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TRAILS BY WHEELS

Learn about the Conservancy's campaign to raise funds for new mountain biking trails at the Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve. See page 6.

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One More Cast

HONORING JACK HARRIS

If you have ever taken a kid fishing, you know the look when you tell them it's time to go. They invariably want "one more cast." Visualize the look on their face, the intensity, the planning, the joy, the hope that you will actually allow several more casts. Hold that thought.

Jack Harris passed away this April at the age of 88. That's a good run and he led a fulfilled life, but the news of his passing was still like a kick in the stomach. Jack was a great man, and he had a tremendous influence on many of us here at LTC. His wife Tucker was on our Board and Land Protection Committee for years. Jack and Tucker both served on our Finance Committee for a long time. They have been incredibly generous to LTC and other organizations in the area. They were even partly responsible for my predecessor, Tom Bailey, meeting his wife Heidi. But all of that is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the positive influence Jack had.

I reflect often on how Jack treated a young aspiring land protection specialist with the respect and dignity he would give someone who had earned it. To this day, I try to give others the same benefit of the doubt Jack gave me many years ago. Jack set the standard toward which I strive. Our Associate Director Ty Ratliff tells many stories of how Jack influenced him or times when Jack said or did something memorable. I know there are many others who would say the same thing.

Several of us remember fondly when we were acquiring the Helmer's Dam - Robert D. VanCampen Nature Preserve. This large property has a long stretch of the Pigeon River running through it, a stretch that Jack fished many times as a younger man. When it came up for sale, Jack became focused on preserving it. Throughout that effort he demonstrated generosity, kindness, patience, and perseverance. Our team was inspired by his personal connection

to this property and his willingness to make sacrifices to protect it.

During the fundraising effort we wanted photos of someone fly fishing on the river. We had to convince Jack to be the model and he only agreed because it would help us raise the funds to complete the purchase. We convinced him that people wouldn't know who it was anyway. He was very humble and did not want the spotlight. I'm guessing Jack was in his early 70's at that time but you wouldn't have known it when he stepped into the river. At that moment, the years of muscle memory came out in full display. The fly rod began to pitch and pull like a maestro had stepped up to the orchestra. The line was in graceful motion above the river so close to overhanging branches yet never becoming entangled. Even the way he stood in the water betrayed the countless hours he must have stood against a current. But the best part was the look on his face - it was the snapshot of the kid right before you said it was time to go. Clearly this was one of Jack's happy places.

Jack used to take me and our mutual buddy Wil Cwikiel fly fishing. This is the only fly fishing I have ever actually done, and you can correctly assume that I am really bad at it. Jack would just talk you through it like a patient uncle who somehow convinced you that he didn't just see you looking silly.

A few years ago, we did a significant project adjacent to the Helmer's Dam Preserve and we were able to convince the Harrises to let us name it after them. The 640-acre Jack and Tucker Harris Working Forest Reserve is now a permanent testament to a great man and his wonderful



Todd Parker

Jack Harris fishing the Pigeon River at the Helmer's Dam-Robert D. Van Campen Nature Preserve.

wife. Currently, we are working with several partners to do habitat improvement work there. We have already worked with partners to help injured veterans and hunters with a disability get out on the property and enjoy nature as Jack did. For generations to come, countless others will have opportunities to gain that connection Jack had to wild places, the connection of a kid standing thigh deep in his fishing hole; a kid with that look on his face. A land conservation Legacy — you just can't do it any better than that.

I just wish there was some way to go back and have one more cast with Jack.

Kieran C. Fleming
Executive Director



Woollam Family Nature Preserve Grows

The popular Woollam Family Nature Preserve grew by seven acres this spring thanks to a donation from the J.A. Woollam Foundation. The addition brings the preserve size to 69 acres and adds 850 feet of Lake Michigan frontage for a total of 3,300 feet of spectacular Lake Michigan shore. "This nature preserve was already one of the most beloved properties owned by the Conservancy," said Executive Director Kieran Fleming. "The addition simply makes the jewel even brighter."



Various types of sand dunes, all of which are designated by the state as Critical Dune habitat, are a stunning key feature of the Woollam Family Nature Preserve. Of special interest is the rocky interdunal swale inland from the first dune ridge. Doug Fuller, former LTC Director of Stewardship and a keen student of northwest Michigan's surficial geology, believes that the diverse assemblage of rocks in this swale was likely a beach from an ancient higher stage of Lake Michigan, scoured clear of dune sand by the wind for the time being.

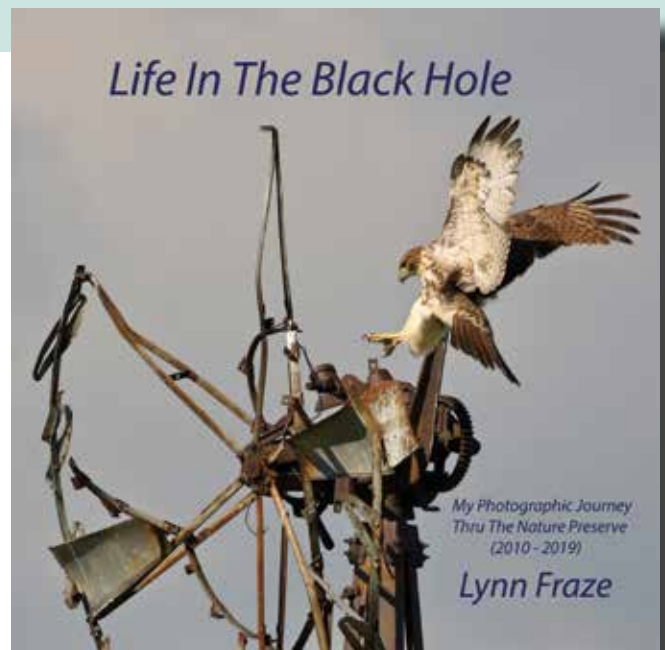
The effect that the atypical and diverse beauty has on visitors to the Woollam Family Nature Preserve is palpable, and has been noted by generations. According to Eric Hemenway, Cultural Archivist with the Little

Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, "The Odawa, one of Michigan's indigenous people, have long held this area with high regard and knew of its special quality. The area from Cross Village to Harbor Springs is known by the Odawa as 'Waganakising' or 'Land of the Crooked Tree.' A sacred, bent tree once blessed this area and thus the land became identified with it."

