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15	Offield Family

Just down the road from Good Hart, spectacular views of Lake Michigan and Beaver Island can be seen from these 332-acres and 2.5 miles of trails combined. A mix of rolling hardwoods and open meadowland.

Elmer Johnston: 1500 Church Road, Harbor Springs

Woody's Woods: 1576 N Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs



16	Offield Family Viewlands
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Formerly a golf course, these 280 acres have 4.5 miles of designated walking trails, with views of Little Traverse Bay and the Inland Waterway, and over 5 miles of additional mountain biking/hiking trails. Features: Barrier free Reflection Labyrinth created in partnership with the Bluestem Meadow group and pond with a universally accessible fishing platform.

995 Hideaway Valley Drive, Harbor Springs



24	Watson/Joseph J. Schott
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These neighborhood preserves border Petoskey and Harbor Springs total 110 acres. A 1-mile trail loop spans both preserves. Upland mixed hardwood forest includes red oak, maples, ash, and scattered white pine.

9005 Mink Road, Harbor Springs



32	The Hill
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This popular 119-acre property overlooks Boyne City with views of Lake Charlevoix. A 2.5 mile trail system meanders through mature hardwoods, old fields, orchards, and conifers. Groomed ski trails in winter.

1820 Clute Road, Boyne City



40	St. Clair Lake -Six Mile Lake
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Jointly owned between the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and LTC, these 261 acres protect over 2 miles of water frontage and 0.5 mile loop. The trail and kayak launch are universally accessible.

11800 Ellsworth Road, Ellsworth



48	L. John & Helen Bishop
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360 acres and nearly 1.5 miles along the Little Pigeon River. Over 4 miles of trails connect to the Banwell and Andreae preserves, with over 10 miles of trails and more than 800 acres total. **Hunting is NOT allowed here.**

Seasonal parking: 1093 W Ostrander Road, Afton



56	Vivian VanCampen/Helmer's Dam/Robert D. VanCampen
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Both preserves are popular fishing destinations along the Pigeon River.
Vivian VanCampen: 56 acres and over 0.5 miles on the Pigeon River. **6270 Haz Drive, Afton**

Helmer's Dam/Robert D. VanCampen: 200 acres and 1 mile on the Pigeon River. **7417 Afton Road, Afton**



9	Ray Johnston
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This quiet 94-acre preserve has over 1 mile of trail near Pickerel Lake. Public boat launch nearby. This land includes upland forested hardwoods dropping down to forested wetlands in the northwest corner. A steep bluff created by post-glacial Lake Algonquin runs along with the property's north and east ends.

9600 Artesian Lane, Petoskey



17	Round Lake
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Located on Round Lake and next to the Conservancy office are 58 acres with 1 mile of trail and 0.5 miles of Round Lake frontage. Accessible from Little Traverse Wheelway and Petoskey State Park.

3264 Powell Road, Harbor Springs



25	Consuelo Diane and Charles L. Wilson, Jr.
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A few miles north of Harbor Springs, this 248-acre working forest reserve includes over 2 miles of scenic trail. Volunteers and staff have planted thousands of trees to regenerate part of the land to forest.

4469 Middle Road, Harbor Springs



33	Elizabeth B. Hoffmann/Diane and Richard DeNardis Family
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With 212 acres, these preserves offer more than three miles of trail directly off of US-31 south of Charlevoix. Nearly 0.5 mile of Inwood Creek flows through both preserves. The Bier Art Gallery and Bier's Inwood Brewery are next door.

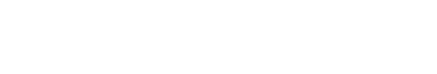
Two parking options: **17956 Vratanina Road OR 3660 US-31 South, Charlevoix**



41	Sleepy Hollow
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More than 1 mile of easy trails are found at this 55-acre preserve. A spring-fed trout stream empties into the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Beautiful second growth forest of maple, beech, hemlock, and ash.

1125 Sleepy Hollow Lane, East Jordan



49	LTC/UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Chaboiganing/Indian Point
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482 acres and nearly 6 miles of easy trails combined. **Hunting is allowed on Indian Point but not on Chaboiganing.** A parking area also provides access to the paved Burt Lake Trail.

