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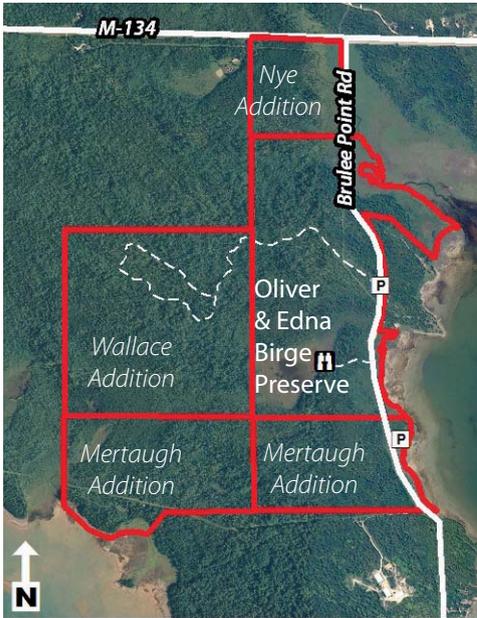
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Birge/Mertaugh/Nye/Wallace

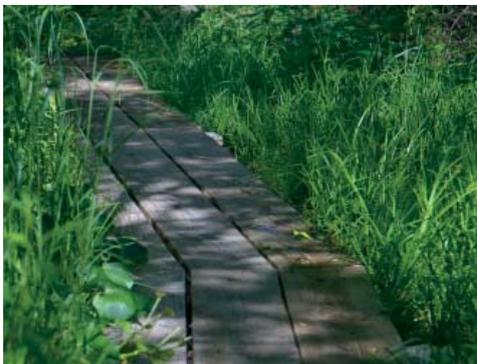


Size: 435 acres

Frontage: 1.2 miles on Lake Huron

Land Description: The Birge Preserve includes an impressive complex of cedar wetlands, hardwoods, a small lake, and more than 6,400 feet of frontage on Mismar Bay. The northern Lake Huron shoreline is some of the most biologically productive habitat in Michigan. A short trail to Loon Lake provides opportunities to see beaver, bald eagle, osprey, and many other mammals and birds. Abundant native wildflowers including orchids, lady slippers, gentian, asters, marsh marigold, Indian paintbrush, and iris can be found throughout the property.

Trails: There are two parking areas and two different trails. The northerly parking area, known as the Wheel Road trailhead, provides access to a 2-mile long trail which traces a historic road bed and then ventures into the forest. Further to the south, a quarter mile trail and boardwalk leads to the Loon Lake viewing platform. The Mertaugh Addition parking area is on the Lake Huron side, and has a bench overlooking Mismar Bay and the Les Cheneaux Islands.



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Directions: From the Mackinac Bridge, follow I-75 north about 14 miles to M-134. Take M-134 east 11 miles and turn right on Pt. Brulee Rd. (From Hessel take M-134 west 2.4 miles to Pt. Brulee Rd.). On Pt. Brulee, travel .7 mile to Wheel Road trailhead parking (on right) or go 1.1 miles to shoreline parking area on left. The Loon Lake trailhead is about halfway between the two parking areas.



The original 171-acre preserve on Point Brulee was donated to the Conservancy from long-time Hessel residents Oliver and Edna Birge in 1992. According to Oliver, the old wheel road crossing the property is a section of the oldest road in the area. In 1996, 1998, 1999, 2005, and 2012, additions to the preserve were either gifted or purchased. In part with a grant from the Les Cheneaux Foundation, a new parking area was created in 2011. Trail improvements continue each year.

Hessel Beach



Land Description: As LTC's very first assist project in the Les Che-neaux area, since 1994 this township park has offered free parking, a place to carry kayaks and canoes to the water, a swimming beach, and public restrooms. An excellent access point for paddlers who are headed out to LTC's Marquette Island preserves.

**Note shared map with Mackinac Bay Preserve to show proximity.*

Directions: From the corner of M-134 and S. Pickford Ave./3 Mile Rd., go south into downtown Hessel about two blocks until the street ends at the public marina. Turn right onto Lake St. Go about 600 feet. The township beach has street level parking on the left.



