

1 Philip J. Braun North

A short walk from Pellston, the 125-acre Braun North Preserve lies along nearly a mile of the Maple River, a fly-fishing destination. A trail takes you to and along the river.

From US-31 and Robinson Rd. head west ¼ mile on Robinson Road. Preserve entrance is on the south.

NOTE: Braun South Preserve lies just south of Pellston and offers 32 acres and 1,500 feet of Maple River frontage. However, there are no well maintained trails there.



9 Allan and Virginia McCune

Approximately three miles of trail loops can be enjoyed at this 172-acre property with more than 1 ½ mile frontage on Minnehaha Creek. Dominated by hardwoods, the preserve includes a pine plantation, meadow, and significant cedar swamp.

From Petoskey, take Mitchell Road east 6.25 miles to Berger Road, turn right and go .7 mile to parking on left

OR 7 miles east of Petoskey to Maxwell Road, turn right and travel .7 miles to parking on right.



17 Joseph J. Schott Complex

These two adjacent preserves combine for a total of 110 acres located between Petoskey and Harbor Springs. A roughly one-mile trail loop spans both preserves.

To get to the main trailhead, from the Harbor Springs Airport, head south along M-119 roughly a half mile. Take a left (east) on Woodview Road and travel a half mile. Take a right (south) on Mink Road and you will dead end at the parking area to the trail.



25 Little Sand Bay Beaver Island

This 116-acre preserve includes a mix of shrubs, cedar swamp, and sand dunes. A short trail (4 mile) and footbridges allow visitors to explore without damaging the sensitive habitat. When added with state land to the north, nearly 1 ½ miles of Lake Michigan shoreline with a shallow swimming beach are accessible. This preserve is being used as a Dark Sky Park for night sky viewing.

From the Welke's Airport, go south on East Side Dr. for approximately 200 yards. Look for a sign on the left side of the road. Parking is adjacent to the historic Gallagher House.



33 Wisser-Saworski

Located off US-131 just south of Boyne Falls, this 36-acre preserve was donated so that others could enjoy its existing trail system, diverse habitats, and rolling terrain. Trails total roughly 1 ½ miles. It lies adjacent to the school's 160-acre forest. An overlook platform exists at the preserve's highest point and looks out over Boyne Valley.

From the light at the US-131 intersection in Boyne Falls, continue 1 ½ miles south along US-131. Turn left onto Metros Rd. Cross the railroad tracks and parking area is on left.



41 Birge/Mertaugh/Nye Wallace Complex

This 813-acre complex features beautiful wildflowers, excellent migratory bird habitat, and nearly three miles of Lake Huron shore. The complex includes three parking areas and three trails: Most northern trail is 2 miles, Loon Lake trail is a quarter mile, and the Search Bay trail is roughly .6 mile to the shore.

From Hessel, take M-134 west 2.4 miles. Turn left on Pt. Brulee Rd and drive .7 mile to the first trailhead parking on right; or go 1.1 miles to shoreline parking area (on left). The Loon Lake platform is between these, and the Search Bay trail parking is .5 mile further south from Loon Lake. Follow signs.



2 Bubbling Springs

Just outside of Petoskey, this 15-acre preserve includes a short trail system and overlook offering a natural oasis for exploration. While enjoying a mix of mature upland hardwood forest and a swampy corridor with a small stream, try to find the springs.

From the intersection of US-31 and US-131 in Petoskey, travel south on US-131 1 ½ miles to Intertown Rd. Turn right (west) on Intertown and travel 1.1 miles to the preserve on the left side of the road.



10 Naas, Mauger, Raunecker and Leslie Complex

These adjacent preserves total 45 acres just a few blocks west of downtown Harbor Springs. A trail connects local roads forming a neighborhood path through the preserves, including boardwalk across the wet regions.

From Main St. in downtown Harbor Springs, travel west past Holy Childhood Church until the road intersects on Traverse St. Take a right and travel 4 blocks to Fourth St. Turn left. The preserve entrance is about ¼ mile on the left at the turnaround.



18 Consuelo Diane and Charles L. Wilson Jr.

Located just a few miles outside of Harbor Springs, this working forest reserve is most known for its undeveloped, scenic sloped hillside, viewed from Middle Road and Hughston Road. An easy one-mile trail loop heads off from the Middle Road parking area.

From the intersection of Lake Street and State Road just north of downtown Harbor Springs, travel 2 miles north on State to Middle Road. Take a left on Middle Road and travel roughly 2.8 miles. Look for preserve sign and parking area on the left.