10251 Brutus Road, Brutus



57	Oliver and Edna Birge/ Mertaugh Family/Nye
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These 889-acres of protected land feature beautiful wildflowers, excellent migratory bird habitat, and nearly 3 miles of Lake Huron shore. There are three parking areas and three trails: Most northern trail is 2 miles, Loon Lake trail is 0.25 miles, and the Search Bay trail loop is 0.5 mile to the lakeshore.

778 Point Brulee Road, Hessel



10	Seberon "Boo" Litzenger/ Elizabeth J. Garver
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North of Harbor Springs, these 50 acres offer a beautiful 1-mile looped trail with an overlook and path along Five Mile Creek. This preserve is connected to many more LTC lands, protecting the Five Mile Creek watershed and nearly 0.25 miles of Five Mile Creek. Marked trails are only found at this preserve.

5285 Five Mile Creek Road, Harbor Springs



18	Sally Stebbins
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Nestled between Nub's Nob and Boyne Highlands is this 28-acre preserve with stunning views and a bench honoring Sally. Due to ground-nesting birds, **dogs and horses are not allowed at this preserve.**

290 Highland Pike Road, Harbor Springs



26	Woollam Family
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A spectacular 69-acre Lake Michigan shoreline preserve. A hilly 0.5-mile trail leads to the beach. **Dogs are not allowed.**

5581 N Lakeshore Drive, Harbor Springs



34	Horton Creek Wetlands/Schulz/ Taylor Horton Creek
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Six nature preserves along Horton Creek combine for 325 acres, over 2 miles of stream frontage, and almost 3 miles of trails.

7030 Pincherry Road, Charlevoix



42	BEAVER ISLAND Stanhope Family
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Funded by Ray and Ann Stanhope, this 13-acre preserve lies along Lake Michigan on the northeast side of Beaver Island. This trail connects to a larger network of trails on the island.

37915 Gull Harbor Drive, Beaver Island



50	Davis Family/Hildner-Bearce/ Waubun Nature Preserves
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These combined 46 acres offer a 0.75 mile community trail. Winding through an old growth oak forest, scattered with maple and beech trees and upland bluff habitat close to Burt Lake.

1007 Chippewa Beach Road, Indian River



58	William B. Derby, Jr.
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This 200-acre preserve includes a roughly 2.5 mile figure-eight trail loop available through all seasons. Beautiful mossy rock gardens, evergreen forest, and the rugged Lake Huron shore are highlights. A local favorite, this preserve is found just outside of Cedarville.

1308 W Club Road, Cedarville



11	Allan and Virginia McCune
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172 acres with nearly 4 miles of trail and more than 0.5 miles of frontage on Minnehaha Creek. Located across the road from the Tanton Family Reserve (see #20).

1565 Berger Road OR seasonal parking at 1790 Maxwell Road, Petoskey



19	Stutsmanville Bog/ C. Beach Day & Family
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Features a 0.25 mile fern-lined trail to the bog and a bench with an overlook view. Stutsmanville Bog Nature Preserve is 65 acres and the C. Beach Day & Family Preserve is 34 acres.

3465 S State Road, Harbor Springs

290 Highland Pike Road, Harbor Springs



27	BEAVER ISLAND Barney's Lake
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A gorgeous 337-acre preserve with frontage on Barney's Lake and Lake Michigan. Nearly 3 miles of trail stretch across the preserve, including 0.5 mile of the Kuebler Trail. **Open to waterfowl hunting only. No motorized boats.**

35795 Barney's Lake Road, Beaver Island



35	BEAVER ISLAND Little Sand Bay
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116-acres with a short trail through cedar forests to a beautiful beach. When added with state land to the north, nearly 1.5 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline are protected. A good location for night sky viewing and swimming.

36010 East Side Drive, Beaver Island



43	Susan Creek/Taimi Hoag
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314 acres and more than 2 miles of trails. The preserve includes 1 mile of frontage on Susan Creek and 5280 feet along US-31. These trails merge with the land and trails of the 55-acre Taimi Hoag Natural Area owned by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. A winter-only ski loop adds 1 mile of trail.

10570 US-31 North, Charlevoix



51	Duncan Bay Nature Preserve
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145-acres and over 0.5 miles of Lake Huron make this preserve highly-important habitat for migratory waterfowl and other water-dependent species. An easy 0.5 mile trail loop leads to the lake where an overlook platform is found. This preserve lies along the Sunrise Coast Birding Trail and the City of Cheboygan's designated Bike Route.

