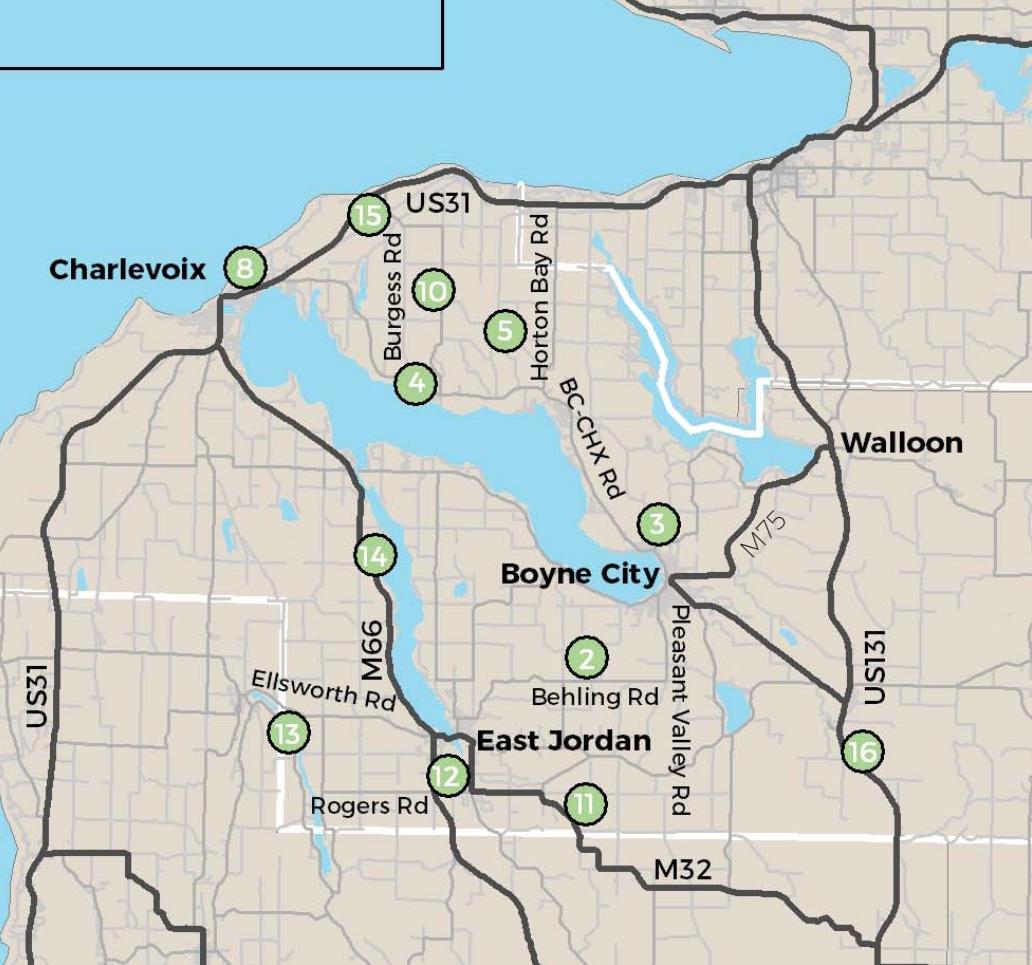


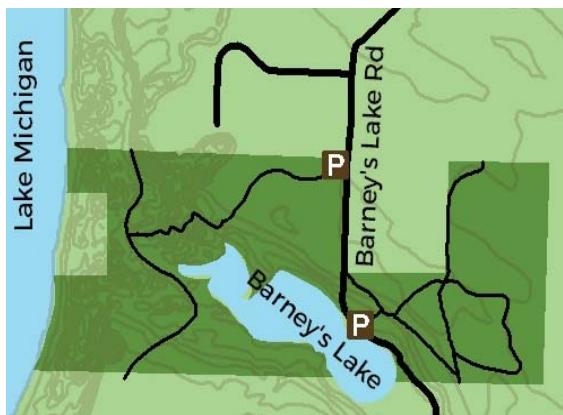


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Barney's Lake



Size: 337 acres

Frontage: 4,900 feet on Barney's Lake (most of lake) and 1,770 feet Lake Michigan

Land Description: Features include open bog, sedge meadow, cedar swamp, old farmstead. Loons nest on this lake.

