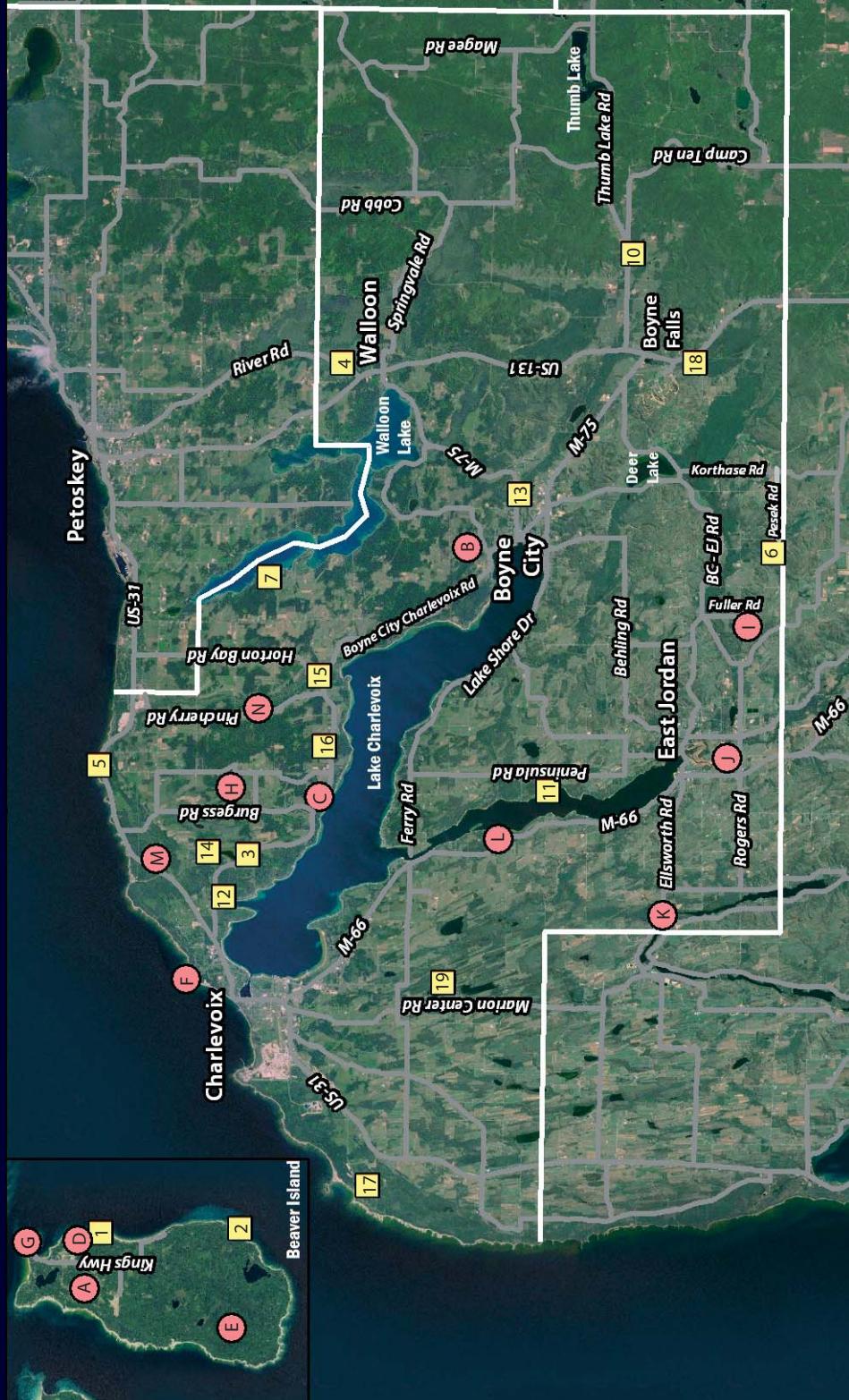


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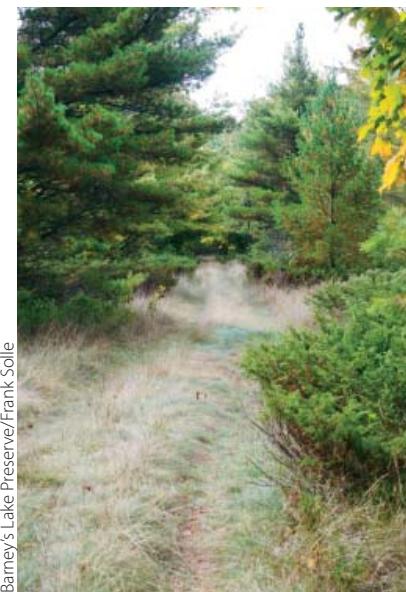