Access to the new preserve addition is through the existing trail system that leads to the shoreline, then following the beach north. The existing parking area is scheduled for an expansion this summer season to accommodate the growing popularity of the preserve. It is important to note that it is a hilly, roughly half-mile walk to the beach from the parking area.

New Book Celebrates Wildlife at the Black Hole Nature Preserve

Wildlife photographer and volunteer citizen science monitor Lynn Frazee lives in a tiny house on land surrounded by the 220-acre Black Hole Nature Preserve on Crooked Lake. Her brand new book is a compilation of extraordinary photos and stories about the wildlife inhabitants, migratory species and other creatures she has observed in close proximity for almost a decade. The book is 80 pages, hard-cover and measures 8-1/2 by 8-1/2 inches. Retail price is \$33.00 plus tax. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at Ward & Eis Gallery in Petoskey; Bailey's Place on US-31N; Fairbairn's Hardware; and TIGERLILLYS in Alanson. A book signing will occur at the Alanson Area Public Library on August 10 from 10am-3pm. A portion of book proceeds will be donated to the Conservancy.



Of Family, Place, and a Love of Land



Bill and Mary Glenna Malpass loved northern Michigan with its four seasons, beautiful rivers, lakes, woodlands and rolling hillsides. They felt very fortunate to live in this area and raise their six children with an appreciation of nature and all of its blessings.

Bill worked for over 50 years at the family business, EJ (formally known as East Jordan Iron Works). Mary Glenna stayed home attending family and actively participating in the East Jordan Community, including the First Presbyterian Church. Throughout their lifetime, Bill and Mary Glenna introduced their children and later grandchildren to the wonders of nature. This included walking in the woods; learning about trees, plant life and wild flowers; hunting for mushrooms and picking wild berries, all while discovering wildlife and especially birds. Over the years, Bill and the children planted thousands of evergreen trees on nearby hillsides.

During summer months the family enjoyed a small day cabin on Lake Charlevoix that was the central location for swimming, boating, fishing, campfires, and weekend gatherings with cousins and local friends. During winter months, the family enjoyed sledding on nearby hills, skating on a local pond, ice fishing on Lake Charlevoix, and feeding the birds.

Long weekends and vacations were spent traveling around Michigan, often in the Upper Peninsula, visiting parks and interesting sites. After the children

left home, Bill and Mary Glenna drove a motorhome around the United States several times, including the ALCAN highway, visiting many National Parks. On their many trips to Florida, they enjoyed visiting Sanibel Island, the J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and the Everglades. Of course, they were always searching for and identifying different birds.

They lived in the City of East Jordan from 1939 until 1966 when they purchased a home in South Arm Township with 24 acres on Lake Charlevoix. Grandchildren often visited and enjoyed outdoor activities including playing in the large yard, taking nature hikes in the woods, and observing many different flowers in the gardens. There was also Grampa's large vegetable and berry garden to enjoy. Not surprisingly, the lake was the focus for swimming, fishing, and boating. So many wonderful memories and experiences were had by all who visited this lovely property.

Throughout their lives Bill and Mary Glenna taught their children to be very thankful for all the blessings they had received. Their children witnessed many examples of their parents' generosity to the community and were encouraged to follow their example.

Today their surviving children Bill, Suzanne, Fred, Tina, and Julia are very pleased to donate to The Little Traverse Conservancy 7.75 acres with 620 feet of frontage on Lake Charlevoix, to establish the Bill and Mary Glenna Malpass Nature Preserve.



Bill and Mary Glenna Malpass

Located off of M-66, the land slopes from uplands along the road, to wetlands approaching the shoreline. In 2017, a wetland permit was received by the Malpass family to build a boardwalk from the uplands to the shore. LTC will evaluate the possibility of completing this project to allow visitors to reach the shore without disturbing the wetlands.

"There are very few remaining undeveloped shoreline parcels available on Lake Charlevoix," said Conservancy Director of Land Protection, Caitlin Donnelly. "This gift is not only a wonderful way to honor Bill and Mary Glenna's love of the region. It is a permanent gift to the future of Lake Charlevoix."





Henry and Anna Yeiser

The Henry and Anna Yeiser NATURE PRESERVE

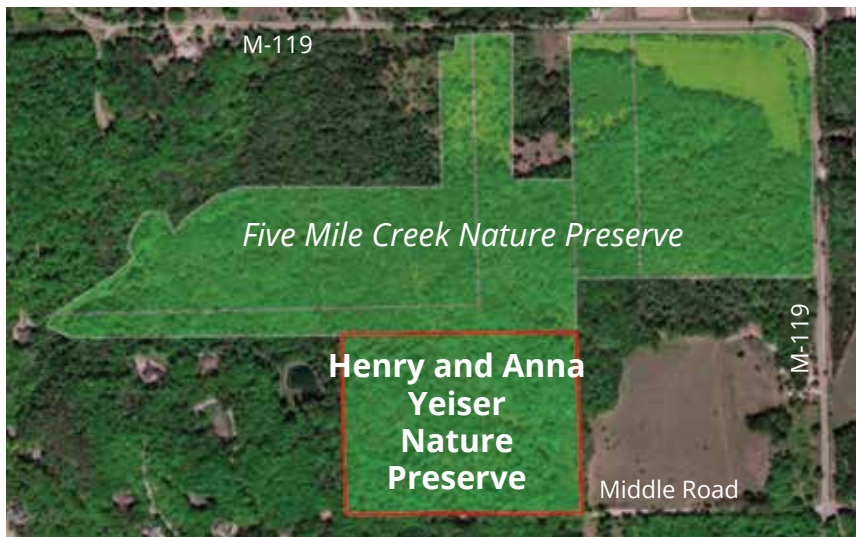
A 30-acre preserve adjacent to the 91-acre Five Mile Creek Nature Preserve was recently made possible through a donation from Louise Yeiser McAlpin. The undeveloped land is composed primarily of lowland conifers nestled among small hills. This addition provides access to the preserve complex from Middle Road, north of Harbor Springs. The new preserve will be known as the Henry and Anna Yeiser Nature Preserve, after Louise's great grandparents, honoring this family's love of northern Michigan:

"My father, Eric B. Yeiser, who lived his whole life in Cincinnati, Ohio, learned to sail when he was only 6 years old and he learned right here in northern Michigan. 'How could I not?' he told me once. 'Nana and Grandad gave me my own sailboat and had it ready and waiting at our dock every year when I went up for the summer,' Louise said.

