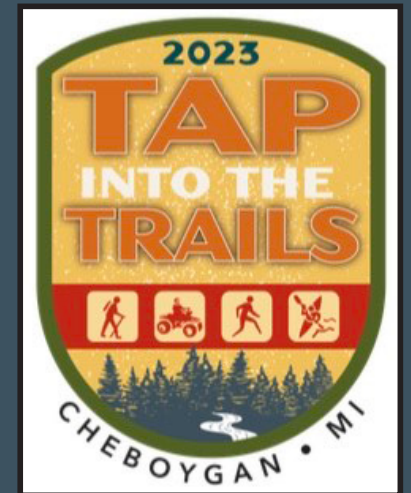


Tap into the Trails Trail Challenge 2023

featuring trails throughout Cheboygan County

Challenge Directions: Visit as many trails as you can in the month of September. The first 50 people to bring in your map to show you visited **5 trails** (any shown on this map) **by the end of September** and you will earn your choice of logo gear (hat, tote bag, and more) offered by our partnering groups: Little Traverse Conservancy, Top of Michigan Trails Council, Cheboygan Brewery, and the Cheboygan Area Visitors Bureau. Gear will be available at the Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours: 124 Main Street, Cheboygan.



Trail	Visited
North Western State Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Central State Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burt Lake Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Eastern State Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Mountain Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunset Coast Birding Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservancy preserves in Cheboygan County with parking and trails (See back for details.)	
Little Traverse Conservancy Preserve or Reserve	







1

Barbara C. Hoffius

This 600-acre preserve includes 2,000 feet along Lake Huron and lies between Cheboygan and Mackinaw City. A short trail meanders down a slope to the lakeshore. The preserve also straddles the North Central State Trail. A short 3/4 mile trail loops into the southern part of the preserve and was designed to provide users with peaks of Lake Huron and an experience of the remoteness of northern forests.

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.





2

Gauthier/Paully

Together, the Adolph & Margaret Gauthier and the Paully nature preserves include 41 acres and 600 feet of frontage on Lake Huron. Roadside parking and a short trail lead you into the Gauthier Preserve off of Todd Street.

Both of these nature preserves were named after families who once lived nearby. This complex is found just a few minutes from downtown Cheboygan.

From Cheboygan at the intersection of M23 and Main St. take Mackinaw Avenue northwest out of town roughly .75 mile to Todd Street. Turn right on Todd Street and travel ½ mile to park along the road on the left.







3

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.




4







Children's Trail

Located in Cheboygan's Major City Park behind the Cheboygan Recreation Center, the Children's Trail is a family-friendly pathway built on the former site of what was once reputed to be the "world's largest sawdust pile" and includes interactive installments, such as:

- art pieces
- a storywalk
- a free library
- a checkerboard table,
- hidden driftwood birds
- bee and butterfly habitat and more!

Park near the intersection of Main Street and Elm Street for downtown access and you can cross the river on the overpass, taking you right to the trail behind the Cheboygan Chamber.











5


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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.

Hunting at Indian Point only







7

Melvin Family Hiking & Biking Trails

A total of 7.4 miles of world-class designed mountain biking trails - which will also be available for hiking - are planned for completion by late fall 2023 at this new 150-acre working forest reserve nestled between Burt and Mullett lakes. While the trails will be for all levels, they will include such features as gravity trails, sidewinder segments, skills features, rollers, berms, and more!

From Indian River, head north on S. Straits Hwy for 2.8 miles, continue north on M-27N for 2.5 miles, turn left onto Bennett Rd and continue for 1.4 miles. The parking is just northwest of the intersection of Bennett and Woodmansee roads.




8

Hildner-Bearce/Waubun/Davis Complex

These 46 acres combined are dominated by oak, maple, and beech. The preserves contain a short trail system totaling just over a mile.

From Indian River, go north on S. Straits Hwy. (M-27). Cross the bridge and take the first left onto Prospect St. which becomes Chippewa Beach Rd. Drive 2.9 miles past the Seven Springs Preserve and the Hildner-Bearce Preserve logo sign and one-car parking area will be on the left. Trailheads can be found on both sides of the road from here.






9

Seven Springs

Located just a few miles outside of Indian River, this 66-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.








10

Agnes S. Andreae/

The 81-acre Andreae Preserve includes 1.4 miles of frontage along the Pigeon River. A rustic cabin is available for use by non-profit or community groups (call 231-347-0991 or visit www.landtrust.org). Nearly five miles of trails exist between Andreae and the adjacent 400-acre Banwell Family Preserve, where the Nature Megaphone is located. Hunting is **not allowed** on this preserve, but it is on the adjacent preserve.

