

Trails of Harbor Country

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Harbor Country Hikers presentations and slow paced hikes focus on the biodiversity along our trails and the forces that created these wonderful places. Our free events are open to all, children are welcome if accompanied by an adult and dogs are allowed according to destination rules. Membership (\$20 for individuals or \$30 for families) is encouraged. For weather cancellations, further information about HCH or to request a membership form, visit harborcountryhikers.com.

NOTE: For trail blazing, an adaption of the highway wayfinding system was used for the Harbor Country Hikers (HCH) marker projects. For safety, an adaption of Chikaming Township's lakeshore 911 markers was used to help local EMTs locate a hiker if an incident should occur on a trail.

- **(Trail ID) Trail Name / Trail Address, (Coordinates in DD)**
 - ***Acres / Miles of Trails / Trail Difficulty / Trail Facilities / Natural Areas***
- (CHB) Cherry Beach / S Cherry Beach Rd, Harbert, MI 49115, (41.869466, -86.648629)
 - 1.9ac / [potential 0.1mi nature trail] / Parking Restrictions / Barrier Free Overlook / Stairway / Seasonal Toilets / Lakefront Beach / Forested Dunes / Ravine / Stream
- (CTMP) Chris Thompson Memorial Preserve (COL) / Warren Woods Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128 / (41.840201, -86.637334)
 - 49.1ac / 1.2mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Hardwood Forest / Galien River / Floodplain Forest / Ravines / Prairie Enhancement Project / Planned Savanna Project
- (CTPP) Chikaming Township Park & Preserve / Warren Woods Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128, (41.838994, -86.650091)
 - 263.2ac / 4.2mi + 7.0mi MTB / Moderate / Marked Trails / Facilities / Hardwood Forest / Galien River / Floodplain Forest / Reforestation Projects / Emergent Wetlands / Ravines / Embankment Pond / Prairies
- (FWP) Flynn Woods Preserve (COL) / 8016 East Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128, (41.849374, -86.646918)
 - 34.8ac / [0.5mi planned trails] / Planned Facilities / Hardwood Forest / Vernal Pools / Perched Wetlands
- (GBM) Grand Beach Marsh Preserve (COL) / 51275 Grand Beach Rd, New Buffalo, MI 49117, (41.776769, -86.778842)
 - 11ac / 0.4mi / Easy / Marked Trails / Hardwood Forest / Coastal Plain Marsh / Savanna
- (GLA) Glassman Park / 16680 Glassman Rd, Union Pier, MI 49129, (41.820500, -86.684976)
 - 47ac / 0.2mi / Easy / Toilet / Kayak Launch / Galien River / South Branch Galien River / Hardwood Forest / Floodplain Forest

- (GRCP) Galien River County Park / 17424 Red Arrow Hwy, New Buffalo, MI 49117, (41.804777, -86.718377) / Closed in Winter
 - 85.9ac / 1.1mi / Easy, Moderate / Marked Trails / Barrier Free Platforms & Paths / Seasonal Toilets / Galien River / Great Lakes Marsh / Upland Forest / Ravine
- Galien River Water Trail Tracks 1 & 2 / New Buffalo Boat Launch, (41.801454, -86.745610) / Red Arrow Hwy Boat Launch, (41.809056, -86.714619) / Glassman Park Kayak Launch, (41.819375, -86.687501)
 - 2.4mi + 2.7mi / Launches / Toilets / Galien River / Great Lakes Marsh / South Branch Galien River / Hardwood Forests / Floodplain Forests / Ravines / Streams / Wetlands
- Harbor Country Hike & Bike Trails / Trailheads @ New Buffalo Oselka Park, (41.795428, -86.732197) and Three Oaks Spokes, (41.801537, -86.609480)
 - 36 miles of signed trails run through Harbor Country
- (HNT) Hoadley Nature Trail (Watkins Park) / 505 W Locust, Three Oaks, MI 49128, (41.796960, -86.618930)
 - 29.6ac / 1.1mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Facilities / Stormwater Basin Wetland / Flatwood Forest / Vernal Pools
- (HRP) Harbert Road Preserve / Harbert Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128, (41.870636, -86.598686)
 - 88ac / 1.9mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Seasonal Toilet / Hardwood Forest / Vernal Pools / Mesic Prairie / Emergent Wetlands
- (JJP_PDS) Jens Jensen Preserve (COL) / Pepperidge Dunes Nature Sanctuary (MNA) / 6851 Parkway Dr, Sawyer, MI 49125, (41.880663, -86.616525)
 - 34.8_20ac / 1.9mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Flatwood Forest / Vernal Pools / Open Drains
- Lake Michigan National Recreational Water Trail / New Buffalo Boat Launch, (41.801454, -86.745610) / Berrien Street Beach Paddle Access, (41.835309, -86.688943)
 - Access Points / Lake Michigan / Lakefront Beaches / Open and Forested Dunes / Stream and River Outlets
- (LWP) Edward & Elizabeth Leonard Wildlife Preserve (COL) / Lakeside Rd, Union Pier, MI 49129, (41.832532, -86.668521)
 - 108.7ac / [1.4mi planned trails] / Moderate / Hardwood Forest / Vernal Pools / Ravines / Streams / Emergent Wetland / Agricultural Field / Planned Prairie Project
- (MFP_YFP) Merritt Family Preserve (COL) / Younger Family Preserve (COL) / Mydra Rd, Union Pier, MI 49129, (41.833255, -86.658388)
 - 35ac_25.1ac / [1.2mi planned trails] / Moderate / Hardwood Forest / Perched Wetlands / Savanna / Ravines / Streams / Open Drains / Embankment Pond
- (NLR) New Buffalo Lakefront Park and Beach / 200 Marquette Dr, New Buffalo, MI 49117, (41.800756, -86.748620)
 - 11.3ac / Dune Walk / Pay Parking / Boat Launch / Marina / Facilities / Lakefront Beach / Open Dune / Breakwater / Galien River / Great Lakes Marsh