"The dock in question was at Harbor Point's Cottage No. 11, owned at the time by my great-grandparents, Henry Craig and Anna Thiesing Yeiser. "Dad remembered many summers when he arrived at the cottage and ran straight to the dock to sail his boat. His love of boating, which began so young, led him, at the age of 18, to join the Navy and serve on the USS WASP, the aircraft carrier which took down the last kamikaze plane of World War II," Louise added. "I love that his years of service on such a monumental WWII ship began up here when he was a little boy visiting his grandparents in northern Michigan, like so many of our summer residents do."

Louise recalls that her great-grandmother Anna loved the Up North life so much that she continued spending summers here long after her husband Henry's death in 1940. She passed away herself in Petoskey in 1952 and is buried with Henry and the rest of Louise's family in Cincinnati.

"When I first moved up here, I was unaware of my family's history with Harbor Springs. It is my honor today to memorialize my great grandparents with 30 acres of preserve dedicated to their memory, uniting them forever with the beautiful land they so loved," she said.



The Henry and Anna Yeiser Nature Preserve



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Bring on the Mountain Biking Trails!

Fundraising Underway for New Trails at Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve

Northern Michigan is well known for its trails, and recently the region has seen a surging interest in mountain biking on designed trails.

For several years, LTC has been working with the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) to meet the growing desire for more mountain bike trails in northern Lower Michigan. Located only 10 minutes southeast of Petoskey, the 236-acre Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve (WFR) is ideally located for residents and visitors. Positioned along Maxwell Road and directly east of the popular Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve, the Tanton WFR offers rolling hardwood hills with steep ridges and sweeping valleys – a recipe for high adventure mountain biking!

A 6.29-mile trail system is planned for the Tanton WFR. This trail will be multi-use, but optimized for mountain biking and will include one beginner trail, one intermediate trail, and one advanced trail.

"For the past several years, TOMMBA has been looking to

expand our work from Boyne City and East Jordan north towards Petoskey and Harbor Springs," said Bo Mayfield of TOMMBA. "In the Little Traverse Conservancy we found the perfect partner. Both organizations promote the preservation of natural spaces and making it easier for everyone to enjoy the outdoors. Our collaboration at the Tanton Reserve offers both a great community project and another key piece of TOMMBA's long-term plan for an expansive trail system throughout our corner of Michigan."

To design and construct the trail system, LTC and TOMMBA have enlisted the talents of Rock Solid Trail Contracting, LLC. Rock Solid built the nationally-renowned Copper Harbor Trails and is recognized as one of the highest quality mountain bike trail building companies in the country. Fundraising for the trail has begun. If we are able to raise \$200,000 by May 2020, trail construction is scheduled to begin that spring.

"The Tanton TOMMBA Trail offers a perfect opportunity to expand into Emmet County and better engage



Trout Family Nature Preserve

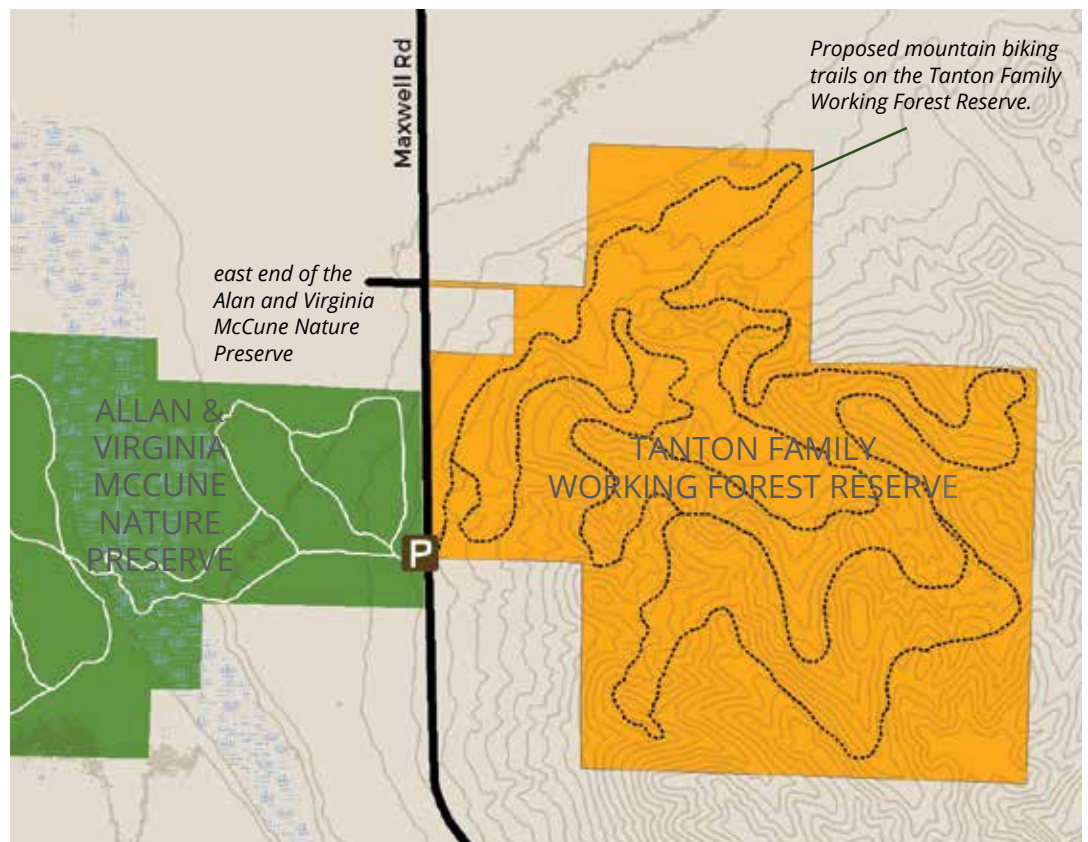
CHIPPEWA COUNTY

A 19-acre property with 2,756 feet along Frenchman Lake in Chippewa County was recently donated to Little Traverse Conservancy by Don and Mary Trout. The new preserve will be known as the Trout Family Nature Preserve and joins a group of preserves found around a

riders in the Petoskey/ Harbor Springs area,” said LTC Administrative Coordinator Sarah Gurney, former TOMMBA board member, and avid mountain biker. “These mountain biking trails create a synergy with other regional trails that will help make northern Michigan a mountain biking destination locally, and nationally.”

