweb
- Maintaining the physical challenge, increasing the skills requirement, enhancing a backcountry experience and maintaining a classic singletrack trail experience
- We are also focused as an organization on elimination of invasive plants along the trails

Revitalization entails reroutes and advanced trail building techniques such as rock armoring and re-contouring.



Initial Revitalization Scope – select geoweb locations

Latitude	Longitude	LOC_ID	Miles	Class	Ascent	% Slope	Width'	Length'	Depth'	GeoTex	Project	Status
42°24'53.14"	83°57'54.11"	100	0.02	2	A	2	5.5	45	0.5	Y	2018_1	Complete
42°24'52.94"	83°57'54.89"	102	0.04	2	A	11	4	133	1	Y	2018_1	Complete
42°24'42.67"	83°58'14.22"	118	0.63	3	D	13	8.25	79	1.25	Y	2020_1	Complete
42°24'22.58"	83°58'03.01"	186	2.48	3	A	17	8	50	1	Y	TBD	Open
42°24'23.64"	83°58'10.46"	192	2.65	3	A	22	8	64	1.25	Y	TBD	Open
42°24'28.43"	83°58'10.81"	200	2.88	3	A	17	4	150	2	Y	TBD	Open
42°24'29.61"	83°58'50.07"	280	5.16	4	D	16	8	202	0.9	Y	2020_1	Complete
42°24'33.91"	83°58'50.01"	284	5.36	3	A	17	7.5	155	0.6	Y	2020_1	Complete
42°24'33.23"	83°58'51.74"	286	5.37	2	D	14	7.5	161	0.7	Y	2020_1	Complete



Revamping the trailhead



100 & 102

Moosejaw Grant #1

Goal: garner support for future initiatives



In 2020, we've begun to replace significant amounts of plastic geoweb while addressing eroded areas

Before



After



2020 – #118: The first mile...

