

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 short 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 side.

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 are found at this 172-acre property with more than ½ mile frontage on Minnehaha Creek. Dominated by hardwoods, the preserve includes a pine plantation, meadow, and significant cedar swamp. Located across the road from the Tanton WFR (see #16).

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 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. (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.



25 Nathan "Barry" Driggers

A 1½ mile trail meanders through these 75 acres 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.



33 Susan Creek

More than two miles of trails allow you to explore these 314 acres. The preserve includes a mile of frontage on Susan Creek and a mile along US-31. Lies adjacent to the land and trails of the 55-acre Taimi Hoag Natural Area owned by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Four miles east of Charlevoix and 11 miles west of Petoskey, the entrance to this preserve is across from the Little Traverse Wheelway, close to the Big Rock Restoration Site along US-31.



41 Seven Springs

Located just a few miles outside of Indian River, this 60-acre nature preserve includes approximately 1.2 miles of trail, including a shoreline overlook of Burt Lake. The preserve also features 2,800 feet of rocky and shallow lake frontage.

From Hwy. M-27/75 in Indian River, turn west onto Prospect Rd. just north of the bridge. Continue straight onto Chippewa Beach Rd. which curves north and go roughly 1.1 miles. Look for preserve sign about ¼ mile past the curve on the left.



2 Bubbling Springs

Just outside of Petoskey, this 15-acre preserve offers a short trail system and overlook and 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.

In 2020, the five acre Robinson Family Preserve Honoring Gold Star Families was created directly adjacent to Bubbling Springs. Currently no trail exists on this preserve.

From the intersection of US-31 and US-131 in Petoskey, travel south on US-131 1½ miles to Intertown Rd. Turn right (west) on Intertown and travel 1.3 miles to the preserve on left side of the road.

10 Naas, Mauger, Raunecker and Leslie Complex

These adjacent preserves total 45 acres found 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 Waldron Fen

This 158-acre property includes a nearly two-mile trail loop around the primary wetlands offering exceptional birding and an easy walk through diverse habitats. A small covered picnic table is found near the parking area. Land is in the process of being restored to native plant species. **Dogs are not allowed.**

From Petoskey, head north on US-31 to Pickeral Lake Rd. Follow 9.5 miles to Banwell Rd. and turn left. Continue on Banwell 3¼ to entrance on right. From Alanson, head east on M-68 to Banwell Rd. Turn right. Continue on Banwell 3.3 miles to entrance on left.



26 Elizabeth B. Hoffmann

This 143-acre preserve offers an almost 3-mile trail loop off of US-31 just a few miles south of Charlevoix. Lake Michigan can be seen from these scenic agricultural woods and fields of Norwood Township in the historic Inwood community. The adjacent DeNardis Family Preserve (no trail) adds 63 acres. Nearly a half mile of Inwood Creek flows through both preserves. The Bier Art Gallery and Bier's Inwood Brewery are next door!

From the light at the intersection of M-66 and US-31 at the south end of Charlevoix, travel 5.5 miles and take a left on Vratania Road for one parking area. Another parking area is directly off of US-31 just north of the gallery.



34 Taylor/Horton Creek/Schulz Complex

Six nature preserves along Horton Creek combine for 325 acres and 2.25 miles of stream frontage, with trails. A parking area is available along Pincherry Road. Nearly three miles of trails are particularly beautiful in the fall. The Schulz property is a Working Forest Reserve.

From Charlevoix, take US-31 east two miles and turn right on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. Go 8.6 miles, and turn left on Pincherry Rd. Go north 2.1 miles on Pincherry Road. The parking area is on the right.



42 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.



3 Goodhart Farms

One of LTC's largest nature preserves boasts 696 acres and 7½ miles of marked trails with 5½ 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 3½ 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 acres offer nearly a mile of 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 3¼ miles to Pickeral Lake Rd. Turn right and follow 4 miles until Pickeral turns into Channel Rd. Follow Channel Rd. 1 mile to Oden Island Rd. and turn left. Once on the island, turn right on Leeward Dr. and go all the way to the end until you see the LTC logo sign.



19 Watson and 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.



27 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 1½ miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and a shallow swimming beach are accessible. A good place 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.



35 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 1½ miles. Lies adjacent to the school's 160-acre forest. An overlook platform exists at the preserve's highest point, looking over Boyne Valley.

