



## Statewide DNR News

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### Segment of the North Central State Trail closed due to washout

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently discovered that recent rains have washed out a portion of the North Central State Trail in Otsego County.

An approximate 3/4-mile section of trail temporarily will close between Summit and Badgley roads in Corwith Township, just south of Vanderbilt. The DNR asks the public to respect the trail closures and bypass the hazard by utilizing local roads until this portion of the trail is reopened.

The DNR is working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to address the drainage issue and determine the best repair going forward. An estimated time for repairs is not available at this time, but the goal is to have the trail repaired and open for the snowmobile season, which officially begins Dec. 1.

"This same culvert had similar issues that were caused by beavers two years ago and we were able to fix it," said Dave Stempky, the DNR's Cheboygan Field Office manager. "With the recent amount of rain and subsequent flowing debris, the culvert is likely plugged again and is likely undermined. The DNR and DEQ will work on identifying the appropriate size and angle of the culvert to help avoid this type of issue in the future."

Additional information on closures and trail detours in DNR facilities, including state trails, boat launches, parks and campgrounds, can be found at [www.michigan.gov/dnrclosures](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrclosures).

Questions about the trail closure may be directed to Dave Stempky at 231-627-9011 or [stempkyd1@michigan.gov](mailto:stempkyd1@michigan.gov).

**/Editor's note:** Accompanying photos are available below for download. Suggested caption information follows.

A 3/4-mile section of the North Central State Trail, located in Corwith Township in Otsego County, temporarily has been closed between Summit and Badgley roads, due to a washout./