Trails: Nearly a mile of trail is found to the east of the lake. A second trail and sign are found

at the north end of the preserve off of Barney's Lake Road. From there, hike .7 mile to connect to the Kuebler Trail.

History: Barney's Lake Preserve is located in the north central part of Beaver Island, about three miles southwest of St. James. The original 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. In 2007, a 173-acre addition to the preserve was donated by Terry and Beverly Scully. And in 2014, another 40 acres were purchased at a bargain sale from Jon and Sally Fogg with funding from the J.A. Woollam Foundation.

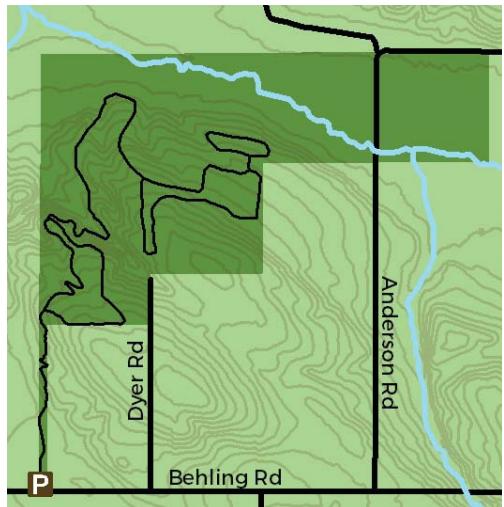


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Directions to main parking area: From Port of St. James, take Kings Hwy. south 1 1/4 miles to Barney's Lake Road North and turn right. Continue 2 1/2 miles and the preserve is on both sides of the road. Look for a sign on the left side. Parking is on the left. Boat launch is adjacent to southern parking. Another small parking area is found near the northern edge of the preserve off of Barney's Lake Road.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Darnton Family



Size: 275 acres

Land Description: Just a few miles outside of Boyne City, these trails take you through rolling terrain and varied habitats, including a mix of old hay fields, northern hardwood forests, pine plantations, and conifer swamp wetlands surrounding Porter Creek, a trout stream and important tributary to Lake Charlevoix.

Trails: 6.5 miles

History: In the early '90s, Jeff Knaggs purchased the land from his grandparents. For decades, the family enrolled the land into a variety of conservation programs. Trees were planted for wind breaks, erosion control, wildlife food, and aesthetics. Over time, the trees were managed within a Forest Stewardship Program, including most recently to control the invasive pest Emerald Ash Borer. The purchase of the preserve in 2013 was made possible by the Taylor Foundation, the J.A. Woollam Foundation, and the Darnton family. The preserve is named after the Darnton family whose generations have long loved the Lake Charlevoix region. Two additions totaling 70 acres and with 2,000 feet more along Porter Creek were purchased in 2017 with funding from John and Cyndi Woollam.



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Directions: From Front Street in Boyne City, head southwest out of town following the lake until it becomes Marshall Road. Follow .3 miles and take a left on Anderson Road. In 2.5 miles, take a right on Behling Road. Follow .8 mile to the parking area on the right. Access to the preserve is also available off of Dyer Road, but this dirt road's intersection with Behling has very poor visibility.



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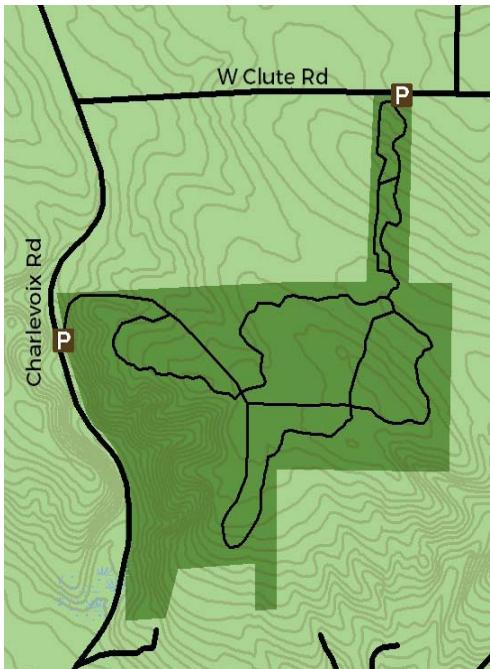
The Hill

Size: 106 acres

Land Description: A mix of pines, hardwoods, and open meadows. 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.