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



43 William B. Derby, Jr.

This 200-acre preserve includes a roughly 2½ 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. (Please no parking on Four Mile Road.)



4 Hailand/Helstrom Family Complex

From the North Western State Trail access, a boardwalk leads you into the preserves and 1½ 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 reserve includes nearly 4 miles of trails and two parking areas. Largely wooded and hilly with some large meadows. This is a popular neighborhood reserve 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 1½ miles to Quick Rd and turn left. Look for parking area on left ½ mile down Quick Rd. Parking also off Hedrick Rd.



20 Consuelo Diane and Charles L. Wilson Jr.

Located just a few miles outside of Harbor Springs, this 248-acre working forest reserve is known for its undeveloped, scenic sloped hillside, viewed from Middle Road and Hughston Road. A total of 2.4 miles of trail are available 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.



28 Charles A. Ransom

The 1½ mile trail at this 80-acre preserve includes steep sections with high points providing views of Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix, and nearby 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 3½ miles to Quarter-line Boonville Road and turn left. Then go 1 mile to Maple Grove Road and turn left. Go ¼ mile down Maple Grove and park at the road end.



36 Agnes S. Andreae/Boyd B. Banwell Family

The 181-acre Andreae Preserve includes a 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 is located.

ANDREAE: *From Indian River (exit 310 off I-75) take M-68 east 4½ 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 right.*



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.) The 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 2½ miles on the Straits of Mackinac. Designated as the 9th International Dark Sky Park in the world. Nearly 4½ miles of trails are available in addition to the park's facilities. For more information, call 231.427.1001 or visit www.middarkskypark.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 Offield Family Viewlands

Formerly known as the Little Traverse Bay Golf Club, this 280-acre property is now open to the public as a working forest reserve. More than 4.5 miles of trails follow the old golf cart paths and feature views of Little Traverse Bay and the Inland Waterway along the way.

Property address: 995 Hideaway Valley Drive. From M-119/West Conway Road intersection across near the Harbor Springs Airport, head east on West Conway Road. Take the next left onto Clayton Road. Continue on Clayton past Hathaway Road. Take a right on Hideaway Valley Drive and entrance is shortly on your left.



21 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. Lies along the Sunset Coast Birding Trail. **This preserve is currently closed to dogs to protect the wildlife.**

From Harbor Springs, travel north on Lakeshore Drive (M-119) for 18.7 miles. Look for parking and sign on the left (west). From Cross Village head south on Lakeshore Drive roughly 1.7 miles and look for sign and parking on the right. Alternate routes can be taken via Google search.



29 Sleepy Hollow

More than one mile of easy walking trails meander this 55-acre preserve that includes a spring-fed trout stream emptying to the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Beautiful second 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.



37 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN/LTC Indian Point/Chaboiganing

482 acres (total) and more than 2½ miles of combined 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 the 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 Mundt Rd. look for the Chaboiganing Preserve entrance on right. Parking for the Indian Point property is another half mile beyond Chaboiganing on 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 and offers short trails to access shore. Please be respectful of private property here.

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 St. and continue to bear right to parking area by boat.



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 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 1½ 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.



22 Barney's Lake Beaver Island

Features 337 acres, 4,900 feet of Barney's Lake frontage and 1,770 feet of Lake Michigan shore. 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 is 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 1¼ miles to Barney's Lake Rd. Turn right on the road. Look for a preserve sign on the left. Parking is on the right.



30 Raven Ridge

140 acres and 1½ 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.



38 Duncan Bay

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

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



46 Round Island Point

1,026 acres, 1¾ miles of Lake Superior shoreline, and 1½ 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 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 Stutsmanville Bog/C. Beach Day & Family

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.



23 Darnton Family

A few minutes south of Boyne City, you will find this 275-acre 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.



31 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 1½ mile trail is found on the Rogers Family Homestead Preserve. Just upstream from this complex lies a public access/canoe launch, offering paddling access through these preserves, landing 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.



39 Hildner-Bearce/Waubun Complex

These 27 acres are dominated by oak, maple, and beech. The preserves contain a short trail system totaling 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.

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



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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 LTC properties.