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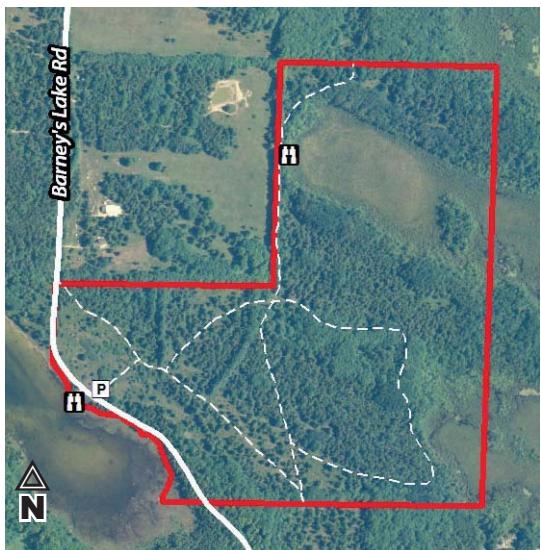
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Barney's Lake

**Size:** 112 acres**Frontage:** 2,200 feet on Barney's Lake**Land Description:** Habitats include open meadows with apple trees, hardwood forest, peatlands, sedge meadows, and cedar swamp.**Trails:** A parking area is located on the meadow side of the preserve. A total of 1.75 miles of trails meander the upland portion of the property.

Barney's Lake Preserve is located in the north central part of Beaver Island, about three miles southwest of St. James. The preserve was

donated to the Conservancy in 1988 by the heirs of Bernard and Margaret O'Donnell. Bernard O'Donnell (great-grand nephew) and Theresa Gacek (great-great-grand niece) were instrumental in carrying out the family's wishes that the land be kept in its natural state and available to the public.

The old O'Donnell homestead site is east of the lake across from the lake viewing area. Once cleared fields are now a study in plant succession and stones are piled along the old field and pasture boundaries.



Frank Solle

Directions: From Port of St. James, take Kings Hwy. south 1 1/4 miles to Barney's Lake Road North and turn right. Continue 2 1/2 miles and the preserve is on both sides of the road. Look for a sign on the left side. Parking is on the left.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

The Hill

Size: 106 acres

Land Description: A mix of pines and hardwoods offer a diversity of habitats. Apple trees are remnants of an old farmstead. Views of Lake Charlevoix are found at the highest points of the land. Part of the preserve is found within Boyne City limits.

Trails: Two miles of trails include old two-track roads as well as single tracks and are groomed for cross-country skiing by a volunteer.

In 1966, the families of Dr. Gene Herzog, Dr. John Herzog, and Dr. Lou Mirstik purchased this property for their family to have an "up north" destination. It was used for family gatherings and enjoyment for several decades. In 1996, the families donated a conservation easement to protect it from future development and in 2011, the land was donated to LTC as a nature preserve.

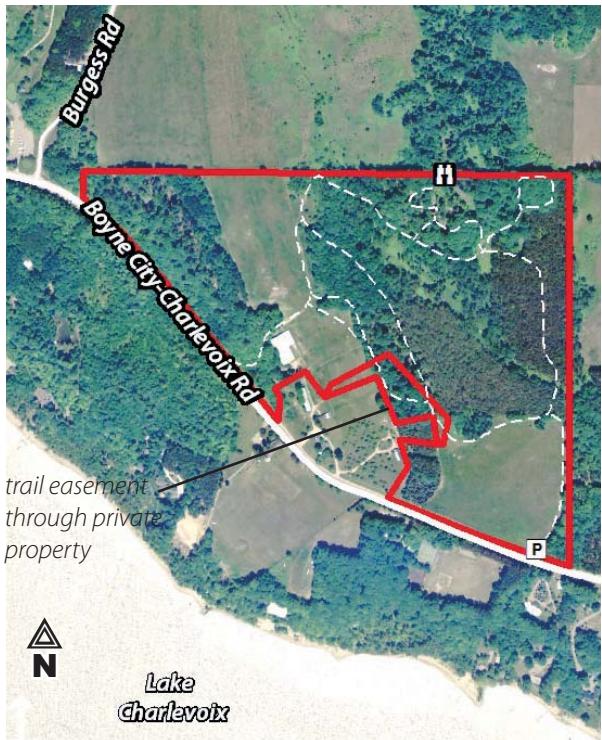


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Directions: From Boyne City at the intersection of Lake and Water St., go north on Lake for one mile. Lake St. turns into W. Michigan. Go .1 mile on W. Michigan and turn right on Charlevoix St. Go .7 mile north on Charlevoix St. Just past city limits, the preserve is on the right. Please do not block the gate.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Nathan "Barry" Driggers