829 Duncan Avenue, Cheboygan



59	Aldo Leopold/Kathy Bricker Nature Lover/Catherine Selberling Stewart
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2,086 acres and 5 miles of Lake Huron shoreline are protected by several preserves. *(The Aldo Leopold Preserve is 1,683 acres alone.)* Trail access is at the north end of the preserve on Liberty Road or at the Leopold Landing at Duck Bay.

These preserves are only accessible via boat/watercraft.



12	Morris-de la Vergne & Luettjohann-Garver
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Located 1 mile north of Harbor Springs is this 30-acre neighborhood preserve with a short trail to explore. It is predominantly forested with hemlocks.

6842 Hughston Road, Harbor Springs



20	Tanton Family
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A hilly 236-acre working forest reserve. More than 7 miles of professionally-designed trails exist for bikers and hikers with increasingly challenging options. A partner project with Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association. Located across the road from the Allan and Virginia McCune Preserve (see #11).

1447 Maxwell Road, Petoskey



28	Nathan Beem Memorial
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With 105 acres and over 0.25 miles of Six Mile Lake shoreline, this preserve protects natural wetlands and uplands. A 0.5 mile trail loop takes you through beautiful meadow and pine forest.

4285 Miles Road, East Jordan



36	BEAVER ISLAND George and Althea Petritz
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Located at the northeastern end of Beaver Island and donated by John Woollam, this 27-acre preserve is home to the state-threatened Pitcher's Thistle and Lake Huron Tansy. A great location for birding with significant waterfowl and migratory bird habitat. There is a short trail from the parking area to the beach.

25553 Lake Drive, Beaver Island



44	Charles M. Taylor III/ Olstrom Family
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This 35-acre preserve and 0.5 mile trail includes 600 feet of the south arm of Lake Charlevoix, largely funded by the Charles M. and Joan R. Taylor Foundation. This flat and friendly trail meanders through a pine forest, along the edge of a farm field, and through a cedar swamp to the lake shore. Please stay on the trail to protect the active hay fields.

133 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan



52	Barbara C. Hoffius
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A 600-acre preserve with nearly 0.5 miles of Lake Huron straddling the North Central State Trail (NCST). A short trail meanders to the lakeshore on the northeast side of the preserve. A rustic 1 mile trail is found on the south side, off the NCST.

4784 W US-23 Highway, Cheboygan



60	DeTour Peninsula
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More than 3 miles of northern Lake Huron shoreline and 145 acres on Point DeTour. From the parking area, a two-track trail leads through the middle of the preserve with short trails to the lake. *Please be respectful of private property.*

2331 Point Street, De Tour Village



13	Naas, Mauger, Raunecker and Leslie
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These adjacent preserves totaling 45 acres are found a few blocks west of downtown Harbor Springs. A short trail leads you on and off boardwalks through a wetland teeming with life. A small pond is found on the east end.

593 W Fourth Street, Harbor Springs



21	Thorne Swift
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On these 30 acres, you will find a nature center and easy trails to a pond and Lake Michigan beach. Open April 15 through November 15, 10 am to a half hour after sunset. The nature center is open Memorial Day through Labor Day, 10am to 7pm. Call 231.526.6401 for information. Managed by West Traverse Township. **Dogs and horses are not allowed.**

6696 Lower Shore Drive, Harbor Springs



29	Darnton Family
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Located between Boyne City and East Jordan, this 275-acre preserve includes 1.5 miles of trail through rolling terrain and varied habitats, including a mix of old hayfields, northern hardwood forests, pine plantations, and conifer swamp wetlands surrounding Porter Creek, a trout stream and important tributary to Lake Charlevoix.

4251 Behling Road, Boyne City



37	Charles A. Ransom/ Robert L. Bytwerk
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The 80-acre Charles A. Ransom Nature Preserve offer views of Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix, and nearby islands. The adjacent 160-acre Robert L. Bytwerk Forest Reserve features a rustic 1 mile trail and Nature Megaphone. **Only Robert L. Bytwerk is open to hunting.**

8065 Grange Road, Charlevoix



45	Wisser-Saworski
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Just south of Boyne Falls, this 36-acre preserve includes 1.5 miles of trails. Adjacent to the school's 160-acre forest. An overlook platform is located at the preserve's highest point, looking over Boyne Valley.