Mountain biking trails are also being noted for their contributions to a region’s economic growth. A recent study conducted at the Glacial Hills Pathway in Bellaire showed a clear correlation between the trail and economic benefits for that community, estimating an economic boost of \$1.45 million annually for the city and county.

“From the time we started working with the Tantons on acquiring this property, we knew it would be unique, not only for LTC, but for outdoor recreation in the community,” said LTC Director of Stewardship, Derek Shiels. “After conversations with TOMMBA and Rock Solid, we confirmed and solidified our vision for an exhilarating new recreation opportunity.



TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:
\$200,000

FUNDRAISING TO DATE:
\$106,500 as of May 24

DEADLINE:
April, 2020

Help us Raise \$93,500!

*Want to join us
in making Emmet
County a mountain
biking destination?
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learn more and donate.*

cluster of small lakes in Trout Lake Township.

“We originally bought the property with hopes of building an ‘up north’ home for the purpose of enjoying the lake and the surrounding area,” said Don Trout. “But over time, we decided to leave it in its natural state to conserve wildlife.”

The new preserve consists of a beech-maple hardwood forest with some white pine and spruce scattered throughout. Don noted that they have seen a large diversity of wildlife species at the land over the years such as red fox, deer, osprey, loons, pileated woodpeckers, and American redstart warblers, to name but a few. Some have reported that a wolf was seen some years ago.

“The Conservancy does a superb job of protecting our northern Michigan lands. We could not think of a better group to give our land to,” Trout said.



Summer 2019 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Please note that there is a \$5 fee (non-members) per child for our summer programs. There is no charge for LTC members. Registration is online at www.landtrust.org. If you would like to become a member, you can do so at www.landtrust.org or by calling our office at 231.347.0991. For registration assistance, please call Sarah at 231.344.1018. Participants for the Knee-High programs must be accompanied by an adult.

Knee-High

NATURALIST PROGRAMS
AGES 3-5 | 10-11:15 AM

SUMMER SENSES

Tuesday, June 18
Spring Lake Park, M-119
There are so many smells, sights, and sounds to discover! During our adventure we will engage all of our senses through activities and observations of the natural world. We will use our imaginations to explore how animals use their different senses.

FLYING FRIENDS

Wednesday, June 19
Spring Lake Park, M-119
Come join avid birder and LTC Volunteer Mary Trout to learn all about birds, including amazing flying facts, the family life of birds and much more bird lore. Come ready to discover the world of birds through observations, activities, and crafts.

AWESOME ANIMAL HOMES

Thursday, June 20
Spring Lake Park, M-119
Where do animals live and why? How do they build their homes? What materials do they use? These are the questions we will answer through close observation and exploration. Get ready to look up, down, under logs and behind trees to discover some awesome animal homes.

INCREDIBLE INSECTS

Tuesday, July 2
Resort Township East Park, Petoskey
Get ready to take a peek under logs and rocks, look up into the sky and through tall meadow grass to discover some amazing critters. Stories, activities, and crafts will help us get a closer glimpse into the world of insects and their unique adaptations.

GNOME HOMES & FAIRY HOUSES

Wednesday, July 3
Resort Township East Park, Petoskey
Bring your imagination and creativity as we make magical homes from natural materials for our forest friends. We will leave our fairy houses and gnome homes in the woods, but will make a special project to bring back to our own homes.

AMAZING AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES

Tuesday, July 16
Spring Lake Park, M119
Frogs, toads and salamanders, oh my! Ponds are teeming with life and fun to explore. Join us as we imagine what life is like as a cold-blooded critter. A story, craft and exploration near the water will help us appreciate what amphibians and reptiles can teach us about nature.

WATER WONDERS

Wednesday, July 17
Spring Lake Park, M-119
Come explore the amazing world of tiny water insects. Eli Baker, Education Coordinator at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, will guide us in learning about aquatic insects like mayflies, caddisflies, and stoneflies that make their homes in the mud and rocks of ponds and streams. By collecting our own aquatic insects and taking a closer look we will discover the special features of these cool water critters.

FANTASTIC FISH

Thursday, July 18
Spring Lake Park, M-119
I spy with my little eye an animal with scales, gills, and fins. Can you guess what it is? A fish! Come join us for a fishing adventure where we will observe fish up close, practice casting, and then go fishing! In addition, stories, activities and crafts will help us explore the unique characteristics of fish.

POLLINATION STATION

Tuesday, July 30
Resort Township East Park, Petoskey
Do you hear that buzzing sound? Join us as we explore the fascinating world of pollinators, like bees, butterflies, birds and beetles. We will learn the reason for a flower, observe the parts of a flower, identify some common wildflowers and help pollinate flowers by becoming pollinators ourselves! Through stories, activities, and crafts your naturalist will discover the importance of pollinators in our world.

CREATIVE KIDS

Wednesday, July 31
Resort Township East Park, Petoskey
The colors, patterns, textures and overall beauty of the natural world will inspire your Knee-High artist to think out of the box. We will go on a nature scavenger hunt to engage our senses and get creative juices flowing. After exploring our surroundings and gathering natural materials we will create several fun art and craft projects to bring home.

GNOME HOMES & FAIRY HOUSES

Thursday, August 1
Resort Township East Park, Petoskey
Bring your imagination and creativity as we make magical homes from natural materials for our forest friends. We will leave our fairy houses and gnome homes in the woods, but will make a special project to bring back to our own homes.