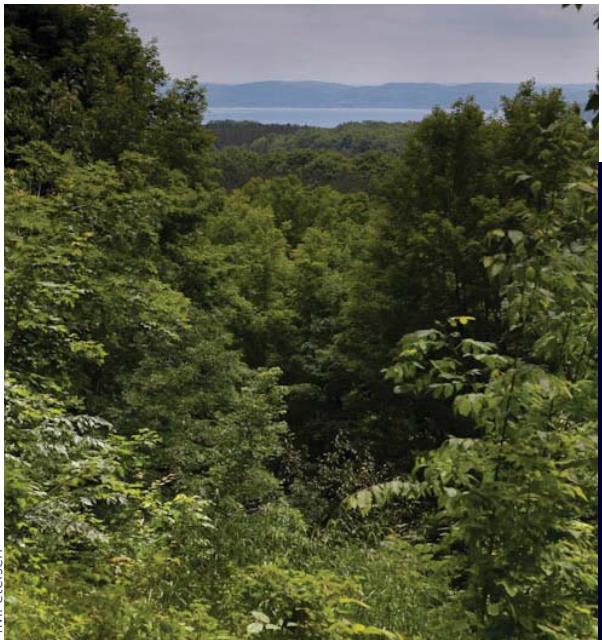


Size: 75 acres

Land Description: Once a farm, the property includes a pine plantation, open fields, and a high, forested ridge.

Trails: A 1½ mile trail system meanders through the preserve, providing views of Lake Charlevoix. A neighbor to the preserve has been grooming cross-country ski trails in the winter.

When the possibility of a 20-home development was raised for this property, grassroots fundraising by a neighborhood group resulted in the creation of this preserve. The preserve was named in honor of Barry Driggers who had a long conservation history throughout the country and whose family has summered in the Horton Bay region for decades.



Directions: From the intersection of US-31 just north of Charlevoix, head east on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and travel 5.3 miles. The preserve is found on the left side of the road.



Little Sand Bay

Size: 28 acres

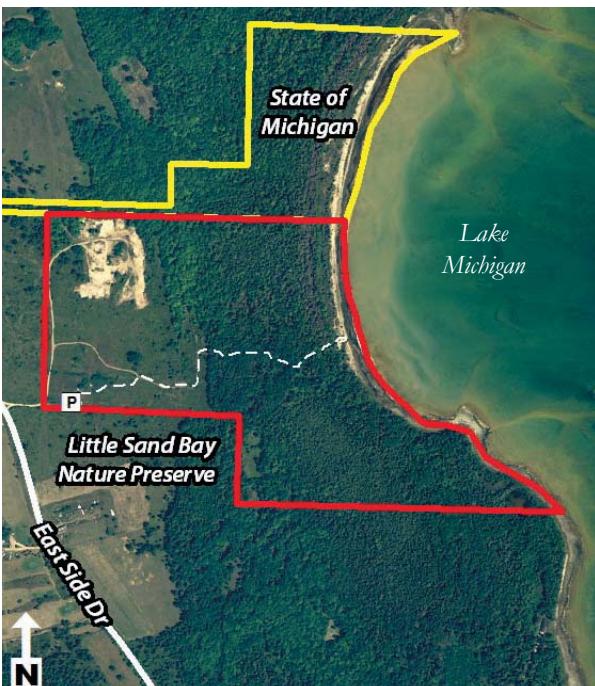
Frontage: 1,300 feet
on Lake Michigan

Land Description:

A mix of conifer forest, thick cedar swamp, and sand dune habitats. Lake Huron Tansy and other threatened or endangered species thrive here.

Trails: A short trail (.4 mile) and foot bridges allow visitors to explore without causing damage to the sensitive habitat. The preserve provides public access to the lake and to a shallow, marshy beach.

Designated by a group of island residents as the number one priority for acquisition and preservation, the Conservancy acquired the original 60 acres in 1994. In 1999, the Conservancy assisted the state in acquiring 30 more acres. In 2011, LTC purchased a 28-acre addition to the preserve with funds from the J.A. Wool-lam Foundation. When added to adjacent state land to the north, nearly 1½ miles of shoreline are now protected.



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



Miller's Marsh - Beaver Island



Size: 230 acres

Land Description: Miller's Marsh is the largest and most diverse marsh found on Beaver Island. This wetland's diversity consists of a combination of open shallow water, extensive sedge (to the west), and sphagnum mats (to the east) surrounded by a vast mature second growth beech-maple forest. Home to frogs, migratory birds, and water fowl.

Trails: A small parking area leads to a one mile trail that includes an interpretive brochure. This area also marks the southern end of the island's Doty's Camp Trail.



The southernmost body of water on Beaver Island's west side is Miller's Marsh, named after former Beaver Head Lighthouse Keeper Harrison "Tip" Miller. Purchased by the Little Traverse Conservancy in 1997, this property was conveyed to the Central Michigan University Biological Station in 1998.