26 George and Althea Petritz Beaver Island

At the northeast end of Beaver Island this preserve is walking distance from Paradise Bay and town. A short trail (.3 mile) takes you through the 29 acres to 500 feet of gorgeous Lake Michigan beach. The donor 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."

From 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.



34 Agnes S. Andreae/Boyd B. Banwell Family

The 181-acre Andreae Preserve includes the rustic cabin for use by community groups. Nearly five miles of trails exist between Andreae and the adjacent 400-acre Banwell Family Preserve, where the Nature Megaphone was placed in 2019.

ANDREAE: *From Indian River (exit 310 off I-75) take M-68 east 4 ½ miles. Turn left onto Old Onaway Rd. (Look for "Cochrane Lake Public Access" sign). Go north on Old Onaway Rd. 1.7 miles to Riverwood Rd. and turn right. At the T intersection with Big Sky Trail, look for preserve sign.*

BANWELL: *From Indian River (exit 310 off I-75) take M-68 east about 5.3 miles. Look for parking area and sign on the left.*



42 William B. Derby

This 200-acre preserve includes a roughly 2 ½ mile figure-eight trail loop available through all seasons. The trail meanders through natural moss covered rock gardens, evergreen forest, and along the rugged Lake Huron shore. Located just outside of Cedarville, this is a local favorite. Trails are often compacted for snowshoeing.

From M-134, head south on Four Mile Road to Club Road. Take a right on Club Road and travel half a mile. Look for signs on right and parking area is a little further up on the left.



3 Goodhart Farms

One of LTC's largest nature preserves boasts 685 acres and 7 ½ miles of marked trails with 5 ½ miles that are groomed for cross-country skiing. Trails are divided into East and West sections.

From Harbor Springs, take State Rd. north 9 miles to Robinson Rd. Turn left and travel 3 ½ miles to the parking on the left (south). East trails are most easily accessed from the first parking area you see off Robinson Road, which is also open in the winter. West Trails are accessed from Church Road.



11 Oden Island

A rare island of its size surrounded by an inland lake, Oden Island is accessed by a causeway. The 50-acre preserve offers nearly a mile of foot trails, trailside benches, and views along a mile of Crooked Lake. When weather is right, this is a fun kayak destination.

From Petoskey, take US-31 north 3 ¼ miles to Pickerel Lake Rd. Turn right and follow 4 miles until Pickerel turns into Channel Rd. Follow Channel Rd. 1 mile to Oden Island Rd. and turn left. Once on the island, turn right on Lee-ward Dr. and go all the way to the end until you see the LTC logo sign.



19 Woollam Family

A spectacular 69-acre Lake Michigan shoreline preserve. A hilly half mile trail leads to the beach. The back dunes feature an unusual rock landscape. Sits along the Sunset Coast Birding Trail. This preserve is currently closed to dogs to protect the wildlife.

From Harbor Springs, travel north on State Road 14 miles to Division Road. Take a left and travel 1.8 miles to Lakeshore Drive/M-119. Turn right and travel .9 miles to the parking area on your left (west) side. From Cross Village, the preserve is roughly 1.7 miles south on M-119.



27 Charles A. Ransom

The 1 ½ mile trail at this 80-acre preserve is quite steep, but high points provide views of both Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix as well as Lake Michigan islands. The preserve is a mix of woods and open fields.

From Petoskey, take US-31 south approximately 9 miles to Burgess Road and turn left. Go 3 ½ miles to Quarter-line Road and turn left. Then go 1 mile to Maple Grove Road and turn left. Go ¾ mile down Maple Grove and park at the road end.



35 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN/LTC Indian Point/Chaboiganing

482 acres (total) and more than 2 ½ miles of easy trails for hiking and skiing through the fields and towering oaks and pines of these adjacent lands. Hunting is allowed on Indian Point Memorial Forest, but not on Chaboiganing Preserve. Chaboiganing lies along the Burt Lake Trail.

From Petoskey, travel 14 miles north on US-31 and turn right on Brutus Rd. Travel 4 miles. Just past the intersection with Mundi Rd. look for the Chaboiganing Preserve entrance on right. Parking for the Indian Point property is another half mile beyond Chaboiganing on the right.



43 CLARK TOWNSHIP'S Hessel Beach

LTC's very first assist project in the Les Cheneaux. Since 1994 this township park has offered a swimming beach, public restrooms, and a place to launch a kayak or canoe. An excellent access point for paddlers who are headed out to LTC's Marquette Island preserves.

From the light in Hessel (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.



4 Hailand/Helstrom Complex

From the North Western State Trail access, a boardwalk leads you into the preserves and 1 ½ miles of trail. The 50-acre Hailand Preserve is adjacent to the 40-acre Helstrom Family Preserve. A diversity of habitats are found, including small ponds.