- (NST_TCP) Nature Study Trails (NBAS) / Turtle Creek Preserve (COL) / 12291 Lubke Rd, New Buffalo, MI 49117, (41.78247, -86.757002)
 - 56.8ac_11.6ac / 4.5mi / Easy, Moderate / Westside Trails Marked / Barrier Free Paved Loop / Butterfly Refuge Project / Hardwood Forest / Flatwood Forest / Vernal Pools / Rivulets / Streams / Turtle Creek / Lighthouse Creek / Hardwood and Shrub Swamps
- (NTM) New Buffalo Township Memorial Park, Nature Trails / 17425 Red Arrow Hwy, New Buffalo, MI 49117, (41.803953, -86.717847)
 - 10ac / 0.5mi / Easy / ADA Path / Barrier Free Path / Viewing Decks / Facilities / Hardwood Forest / Ravine / Stream
- (OP) Oselka Park / 601 E Indiana St, New Buffalo, MI 49117, (41.795376, -86.73219)
 - 17.5ac / 0.77mi / Barrier Free Paved Paths / Facilities / Rainwater Gardens
- (RWP) Robinson Woods Preserve (COL) / East Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128, (41.849680, -86.647097)
 - 80ac / 1.9mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Hardwood Forest / Vernal Pools / Perched Wetlands / Ravines / Open Drains / Streams / Cherry Creek / Ancient Dunes
- (SFP) Sugarwood Forest Preserve (COL) / 6813 W Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks, MI, 49128, (41.827898, -86.618650)
 - 40ac / [0.9mi planned trails] / Moderate / Hardwood Forests / Old-Growth Forests / Ravines / Streams / Floodplain Forests / Perched Wetlands / Planned Prairie Project
- (TCA_KES) Three Oaks Township Conservation Area / Kesling Nature Preserve (SWMLC) / 8505 W Forest Lawn Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128, (41.776631, -86.659094)
 - 95ac_52ac / 1.8mi / Moderate / Hardwood Forests / South Branch Galien River / Floodplain Forests / Ravines / Streams / Emergent Wetlands / Prairies
- (TPNP) Turtle Pond Nature Preserve / 613 W Washington St, New Buffalo, MI 49117, (41.785681, -86.745972)
 - 2ac / 0.2mi / Easy / Flatwoods / Vernal Pools / Natural Pond
- US Bike Route 35
 - 18 miles of signed trails run through Harbor Country
- (WWSP) Warren Woods State Park and Nature Study Area / Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks, MI 49128, (41.831928, -86.625146) / Closed in winter
 - 314ac / 1.0mi / Moderate / Stairway / Toilets / Old-Growth Forest / Galien River / Floodplain Forests / Ravines / Streams

Special Places Outside Harbor Country

- Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve / 13988 Range Line Rd, Niles, MI 49120, (41.864881, -86.346176)

- 105ac / 2.2+mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Botanic Gardens / Nature Center & More / St. Joseph River / Floodplain Forest / Pond / Natural Springs / Hardwood Forest / Ravines / Prairie
- Grand Mere State Park and Natural Area / Thornton Dr, Stevensville, MI 49127, (42.003725, -86.542561)
 - 1059.3ac / 4.0+mi / Easy, Moderate, Difficult / Paved Nature Trail / Toilets / Lakefront Beach / Open Dunes / Lakeplain Prairies / Backdunes / Submergent Wetlands
- Love Creek County Park & Nature Center / 9292 Huckleberry Rd, Berrien Center, MI 49102, (41.95146, -86.297999)
 - 198ac / 6.0mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Nature Center / Hardwood Forest / Ravines / Wetlands / Love Creek / Prairie
- Madeline Bertrand County Park / 3038 Adams Rd, Niles, MI 49120, (41.762433, -86.269165)
 - 121ac / 5.0mi / Moderate / Marked Trails / Disc Golf / Facilities / St. Joseph River / Upland Forest
- Sarett Nature Center / 2300 N Benton Center Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, (42.155625, -86.379051)
 - 1000+ac / 8.0+mi / Easy, Moderate, Difficult / Marked Trails / Nature Center & More / Paw Paw River / Upland Forest / Ravines / Wetlands / Prairie
- (WTP) Weesaw Township Community Park / 13372 California Rd, New Troy, MI 49119, (41.876661, -86.550492)
 - 36.3ac / .25mi + [0.85mi potential trails] / Moderate / Old-Growth Forest / Galien River / Floodplain Forest / Emergent Wetland
- (WDSP) Warren Dunes State Park and Wilderness Area / 12032 Red Arrow Hwy, Sawyer, MI 49125, (41.906901, -86.591616)
 - 1952ac / 6.0mi / Easy, Moderate, Difficult / Marked Trails / Seasonal Campgrounds / Facilities / Lakefront Beach / Open Dunes / Forested Dunes / Backdunes / Interdunal Wetlands (Panne) / Emergent Wetlands / Ravine / Painterville Creek
- Indiana Dunes National Park (14 distinct trails)
 - 15,000+ac / 50+mi / Everything mentioned above & more

* *Chikaming Open Lands (COL)*

* *Michigan Nature Association (MNA)*

* *Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC)*

* *New Buffalo Area Schools (NBAS)*

* *Indiana Dunes National Park (IDNP)*

* *Mountain Bike Trail (MTB)*