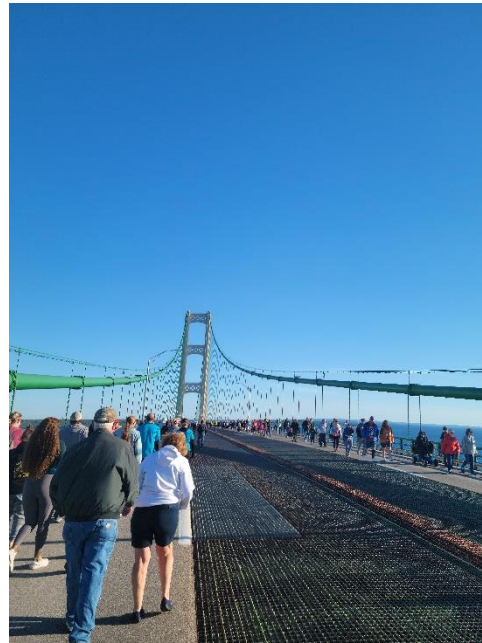


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Today was the annual [Walk the Bridge](#) event, the only day of the year pedestrians are allowed on the bridge. The bridge is closed from 6:00 AM in the morning until noon. There were over 40,000 people walking, some being carried or in a stroller, some being pushed in a chair, some using walkers, and some just like me. The bridge is a section of the longest National Scenic Trail in the nation, the [North Country Trail](#). Therefore, hikers that want the prestige of completing the [North Country Trail](#) must walk across the Mackinac Bridge plus there are people who walk all the way across and back (10 miles). I did not have good enough socks and shoes to do 10 miles without getting blisters. If we come back it would have to be over Labor Day to walk the bridge again.

There must have been 50 State Patrol and EMT on the bridge with emergency vehicles. There were ½ dozen police boats in the water below the bridge and several police cars barricading the entrances to the bridge. There must have been dozens of people setting up in the parks, helping people park and get to and from the bridge. This is a very well run event.



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After the walk we went to [Java Joes](#) for breakfast, the wait was 30 minutes and there was not even 1/2 of the number of people waiting for a table yesterday. It was a unique dining experience with good food.



On the way we stopped at the [Museum of the Ojibwa Culture](#). Its small and interesting. At a point in our history, there was an attempt to annihilate the Ojibwa Indian culture to assimilate them into the white European culture.