History: In 1966, Dr. Gene Herzog, Dr. John Herzog, and Dr. Lou Mrstik purchased this property for their families 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. In 2012, Al Haske donated a 10-acre addition to provide better parking for the preserve.

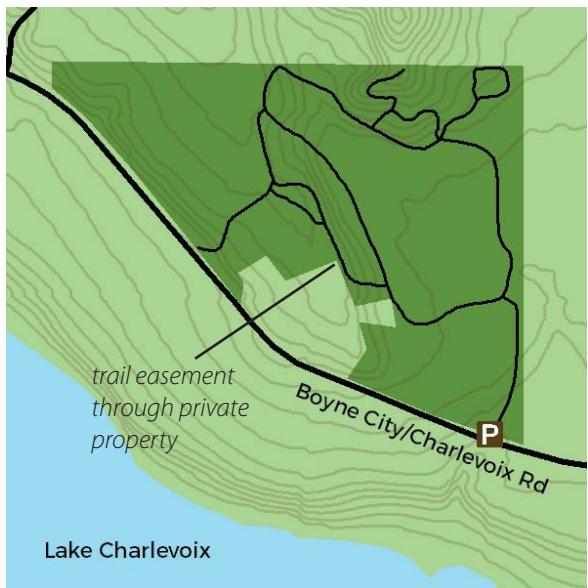


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Directions: From Boyne City at the intersection of Lake and Water Street, go north on Lake for one mile. Lake Street turns into W. Michigan. Go .1 mile on W. Michigan and turn right on Charlevoix Street. Go 1.6 miles north on Charlevoix Street to Clute Road. Turn right onto Clute Road. Go .7 mile to parking area on your right.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Nathan “Barry” Driggers

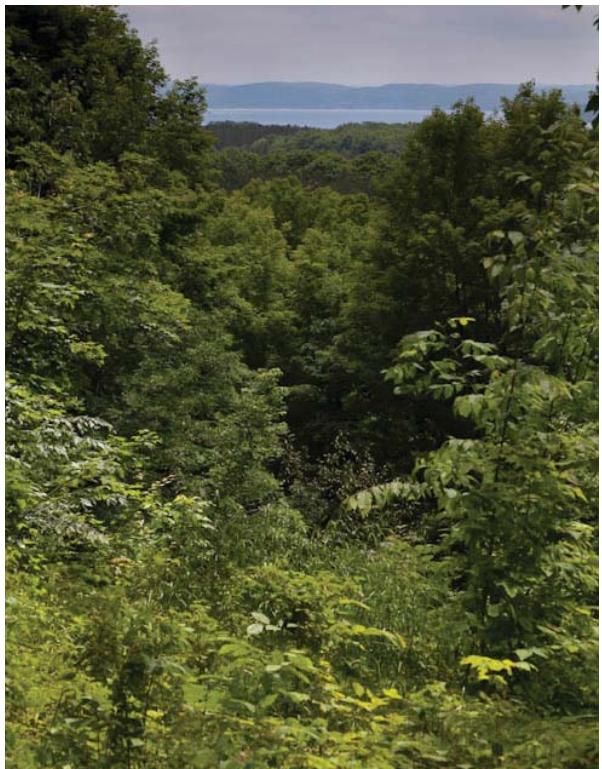


Size: 75 acres

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

Trails: A 1½ mile trail system meanders through the preserve, providing views of Lake Charlevoix. Cross-country ski trails are often groomed by a volunteer in the winter.

History: 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.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Horton Creek Preserve Complex

Size: 284 acres combined with six nature preserves (Schulz, Horton Creek, Horton Creek Wetlands, Taylor Horton Creek, Nick Adams, Rufus Teesdale).