MACKINAC COUNTY
Mackinac Bay



Size: 22 acres

Frontage: 1,320 feet Lake Huron

Land Description: This northern section of Lake Huron coastline is some of the most biologically productive habitat found in the state. Freshwater marshes play a pivotal role in the Great Lakes ecosystem by storing and cycling nutrients and organic material. The marshes throughout the region sustain important populations of bird, mammal, herptile, and invertebrate species. Recent research has shown that aquatic midges from these marshes provide a major food source for neotropical migratory songbirds. Most of the

Great Lakes' fish species depend on the coastal wetlands for some portion of their life cycles.

Trails: A parking area is directly off of M-134, providing a handicap accessible marsh overlook.

Its 1994 protection occurred through a partnership of the Les Cheneaux Foundation, Little Traverse Conservancy, and the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Management of the property is supported by the Les Cheneaux Advisory Committee.

Directions: From the Mackinac Bridge, follow I-75 North about 14 miles to M-134. Take M-134 east 13 miles to Hessel. Continue east on M-134. The preserve is less than ½ mile past Hessel on the right side.



Marquette Island Preserves

Sizes: (in acres)

Aldo Leopold Preserve - 1,363
 Sheppard-Hardy - 21.4
 Seiberling Stewart - 192

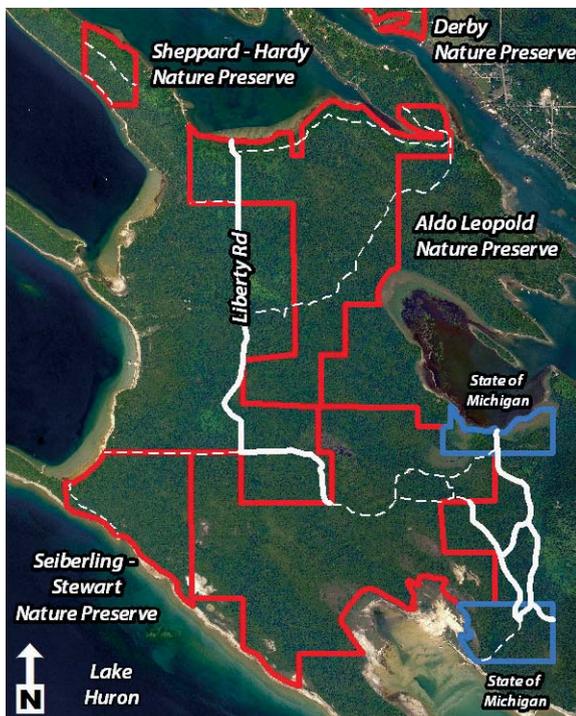
Frontages:

Nearly 5 miles of Lake Huron
 frontage combined.

Land Description: In 1993, the northern shore of Lake Huron was designated a "Last Great Place" by The Nature Conservancy, a global leader in natural lands conservation. The Les Cheneaux region is at the very heart of this "natural wonder of the world."

Trails: These island preserves are accessible only by boat (or over the ice in winter). They provide opportunities to explore the shore, bushwhack through dense conifer forests, or, in limited circumstances, travel along footpaths or two-track roads. Formal trails are evolving as shown on the map.

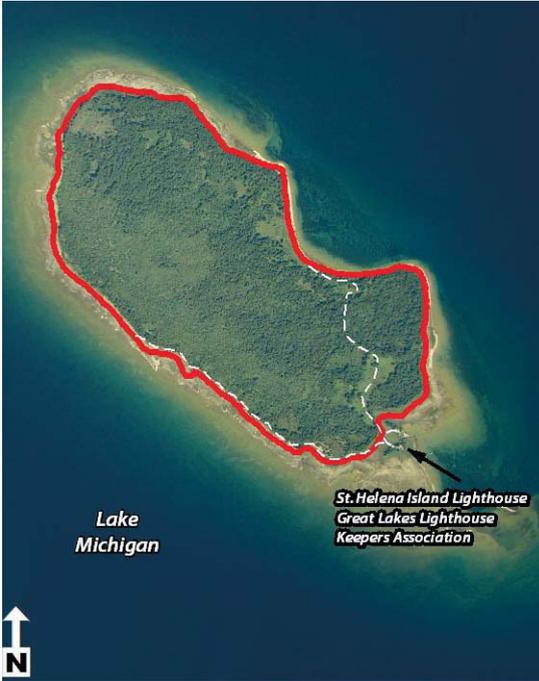
None of the Marquette Island preserves would have been made possible without the generosity, perseverance, and love of the islands shown by many residents including George Covington, Bonnie Mikkelsen, Katherine Sheppard, the Ayres, McMillan, and Williams families and many others. Significant funding for the purchase of the Seiberling Stewart Preserve was provided from a grant through the North American Wetland Conservation Act Program.



