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ON THE COAST:
MORE LAND PROTECTION,
ACCESS FOR ALL, AND SIGNS



Summer Events—
GET OUTSIDE!

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Photos by Dana Vanoy taken at Upper Herring Lake Nature Preserve



Dear Friends,

Last year a GTRLC supporter introduced me to the work of Nobel Prize-winner Elinor Ostrom. Her pioneering research focused on the power of people coming together to govern the “common pool” assets we all need to thrive, such as water, forests, and farmland. Her exploration led to a model for action that transcends generally accepted models of natural-resource management. Ostrom passed away this June at the age of 90, but her work is very much alive in GTRLC’s mission.

The Conservancy collaborates with individuals as well as community and governmental partners to protect our region’s “common pool” in a way that benefits both the private sector and the general public. The private sector benefits from our work through the value and opportunities created for landowners who want to protect their property, while the public benefits because some of the things we value most about living, working, and playing up north—scenic landscapes, coastal dunes, beautiful and clean water, local farms, and natural lands—are preserved and protected forever.

When we work with landowners to protect private land that holds important conservation or agricultural value, we ratify their solemn commitment to manage and steward their land in ways that benefit the public forever. In addition, about half of the land we have protected provides public access to nature—places to hike, run, mountain bike, bird-watch, swim, kayak, fish, and hunt. This includes the 33 nature preserves we own and manage, as well as the publicly owned parks and natural areas managed by townships, counties, cities, and villages in our service area—places like the Antrim Creek Natural Area, the Elberta Dunes Natural Area, Sunset Beach in Arcadia, and the Maple Bay Natural Area in Grand Traverse County.

Our work is possible because a network of willing landowners, committed donors, volunteers, and local, state, and federal government partners share a common vision for protecting special places and bring resources together to make things happen on the ground. I hope to see you out enjoying some of the special areas that we have preserved—and will continue to protect—together. Happy summer!



Megan Olds

Megan Olds,
GTRLC Associate
Director



MAPLE BAY/RFP PROCESS

Partnership Opportunities at Maple Bay Farm

NURTURING CONNECTIONS

We are looking forward to reviewing proposals that arrive in response to our Request for Proposals (RFP) for partnership opportunities at Maple Bay Farm. The newly released RFP invites individuals and organizations to partner with us in the future development and/or management of programs, projects, and/or property at the Maple Bay Farm. (The 11 acres owned by GTRLC on the west side of North US-31, between Acme and Elk Rapids.

We anticipate this process to result in shared and synergistic approaches to the use of the GTRLC Maple Bay Farm with the possibility of multiple organizations

implementing projects and programs simultaneously.

Proposals will be evaluated based on alignment with our property vision statement and goals, partnership requirements, and givens (which include that the house and farm structures will remain on the property) detailed in the RFP. Our vision for Maple Bay Farm is that it will serve as a key community asset, along the North US-31 corridor, complementing the adjacent Grand Traverse County Maple Bay Park and Natural Area, and connecting people to agriculture and the Conservancy's mission.

Some of our goals include:

- Creating a welcoming property that invites the community to discover Maple Bay, utilizing the visible location, along a major corridor and gateway to the Grand Traverse region.
- Supporting the Conservancy's farmland protection program.
- Demonstrating land stewardship and provide opportunities for people to develop and foster an appreciation for land conservation, working farms, natural resources, and how they interconnect.

Individuals and organizations interested in partnership will find the RFP and supporting materials on our website: www.gtrlc.org

MORE GREAT WORK ALONG THE COAST

INVESTING IN LAND PROTECTION

It has been nearly ten years since the beginning of the Coastal Campaign that led to creation of Arcadia Dunes: The C.S. Mott Nature Preserve, the Green Point Dunes Nature Preserve, an expansion of the protection of the Betsie Dunes, and the permanent preservation of over 1,500 acres of significant local farmland.

When the campaign to protect these lands ended in 2006, GTRLC's work to steward the land was just beginning. Since that time, staff and volunteers have developed and maintained over 12 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails.