Frontage: Combined 2.25 miles of Horton Creek frontage.

Land and Trails: Nearly three miles of trails wind through mature hardwood forests and young pin cherry stands, primarily at the Schulz and Taylor Horton Creek preserves. Hemlock and yellow birch grow along the edge of the creek. Recent logging activities (2017) have occurred at Schulz. A small trail on the Rufus Teesdale Preserve takes you to the river (Teesdale is located southeast of area shown on map, and a parking area is found off of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.)



History: 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 northeast 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 and the rustic parking area is on the right. From Boyne City, take Boyne City-Charlevoix Road 7 miles, and turn right on Pincherry. Follow rest of directions above.



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.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - BEAVER ISLAND

Little Sand Bay

Size: 116 acres

Frontage: 3,500 feet
on Lake Michigan

Land Description:

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

Trails: A short trail (.4 mile) and boardwalk 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.

History: 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. Woollam Foundation. When added to adjacent state land to the north, nearly 1½ miles of shoreline are now protected.



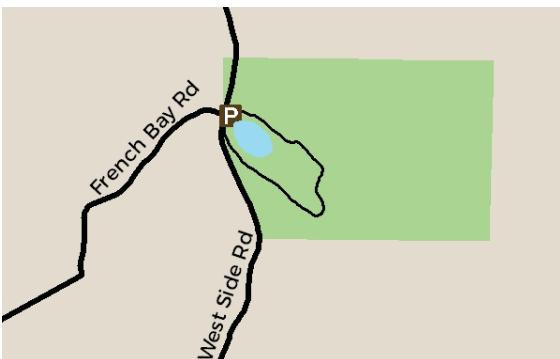
Directions: From the Welke's airport, go south on East Side Drive for approximately 200 yards. Look for a sign on the left side of the road.



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.

History: The southernmost body of water on Beaver Island's west side is Miller's Marsh, named after former Beaver Island 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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North Point

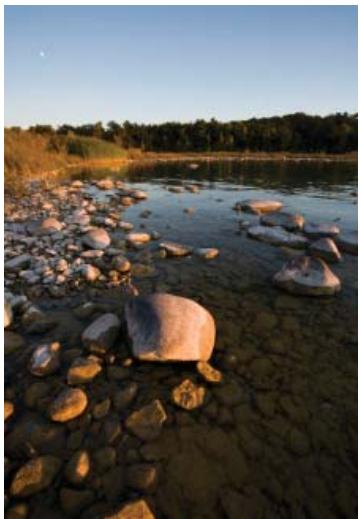
Size: 27 acres

Frontage: 2,800 feet on Lake Michigan

Land Description: Here you will find 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).

History: 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.



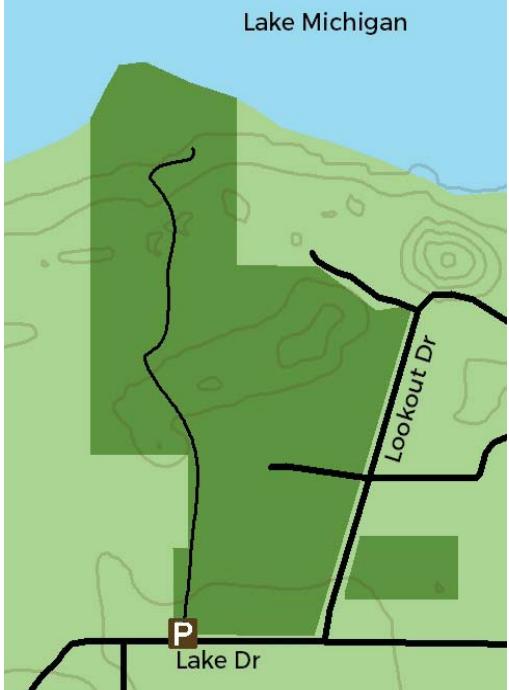
Directions: From US-31 on the far north end of Charlevoix, take Mercer Road north (toward the lake). Turn left on Maple and then right on McSauba. Look for parking on your left near the sign or continue to the parking/turn around near the lakeshore.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - BEAVER ISLAND

George and Althea Petritz

Lake Michigan



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.