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.









11

Boyd B. Banwell

This preserve includes 400 acres and nearly three miles of frontage on the Pigeon River. It is directly adjacent to the 81-acre Andreae Preserve (see left). Nearly five miles of trails exist between Andreae and Banwell preserves. The **Nature Megaphone** is found on this preserve, and quickest way to it is from the parking described below.

Hunting is **allowed** on this preserve.

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.







12

L. John & Helen Bishop

This 360-acre working forest reserve includes well over a mile of Little Pigeon River frontage. Old hunting and logging trails are being improved for hiking. A connection to the trails of the Banwell Preserve to the southwest is also being formed. This means that more than 7 miles of trails are now accessible through these three Conservancy lands.

Hunting is **allowed** on this reserve.

From Indian River, travel 6 miles east on M-68 to Quarry Rd. Turn north (left) and travel for 2 miles to W. Ostrander Road. Turn west (left) and parking area will be 0.2 miles down on the south side of the road.







13

Lee Grande

Formerly a buffalo ranch, this spectacular 2,434-acre land is now one of only two GEMS (Grouse Enhanced Management Sites) in the Lower Peninsula, meaning it is managed for ruffed grouse hunting. It includes 4,780 feet along Stony Creek. A network of criss-crossing non-motorized trails allow for low impact recreation such as cross-country skiing and horseback riding.

From the intersection of M-68 and I-75 in Indian River, take M-68 east for 9 miles. Turn left on M-33 and travel 3.4 miles to a sign on the right.






14

Vivian VanCampen

This 56-acre nature preserve includes over half a mile along the Pigeon River. The previous owners had allowed the public to access this land for fishing, and these same trails still exist, taking you to and along the river.

From the intersection of M-68 and I-75 in Indian River, take southeast on M-68 for 5½ miles. Turn right on Afton Road and travel .8 mile to Haz Dr. Take a right and travel .6 mile to rustic parking on the left.







15

Helmer's Dam/Robert D. VanCampen

A historic beloved fishing spot, this 200-acre preserve lies along 1.25 miles of the Pigeon River. A two-track pullout is available with a short walk to the river.

Before its protection, this property was the largest remaining private undeveloped stretch along the river. The preserve lies adjacent to the Jack & Tucker Harris Reserve to the east.

From the intersection of M-68 and I-75 in Indian River, take southeast on M-68 for 5½ miles. Turn right on Afton Road and travel 1.3 miles to the preserve on the left at the intersection with Cut-Off Road.






16

Jack & Tucker Harris

An entire section of land (640 acres), featuring more than a mile on Wilkes Creek and 1,500 feet on the Pigeon River. This magnificent land lies adjacent to nature preserves to the west. Here you can find many different upland and lowland habitats that are now being managed to recover from overgrazing and invasive species. A trail is currently in progress from the parking area toward the wetlands.

From the intersection of M-68 and I-75 in Indian River, head southeast on M-68 for 8 miles to Montgomery Road. Turn right and travel 3 miles just past the Brasseur Road intersection. The reserve is found on your right.






17

Reed's Pigeon River

A 110-acre preserve with a mile along the Pigeon River. The land is a mix of wooded and open terrain that has been managed to encourage wildlife. Beaver activity has created flooding over the years. Just over a mile of trails wind through the preserve leading to the river. Kayaking or canoeing require a short portage. This preserve can be a drop-off or take-out point along the river.

From the intersection of M-68 and I-75 in Indian River, head southeast on M-68 for 5½ miles to Afton Road. Continue on Afton Road south for three miles. Turn left onto Pigeon River Road. The preserve will be approximately 1/2 mile down on your right with rustic parking.



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Black Mountain

The Black Mountain Recreation Area offers over 30 miles of marked trails for hiking, 60 miles for off-road vehicles, and 80 groomed miles for snowmobiling. All uniquely surrounded by deep woods and forests with an abundance of wildlife along the way. The snowmobile trails are also open to horses April through November.

From the intersection light in Cheboygan of US-23 and Main Street, head east on US-23 for just over 2 miles. Turn south on Butler Road and travel 2.1 miles on Butler to Twin Lakes Road. Turn left on Twin Lakes Road and travel 9.9 miles. Then continue 3.8 miles on Twin Lakes Road to the entrance.