At the Conway stop light along US-31, turn left onto West Conway Rd. and in .2 miles you will see sign and parking on the right. Or catch the paved North Western State Trail at the fountain and go north about a hundred yards to access the preserves through the boardwalk platform.



12 Offield Family

At 390 acres, this working forest reserve includes nearly 4 miles of trails and two parking areas. Largely wooded and hilly with some large meadows. This is a popular neighborhood preserve within a short distance of Harbor Springs, the downhill ski resorts, and several golf courses.

From Petoskey, head north on US-31 2.6 miles to M-119. Turn left, follow M-119 for 3.2 miles to Pleasantview Rd., continue north on Pleasantview 1 ½ miles to Quick Rd and turn left. Look for parking area on left ½ mile down Quick Rd.



20 Barney's Lake Beaver Island

Featuring 337 acres, 4,900 feet of Barney's Lake frontage and 1,770 feet of Lake Michigan frontage. Habitats include open bog, sedge meadow, cedar swamp, and uplands. 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.

From St. James, take Kings Hwy. south 1 ¼ miles to Barney's Lake Rd. North and turn right. Go 2 ½ miles and the preserve can be found on both sides of the road. Look for a preserve sign on the left. Parking is on the right.



28 Raven Ridge

140 acres and 1 ½ miles of hilly trails adjacent to the Raven Hill Discovery Center near East Jordan. Overlook platform with scenic views.

From Boyne Falls, take M-75 for one mile to Deer Lake Road. Turn left on Deer Lake Road and travel 3 1/2 miles to East Jordan/Boyne City Rd. Turn left and 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 (Rogers Rd. but no sign). The parking area is a short distance down on the right.



36 Duncan Bay

A majority of this 145-acre preserve is Lake Huron shore wetlands, making it highly important habitat for migratory waterfowl and other water-dependent species. The land can now be enjoyed with an easy .9 trail loop and boardwalk that lead to the Lake Huron/Duncan Bay shoreline with views of the Mackinaw Bridge and more. This preserve lies along the Sunrise Coast Birding Trail and the City of Cheboygan's Bike Route.

From Cheboygan take US-23 East to Duncan Ave. Continue on Duncan Ave. .80 miles. The Duncan Bay parking area and logo sign will be on your left.



44 Marquette Island/ Aldo Leopold

More than 1,900 acres and five miles of Lake Huron shoreline are protected with the Seiberling Stewart, Aldo Leopold, and Sheppard-Hardy preserves. (Leopold is 1,683 acres alone.) Best way to access the main trail through Leopold Preserve is at the Leopold Landing at Duck Bay.

From St. Ignace, 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. Quickest launch to Duck Bay is from the end of 4 Mile Rd./S. Park Ave. Only accessible by boat.



5 EMMET COUNTY'S The Headlands

LTC assisted Emmet County in acquiring this incredible 600-acre property with 2 ½ miles on the Straits of Mackinac. Designated as the 9th International Dark Sky Park in the world. Nearly 4 ½ miles of trails are available in addition to the park's facilities. For more information, call 231.436.4051 or visit www.emmetcounty.org.

From Mackinaw City, take Central Ave. west for 2 miles. Turn left and go .3 mile to the entrance road on the right.



13 Round Lake

Located next to the Conservancy office, this 58-acre preserve with a half mile of frontage on Round Lake offers easy, close-to-town trails totaling over a mile loop. An overlook platform offers a nice view of Round Lake. The preserve is easily accessible from the Little Traverse Wheelway and the Petoskey State Park.

From US-31 in Petoskey, take M-119 1 ½ miles north to Powell Rd. Turn right on Powell and take the first driveway on the right, also the entrance to the LTC office. The trailhead is directly off of the parking area.



21 Darnton Family

A few minutes south of Boyne City, you will find the 275-acre Darnton Family Nature Preserve. A 6.5 mile trail system takes you through rolling terrain and varied habitats, including an old farm homestead.

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 Rd. In 2.5 miles, take a right on Behling Rd. Follow Behling Road. .8 mile to the parking area on the right. Access to the preserve is also available off of Dyer Rd, but this dirt road's intersection with Behling has very poor visibility.



29 Rogers/Dressel/Jordan River Complex

These preserves combine for a total of 201 acres and more than two miles of Jordan River frontage. An easy 1 ½ mile trail system is on the Rogers Preserve. Just upstream from this complex lies a public access/canoe launch, making for a nice paddling destination that ends in East Jordan at the edge of Lake Charlevoix.