History: 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 Main Street .7 miles north out of town. Turn left onto Lake Drive and travel .2 miles to the preserve sign on your left. Park on the side of the road.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Charles A. Ransom

Size: 80 acres

Land Description:

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

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

History: 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.

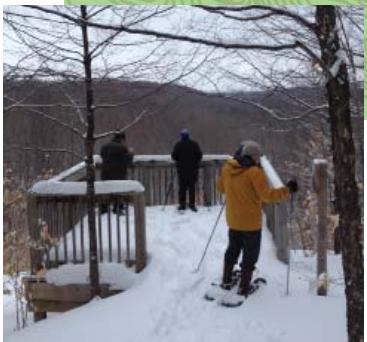
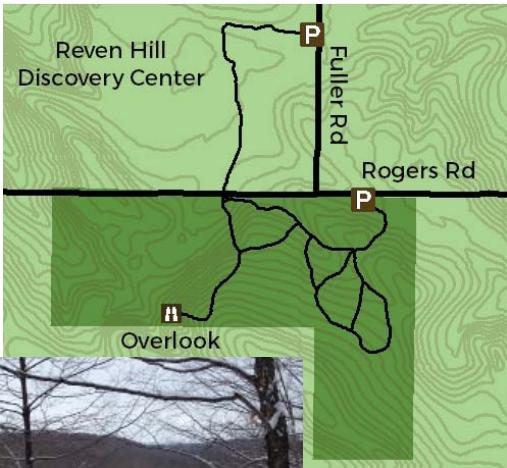


Directions: From Petoskey, take US-31 south approximately 9 miles to Burgess Road and turn left. Go 3½ miles to Quarterline Road and turn left. Go 1 mile to Maple Grove Road and turn left. The parking lot is ¾ mile down Maple Grove Road.



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.

History: 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.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.com to find the full schedule of activities happening next to this preserve.

Directions: From 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 Road). Follow to stop sign and turn left toward East Jordan (still on C-48). Go 4 miles and turn left on Pearsall Road. 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 Road and the parking area is on the right. In winter, park at Raven Hill and use their trails to access preserve.



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: Two parking areas are available, along with an easy 1.5 mile trail system 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.

History: 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.



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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 ½ mile down on the right.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY St. Clair Lake/Six Mile Lake



Size: 261 acres

Frontage: 2.3 miles frontage along St. Clair Lake and Sinclair River

Land Description:

The protected land includes marshes, cedar wetlands, fields, 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, woodchipped trail and boardwalk leads to an overlook. A canoe/kayak put-in is found at the end of the parking area.

History: The protection of the natural area was made possible by the efforts of a local grassroots group who 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.

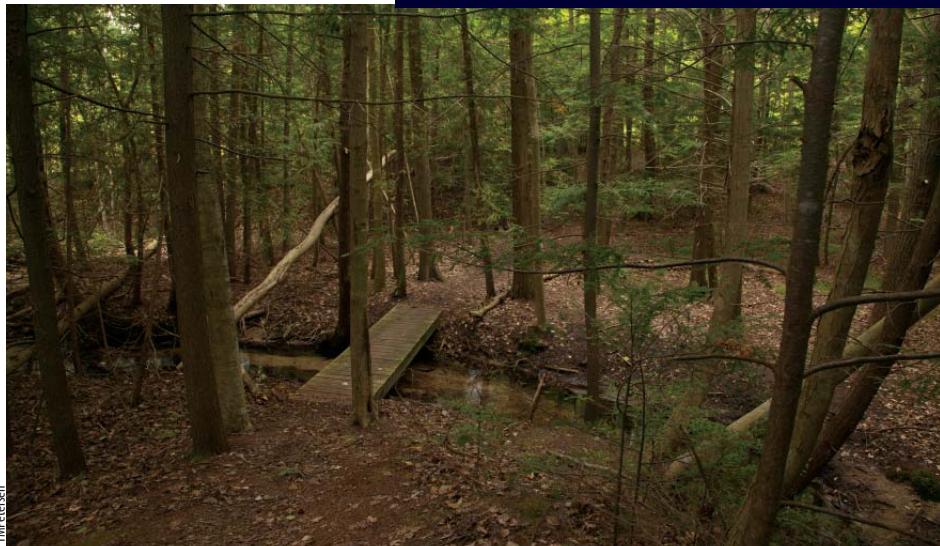
Land Description: The stream (known as Sear Creek) running through this preserve is home to brook trout and empties into the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. The property is dominated by Sugar maple, American beech, and Ash, and also includes Aspen and Hemlock. The beautiful forest is second growth, and 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.

