



**HEADWATERS**  
**LAND CONSERVANCY**

*Preserving the lands and waters of northeast Michigan.*

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**HEADWATERS LAND CONSERVANCY TO HOST A SNOWSHOE HIKE THROUGH BEAUTIFUL PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY**

Join HeadWaters Land Conservancy on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:30pm for a chance to snowshoe through scenic Pigeon River country, and experience one of the Conservancy's newest conservation successes! This hike will be lead by local naturalist and Pigeon River State Forest historian, Joe Jarecki.

As we hike along a cedar swamp that overlooks the beautiful Pigeon River, we'll learn about the history and significance of the Pigeon River State Forest to northern Michigan and about how HeadWaters Land Conservancy is partnering with local landowners to help protect it forever. After the hike we'll continue to enjoy the beautiful winter surroundings while warming ourselves with cups of hot cider around an outdoor bonfire!

HeadWaters Land Conservancy will be hosting several events throughout 2010 that will focus on bringing the public closer to the land conservation work that the Conservancy is doing throughout the 11 counties of northeast Michigan. These outdoor, interactive events are designed to give people a rare, firsthand look at some of the most scenic places that HeadWaters is protecting. Please join us for the very first event in this series to celebrate Pigeon River country, one of the truly stunning examples of northern Michigan's rich natural resources.



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Participants are asked to meet in the parking lot of the Corwith Township Hall in Vanderbilt, MI at 10:00am on March 6<sup>th</sup>. From here, the group will drive out to the starting point of the hike together. The snowshoe hike will last just over an hour and will culminate with hot cider and snacks around a hearty outdoor bonfire.

Snow will be deep in Pigeon River country this time of year so snowshoes will be necessary to participate in this event. If you are interested in participating in this event and need more information about directions or places to rent snowshoes in the area, please contact Abigail Ertel, Huron Pines AmeriCorps Member at 989-731-0573 or by e-mail at [land@headwatersconservancy.org](mailto:land@headwatersconservancy.org). The Conservancy also asks that you RSVP by calling the office, if you plan on attending this event.

*HeadWaters Land Conservancy is dedicated to protecting the natural beauty of northern Michigan by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment.*

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A view of the Pigeon River