Directions: From the Mackinac Bridge, follow I-75 north about 14 miles to M-134. Take M-134 east 13 miles to Hessel. You can reach the islands from launches in Hessel or further east in Cedarville. Only accessible by boat.



MACKINAC COUNTY
St. Helena Island



Size: 266 acres

Frontage: 2.84 miles Lake Michigan shoreline

Land Description: When crossing the Mackinac Bridge, look west and the largest island visible (~7 miles away) is St. Helena. LTC owns the entire island except for the lighthouse and the three acres of grounds, which are owned by the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA).

Trails: A rough trail connects the lighthouse to the old village site on the north side of the island. (This trail is sometimes impassable due to poison ivy.) The Beach Trail, established in 2010, leads along the south side of the island and follows an old ridge running parallel to the shore.



Directions: Access limited to boat travel. Nearest boat ramps are St. Ignace, Point La Barbe, and Mackinaw City. Anchor a boat or land a kayak at the sheltered bay near old village site on north side of the island. GLLKA offers a variety of ways to get to the island: www.gllka.com or 231.436.5580.



The following are Conservancy nature preserves not featured in the first portion of the county's description. See the Mackinac/Chippewa map on p. 58 for general location of these properties or visit www.landtrust.org to view interactive, printable trail maps.

Curtis Anderson 45 acres 2009
Drummond Township. Donated from siblings Richard Kreipe, Mary Sue Jack & William Jack, Jr. Located on Drummond Island.

Cedarville Bay 5 acres 2012
Clark Township. LTC's only preserve on La Salle Island, this preserve with 1,000 feet of frontage on Cedarville Bay was made possible with funding from the J.A. Woollam Foundation.

William B. Derby 200 acres 2006-2007
Clark Township. Gift from the Les Cheneaux Foundation. Includes ½ mile of Lake Huron frontage. Named after original seller who sold it for a significant bargain sale.

Gros Cap 2 acres 2008
Moran Township. 1,750 feet of frontage on Lake Michigan and frontage. Includes land donated in 1992 by Howard and Marjorie Tamlyn with 600 additional feet of lake frontage.

Ivan Nordquist 77 acres 1993
Clark Township. Donated by Linda Noyes. Part of the Les Cheneaux archipelago. No docks or established trails.

Poupard Bay 1 acre 1995
Mackinac Township. Donated by Frank and Blanche Easterlin. Includes frontage on Lake Michigan and U.S. 2, as well as habitat for dwarf lake iris.

Search Bay 25 acres 2008
Clark Township. Purchased with federal grant funds, this property includes 4,000 feet of Lake Huron frontage. Adjoins national forest land.

Tamlyn 1 acre 1992
Moran Township. Donated by Howard and Marjorie Tamlyn. Includes nearly 600 feet of Lake Michigan frontage.

Vosper 114 acres 2003/2007
Bois Blanc Township. Donated by Jim and Betty Vosper. Located on Bois Blanc Island, includes 630 feet of frontage on Lake Huron.



Cedarville Bay/Cindy Morn

Bailey-Lagerstrom (Sugar Island)



Size: 422 acres

Shoreline: More than two miles of St. Marys River frontage.

Land Description: The Bailey-Lagerstrom Preserve is one of LTC's largest, most wild, and remote nature preserves. Located within the St. Marys River migration corridor, its pristine wetland and shoreline habitats make it important for migratory birds and wildlife.

Trails: Despite its remoteness and lack of "traditional" trails, this preserve is relatively easy to access. From the parking area, hike in on an old road to the shore.

