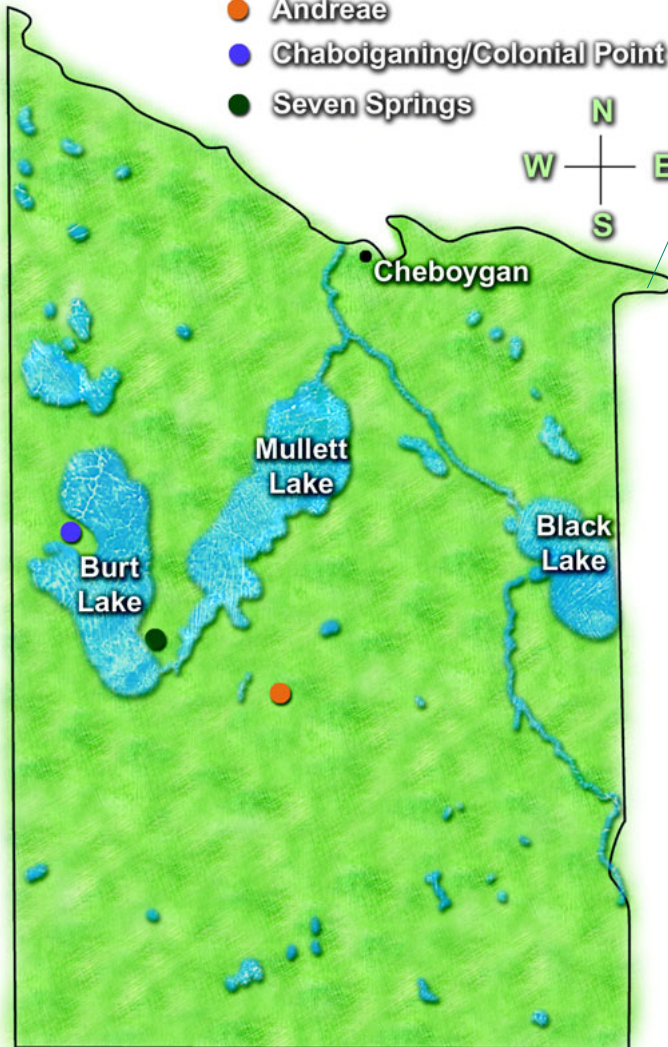
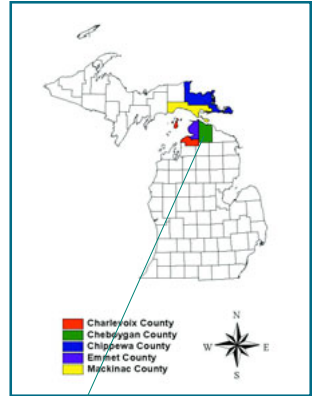


map of Cheboygan County Preserves



- Andreae
- Chaboiganing/Colonial Point
- Seven Springs



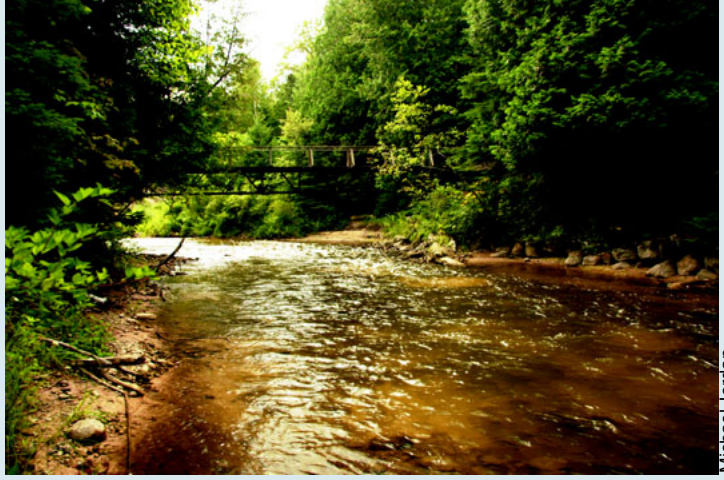
Agnes S. Andreae Nature Preserve

Size: 81 acres

Water frontage:
1.1 miles
Pigeon River

Characteristics:
Set in the Pigeon River Country, the Andreae Preserve exhibits the Jack Pine stands typical of the region.