From downtown East Jordan, travel northeast and then south on M-32 for 1.3 miles to Rogers Road. Turn right and the Rogers Preserve is ½ mile down on the right.



37 Helmer's Dam/ Robert D. VanCampen

Mostly wooded, the primary feature is this 200-acre property is the 1 ¼ miles of Pigeon River frontage. A trail leads to the river which is a popular destination for fly fishing.

From Indian River, take M-68 east 5 ¼ miles to Afton Rd. Turn right and travel 1.3 miles. Preserve on the left where Cut Off Road branches to the right.



45 De Tour Peninsula

More than three miles of northern Lake Huron shoreline and 145 acres on Point DeTour. From the parking area, a two-track trail leads through middle of preserve roughly one mile to the shore. You have to pick your own way to the rugged shoreline from the trail.

From the Mackinac Bridge take I-75 north. Take exit 359 to M-134 East toward Cedarville. Go through Cedarville, and continue east passing De Tour State Park. From the campground entrance, continue 5 miles. (Town of De Tour is too far.) Turn right onto Pointe Rd. Bear right onto Light House Point Rd and follow to parking area.



6 Hoogland Family

This 100-acre preserve includes 3,000 feet of M-119/Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route. With rolling ridges to the east, it includes the classic northern upland forest. In late spring, the woods are dotted with trillium, trout lily, and spring beauty.

From Harbor Springs, drive north on M-119 for 7.7 miles. At the base of the big hill you have just descended, you will turn a fairly sharp corner to the right and the parking area will soon appear on the right.



14 Stutsmanville Bog/C. Beach Day & Family Complex

This area is a mecca of plant and animal diversity. Features a quarter mile fern-lined trail to the bog, interpretive signs, and a bench with an overlook view. A fun place for young children to explore and play hide and seek when the ferns are unfolded. The original preserve is 65 acres and the C. Beach Day & Family preserve is 34 acres.

From Harbor Springs, take State Road north approximately 5 miles. Look for the preserve sign on the right-hand side of the road and a small parking area with a wooden fence around it.



22 The Hill

This popular 119-acre property overlooks Boyne City with filtered views of Lake Charlevoix. A 2 ½ mile trail system meanders through mature hardwoods, old fields, orchards, and conifer groves. Two parking areas. Groomed ski trails in winter.

From downtown Boyne City at intersection of Lake and Water St., go north on Lake for one mile. Lake Street turns into W. Michigan. Go 0.1 miles on W. Michigan and turn right on Charlevoix St. Go 1.6 miles north on Charlevoix St. to Clute Rd. Turn right onto Clute Rd. Go .7 mile to parking area on your right.



30 St. Clair Lake/ Six Mile Lake

Jointly owned between the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and LTC, this 261-acre property offers 2.3 miles of water frontage. In 2019, GTRLC coordinated a significant upgrade for the preserve, making the trails and a kayak launch universally accessible.

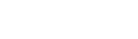
In Ellsworth, take C-48 east approximately two miles to the preserve parking area on the right (south) side of the road. There is a kayak/canoe launch on the river.



38 Hildner-Bearce/Waubun Complex

These 27 acres are dominated by oak, maple, and beech. The preserves contain a short trail system totalling less than a mile.

From downtown Indian River, travel 2 miles north on M-27 and turn left on Waubun Road. Travel 1 mile to intersection of Waubun Road and Waubun Beach Road. The property is on both sides of the road. Park along the road.



46 Round Island Point

1,026 acres, 1 ¾ miles of Lake Superior shoreline, and 1 ½ miles of trail. Trail does not currently go to the shore. There are two entrances, but directions below are one route to main parking area.

From Sault Ste. Marie, head south on I-75 and take Exit 392. Travel about one mile and turn left (south) on 20th Street (aka S. Bakerside Road) and travel three miles. Turn right on 6 Mile Rd. Go five miles and turn right (north) on Birch Point Rd. (east loop). Go ½ mile and look for signs on right. Turn right onto the paved S. Winding Ct. Follow one mile to parking and trail head.



7 Elmer Johnston

Old logging trails offer nearly two miles of hiking opportunities and spectacular views of Lake Michigan and Beaver Island from this 220-acre preserve. Portions of the land were once tilled as farmland and used as pasture. A mix of rolling hardwoods and open meadowland.

From Harbor Springs, take State Rd. 9 miles to Robinson Rd. Turn left on Robinson and travel 4 miles to Church Rd. Take a right on Church and travel ½ mile to the Johnston Preserve on the right.