Junior

NATURALIST PROGRAMS
AGES 6-8 | 10-11:30 AM

WILD HOMES & HIDEOUTS

Tuesday, June 25
Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey
What is a habitat? Come explore the places where animals eat, play, and sleep. We will compare different habitats on the beautiful McCune Nature Preserve, searching for places where woodland creatures find shelter. We will even build a shelter of our own!

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Wednesday, June 26
Waldron Fen Nature Preserve, Alanson
The unique wetland landscape of this preserve provides exceptional habitat for around 116 resident and migratory bird species! Come and learn about the fascinating songs, flight patterns, plumage and behaviors of different birds. Binoculars and field guides are available, but feel free to bring your own!

INSECT-O-MANIA

Thursday, June 27
Hailand/Helstrom Family Nature Preserves, Conway
Insect enthusiasts, rejoice! Get ready to lift a log, dig through the mud, and follow the buzz in search of fascinating bugs. Let's see how many different kinds of insects we can find. Sweep nets, bug jars, and identification books are provided, but feel free to bring your own!

ANISHINAABEK PART I: PLANTS

Tuesday, July 9
Oden Island Nature Preserve, Petoskey
Join us for this two-part series as we explore how the northern Michigan landscape influences the crafts of Anishinaabek. In part I, Amanda Weinert and Dorothy Perry, from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indian's Education Department, will lead us on a hike to discover and learn the history of plants and natural materials used in traditional crafts.



ANISHINAABEK PART II: CRAFTS

Wednesday, July 10

Oden Island Nature Preserve, Petoskey

In part II of this series, Amanda Weinert and Dorothy Perry, from the Little Traverse Bands of Odawa Indian's Education Department, will guide us in making a take home craft from the plants and natural materials that we discovered in part I.

AQUATIC ADVENTURES

Thursday, July 11

Clark Nature Preserve, Petoskey
We will meet at the NCMC parking area on Atkins Road. Let's explore an underwater world to discover the tiny creatures that live there. We will use a variety of tools to closely examine and identify aquatic dwellers. All materials supplied. Be sure to wear shoes for the water and muck!

COOL CAMO

Tuesday, July 13

Watson/Schott Nature Preserve Complex, Harbor Springs
Come out, come out, wherever you are! Camouflage is an amazing adaptation that helps animals blend into their surroundings. Get ready to learn about different types of camouflage, predator and prey adaptations, and food chains as we play games and use our observation skills along the trail.

MIGHTY MUSHROOMS

Wednesday, July 24

Chaboiganing Nature Preserve, Brutus

Why did the mushroom get invited to the birthday party? Because he's a fungi! Come explore the fascinating world of mushrooms and how they play a crucial role in forest ecosystems. We will identify common mushrooms of northern Michigan and learn some fun facts about different varieties.

FISHING FUN

Thursday, July 25

Spring Lake Park, M-119

Join LTC staff for a fishing adventure where we will observe fish up close, practice casting, and then go fishing! All fishing materials supplied and all experience levels welcome.

Adventure

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

AGES 9-12 | 10 am-12 NOON

THE ART OF FIRE BUILDING

Tuesday, June 18

Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve, Petoskey

Fire building is a traditional skill passed down through countless generations as a way to thrive. Fire allows you to create heat to stay warm and dry, cook and dehydrate food, and provide light in the dark. This program will allow students to practice the art of fire building with the goal of mastery. Those who succeed will enjoy a well cooked meal of bread-on-a-stick. Those who struggle may be eating raw dough!

INTRO TO WILD EDIBLES, WATER COLLECTION & FILTRATION

Wednesday, June 19

Offield Family Working Forest Reserve, Harbor Springs

Food and water are essential to wilderness survival! This program is designed to introduce young people to the skill of identifying wild edibles and approaching water consumption. We will learn how to safely identify some edible and non-edible plants, water collection & filtration and even build a solar still!

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Thursday, June 20

Goodhart Farms Nature Preserve, Good Hart

A fun introduction to a great sport! The Goodhart Farms Nature Preserve offers well maintained trails through rolling hardwood forests. These trails are wide, not extreme and hill climbing is minimal. Designed for children with little to no mountain biking experience up to an intermediate level. A mountain bike is recommended. Extra water, appropriate footwear, and helmets are required.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS: SHELTER BUILDING

Tuesday, July 2

McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey

This program focuses on shelter building, the 10 essentials and the mindset needed in survival situations. We'll cover the importance of being prepared and informed before venturing out into the woods, as well as shelter building. Sturdy shoes

are recommended as we will also be taking a short hike.

CREEK CRAWL

Wednesday, July 3

5 Mile Creek Nature Preserve, Harbor Springs

Take a walk on the wild side of the creek! With no established trail, this preserve is for the adventurous child. Be prepared to have some fun getting muddy and wet! This walk will be different than walking a maintained trail, and will require maneuvering over logs and through branches. Dress for hiking, in clothes you won't mind getting wet.

COMPASS SKILLS: ORIENTEERING

Tuesday, July 16

Ransom Nature Preserve, Charlevoix

Knowing how to use a compass is an important skill to have if you enjoy exploring in nature. The Ransom Nature Preserve is home to our popular orienteering course. Come learn the basics of orienteering as we navigate this beautiful property. Parents are encouraged to participate, as one adult will be needed to accompany each group. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended as we will be exploring off trail.

ADVENTURES ON THE PIGEON

Wednesday, July 17

Agnes S. Andreae Nature Preserve, Indian River

This preserve is a must see! We'll be hiking to a gorgeous lookout and splashing our way back as we get up close and personal with the spectacular Pigeon River. If tromping through the woods and playing along a river sounds fun, then this is the program for you! Dress for hiking, in clothes you won't mind getting wet.

PHOTOGRAPHY FUN!

Thursday, July 18

Resort Township East Park Bay Harbor

Interested in photography and love being outdoors? Grab your camera for a photo adventure at this beautiful park near Bay Harbor. This program's focus is to improve your nature photography skills and expand your creativity while providing an opportunity to photograph unique and exciting subjects in nature. All abilities and cameras welcome.

