

# Camera Work



Aster.



Dew on grass.



Autumn leaves in creek.

## GET LOST hiking the trail

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For those who prefer to take the road less traveled, the Lost Creek Hiking Trail awaits. A variety of fauna and flora abound on this seemingly undiscovered 6-mile foot trail (one way), beginning in Groen Park in west Chatfield, continuing through Jordan Township and ending at Ninebark Road. But don't be surprised if you encounter no one and have the trail — made available through the generosity of private

landowners — all to yourself.

While runners sometimes use the trail to train, landowner Steve Bailey says he has seen about three hikers on the trail since it opened in 2011. He's happy to spread the word "as long as people going through it are respectful and enjoy it."

The trail, closed during deer-hunting season, offers an extensive range of terrain and ecosystems that include pasture, prairie, agricultural land and forest.



A spider on wood.



Autumn maple leaf.



Blowing thistle.



Fly agaric mushroom in tree.



Grasshopper on leaf.



Hiker in woods on Lost Creek Hiking Trail near Chatfield.



Caterpillar.

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My husband and I are avid hikers, and some of our more memorable and challenging hikes include Harney Peak in South Dakota; the Kalalau Trail in Kauai, Hawaii; the Ram Head Trail on the island of St. John; the Maah Daah Hey Trail in North Dakota and Cascade Mountain in the Adirondacks of New York.

About halfway into the Lost Creek Hiking Trail, we decided we had a new favorite hiking trail in Southeast Minnesota; it is a treasure.

Though we'd like to keep the place a secret so we can continue to have the trail seemingly to ourselves, it is far too special not to spread the word and include others.

**Photographer's tip:** I don't typically do a lot of macro photography, which involves using macro lenses specifically designed to take extreme close-ups of subjects.

But I did on this hike and enjoyed it immensely, as it opens up a world of photographic possibilities. Mother nature is the perfect environment in which to experiment.

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