History: Donated anonymously to the Conservancy in 1980, this preserve is important to the protection of the Lake Charlevoix Watershed.

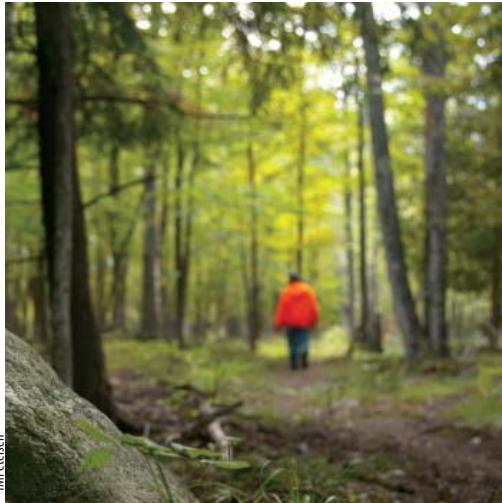
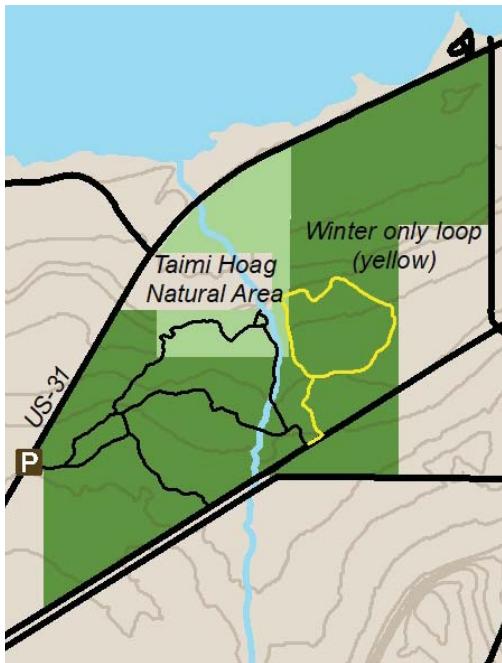


Directions: From Charlevoix, take M-66 south approximately 7 miles to Sleepy Hollow Lane, which is opposite Phelps Road. Turn left onto Sleepy Hollow Lane. Drive in to the parking area on the left.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Susan Creek



Size: 314 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. An old railroad grade goes along southeast portion. The preserve lies adjacent to the 55-acre preserve owned and managed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Trails: A small parking area and 2.37 miles of trails with adjacent natural area. A winter-only ski loop adds a mile.

History: This preserve was a significant success story in the Conservancy's protection of the US-31 scenic road corridor between Petoskey and Charlevoix. Several acquisitions have been added over the years. 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 for the trail and parking area came from the James Buchanan Family, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Bay Harbor Foundation, Chemical Bank, and Matt Lester.

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. A new parking area was constructed in Spring, 2016.



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Wisser-Saworski

Size: 36 acres

Frontage: 1,170 feet along Old Mackinaw Trail.

Land Description: Located off US-131 just south of Boyne Falls, this preserve includes open fields, mixed hardwoods, and hills from which views of Boyne Mountain located to the west of the land. An overlook platform was built by LTC at the highest point of the preserve. The land is adjacent to the local school's 160-acre forest.

Trails: A 1.5 mile long trail weaves through the property, including a covered overlook with seasonal views.

History: Donated by Art Saworski who had a deep love of the land and built his retirement preserve adjacent to what is now the preserve.



Directions: From the light at the US-131 intersection in Boyne Falls, continue 1.5 miles south along US-131. Turn left onto Metros Road. Cross the railroad tracks and the parking area is on the left.