Directions: From St. James, take the King's Hwy. south for 4 miles. Turn right (west) onto Paid Een Ogs Road. Continue about 1½ miles. At the four corners and airport turn left (south) onto West Side Drive. Continue on West Side Drive approximately five miles to Miller's Marsh which will be on the left (east) side of the road.



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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

North Point

Size: 27 acres

Frontage: 2,800 feet on Lake Michigan

Land Description: Opportunities to see several forests in several stages of succession, Lake Michigan shoreline and dunes, and three threatened plant species: Pitcher's Thistle, Lake Huron Tansy, and Pumpell's Bromegrass.

Trails:

Located adjacent to the Mt. McSauba recreation area just outside the city of Charlevoix, drive to the trailhead or enter from Mt. McSauba. A network of trails offers access to the beach and wooded back dunes (most frequently used trails are shown).

North Point was purchased with funds contributed by the people and businesses of the Charlevoix area, with the help of a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The land was deeded by LTC to Charlevoix Township as a public nature preserve.



Directions: From US-31 on the far north end of Charlevoix, take Mercer Road north (toward the lake). Turn left on Maple and then right on McSauba. Look for parking on your left near the sign or continue to the parking/turn around near the lakeshore.



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George & Althea Petritz



Size: 27 acres

Frontage: 500 feet on Lake Michigan

Land Description: Natural habitat for deer, wild turkey, and other animals as well as the state threatened Pitcher's Thistle and Lake Huron Tansy. From the beach, you will have views of Garden, Hog, and Squaw islands. The preserve provides significant waterfowl and migratory bird habitat.

Trails: Located at the northeast end of Beaver Island, this preserve is walking distance from St. James Bay and town. A trail from the road takes you to the beach.

In 2005, John Woollam started a vision of land protection for this beautiful corner of Beaver Island. Over the next several years, he made a series of six purchases to form the Petritz Preserve and then named it in honor of the family from whom he purchased the original 13 acres. In his personal description of the preserve, he wrote "People, animals, plants, and trees allowed. All other human-made structures or objects prohibited. I would like it to remain a place to quietly appreciate nature."



Directions: From Port of St. James, take Kings Hwy. south 1 1/4 miles to Barney's Lake Road North and turn right. Continue 2 1/2 miles and the preserve can be found on both sides of the road. Look for a sign on the left side. Parking is on the right.



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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Charles A. Ransom

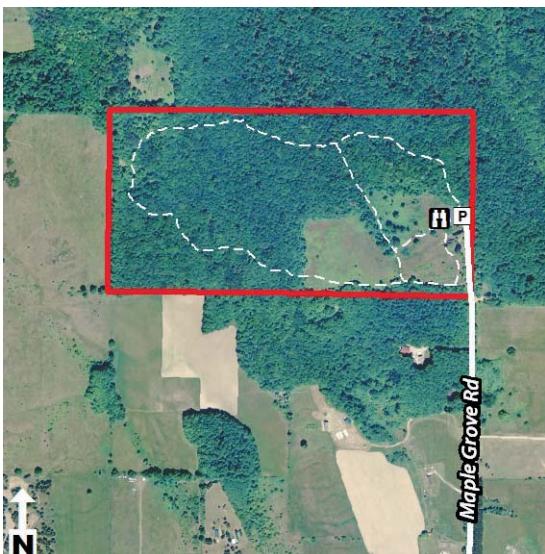
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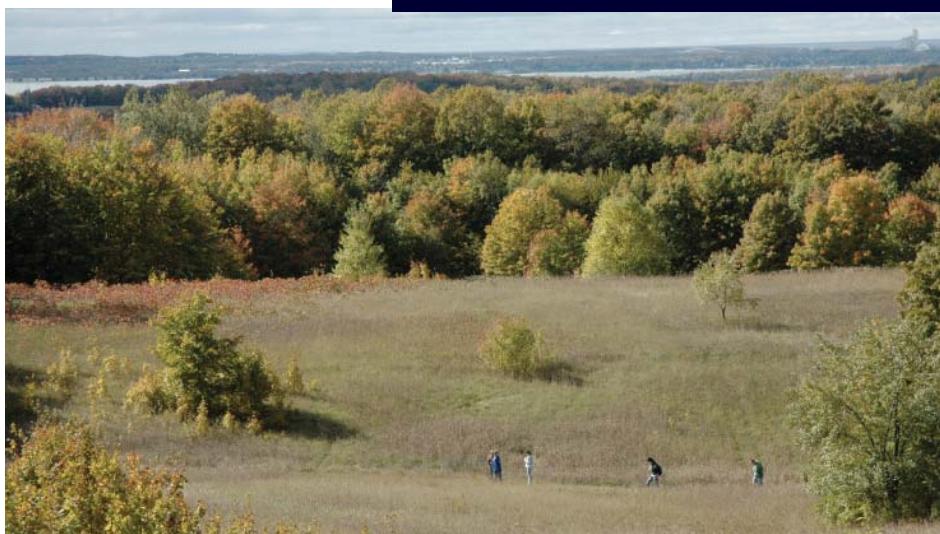
A mix of open fields (providing scenic views) and northern Michigan hardwoods.