Accessibility:
A two-track road provides access to the cabin. Established trails will be completed in 2003. A footbridge crosses the river.



Michael Jordan

In 1983, Agnes S. Andreae donated 27 acres of land with frontage on the Pigeon River to the Little Traverse Conservancy. The donation included a small cabin built upon a bluff overlooking the river. Over the years, local scout troops and other community groups have used the cabin for overnight retreats and made improvements to the cabin.

In 2000 and 2001, the Conservancy acquired additional 33-acre and 21-acre parcels, adding much-desired hiking space and protecting an additional mile of river frontage. Adjacent land was also protected in 2001 adding 30 more acres to the preserve and, through a reserved life estate, protecting another 2.9 miles of Pigeon River frontage.

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.



Colonial Point Memorial Forest/ Chaboiganing Nature Preserve



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Size:

Colonial Point Memorial Forest: 290 acres
Chaboiganing Nature Preserve: 192 acres

Characteristics: Colonial Point includes 100-150 year old red oaks, the largest stand in the northern Lower Peninsula.

Accessibility: Over 2½ miles of easy trails for hiking and cross country skiing.

The protection of this remarkable area began in 1985 when the Colonial Point Forest was purchased by a sawmill and slated for heavy logging. The local community voiced great concern for this treasured area which is home to one of the most extraordinary red oak forests in the Midwest. In response, the Little Traverse Conservancy coordinated an effort to purchase the property with a significant grant from the

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Many partners, including the University of Michigan Biological Station, the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, local property owners and other caring citizens joined forces to raise the additional funds needed to complete the purchase. Colonial Point is now owned by the Biological Station.

In 1993, the Little Traverse Conservancy was able to use donated funds to purchase 192 acres adjacent to the Colonial Point Memorial Forest. Known as the Chaboiganing Nature Preserve, this land further protects a diversity of habitats which combine for one of the most significant protected areas in the region.



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.

Seven Springs Nature Preserve

Size: 53 acres

Frontage: 2,200 feet along Burt Lake

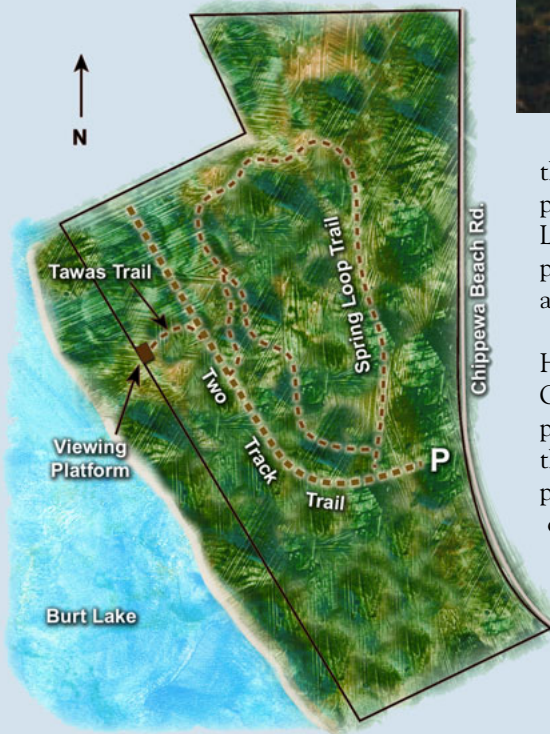
Characteristics: A number of water flowages associated with the springs provide habitat for the endangered Michigan Monkey Flower.

Accessibility: Parking area off Chippewa Beach Road leads to less than ½ mile of combined trails with an overlook at the lake.

Beautiful upland forest graces this preserve's upper portions while dense forested wetlands can be found below



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the dramatic bluff that runs across the property just back from the water's edge. Lakeshore wetlands and offshore waters provide feeding and spawning habitat for a number of fish species.

