

*How comforting
to know these
special places
are protected...forever.*



*A mini-guide to nature preserves of
the Little Traverse Conservancy*

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Preserve Profile by County

	#	Acres
Charlevoix	34	1,253
Cheboygan	23	1,233
Chippewa	10	1,319
Emmet	68	2,646
Mackinac	15	1,217
TOTAL	150	7,668

We encourage the use of our preserves for hiking, nature study, photography, and other types of recreation. When visiting the preserves, please do not remove any plant, animal, or other natural features. State law requires pets to be on a leash at all times. Hunting is allowed only on certain properties. Please call our office for more information.

The preserves highlighted in this brochure are some of the Conservancy's most accessible preserves and we encourage you to visit them. Interpretive information is available at some of the properties, and all of the sites include trail or boardwalk to facilitate comfortable travel.

A complete list of preserves is available through our office or on our website.

Since 1972, the Little Traverse Conservancy has worked with landowners to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northern Michigan. The Conservancy protects significant land and scenic areas and provides opportunities for all of us to appreciate and understand the environment. As of mid-2004, more than 22,000 acres of land and 70 miles of shoreline had been permanently protected through a variety of conservation tools.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

1 Round Island Point Nature Preserve

775 acres with 2¼ miles Lake Superior frontage

A mile long hiking loop and overlook exists.

Directions: From Sault Ste. Marie, head south on Hwy. 75 to exit 392. Travel west on Three Mile Road approximately 1 mile and turn left (south) on 20th street (S. Bakerside Road) and then travel 3 miles and turn right on 6 Mile Road. Go 5 miles and turn right (north) on Birch Point Road (east loop). Go for ½ mile and turn right onto a paved road. This is the property's road, which extends for one mile.



CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

4 Colonial Point Memorial Forest/ Chaboiganing Nature Preserve



Colonial Point Memorial Forest: 290 acres
Chaboiganing Nature Preserve: 192 acres
More than 2½ miles of easy trails.

Directions: Take US-31 north from Petoskey to Brutus Road. Turn right (east) on Brutus Road. Parking lot for the Chaboiganing Preserve is across from the Burt Lake Market. Colonial Point Forest is located on the first road on the right past the market. The trailhead/entrance is ¼ mile east on Indian Point Road.

MACKINAC COUNTY

2 Oliver and Edna Birge Nature Preserve



275 acres with 1.2 miles Lake Huron frontage

A quarter mile trail and boardwalk leads to Loon Lake.

Directions: From the Mackinac Bridge follow I-75 north about 14 miles to M-134. Take M-134 east 11

miles to Point Brulee Road. Follow Point Brulee Road south ¼ mile. The preserve is on both sides of the road. From Hessel, head west two miles on M-134 to Point Brulee Road and head south ¼ mile to preserve.

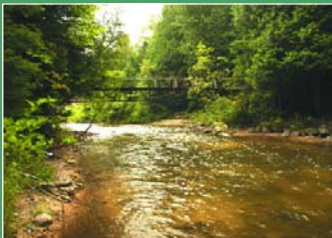
CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

3 Agnes S. Andreae Nature Preserve

81 acres with 1.1 miles Pigeon River frontage

A mile hiking loop from the parking area crosses the river.

Directions: From Indian River, take M-68 east and turn left onto Onaway Road. Follow Onaway Road about 1½ miles to Riverwood Road and turn right. At the "T" junction with Big Sky Trail, the preserve sign is visible near the gate.



EMMET COUNTY

6 Goodhart Farms Nature Preserve



625 acres

Established hiking trails are planned for Summer, 2004.

Directions: From Harbor Springs take State Road north to Robinson Road. Turn left and travel approximately three miles. Look for the sign on the left.

7 Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve

168 acres and 3,400 feet along Minnehaha Creek
Three easy hiking trails total roughly three miles.

Directions: From Petoskey, take Mitchell Road east 7 miles to Maxwell Road. Turn right and go about ¾ mile to the preserve sign on the right side of the road.

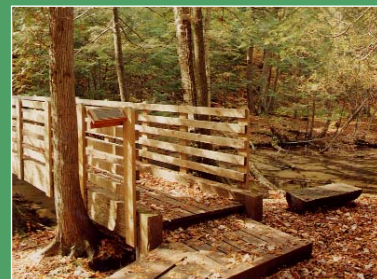


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8 Oden Island Nature Preserve

50 acres and one mile Crooked Lake frontage
An easy one mile trail and benches.