Trails: From the parking area, you will find the trailhead to a 1½ mile trail system. The terrain is quite steep and hilly.

Commanding one of the most spectacular views in northern Michigan, the Ransom Preserve is well worth a visit. The property, along with the manager's residence (now removed), was donated in 1976 by Woodbury and Christiana Ransom in memory of their son. From its highest elevation of 320 feet above Lake Michigan, viewers can see much of western Charlevoix County, a broad expanse of Lake Michigan, four islands, and the distant Leelanau Peninsula on a clear day.

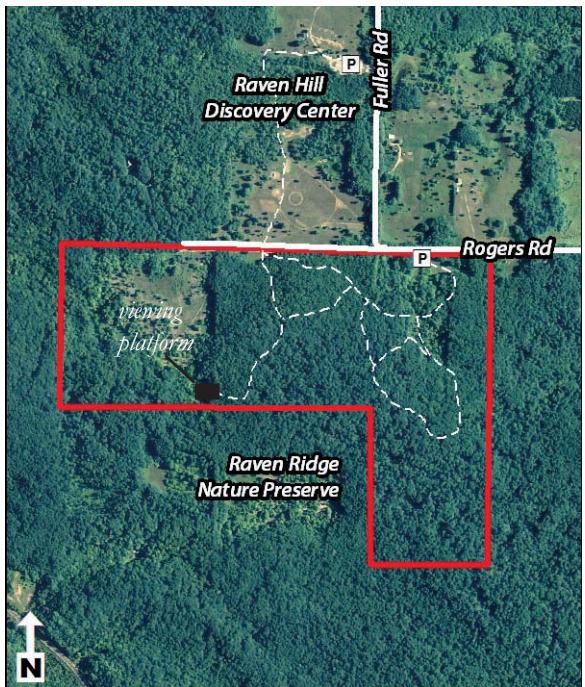


Directions: From Petoskey, take US-31 south approximately 9 miles to Burgess Road and turn left. Go 3½ miles to Quarterline Road and turn left. Then go 1 mile to Maple Grove Road and turn left. The parking lot is ¾ mile down Maple Grove Road.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Raven Ridge



Size: 140 acres

Land Description:

A mix of open fields and wooded ridges. The property includes an old homestead site which is available for student archeological studies.

Trails: A rustic parking area off of a dirt road is located at the trailhead. Trails total more than 1½ miles and are quite hilly. One trail takes you to an overlook platform providing views of the valley beneath. Another trail connects the preserve trails with the Raven Hill Discovery Center which lies adjacent to the preserve.

The Raven Ridge property was purchased in 2001 as a result of joint fundraising efforts by the Conservancy and the people of Raven Hill Discovery Center. The Discovery Center property provides unique environmental education opportunities on more than 300 acres of land. In addition, science, history, and art classes are offered throughout the year. Visit www.raven-hilldiscoverycenter.com to find the full schedule of activities happening next to this preserve.



Directions: From Petoskey, take US-131 south to Boyne Falls. Turn west (right) at the blinker light in Boyne Falls and go .8 miles along M-75. Turn left onto C-48 (Deer Lake Rd.). Follow to stop sign and turn left toward East Jordan (still on C-48). Go 4 miles and turn left on Pearsall Rd. Within 50 feet, turn left on Fuller Rd. Go up the big hill past Raven Hill Discovery Center until you reach a "T." Turn left on Rogers Rd. and the parking area is on the right.



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Rogers Family Homestead/Dressel/Jordan River

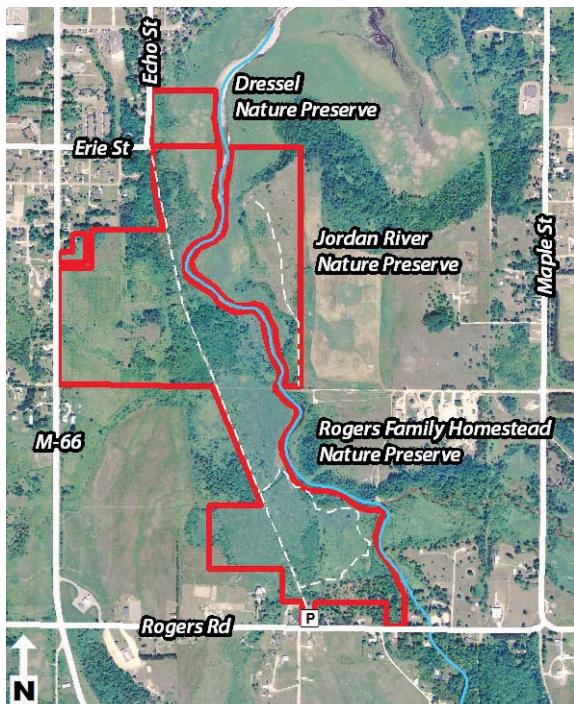
Size: 201 acres combined

Frontage: More than two miles along the shores of the Jordan River.