TRAILBLAZERS: MAP AND COMPASS ADVENTURE

Tuesday, July 30

Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve, Petoskey

The ability to use a compass and read a map is a crucial skill if you enjoy the outdoors. This program will cover both! With its rolling hardwood hills and excellent views, this property is perfect for an off trail adventure! The terrain is hilly and we will be exploring off trail. Long pants, sturdy shoes and a water bottle are recommended.

MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVENTURE

Wednesday, July 31

Offield Family Working Forest Reserve, Harbor Springs

Mountain biking is a fun way to get out in nature! This property offers well maintained trails through rolling hardwoods. The trail is not extreme and hill climbing is minimal. Designed for children with little mountain biking experience up to an intermediate level. Bring your own bike - a mountain bike is recommended. Extra water, appropriate footwear, and helmets are required.

ADVENTURES ON THE PIGEON

Thursday, August 1

Agnes S. Andreae Nature Preserve, Indian River

This popular program is offered twice this summer. If you haven't explored the Agnes S. Andreae preserve yet then it's time to check it out! This unique property offers maintained hiking trails, gorgeous views and opportunities for playing in the river. Dress for hiking, in clothes you won't mind getting wet.



FINANCE COMMITTEE PROFILE

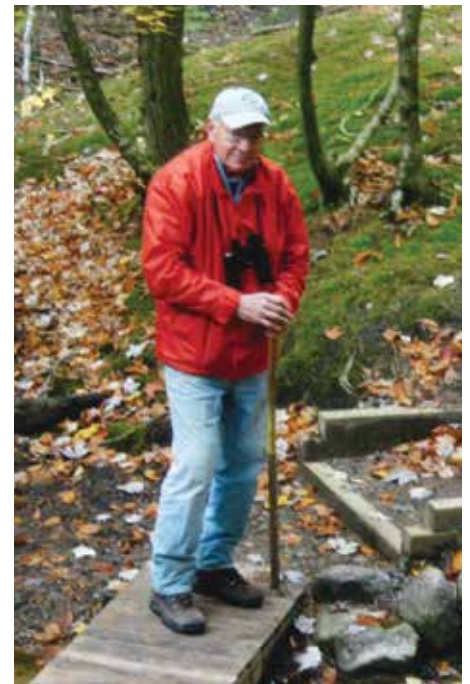
Mark Paddock

Members of our Finance Committee are volunteers who believe so much in the land conservation, land stewardship, and environmental education work done by LTC that they reach out to recruit others by signing (and sometimes writing) our membership solicitation letters twice a year. They are highly active members of the LTC community, and for them we are extremely grateful!

"I support LTC whole heartedly because it does a great job protecting natural lands in this region I live and love. Essentially, supporting and being active with LTC is an extension of my life's work and loves. All my professional life I worked in positions with organizations that were based upon natural landscapes within which biological and ecological research, management and teaching was carried out. These positions were in Alpine Ecology Research, National Park Ranger, Game Biologist and Conservation Officer, Associate Director at The Missouri Botanical Garden and The University of Michigan Biological Station.

"I joined the LTC Finance Committee because people around Douglas Lake and LTC asked me to do so, and I am pleased to do my part.

"I and my wife Ruth enjoyed many outdoor activities year round: XC skiing in winter, hiking in spring and fall, and biking and canoeing in summer. Protected lands are an essential part of these outdoor activities. Now that I am 90 and without Ruth, I limit myself to walking trails when weather is reasonable. Some of my favorite LTC properties are the Waldron Fen and Colonial Point/Chaboiganing Preserve complex.



"Professionally, I have been involved with and observed many organizations comparable to LTC. My conclusion is that LTC is at the very top rung of hundreds of conservancies, land trusts etc.in America. We are indeed fortunate to have LTC here and I am honored to be a part."

Thank You & Welcome! New & Gift Members

The following individuals, families, and businesses joined the Little Traverse Conservancy between February 25, 2019 and May 17, 2019.

Russ and Emily Chambers
Rich Couse
Joyce and Greg Danforth
Nina Fearon
Carrie Frisbie
Mr. Neal Godby
Kevin and Jennifer Haf
Dr. Donald and Eileen Klein
Ms. Jennifer Kleitch
Errol and Carol Lee
Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Long
Sarah Mayhew and Carrie Harrison
Mike and Ruth McGrath
Mike McNamara
Kimberlee Mitchell and Ralph Williamson

Mark Osborne Herbert
Uli Rabiero
Ty and Sarah Ratliff
The Rieser Family Foundation
Mr. Rob Ruoutledge
Keith Saylor
Stacey Schlueter
Grace and Steve Truman
Sarah Tule
Michael Turisk
Pam Wagner
William and Diane Weckesser
Ms. Laura Wong
Kevin and Karen Wright
Brock Evan Yenglin



BIRCHWOOD CONSTRUCTION

On February 16th the Birchwood Construction Company hosted an Open House and asked all of their attendees to support the work of the Little Traverse Conservancy. And then generously donated a \$1000 check to the Conservancy to help our efforts to protect the north country we all love. The Conservancy was honored to be chosen for this special evening -- and we value business supporters like the Birchwood Construction Company.

Thank you so much Tom Adams, Ken Provost and the entire Birchwood Construction Company Family!

Memorials & Honorariums

IN HONOR OF

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CMU Honors Class at Beaver Island



Duncan Bay Preserve Bridge Building



Roldan Grace of Concord Academy at a vernal pool on the Chaboiganing Preserve.



Integrity of These Lands Integrity of Our Lives

Jack visited the Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve trail as part of his quest to stay active, and to eventually visit every nearby nature trail. Rarely a morning goes by when Kathy isn't starting her day off with a walk with her dog Sugar and binoculars around her neck at the Offield Family Working Forest Reserve. Jen loves to go back to the Charles A. Ransom Nature Preserve and visit the spot where she had her first kiss with her husband Terry. Ryan is going to the Barbara C. Hoffius Preserve once a month this summer to see and document unique plants that he has not seen before.