Before



After

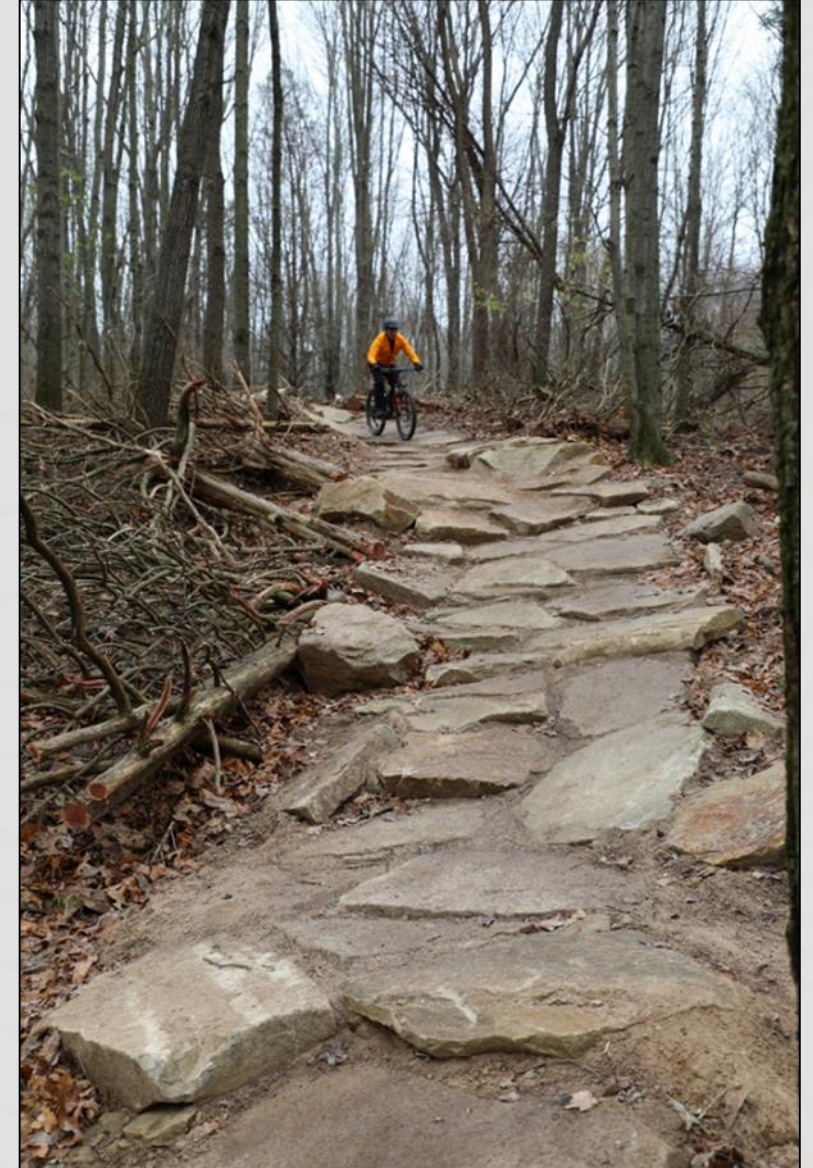


2020 – #280: Near the “Four Corners” trail intercept point

Before



After

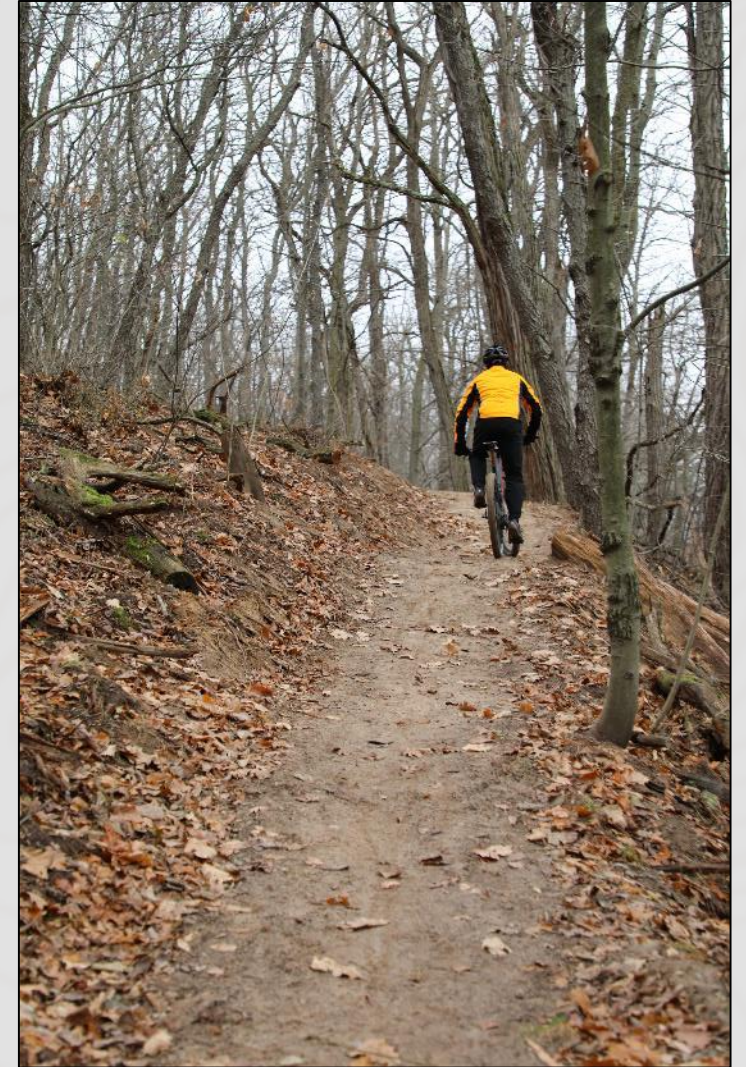


2020 – #284: Pickerel Lake Overlook... the front side

Before



After

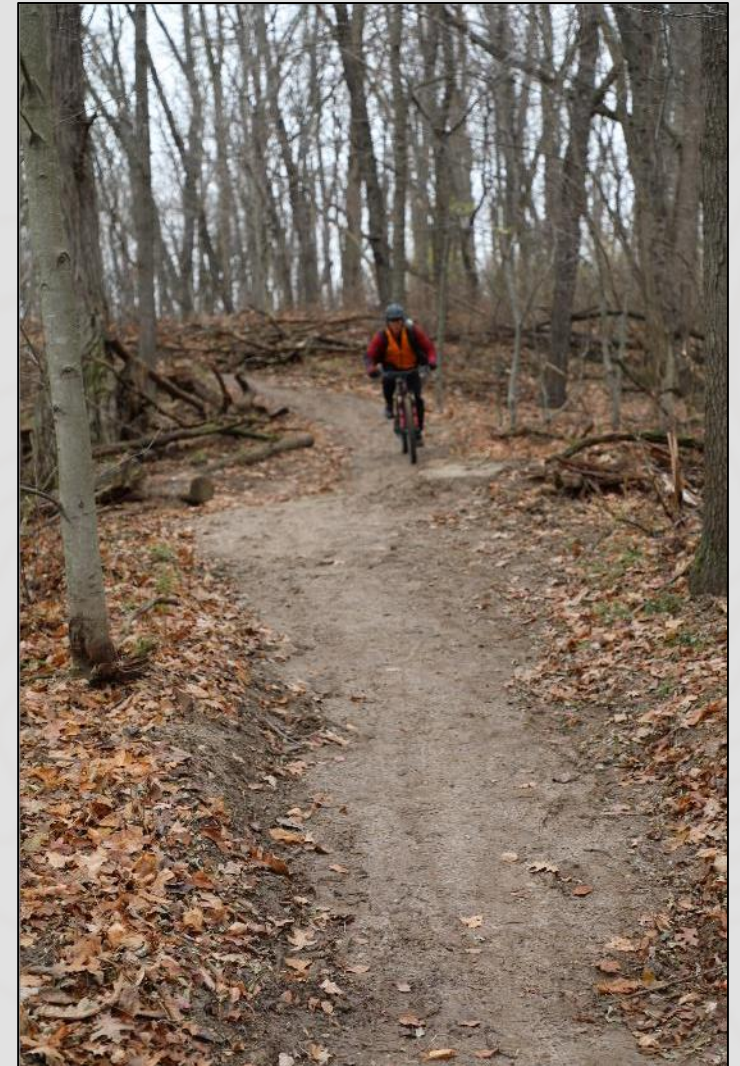


2020 – #286: Pickerel Lake Overlook... the backside

Before



After



Preliminary results - magnitude

Class*	# of instances
Class 2	169
Class 3	119
Class 4	50
Total	338

*Survey result classification system:

Extent of erosion based upon: % slope, width/length of erosion, depth of erosion, assessment of stability, etc.

Note: Class 1 excluded from analysis

Opportunity at the Poto abounds!



Examples of erosion



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The background of the slide is a light gray topographic map. It features numerous contour lines of varying thickness and spacing, creating a complex, wavy pattern across the entire surface. Some faint numerical labels, such as '10600', '10800', and '11000', are visible, indicating elevation levels.

What's Next 2021 and Beyond

2021 – Initial focus areas

#186



#192



#200



Fundraising

2018

- Moosejaw Grant \$10k

2020

- Second Moosejaw Grant (2020) - \$25k
- Michigan DNR Matching Grant - \$25k
- Triple Trail Challenge Fundraising - \$18.4k

2021

- Michigan DNR Matching Grant - \$30k
- Submitted Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (MDNRTF) - \$300k

Upcoming focus

- Grants: Moosejaw, MDNR, other
- Grassroots: TTC, Trails to Tables, individual donations
- Poto Project Awareness, Webpage, Signage