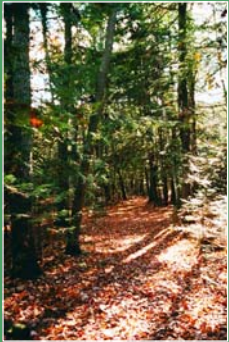
Directions: From Petoskey, take US-31 north to Pickerel Lake Road. Turn right and follow until Pickerel turns into Channel Road. Follow Channel Road to Oden Island Road and turn left. Once on the island, turn right on Leeward Drive. Where Leeward meets a "Y" and takes a sharp left, follow the two-track to the right until it ends where you can park.



9 Round Lake Nature Preserve

60 acres and 2,500 feet on Round Lake
Easy walking trails total less than a mile and include lakeside access.

Directions: From US-31 in Petoskey, take M-119 about 1½ miles north to Powell Road. Turn right on Powell and take the first driveway on the right, which is the entrance to the Little Traverse Conservancy office. The trailhead is directly off of the parking lot.



10 Stutsmanville Bog Nature Preserve

65 acres

A quarter mile trail leads to a bog overlook.

Directions: From Harbor Springs, take State Road north approximately five miles. Look for the preserve sign on the right-hand side of the road. Parking access is just before the sign.



11 Thorne Swift Nature Preserve

30 acres and 300 feet on Lake Michigan
Features include a nature center, beach access, dune observation platform, pond observation platform, gazebo, amphitheatre, and seasonal guided programs. Three boardwalked trails total 1½ miles of easy hiking.

Directions: From Harbor Springs, take M-119 northwest approximately four miles to Lower Shore Drive. Follow Lower Shore Drive for about ½ mile. The preserve is on the left. (Parking fee of \$3 for non-township residents.)



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

12 North Point Nature Preserve

27 acres and 2,800 feet Lake Michigan frontage
A network of trails connect with Mt. McSauba recreation area.

Directions: From US-31 on the north end of Charlevoix, take Mercer Rd. north to Pleasant Street. Turn left onto Mt. McSauba Rd. Turn right before the dirt road. The preserve is on the left.



13 Charles A. Ransom Nature Preserve

80 acres

A 1½ mile trail is quite hilly.

Directions: From Petoskey take US-31 south approximately 9 miles to Burgess Road and turn left. Go 3½ miles to Quarterline Road and turn left. Then go one mile to Maple Grove Road and turn left. The parking lot is about ¼ mile down Maple Grove Road.



14 Raven Ridge Nature Preserve

140 acres

More than 1½ miles of trails and a valley overlook.

Directions: From Petoskey, take US-131 into Boyne Falls. Turn west on M-75 toward Boyne City. Turn left onto C-48 (Deer Lake Road). Follow C-48 to stop sign and turn left toward East Jordan (still C-48). Go 4 miles. Turn left



on Pearsall Road. Within 50 feet, turn left again onto Fuller Road. Go over Deer Creek and up the big hill (¾ mile). You can park at Raven Hill Discovery Center on the right or travel further up the hill and take a left at the "T". A parking area is found on the right.

15 Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve

55 acres

More than a mile of hiking trail.

Directions: From Charlevoix, take M-66 south approximately 7 miles to Sleepy Hollow Lane which is opposite Phelps Road. Turn left onto Sleepy Hollow Lane. The parking area is just a short way down on the left.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY



16 Susan Creek Nature Preserve

132 acres with creek and road frontage.
Some trails exist and additional trails are planned for 2004.

Directions: From Charlevoix, follow US-31 four miles east. Look for preserve sign and green gate on right. Parking is at the gate.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BEAVER ISLAND

17 Barney's Lake Nature Preserve

120 acres and 2,200 feet
Barney's Lake frontage
Several two-track roads intersect the property and a lake viewing area exists.

Directions: From Port of St. James, take Kings Hwy. south to Darkeytown Road and turn right. Continue

about two miles and the preserve can be found on both sides of the road. A sign will be visible on the left side.



18 Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve



60 acres and 1,300 feet Lake Michigan frontage
A trail and footbridge lead to an excellent shallow swimming beach. Adjacent to state land.

Directions: From the Welke's airport, go south on East Shore Drive for approximately 200 yards. Look for a sign on the left side of the road.

19 Miller's Marsh Natural Area

200 acres and inland lake frontage
Ecologically diverse site with trails.

Directions: Take the King's Highway south out of St. James, for 4 miles. Turn right (west) onto Paid Een Ogs Rd. Continue about 1½ miles. At the four corners and airport, turn left (south) onto West Side Drive. Continue on West Side Drive approximately 5 miles to Millers Marsh Natural Area, which will be on the left side (east) of the road.