We have initiated the restoration of the Dry Hill Grassland. We have removed invasives like Garlic Mustard from the forests and Baby's Breath from the dunes. We have planted hundreds of trees and managed sustainable timber harvests. Most recently, with the leadership of volunteer Paula Dreeszen, we have created and installed new wayfinding and interpretive signage at the Arcadia Dunes and Green Point preserves.

This summer, we are continuing our stewardship work in the Arcadia community and along the M-22 corridor. The goals for our active projects:

- Restore the Dryhill Grassland at Arcadia Dunes: The C.S. Mott Nature Preserve
- Restore and maintain the ecosystem integrity of the 155-acre Arcadia Marsh in coordination with our partners including Ducks Unlimited, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Arcadia Township, the Manistee County Road Commission, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, volunteers, and interns
- Acquire additional land at Arcadia Marsh that can support restoration and access efforts
- Develop Universally Accessible areas at the Arcadia Dunes and Arcadia Marsh preserves
 - ½ mile Universally Accessible paved trail and viewing platform at Arcadia Dunes

NURTURING CONNECTIONS



Paula Dreeszen donated over 200 hours of her time creating the signs for our kiosks at our preserves along the Lake Michigan Coast. Stop by the Baldy and St. Pierre Trailheads and Green Point Dunes to see them for yourself! Thank you, Paula, for all you do!

- A Universally Accessible trail, fishing piers, and picnic area at Arcadia Marsh

We are collaborating with the Explore the Shores program on the public accessibility components of these projects. Explore the Shores is a network of sites designed to provide barrier-free accessibility, educational opportunities and a connection to recreation and fishing in Manistee County. In its inception, the program was the result of Manistee County being chosen by Easter Seals for implementation of its Rural Solutions Project, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Since then, it has grown into a collaborative effort of public and private organizations facilitated by the Manistee County Community Foundation and the Manistee Alliance for Economic Success.



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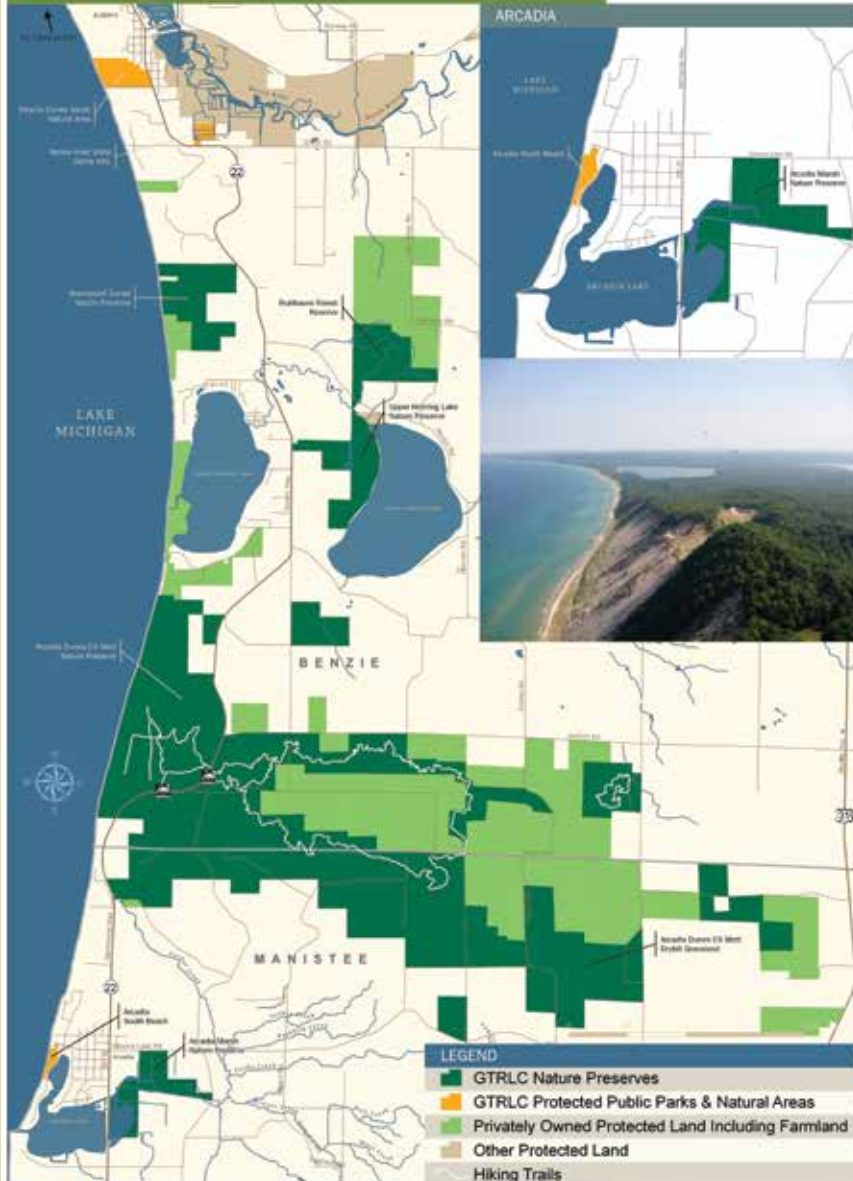