When the road curves to the left near the shore, you can cut west through the woods to the rocky Lake Nicolet shoreline, or continue walking south on the old road. Both routes lead to a large beaver pond in the south part of the preserve.

Acquired in 2004 as three separate projects, the purchase of this nature preserve was funded by the J.A. Woollam Foundation, the North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) program, and Michigan Audubon. The preserve was named in honor of Tom Bailey and Tom Lagerstrom, Little Traverse Conservancy's long-time Executive Director and Associate Director.

Directions: From downtown Sault Ste. Marie, travel east to the Sugar Island ferry. Once on the island, drive 3.7 miles east on 1½ Mile Road. Turn right on Brassier Road. Drive 11 miles south on Brassier (which turns into Homestead Road after about 4.5 miles). The parking area is on Homestead Road on the right at a big curve. Give yourself at least 15 minutes to get back to the ferry. The ferry returns to the mainland on the hour and half hour.



CHIPPEWA COUNTY
De Tour Peninsula

Size: 145 acres

Water frontage: More than three miles of Lake Huron shoreline

Land Description: Jutting down into Lake Huron, this preserve includes the rich diversity that typifies northern Lake Huron: sand and gravel beach, limestone cobble shore, boreal forest, rich conifer swamp, emerging marsh, and coastal fen. The land lies within a major migration corridor centered on the St. Mary's River.

Trails: A two-track road, Point Road, runs through the preserve to private land on the tip of the peninsula and is open to foot traffic. A small parking area is planned for the end of Point Road.

This preserve was anonymously donated to LTC in late 2011.



Charles Dawley

Directions: From Detour, head south one mile on M-134. Turn left onto Point Road. Drive .6 mile to parking area.



CHIPPEWA COUNTY
Round Island Point



Size: 1,024 acres

Water frontage: 9,000 feet Lake Superior

Land Description: This large block of protected habitat in the Upper Peninsula provides excellent wildlife habitat for black bear, wolf, moose, bobcat, and others. The property lies within a major flyway for migrating waterfowl and other birds. This is the Conservancy's second largest preserve.

Trails: While much of this preserve is difficult to access, a paved road bisects the property and takes you within a short distance of the lake. (There are no established trails that

lead directly to the lake.) A 1½ mile long inland trail and viewing area are accessible from the parking area.

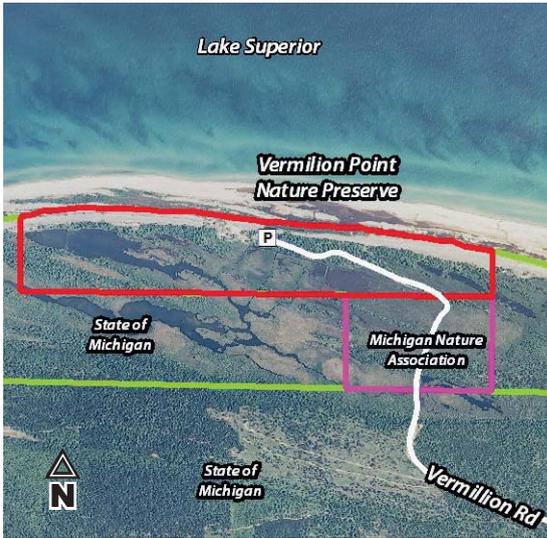
The original 460 acres was donated to the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) by the Finlayson family. In 2000, TNC transferred the land to LTC and LTC has fundraised to purchase several additions.



Directions: From Sault Ste. Marie, head south on Hwy. 75 to exit 392. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left (south) on 20th Street (S. Bakerside Road) and travel 3 miles. Turn right on 6 Mile Rd. Go 5 miles and turn right (north) on Birch Point Rd. (east loop). Go ½ mile and look for logo and directional sign on right. Turn right onto paved road. Follow one mile to parking and trail head at end.



Vermilion



Size: 175 acres

Water frontage: 9,240 feet
Lake Superior

Land Description:

This preserve is defined by the majesty and moods of Lake Superior and its remote location. It contains a wide sandy beach, low shore dunes, upland forest, old cranberry bog wetlands, and a stream. Ecologically, the land is known habitat for the federally endangered piping plover.

Trails: No established trails but a dirt road takes you to a parking

area where easy access to the beach is available.