Land Description: A broad diversity of habitats lie along this stretch of the Jordan River ranging from mixed hardwood/conifer swamp to upland savannahs. From these preserves, the river empties into the Jordan River spreads on the outskirts of the city of East Jordan.

Trails: A parking area and easy 1.5 mile trail system is found at the Rogers Family Homestead Preserve. Just upstream of the preserves lies a public access/canoe launch, making for a nice paddling destination that ends in East Jordan at the edge of Lake Charlevoix.

In 1869, Samuel G. Rogers and his wife Eleanor moved from Ontario to homestead the land that is now the Rogers Preserve. The land was cultivated with oxen and horses and hay was grown to feed the beef and dairy cattle and pigs. The adjacent farmstead is still owned by family members.



Directions: From downtown East Jordan, travel northeast and then south on M-32 for 1.3 miles to Rogers Road. Turn right and the preserve is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile down on the right.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY St. Clair Lake/Six Mile Lake



Size: 192 acres

Frontage: 8,155 feet along St. Clair Lake and Sinclair River

Land Description:

The protected land includes marshes, cedar wetlands, fields, and uplands, and forests. This natural area provides one of the longest stretches of undeveloped shoreline within the Elk River Watershed. It is located in the upper portion of an interconnecting chain of lakes and rivers which crosses the Charlevoix-Antrim county border. The Sinclair River connects the two lakes, making it a beautiful place for silent water sports. Mink, otter, great blue heron, belted kingfishers, and an occasional bald eagle are among the region's inhabitants.



Trails: A small parking area is found off Ellsworth Road on the South Arm Township portion of the natural area. A short, wood-chipped trail and boardwalk leads to an overlook. A canoe/kayak put-in is found at the end of the parking area.

The protection of the natural area was made possible by the efforts of a local grassroots group which initiated the project, raised funds, and prompted the first joint project between the Little Traverse Conservancy, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, and local residents. Funds were also provided by the Malpass Family and South Arm Township.

Directions: From Ellsworth, take C-48 east approximately two miles to South Arm Township Park and a small parking area on the right (south) side of the road. There is a rustic boat launch on the river.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Sleepy Hollow

Size: 55 acres

Frontage: A spring-fed stream flows through the property.

Land Description: The stream (known as Sear Creek) running through this preserve is home to brook trout and empties into the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. The property is dominated by Sugar maple, American beech, and Ash, and also includes Aspen and Hemlock. The beautiful forest is second growth, and large stumps with fire scars scattered throughout the preserve stand as testimony to its past logging days.

Trails: A small parking area and more than one mile of easy walking trails are available.

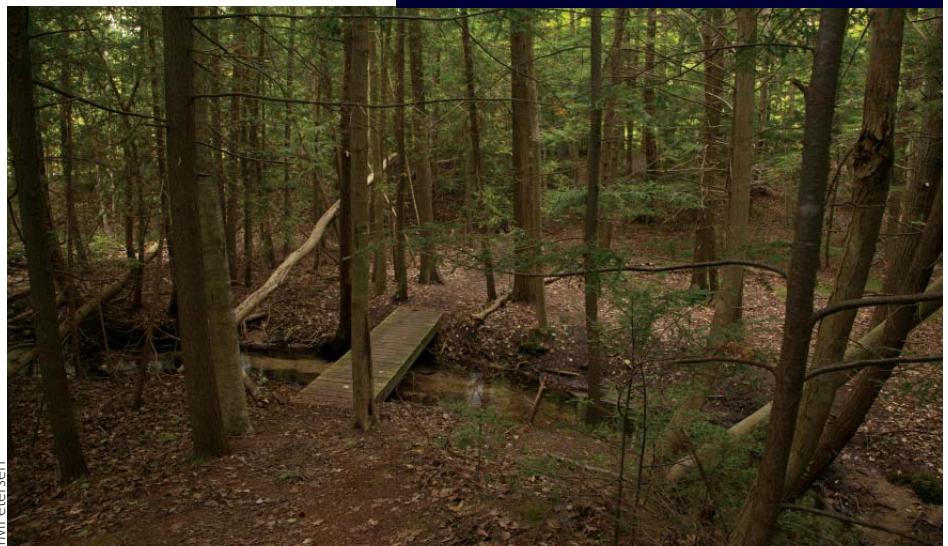
Donated anonymously to the Conservancy in 1980, the Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve is important to the protection of the Lake Charlevoix Watershed.



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. Drive in to the parking area on the left.