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PROGRESS AT RAILROAD POINT

Thanks to a generous \$50,000 leadership donation from the Frey Foundation, we are getting closer to our campaign goal to complete fundraising for the addition to Railroad Point Natural Area. This special gift was directed to us by the Taliaferro family in memory of William T. and Anne W. Taliaferro. William was the brother of Frances Taliaferro Frey, the wife of Edward Frey, whose estate established the Frey Foundation.

We'll be hosting a fall hike (watch our website for dates and details) and we hope you'll consider joining us at Railroad Point on the Mary Margaret Johnson Trail. The trail winds through lush woods on a high bluff overlooking Crystal Lake. Along the way, we'll highlight the history of Railroad Point Natural Area, its environmental significance, the story behind the trail and the current expansion of the park – all while taking in spectacular views.

We have \$133,766 left to raise by December in order to complete our efforts to add 140 more acres including frontage on both Crystal Lake and the Betsie River. To learn more or to donate to this project, visit our website, www.gtrlc.org, or contact Glen Chown at glenchown@gtrlc.org or 231-929-7911.

We need your help too. Each of these projects needs volunteers and funding in order to be successful. To learn more about how you can get involved in these Arcadia area and Explore the Shores projects, please contact Kate Pearson at kpearson@gtrlc.org or by calling 231-929-7911



NEW PUBLIC BEACH

And More to Come

INVESTING IN LAND PROTECTION

It's an Acme Township dream come true and another jewel in the crown of the Grand Traverse Region. This past week the beach, picnic tables and parking lots have been full with families enjoying summer on a newly opened stretch of public beach in northern Michigan – the expanded Bayside Park in Acme.

In 2006, an inspired group of local residents envisioned a mile of open shoreline from the MDOT Park at Five Mile Road north to the US-31 and M-72 intersection. Motivated by the opportunity to return this shoreline corridor to open space with expansive beaches, viewsapes and public access, Acme Township leaders engaged in a planning process funded by Rotary Charities of Traverse City, convened an advisory committee, and asked the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy to help implement their vision.

Working with willing landowners, property has been purchased at fair market value. Many buildings have been removed. Grass has been planted. There are open views of the water. People are swimming, kite boarding,

kayaking, and enjoying the park and greater access to East Grand Traverse Bay.

This incredible transformation is taking place thanks to the leadership of Acme Township officials, grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the generous support of individual and foundation donors, and committed volunteers. So much has been accomplished in just six years.