The Conservancy acknowledges the Harris, Harris, and Weiss families of Columbus Beach, who initiated the land's protection. When the property was put on the market, these families partnered to provide funding toward its purchase, and coordinate fundraising efforts which brought additional support from Columbus Beach families and many other Burt Lake residents and resorters.

Directions: From Hwy. 27 in Indian River, turn west onto Prospect Road, just north of the bridge. Continue straight onto Chippewa Beach Road which curves north. Look for the preserve sign about ¼ mile past the curve.

Other Preserves in Cheboygan County



Banwell Nature Preserve

These 30 acres south of the Andreae Preserve includes uncut cedar, balsam, and white pine. An adjacent 330 acres of land are included within a reserved life estate and, with adjacent land, protect four miles along the Pigeon River.



Bear Saw Creek Preserve

The Conservancy purchased this 20-acre property at a bargain price from Bert Ebbers and Katie Parker in 2002. Bear Saw Creek, which flows through the property, is a northern tributary to Burt Lake.



Bessey Creek Nature Preserve

This half-acre preserve, located near the Judson Pike Marsh Preserve, consists of 300 feet of frontage on Douglas Lake at the mouth of Bessey Creek. The Conservancy purchased the property in 1989 with financial assistance from the Douglas Lake Improvement Association and the people of Douglas Lake.



Bullhead Bay Preserve

In 2000, the Conservancy purchased this 20-acre property, which was at high risk of development. It includes 2,000 feet of frontage on Burt Lake. The property was sold to the DNR in 2001.



Robert Fergus Memorial Nature Preserve

As a way to honor the life of Bob Fergus, his family provided funds to purchase a 16-acre nature preserve near Mullett Lake and donated it to the Conservancy in 2000. The property lies within the

Cheboygan County

Mullett Lake Watershed, and will contribute to the protection of water quality in that region.



Giauque Nature Preserve

This one-acre parcel, donated in 1991 by Mary Catherine Bingham, is located between M-27 and Ranch Road, just south of Topinabee. Approximately 600 feet of the preserve provide scenic road frontage. Not far from Mullett Lake, the wetlands on this preserve provide shelter and food for wildlife.



Judson Pike Marsh Nature Preserve

Darrell Judson donated this property to the Little Traverse Conservancy in 1986 in memory of his grandparents, John and Georgianna Judson, pioneers and homesteaders who previously owned and farmed the property. The preserve consists of 56 acres of low wetland with 300 feet of frontage on Douglas Lake.



Mud Lake Bog Nature Preserve (Wendy O'Neil Memorial Preserve)

For years, the Mud Lake Bog has been studied by researchers at the University of Michigan Biological Station. In 1999, the Conservancy launched a campaign to protect 132 acres within the bog, spurred on by donations given in memory of local conservationist Wendy O'Neil. The protected property includes 2,000 feet of meandering Mud Lake shoreline. Due to the fragile nature of bogs, only low-impact uses are permitted.

Needle Point Nature Preserve

The Conservancy acquired the original piece of this 20-acre preserve from Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ziegler in 1990. An additional 20 acres were purchased by the Conservancy with money donated in part by Mullett Lake residents and the Americana Foundation. Needle Point is an undisturbed forested wetland dominated by northern white cedar.



Pigeon River Nature Preserve

Accessible only by boat, the Pigeon River Preserve borders approximately ¼ mile of the Pigeon River and ¼ mile of the Little Pigeon River, which converge on the property. Elk, deer, and beaver are among the residents of this 40-acre preserve comprised of low and wet land. George and JoAnn Jury donated the land in 1982.



Sturgeon Bay Nature Preserve

Burt Lake residents largely funded the 40-acre purchase of this land by the Conservancy in 1995. A main concern was the amount of northern white cedar that had been cut and removed from the property in recent years which, if continued, would have greatly altered the character of the wetland, and negatively impacted the water quality of Burt Lake.



Tuscarora Township Parks

A public park providing access to the Inland Waterway was created in 2001 thanks to efforts of Tuscarora Township with assistance from the Conservancy, private funders, and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.