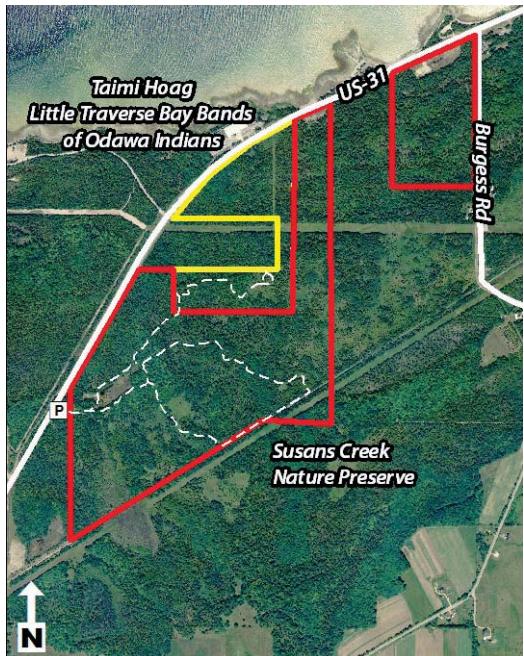


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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Susan Creek



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Size: 223 acres

Frontage: Nearly a mile of frontage on Susan Creek and nearly a mile of frontage on US-31.

Land Description: Outstanding wildlife habitat provided by a mix of habitat types including wet meadows, black ash swamp, cedar thickets, ponds, and hardwoods.

Trails: A small parking area and more than two miles of trails with Hoag Preserve.

This preserve was a significant success story in the Conservancy's protection of the US-31 scenic road corridor between Petoskey and Charlevoix. With three separate tracts totalling 223 acres, the preserve lies adjacent to an additional 55-acre preserve owned and managed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Funding came from a Michigan Department of Transportation grant, a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and private funds from the Frey Foundation, the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Offield Foundation, and the Americana Foundation. Funding to develop the trails came from the James Buchanan Family as well as the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Directions: Four miles east of Charlevoix city limits and 11 miles west of Petoskey's intersection of US-31 and US-131, the entrance to Susan Creek is .6 miles southwest of Big Rock Road (the entrance to the Big Rock Restoration Site). The preserve runs across from the Little Traverse Wheelway. Parking area is fairly small - look for the green gate.



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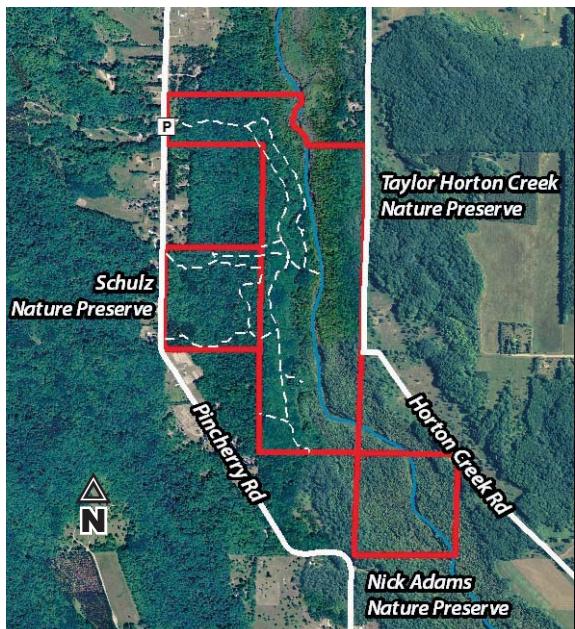
Taylor/Horton Creek/Schulz/Nick Adams

Size: 207 acres combined

Frontage: 1.73 miles on Horton Creek

Trails: Nearly three miles of trails wind through mature hardwood forests and young pin cherry stands. Hemlock and yellow birch grow along the edge of the creek.

Ernest Hemingway loved to fish for trout on Horton Creek. He refers to it in several stories and memoirs, and it appears to be the model for the creek mentioned in the Nick Adams stories "Summer People" and "The Last Good Country."



Directions: To access the trail system on the west side of Horton Creek: From Charlevoix, take US 31 east 2 miles and turn right on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. Go 8.6 miles, and turn left on Pin Cherry. Go north 2.1 miles on Pin Cherry. The rustic parking lot is on the right. From Boyne City, take Boyne City-Charlevoix Road 7 miles, and turn right on Pin Cherry. Go north 2.1 miles on Pin Cherry. The rustic parking lot is on the right.



To access the Nick Adams Preserve and the east side of Horton Creek: From Charlevoix, take US 31 east 2 miles and turn right on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. Go 9 miles, and turn left on Horton Bay Road. Go north .5 mile on Horton Bay Road, and turn left on Horton Creek Road. Go .7 mile on Horton Creek to get to the Nick Adams Preserve. Go an additional half mile to get to the Taylor Horton Creek parcel. Please note there are no maintained trails or parking areas on the east side of the creek. From Boyne City, take Boyne City-Charlevoix Road 6.4 miles, and turn right on Horton Bay Road. Go north .5 mile on Horton Bay Road, and turn left on Horton Creek Road. Go .7 mile on Horton Creek to get to the Nick Adams Preserve. Go an additional half mile to get to the Taylor Horton Creek parcel.