Capitalizing on the momentum of the first two phases, the Township and GTRLC are now launching Phase 3 of the Acme's Bayside Park project. This Phase includes:

- Acquisition of the Beach Club motel property plus a vacant wide parcel located just north of the Beach Club, and the Schmidt parcel located north of the existing Bayside Park near the M-72 and US-31 intersection
- Deconstruction activities on Phase 2 and 3 properties including the former Mt. Jack's property
- The creation of an endowment for perpetual park stewardship

- Funding for short-term park improvements that will enhance public access and enjoyment of the property

The total estimated cost for Phase 3 is \$1.6 million. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has approved a competitive grant for land acquisition for Phase 3 that will provide 75% of the acquisition costs for two of the parcels. Private gifts that are made to this campaign will help cover the local match and other costs required to acquire the properties, as well as costs associated with deconstruction, the endowment, and short-term park improvements.

Future deconstruction activities and park design and development projects will be informed in part by the outcomes of the Township's "Acme Shores" placemaking planning process.

To learn more about how you can help support the Phase 3 effort for Acme Township's Bayside Park, visit GTRLC's website at www.gtrlc.org or contact Megan Olds at 231-929-7911.



LEARN ABOUT ACME TOWNSHIP'S PLACEMAKING EFFORT

Acme Township recently hired a consultant to convene a planning and design initiative for the US-31 corridor from Holiday Road to the Grand Traverse Resort. Through a public process dubbed "Acme Shores," the Township is bringing together a broad range of stakeholders from within the township and across the region to create a common vision for how the full range of land uses in the Shoreline District along US-31 can be designed or redesigned so that they work together well. **The goal is to create a place that attracts people while protecting the environment, understanding that maintaining excellent water quality is central to the enjoyment of our shoreline.** A vision will be developed along with recommendations for immediate actions that can be taken to begin turning the vision into reality. Acme Township has hired John Iacoangeli from Beckett & Raeder, a multi-disciplined landscaping, planning, engineering, and environmental services firm, to facilitate the process. For more information about the Acme Shores initiative including how **to get involved and share your ideas and visions for Acme Township visit www.acmeshores.org/ or contact the Township at 231-938-1350.**

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The following donors have made gifts or pledges to one or more of the three phases of the Acme Township's Bayside Park project. This transformational community land protection project would not be possible without their generous support. We are so grateful.

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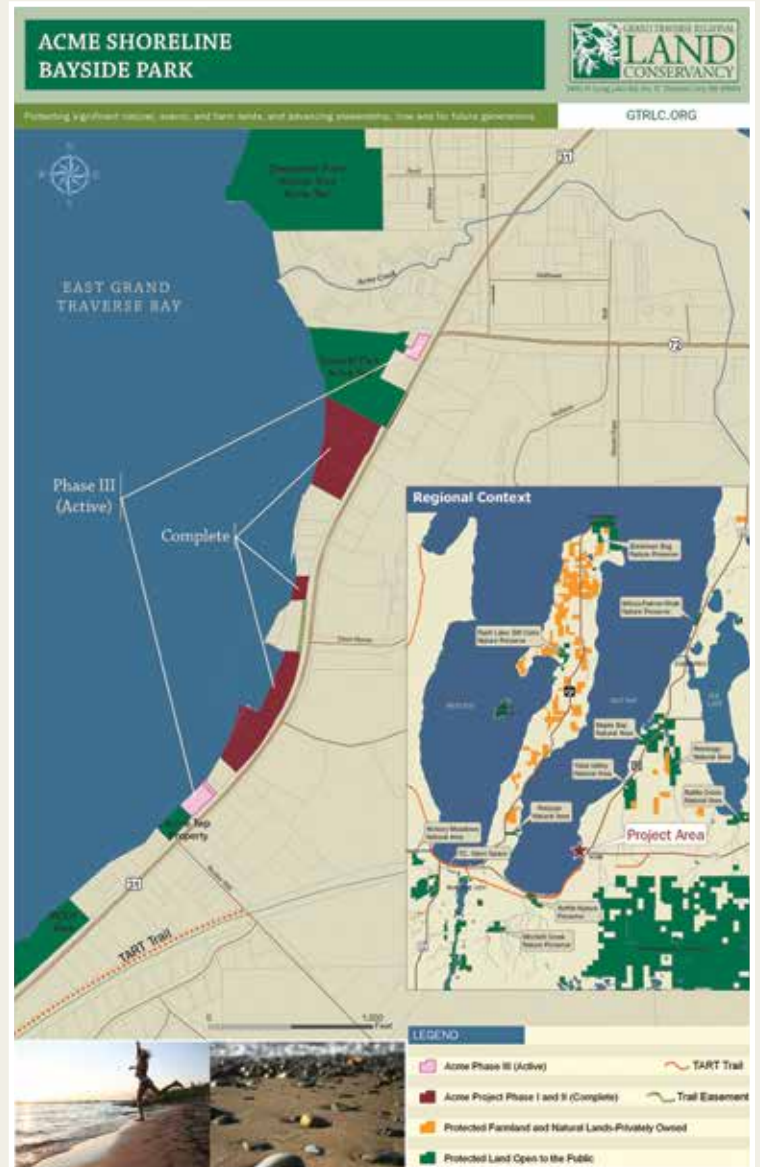