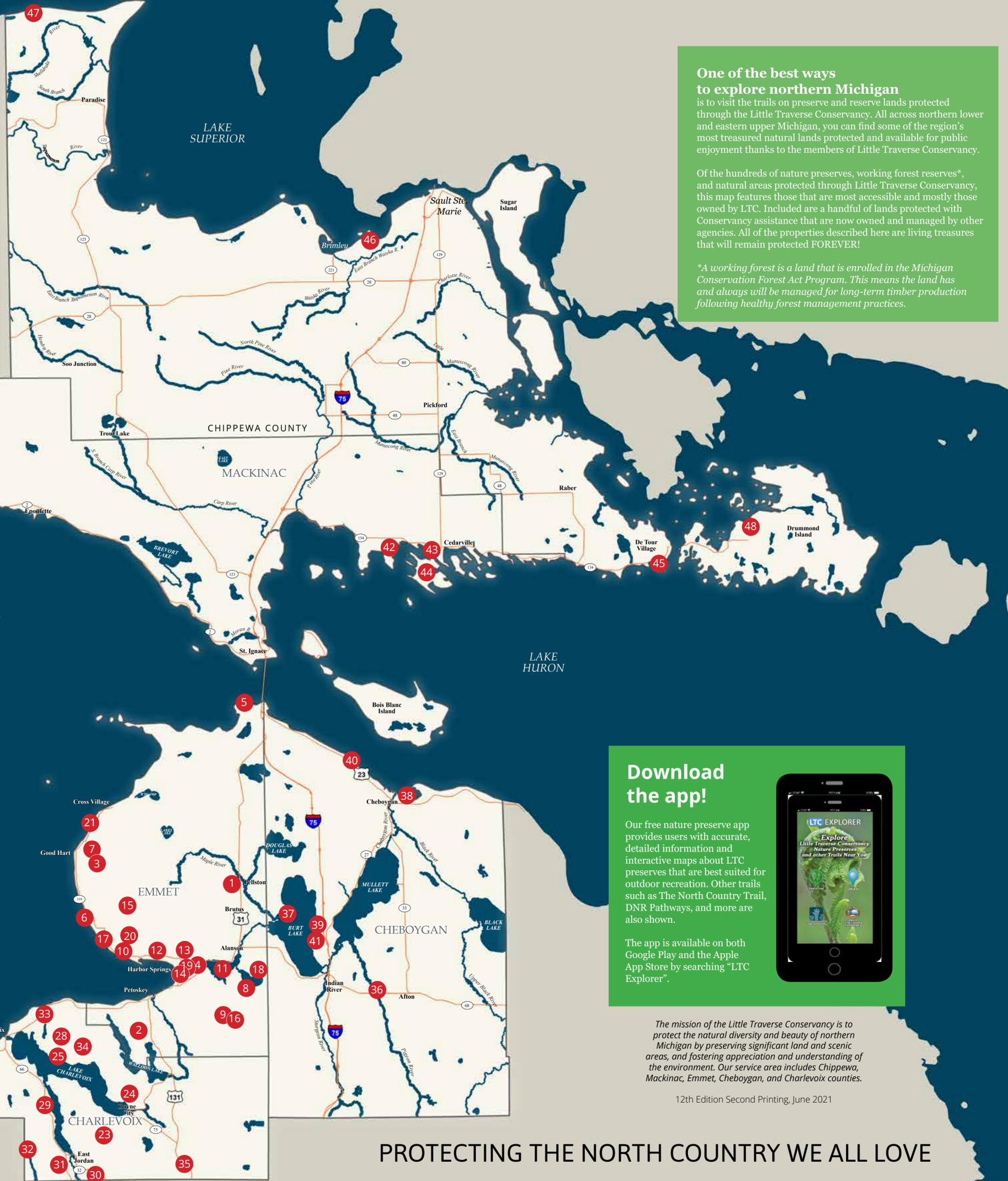
Please contact our office if trails, parking areas, or signs need attention or if you notice any inappropriate activity on a preserve. We greatly appreciate the assistance of the many individuals who help monitor and provide stewardship for our preserves and trails. Visit our website for volunteer opportunities!

NOTE: Public parks are generally established to handle more intensive use than our preserves and are maintained by state and local governments. A couple of lands 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.

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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 thanks to the members of Little Traverse Conservancy.

Of the hundreds of nature preserves, working forest reserves*, and natural areas protected through Little Traverse Conservancy, this map features those that are most accessible and mostly those owned by LTC. 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 the 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.*

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".

The mission of the Little Traverse Conservancy is to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northern Michigan by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment. Our service area includes Chippewa, Mackinac, Emmet, Cheboygan, and Charlevoix counties.

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