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OTHER Charlevoix County PRESERVES

The following are Conservancy nature preserves that are not featured in the first portion of the county's description. See the Charlevoix County map on p. 30 for general location of these properties or visit www.landtrust.org to view interactive, printable trail maps.

Conn's Cove 20 acres 2010
Peaine Township. 700 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline. Purchased with a grant from the J.A. Woollam Foundation.

Dressel 10 acres 1992
East Jordan Township. Donated by Betty Dressel. 600 feet on Jordan River. (See complex with Rogers Homestead and Jordan River preserves.)

Carl E. Erber .5 acre 1993
Peaine Township. Gift from Tom Erber and New Ireland Shores Partnership. Located on Beaver Island with 450 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline.

Haggerty 10 acres 1990
Hayes Township. Donated by Daniel and Margaret Haggerty in memory of their ancestor, Jeremiah (1870-1888).

Franklin J. Helle Memorial 11 acres 2008
Melrose Township. Adjoins state land along the Bear River that was protected as an assist project with the State.

Kieren & Slosar Family Addition 2 acres 1993+
Hayes Township. Partial donations by Mrs. Katie Kieren and Slosar family, this preserve includes Mallard Creek and Boyne City Road frontage.

Loeb 1.5 acres 1980
Hayes Township. Donated by Thomas and Kaye Loeb, this preserve lies along US-31 and includes 500 feet of Lake Michigan shore.

Lewis, Anna, Arthur, and Florence Marvin Memorial 132 acres 1999/2005
Wilson Township. To honor Florence Marvin's wish to keep the family farm undeveloped, her sister Ella donated the majority of this

property. An addition was purchased in 2005. A rustic parking area and two-track trails are available.

Marx 2.9 acres 1991
Bay Township. Donated by Ray and Jean Marx. Located in Zenith Heights subdivision near Walloon Lake.

Mulberry Farm 13 acres 1990+
Hayes Township. Donated by Rik Lobenherz. Consists of two parcels with 240 feet of Susan Lake.

North Branch Boyne River/Three Bears Mountain 60 acres/160 1992+/1998
Boyne Valley Township. In 1992, James North donated 20 acres with 620 feet on the north branch of the Boyne River. In 1998, Dr. W.A. and EvaBelle Deppa donated an adjacent 40-acre preserve as well as a 160-acre preserve across the road. An old railroad bed running east-west provides hiking opportunities. Three Bears Mountain is only accessible through state forest land to the east.

Olstrom Family 1 acre 2010
South Arm Township. Donated by Olstrom family. Lies adjacent to the Charles M. Taylor Preserve along the south arm of Lake Charlevoix.

Oyster Bay 23 acres 1982
Hayes Township. Donated by C.T. and Francis Martin. Located on Lake Charlevoix's Oyster Bay.

Scollin-Lee 2.7 acres 1992
Boyne City Township. Donated by Jim and Catherine Scollin and Brendan and Mary Lee. Located between M-75 and the Boyne River.

Susan Lake .5 acres 1991
Hayes Township. 250' of frontage on Susan Lake. Designated wetland, DNR access site

to the north.

Charles M. Taylor III 16 acres 2010
South Arm Township. 600 feet of frontage on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Adjacent to Olstrom Family Preserve.

Rufus Teesdale 10 acres 2000
Bay Township. Significant funding for this purchase came from Rufus Teesdale along with an anonymous donor. Includes 660 feet of frontage on Horton Creek, this preserve is walking distance from the Horton Bay General store.

Undine 28.5 acres 2004
Hayes Township. Gift from Mike and Rhea Dow. Located along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

Jack and Helen Verlinden 8 acres 2008
Hayes Township. 555 feet on Susan Lake. A significant bargain sale from Susan Verlinden and named after her parents.

Weislik 4 acres 1975
Norwood Township. Donated by Ron and Carol Weislik. Lies in the Clipperview Subdivision near Fisherman's Island.

Wellman 5 acres 2002
Boyne Valley Township. Donated by Wellman Properties. Located just outside Boyne Falls with 400 feet of frontage on Boyne River.

Winchester 4 acres 1996
Marion Township. Purchased in part with a generous grant from Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Includes 1,200 feet of shoreline on West Twin Lake.

Wisser Saworski 36 acres 2012
Boyne Valley Township. Frontage on Old Mackinac Trail, close to US-131. Hilly terrain, adjacent to Boyne Falls School district's 160 acres. Trail system in the works.