15 Thorne Swift

Three easy trails cover 30 acres of wetlands and uplands, a pond and the beach. The only LTC preserve with a nature center and summer programs. A \$5 parking fee per car for non-township residents. (No charge for LTC members.) Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 am to ½ hour after sunset. Call 231.526.6401 for extended hours. Managed by West Traverse Township. Dogs are not allowed.

From Harbor Springs, take M-119 northwest 3.8 miles to Lower Shore Dr. on left. Follow Lower Shore Dr. for ½ mile. The preserve sign is on the left.



23 Nathan "Barry" Driggers

A 1 ½ mile trail system meanders through this 75-acre preserve offering views of Lake Charlevoix. Once a farm, the property includes a pine plantation, open fields, and a high, forested ridge. Trails are often groomed by a neighbor in winter.

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 (north) side of the road. This preserve is directly across the street from Hayes Township's Camp Seagull property.



31 Sleepy Hollow

More than one mile of easy walking trails meander through this 55-acre property that includes a spring-fed trout stream emptying to the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Beautiful se- cond growth forest of maple, beech, hemlock, and ash.

From Charlevoix, take M-66 south approximately 7 miles and turn left onto Sleepy Hollow Lane, across the road from Phelps Road. Drive in to the parking area on the left.



39 Barbara C. Hoffius

The preserve includes 2,000 feet along Lake Huron and lies along US-23 between Cheboygan and Mackinaw City. A parking area is found on the lake side of US-23 and a short trail meanders down a slope to the rocky lakeshore. The preserve also straddles the North Central State Trail.

From the intersection of US-27 and US-23 in Cheboygan, head northeast on US-23 for 7.3 miles and look for the preserve sign on the right. From Mackinaw City, the preserve can also be found just under 8 miles southeast of town along US-23.



47 Vermilion Point

Enjoy 1.75 miles of Lake Superior shoreline at this spectacular 175-acre property. Operated as a life saving station for decades, the buildings are now used by researchers studying the plants and wildlife of the region. The back wetlands are old cranberry bogs. No trails, but the shoreline is a must for hiking.

From Paradise, travel north on N. Whitefish Rd. 5.2 miles. Turn left at Vermilion Rd. In .6 mile, be sure to stay slightly to the right on Vermilion Rd. and continue for 6.1 miles. Again, stay right for 1.3 miles until you reach the preserve.



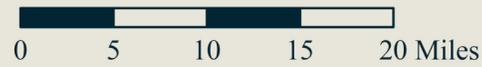
8 Ray Johnston

Near Pickerel Lake, this 52-acre preserve includes more than one mile of trails, part of which travel through a steep bluff created by post-glacial Lake Algonquin.

From the intersection of M-119 and US-31 on the north end of Petoskey, follow US-31 ½ mile to Pickerel Lake Rd. Turn right and follow Pickerel Lake Rd. for

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One of the best ways to explore northern Michigan is to visit the trails on preserve and reserve lands protected through the Little Traverse Conservancy. All across northern lower and eastern upper Michigan, you can find some of the region's most treasured natural lands protected and available for public enjoyment.

Of the more than 350 nature preserves, working forest reserves*, and natural areas protected through Little Traverse Conservancy, this map features those that are most accessible. Included are a handful of lands protected with Conservancy assistance that are now owned and managed by other agencies. All of the properties described here are living treasures that will remain protected FOREVER!

*A working forest is a land that is enrolled in Michigan Conservation Forest Act Program. This means the land has and always will be managed for long-term timber production following healthy forest management practices.

Guidelines

Please enjoy: Hiking, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, and similar low-impact activities. Many of the properties include water frontage and one could easily canoe or kayak at them, but please note that none of these properties include developed boat launches.

Please refrain from: Camping, fires, dumping or littering, removal of vegetation, off-road vehicles, and snowmobiling.

Please remember:

- Hunting is allowed only on designated preserves and with written permission only. Visit www.landtrust.org or call our office for details.
- State law requires that all dogs be on a leash while visiting preserves.

Please contact our office if trails, parking areas, or signs need attention or if you notice any inappropriate activity on a preserve. We greatly appreciate the assistance of the many individuals who help monitor and provide stewardship for our preserves and trails. Visit our website for volunteer opportunities!

NOTE: Public parks are generally established to handle more intensive use than our preserves and are maintained by state and local governments. A handful of parks established with help from the Conservancy are included in this guide. Please refer to the rules and regulations of the appropriate jurisdiction when visiting them.



Download the app!

Our free nature preserve app provides users with accurate, detailed information and interactive maps about LTC preserves that are best suited for outdoor recreation. Other trails such as The North Country Trail, DNR Pathways, and more are also shown.

The app is available on both Google Play and the Apple App Store by searching "LTC Explorer" or use these QR codes.

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