3335 Metros Road, Boyne Falls



53	Melvin Family Hiking and Biking Trails
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With 150 acres of mostly forested, hilly terrain, this reserve offers 7 miles of professionally designed mountain bike trails that are also open for hiking. Catch views of Mullett Lake. Nearly all forested rolling terrain dominated by oak, beech trees, aspen and regenerating red maple in the understorey. **Open for bow hunting only.**

3151 Bennett Road, Topinabee



61	Round Island Point
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1,026 acres, nearly 2 miles along Lake Superior, and 1.5 miles of inland trail (does not go to the shore). There are two entrances, but the address below is to the main parking area.

6731 West Winding Ridge Road, Brimley



62	Vermilion Point
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14	Oden Island
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A rare island of its size surrounded by an inland lake, Oden Island is accessed by a causeway. The 50 acres offer nearly 1 mile of trail with views of Crooked Lake. This preserve is composed of large old-growth trees and fragile wetlands. Lakeside benches allow you to enjoy the view.

3200 Leeward Drive, Petoskey



22	Uh-ni-nah-tig ziibing/ Joan and John Hutto
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Over 40 acres and over 0.5 miles of Maple River frontage. Excellent fishing access with a universally accessible parking space and fishing platform. Unmarked two-track trails meander the land.

2546 Pine Trail Road, Brutus



30	Nathan "Barry" Driggers Memorial
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A 1.5 mile trail meanders these 75 acres offering views of Lake Charlevoix. Once a farm, the property includes a pine plantation, wetland and pond, open fields, and a high, forested ridge.

8485 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix



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Featured Trails

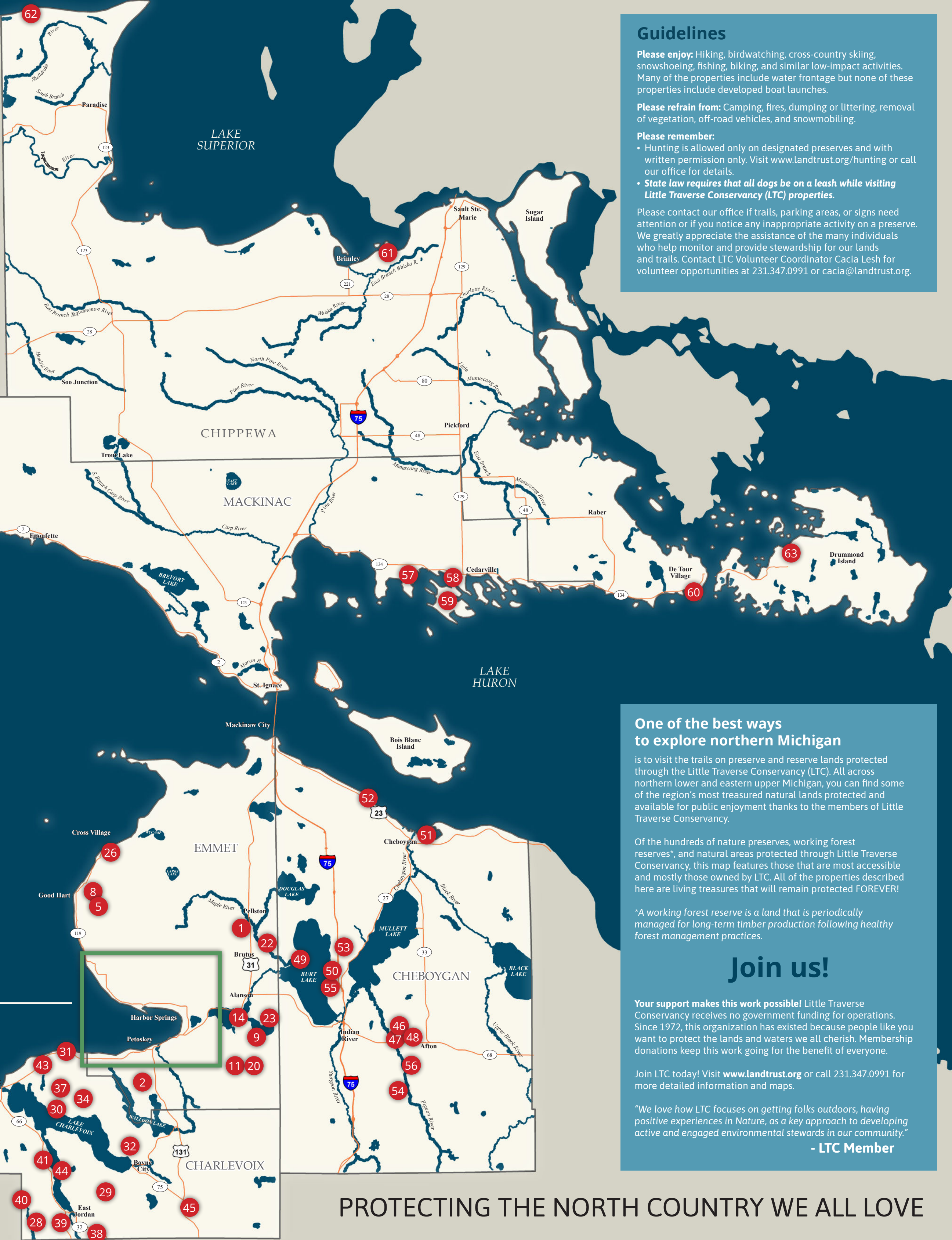
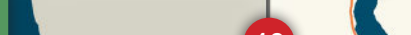
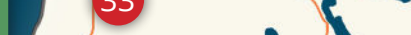
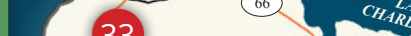
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Guidelines