Todd Parker

This spectacular property was protected in February 2007 thanks to a bargain sale from Evan Noyes and his Wildshore Foundation and grants from the J.A. Woollam Foundation and the North American Wetland Conservation Act Program. Historically, this property and its

associated buildings were a life saving station first built in 1876. Years of neglect and harsh Lake Superior weather have taken a toll on the buildings. Researchers from Lake Superior State University, The Nature Conservancy, and Michigan Audubon use the property to study the piping plovers as well as other birds, and the wetlands.

Directions: From Paradise, head north on Whitefish Point Road approximately 5 miles. Turn left on Vermilion Road (near Andrus Lake campground). The road will quickly become gravel and sand. Four-wheel-drive is highly recommended. Travel roughly 7¼ miles until road veers north. (Be careful not to go onto 452.) Continue north on Vermilion Road for more than a mile. Two parking options are available.



CHIPPEWA COUNTY
Clyde and Martha Williams



Size: 80 acres

Frontage: Lies along Maxton Road.

Trails: An easy 1.3 mile trail system.

Land Description: The Williams Preserve is mostly forested with either upland mixed hardwood/conifer stands (including white pine and hemlock components); northern hardwood stands dominated by beech and

maple (with minor component of ash, ironwood, basswood, and balsam fir); and lowland areas dominated by cedar, balsam fir, and paper birch. Fallow agricultural fields now vegetated with bracken fern, blackberry, and various tree seedlings and saplings are present in small areas. Soils in some areas are flat and sandy, and very rocky in others, with some large boulders. Fissured bedrock is visible at the surface in some spots. Ancient post-glacial lake shorelines are evident on the Preserve. An old stone wall built by early Island settlers is located in the east part of the Preserve.

The Williams Preserve was purchased at bargain price and named after the sellers' parents.



Directions: From Detour, take the ferry to Drummond Island Drive onto M-134/East Channel road for 7.9 miles. Turn left at South Townline Rd. Travel 1.5 miles to Drummond Rd./East Maxton Rd. Turn right and go ½ mile to the preserve on the left.



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Badgley-Little Trout Lake Preserve

26 acres total 1991/2011

Trout Lake Township. The original half acre Badgley Preserve was donated by Anna Badgley. An additional 25 acres and 4,000 feet of shoreline were acquired through a bargain sale in 2011. Located just SW of the village of Trout Lake.

Cook Island 18 acres 1993

Sugar Island Township. Donors were Don and Margaret Fedrigo, Melbourne and Donna Amo, A. Nelson and Elanor Dingle, Jacob and Jeanne Dunlap, Erich Graff, George and Marlene Green, Robert and Anne Hofmann, and Donald and Jean Thiel.

Hobbins-Meyer 220 acres 2005

City of Sault Ste. Marie. A grant from the North American Wetland Conservation Act Program allowed the Conservancy to purchase this property. The preserve is located within city limits and plans are to make it a destination for education groups. (*Adjacent to Moore Preserve.*)

Koren 20 acres 1996

Sugar Island Township. Donated from the Koren Family through the Michigan chapter

of The Nature Conservancy. Includes 700 feet of Lake Huron frontage.

James Donaldson Moore 40 acres 2009
City of Sault Ste. Marie. Gifted by his family. Lies within city limits. Portions of the DNR's Algonquin trails lie very close to this preserve. (*Adjacent to Hobbins-Meyer Preserve.*)

Muir Woods 61 acres 1986
Trout Lake Township. Donated by Emery Muir. Includes a 10-acre lake and lies along one mile of the Carp River.

Jinny Palms Preserve 360 acres 2001
Whitefish Township. Situated a mile inland from Lake Superior, this preserve borders the Michigan Nature Association's 370-acre Lake Superior Preserve. The northwest portion of Chippewa County is the wildest and most remote land in LTC's service area and contains some of the largest blocks of unfragmented landscape. Jeannine Palms donated this preserve in memory of her mother.

Pickering Hay Point 85 acres 2003
Sugar Island Township. Donated by Dr. Leonard and Loraine Pickering, this preserve includes nearly a half mile of Lake George/St. Mary's River frontage.



Jinny Palms Preserve/TMPetersen