While these names are fictional, their stories are based on actual motivations for experiencing nature and the outdoors on Conservancy lands. Our concepts of nature vary from person to person, but many of us here in northern Michigan share a similar high esteem for natural areas. Our undertaking as a stewardship department is to care for LTC lands in a manner that suits all of our interests while maintaining the integrity of nature, a trail, and an experience on the land. Stewardship's root words "stig" and "scip" combine to mean proper ordering and steering. This is what we do; we strive to make sure our natural areas remain healthy for all critters and accessible to as many people as possible. To do this requires that we be wise, and wise care requires data and information. We welcome your feedback, your comments, your help gathering data through an EcoStewards volunteer opportunity, iNaturalist.org, or just a call to report what you saw, and we invite you to adventure onto LTC lands this summer to interweave your story with ours.



Tree planting at the Consuelo Diane & Charles L. Wilson, Jr. Working Forest Reserve.



Nature, Amplified!

Thanks to donated supplies from The Home Depot and the hard work of the Petoskey Building Trades Class, a Nature Megaphone was created and placed at the Boyd B. Banwell Family Nature Preserve along the Pigeon River. The idea was a longtime dream of LTC Technology and Stewardship Specialist to offer a creative - and low tech - way of enjoying nature in a new way! The quickest way to get to the megaphone is via the Dunn Road entrance to the preserve.



Women Managing Woodlands

On April 26, landowners and natural resource professionals gathered for Women Managing Woodlands, an event focused on the current trends and issues facing Michigan's forestland as presented by female conservation professionals from across the state.

Speakers from the Little Traverse Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, Ruffed Grouse Society, and many more covered topics such as what private landowners can do to improve wildlife habitat on their land, how to manage invasive species on private property, and how to manage forests for upland game birds and other young-forest wildlife. LTC's Becky Wadleigh presented on how our Working Forest Reserve model of land protection has successfully facilitated the protection of actively managed properties within our service area. In the afternoon, professional foresters led the group on a hike through the Oden State Fish Hatchery's public forest to discuss the condition of Michigan's forestland, and how the group's collective work has helped to educate landowners and exemplify better forest management practices statewide.



Thank You!

Matt McDonough for use of his van while on Beaver Island.

Ben Musielak for donating tools to use at the Vermilion Point Nature Preserve.

Glen Matthews for forest health monitoring and consultation.

Darrell Lawson for conducting bird surveys and offering technical expertise.

Charlevoix-Antrim-Kalkaska-Emmet Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area for surveying our lands for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

Kim Dawley for hemming LTC nature preserve tablecloths and **Bruce Dawley** for helping move the Nature Megaphone to the Boyd B. Banwell Nature Preserve.

Doug Fuller for consultation on Great Lakes geology and for leading a field trip at Bubbling Springs Nature Preserve.

Ellsworth Farmers Exchange for donating fertilizer.

Rich Couse and **John Baker** for help cleaning up trash on Powell Road for Earth Day.

CMU Biological School students for trail clearing at the Barney's Lake Nature Preserve and documenting wildlife on our other Beaver Island Nature Preserves.

Mary Trout for leading the After School Birding Program at

Sheridan Elementary School and for leading a birding field trip at the Offield Family Working Forest Reserve.

Tuesday volunteer Preserve Perfectionists: **John Baker, Jim Ehrnst, Chris Ford, Richard Jenkins, Tom Rowland,** and **Mike Tiedeck** for doing anything we ask of them.

Gary High for helping with Bubbling Springs trail improvements.

Kallan Williams for clearing trails as part of his high school National Honor Society community service.

Earth Day Tree Planting volunteers **Ali Hill** and **Chris Ford, Jansen family, Andy Keen, Carter Koetje, Everett and Wyatt Lesh, Dave McVicker, Amber and Theo Neils, Sarah, Audrey and Grayden Ratliff, Nicholas Roznowski, the Springborn family, Stephen Struww, the Wynder family** for planting trees, and **Gary Morse** for letting us use his well to water the new trees at Consuelo Diane and Charles L. Wilson Jr. Working Forest Reserve.

Cheryl Graham, Marty Amlin, and **Dianne Litzenburger** for editing our publications.

Narcotics Anonymous for completing improvement projects at the cabin at the Agnes S. Andreae

Nature Preserve.

Mary Jane Clayton for counting trail camera data.

Volunteer vernal pool monitors: **Bruce Booth, the Grace Family, Doug Fuller, Linda Hammond, the Springborn Family,** and the **Alanson Middle School students** in Hailey Cheshire's class.

Volunteer frog and toad monitor **Linda Marzella.**

Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy for hosting our volunteers at the vernal pool monitor training and **Michigan Natural Features Inventory** for training our volunteers.

Jim and Wendy Bean for helping train and coordinate the American Kestrel volunteer nest box monitors.

Pete Gurney for clearing trails at the Hoogland Family Nature Preserve.

North Central Michigan College students **Hannah Watton** and **Kylee Babcock** for helping out this spring with various projects as part of their Sustainable Living Skills Class internship.

The Home Depot for donating materials for the nature megaphone.

Al Stewart, Upland Game Biologist from the MI Department of Natural Resources, for presenting on the American Woodcock, and **Brian Granger** and **Scott Carbeck** for leading a woodcock viewing field trip.

Ashley Richardson from The Home Depot for helping build a trail to the Nature Megaphone.

Larry Liebler and **students from his Building and Trades class** at Petoskey High School for building a nature megaphone for the Boyd B. Banwell Nature Preserve.

Grain Train Co-Op for donating snacks for our volunteers to thrive on throughout the hard work days.

Peter Ford and **Mollie Carter's Second Grade class** at Blackbird Elementary School for building and installing two American Kestrel nest boxes at the Consuelo Diane and Charles L. Wilson, Jr. Working Forest Reserve.

Kenyon Stebbins for leading a birding field trip at Waldron Fen Nature Preserve.

Megan Goedge from Petoskey District Library and **Jennifer Fruk** from Charlevoix Public Library for collaboration with education programs.

Bill Horntvedt for organizing a work bee at the Gauthier Nature Preserve in Cheboygan and for buying lunch for all the volunteers.

Derek Shiels for donating a Shop Vac.