Please enjoy: Hiking, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, biking, and similar low-impact activities. Many of the properties include water frontage but 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/hunting or call our office for details.
- State law requires that all dogs be on a leash while visiting Little Traverse Conservancy (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 lands and trails. Contact LTC Volunteer Coordinator Cacia Lesh for volunteer opportunities at 231.347.0991 or cacia@landtrust.org.

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 (LTC). 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. All of the properties described here are living treasures that will remain protected FOREVER!

*A working forest reserve is a land that is periodically managed for long-term timber production following healthy forest management practices.

Join us!

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"We love how LTC focuses on getting folks outdoors, having positive experiences in Nature, as a key approach to developing active and engaged environmental stewards in our community."

- LTC Member

1 Philip J. Braun

A short walk from Pellston, this 125-acre preserve protects almost a mile of the Maple River, a fly-fishing destination. A short trail takes you to the river.

5640 E Robinson Road, Pellston



2 Bubbling Springs/Robinson Honoring Gold Star Families

Just outside of Petoskey, the 15-acre Bubbling Springs Nature Preserve offers a short trail and overlook of the natural bubbling springs on an unnamed creek. The 5-acre Robinson Family Preserve Honoring Gold Star Families was created to honor local Navy Seal Heath Robinson and all who have lost a loved one in military service.

2381 Intertown Road, Petoskey



3 Sally and Jack Clark

This 5-acre preserve is located near downtown Petoskey with a 0.25 mile trail, a pond with a dipping/viewing platform, and connecting trails into North Central Michigan College's (NCMC) trail system.

Best parking is from the NCMC's northern parking lot. Walk east on Atkins Road to find the trail on your left.



4 Fochtman

An old two-track road enters the property from the east along the US-31 parking area. The paved North Western State Trail (NWST) is an excellent way to see the 243-acre preserve. Check out the Round Lake overlook platform from the NWST or Hiawatha Trail.

2789 N US-31 Highway, Petoskey



5 Goodhart Farms

One of LTC's largest preserves at 696 acres. Here you will find 7.5 miles of trails with 5.5 miles periodically groomed for cross-country skiing. Trails are divided into East and West sections.

7251 W Robinson Road, Harbor Springs OR seasonally 619 Church Road, Harbor Springs OR 260 Lone Road Road



6 Sally and Art Hailand/ Helstrom Family

The 50-acre Hailand Preserve is adjacent to the 40-acre Helstrom Family Preserve combining for 1.5 miles of trail. Access is available off of the North Western State Trail. Views of small ponds that drain into Crooked Lake provide habitat for diverse wildlife.

4855 W Conway Road, Harbor Springs



7 Hoogland Family

This 74-acre preserve along 3,000 feet of M-119/Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route includes a 1.5 mile trail loop. With rolling ridges to the east, it includes classic northern upland forest. In late spring, the woods are dotted with trillium, trout lily, and spring beauty.

4135 S Lakeshore Drive, Harbor Springs



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