PHOTO BY JOE BROOKS

Dr. Greg Butcher, Migratory Species Coordinator for the US Forest Service visited the grassland as part of this year's BirdFest. He was very impressed and said, "What GTRLC is doing is inspirational because they are working at such a large scale and are willing to work hard to make changes happen. There is enough land to attract a whole suite of grassland species. Using different treatments in different places, and then paying attention to how the birds respond to those different treatments, gives good guidance for how to manage this large property over time."



PHOTO BY JOE BROOKS

RESTORATION AT THE DRYHILL GRASSLAND

STEWARDING OUR LAND

Thank you, Joe Brooks, for these stunning photos showing the Dryhill Grassland at Arcadia Dunes in stages of restoration after the controlled burn!

The fallow farmland at the Dryhill Grassland at the Arcadia Dunes Nature Preserve has been undergoing restoration since 2008. Our goal is to create suitable habitat for declining populations of native grassland birds such as bobolink, northern harrier, and grasshopper sparrows, while also increasing habitat suitability for native insects and mammals. The restoration project consists of 300 acres divided into five fields. Thanks to generous gifts from individual donors and substantial public funding as well as to local support from volunteers, 194 acres (three fields) have been planted with warm-season grasses such as Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, and Big Bluestem and many species of native wildflowers.

To maintain this habitat and promote the growth of native wildflowers in the first field (planted in 2008); we have treated invasive plants and, with a low-intensity burn, have now removed the accumulation of dead vegetation in order to create proper conditions for

grassland plants, while eradicating persistent annual weeds and non-native grasses.

If you have any questions about our ongoing restoration work at this amazing, ecologically significant preserve, or if you would like to help with seed collecting, planting, or monitoring, please contact Angie Lucas at alucas@gtrlc.org or by phone: 231-929-7911



PHOTO BY NATIE RICHARDSON



MEET THE SPENCERS – OUR NEWEST LAND CHAMPIONS

GIVING

In May, Jeff and Judy Spencer attended a hike hosted by Glen Chown at the Pelizzari Natural Area and were fascinated, not only with the history of the location, but with how the trail was constructed.

“It’s something we have taken for granted on our numerous walks in that area, but there’s quite a science behind creating long-lasting trail,” says Jeff. “Pelizzari is a jewel of an “urban park” for an area like Traverse City. We decided after that hike we wanted to be more active both financially and with our time, so we decided to become monthly donors.”

Both Jeff and Judy recognize the value the Conservancy’s work on a number of levels.

“First, my grandfather, John Spencer, was one of the pioneers of land conservation in Northern Michigan, so we greatly respect the natural resources of our region. Second, after having lived in cities early on—San Francisco and Denver—we have a profound appreciation for the beauty of Northern Michigan and feel the Conservancy is a

shepherd of the efforts to ensure that what we have come to enjoy is protected and preserved.

“Last, but, not least, we believe the Conservancy’s efforts are vitally important to our economy. There is no doubt in our minds that the Grand Traverse region thrives because of our natural resources and, as young professionals, we feel the Conservancy’s efforts not only benefit the region’s ecology, but also the economic growth and vitality of the area.