Volunteers from Harbor Light Church who helped improve the trail at the Offield Family Working Forest Reserve: **Vicki Barnett, Joyce Burns, Sherri and John DeMeyer, Diane Morse, Mike Mathews, Jay Fort,** and **Kim Mueller.**

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER STEWARDSHIP TECHNICIANS



BRAD VON BLON: *Stewardship Technician*

Brad grew up in Ohio but quickly escaped a few times to neighboring states with more exciting flora. He earned an Associate's Degree in Wildlife Management at Hocking College before transferring to West Virginia University for a Bachelor's in Wildlife & Fisheries Resources. A lot of his time has been spent on the arid ridge tops of the Appalachians down to the humid muskegs of Michigan, usually looking for rare plants. He's worked mostly as a naturalist, but has also been a "certified bird feeding specialist", a bobcat necropsy technician, and a tech at West Virginia's largest herbarium. He fell in love with the North Woods after spending a season at Seney National Wildlife Refuge and has been itching to get back to Michigan so he can continue donating blood to all the mosquitoes. He looks forward to a great summer and learning from the incredible team at LTC!



ETHAN JACOBS: *Stewardship Technician*

We are pleased to welcome back Ethan Jacobs who has returned to help us out in the field again this summer! Ethan spent the last year attending Central Michigan University working towards his bachelor's in biology focused on conservation, ecology and evolution as well as minors in outdoor education and environmental policy.

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Friday, June 21, 12-2:30 pm
Hindle Property,
Cross Village

Join star lore historian and storyteller of the night sky, Mary Stewart Adams for a 'planet walk', storytelling and lunch by a massive sun dial. Bring a packed lunch. All ages welcome.

TRAIL IMPROVEMENT WORK BEE

Friday, June 21, 9am-3pm
Goodhart Farms Nature Preserve

Help us make trail routes more clear, install trail signage, and enjoy summer in Good Hart. Join us for an hour or all day. Bring work gloves, wear sturdy footwear and clothing that can get dirty. We will provide snacks and water, so bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day.

BIRDING THE BLACK HOLE PRESERVE WITH PETOSKEY AUDUBON

Thursday, July 11, 8am & 10am

Tracy Datlen and Lynn Fraze will co-host a two-part birding tour. Meet at 5801 Sunset Blvd, Alanson at 8am. First, we will drive/walk the preserve. At 10am we will scramble through the swamp for an hour. No pre-registration necessary.

FLY FISHING

Saturday, July 13, 10am-1pm
Agnes S. Andreae
Nature Preserve

Join LTC and the Miller Van Winkle Trout Unlimited Chapter for a fun morning of fly fishing, fly and knot tying and aquatic insect discovery along the beautiful Pigeon River. All experience levels are welcome. Equipment and snacks provided. Bring your own lunch if you wish. For ages 8 and up

PADDLE UPPER CHAIN OF LAKES WITH PADDLE ANTRIM

Monday, July 15, 7 pm
Paddle Antrim is teaming up with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

2019 Summer Events

These events are offered at no charge, but pre-registration is requested by calling 231.347.0991 or online at www.landtrust.org. More complete program descriptions are also available online.

and LTC for an amazing evening paddle area through the St. Clair Lake – Six Mile Lake Natural Area. All ages and types of paddle crafts are invited to join us. This slow paddle will begin at the St. Clair Lake DNR Boat Launch (9400 block of 6 Mile Lake Rd, Ellsworth). Check in at 7pm. All paddlers must bring their own craft (kayak, canoe, or paddle board), paddle, and pfd (life jacket). Pfd's must be properly worn at all times. All ages are welcome but children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult out on the water. No registration necessary.

WOMEN IN THE WILD PART 3: YOGA IN NATURE

Thursday, July 18, 5:30-7pm
The Hill Preserve, Boyne City
Join certified yoga teacher and LTC volunteer coordinator Cacia Lesh for a short hike and yoga practice. All levels welcome. Children over 10 years old welcome with an adult. Please bring your own yoga mat and water bottle.

SAVE THE TREES

Thursday, July 25, 6-8:30pm
Walstrom Marine
Showroom, Harbor Springs
See back page for details!

LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY'S 47TH ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 6
Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center, Harbor Springs
See back page for details.

BREAKTIME INTERACTIVE EVENT

Wednesday, August 14, 7-8 pm
Nathan Barry Driggers
Nature Preserve
New York City-based performance duo BREAKTIME is offering this unique opportunity. Artists Holly Sass and Jonathan

Matthews will devise a series of investigatory prompts to practice with anyone who would like to take part. Bring yourself, your family, and your curiosity. Together, a collective performance of individual experiences will be generated in real time, by and for the participants, unified by the site and the modes of engagement it inspires.

COFFEE AT 10 WITH CROOKED TREE ART CENTER Celebrating the Garden: Narrative Painting and Ecology

Tuesday, August 20, 10am

LTC is a host partner with artist Emma Steinkraus, one of this summer's Good Hart artists-in-residence. Through her residency, Emma is creating a large installation that highlights work by almost 100 different female artist-naturalists who worked before the 20th century. She will talk about the development of her work and the often overlooked contributions women artists have made to natural history.

HOPS WITH HEART AT THE BACKLOT PETOSKEY

Friday, September 6
This night kicks off The Backlot's month-long special to benefit the new biking trails (see page 6). A select draft beer is being chosen, and \$1 for every sale of this beer will be donated to the trails!

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The individuals, families, businesses, and foundations who are current members.

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Tuesday, August 6

LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY'S
47th ANNUAL MEETING

Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center
Harbor Springs

9:30am Coffee | 10am Meeting

Optional Lunch and Afternoon Field
Trips to the Naas, Mauger, Raunecker,
Leslie Preserve Complex and the
Consuelo Diane and Charles L. Wilson
Jr. Working Forest Reserve.

Members will be receiving their
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30th annual Save the Trees

July 25, 2019

**6-8:30 pm, Walstrom Marine
Showroom, Harbor Springs**

Join Us in Protecting the North Country We Love.
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Only 100 tickets
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Hoogland Family Nature Preserve along M-119.

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