“Hopefully our involvement will compel other younger professionals like us to consider becoming a Land Champion for the GTRLC,” adds Jeff.

Both feel very blessed to have grown up and lived as a couple in two of the most beautiful parts of the United States: Northern Michigan and Northern California.

“I was born and raised in San Jose, CA, spent much of my time growing up at the Pacific Ocean, Yosemite, and places like Golden Gate Park and the Presidio in San Francisco. Jeff’s family has

lived in Northern Michigan for generations and some of his fondest childhood memories were spent at places like East Bay, the Old Mission Peninsula, Platte Lake, and Lake Michigan,” says Judy.

“These are places that both sets of parents have taught us to enjoy; these were the childhood places where we were able to get away from electronics, TV and everyday stress, and were allowed to have true quality family-time.

We believe these special sites, as well as the lands the Conservancy has preserved, not only function as a place to get exercise and enjoy Mother Nature, but also that enjoying the outdoors serves as a terrific instrument of a loving and healthy family life. We hope to enjoy these areas someday with our children, just as our parents did with us. These places would not exist as they are today without the efforts of organizations like the Conservancy, thus our fondness for the Conservancy’s mission and goals.”



BECOME A LAND CHAMPION TODAY!

As a Land Champion, your monthly gifts provide a reliable source of income to fund the day-to-day work of the Conservancy: preserving and taking care of all that we love best about this region – our pristine vistas, tranquil forests, sparkling rivers, magnificent coastlines and rolling, productive farmlands.

Monthly gifts provide financial stability, allowing us to plan and sustain our work more effectively.

And, it’s easy to do! You choose the amount of your monthly gift, which can be transferred from your savings or checking account, or paid by credit card, on the 1st or the 15th of each month. You’ll receive an annual statement listing your tax-deductible contributions for the year. You can change the amount of your gift at any time.

Simply call or email us or visit our website to set up your monthly giving and become a Land Champion. Call 231/929-7911 or email abrasie@gtrlc.org.

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VANGUARD SOCIETY

By making plans to benefit the Conservancy with future gifts—accomplished through estates, trusts, annuities, insurance policies, and other planned-giving options—Vanguard Society members will continue to make a difference for land conservation far into the future, helping to ensure that the places we save today will be protected forever.

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Because so much of our land protection work is about ensuring that the places we save today will be protected forever, planned gifts are indispensable. There is no better way to continue to make a difference for land conservation many years from now.

* New Vanguard Society member

SUMMER HIKES & EVENTS SCHEDULE

Nurturing Connections Between People, The Land, and Our Mission

GLACIAL HILLS TRAIL BUILDING

EVERY THURSDAY AND THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH | Great trails build communities, great communities build trails! An incredible 5 miles of trail has already been built by volunteers. We hope to complete an additional 3 miles this summer. To accomplish this we need more volunteer trail builders! You'll have fun and learn a brief history of the property as well as the technique and theory behind sustainable trail construction and layout, all while experiencing a beautiful property adjacent to Bellaire. See website for details.



This image was captured during the recent International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Trail School event hosted by the Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association at Glacial Hills near Bellaire. As a result of this event, 40 new people were introduced to the trail. IMBA representatives stated that once this trail gets to 20 miles, it could qualify as an "epic" destination for mountain bike riders. They believe the completed trail will have the potential to generate a significant number of destination trips to the Bellaire area, translating into substantial potential revenues for the local economy.

None of this would be possible without the support and leadership of public and private partners including individual donors and volunteers, committed local elected and appointed officials in Forest Home Township and Antrim County, Short's Brewery, work crews from AmeriCorp and the Goodwill Industries, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, IMBA and the Northern Michigan Mountain Bike Association. Thanks for your support!

DRYHILL LOOP TRAIL BUILDING

AUGUST 8 & 15 | 10-12:00 PM After four years of use, a 1 mile section of the Dryhill Loop is showing some wear and needs to be rerouted. Details are available at www.gtrlc.org

ARCADIA MARSH HIKE

AUGUST 22 | 10-12:00 PM Invest a couple hours hiking at Arcadia Marsh and receive a wealth of information about how a healthy marsh functions and what measures GTRLC is taking to restore the marsh to a more healthy landscape.

GREEN POINT DUNES HIKE

AUGUST 29 | 10-12:00 PM Hiking with Abby Gartland, our Director of Preserve Stewardship, is always enjoyable and informative. She will share her knowledge as the group wanders through beautiful forests and over hills to gorgeous vistas of Lake Michigan on bluffs high above the water. Then head down to the cool, restorative waters before heading back. It's a perfect "Michigan" hike! Details are available at www.gtrlc.org

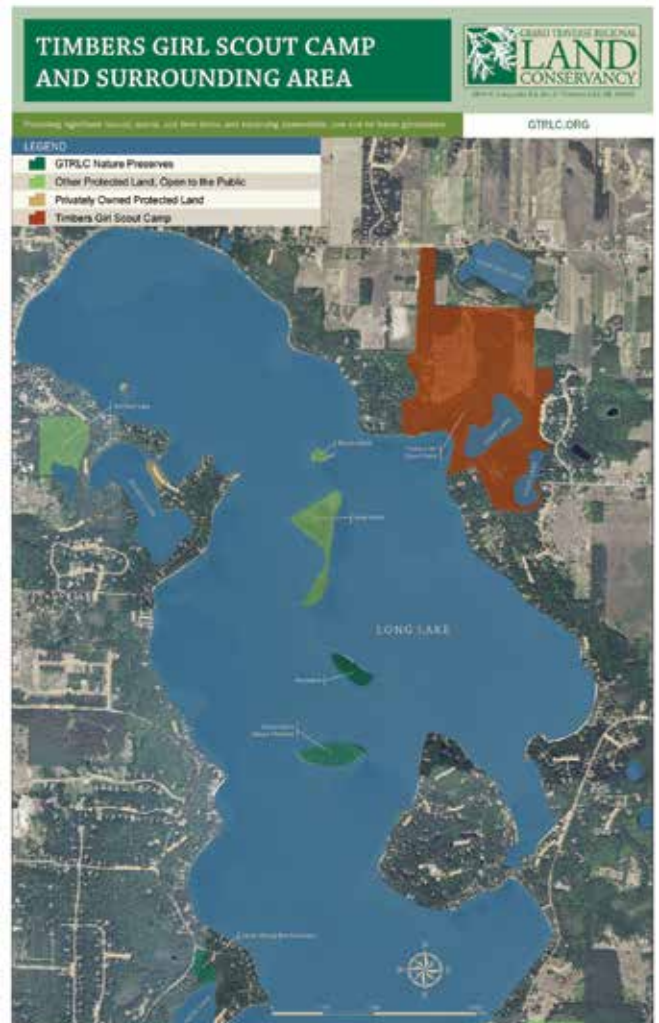
LONG LAKE KAYAK TOUR

AUGUST 1 | 6:00 PM Take a sneak peek around the former Timbers Girls Scout Camp property, which we are working to protect in partnership with Long Lake Township. Then we'll shove off for a water tour of Long Lake islands. This is a great way to see some amazing properties close to Traverse City while learning about their environmental value, protection stories and what is currently being done to protect the Timbers Property.

Please feel free to bring your own kayak or canoe. We do have some canoes available so please call if you'd like to use one of ours. This is not a dog friendly event.

HIKE AT THE FORMER TIMBERS GIRL SCOUT CAMP

AUGUST 15 | 10-12:00 PM This relatively easy, 2-mile hike will wander through a diverse landscape including wetlands, streams, inland lakes, upland forest, open field and views of beautiful Long Lake from one of the last undeveloped stretches of shore on the lake. The property also includes buildings with unique architecture! This is a great way to see an incredible property close to Traverse City while learning about its environmental value and how Long Lake Township and GTRLC are trying to protect it. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring water. This is not a dog friendly event.



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