

Goodhart Farms Nature Preserve

Size: 595 acres

Land Description: The Goodhart Farms property is a mix of meadows, hay fields, and maple, beech, and ash forest. Old orchards and pine plantations are found on the property, and the rolling terrain offers views of Lake Michigan.

Trails: Three parking areas are available (see map). Trails are complete east of Lone Rock Road and are ideal for hiking, horseback riding, showshoeing, and cross country skiing. Please do not enter the hay fields but instead travel along the edges of the field/forest margin.

In 1994, Ed and Maureen Mayne purchased the farm from the estate of John Hannah, former president of Michigan State University. Hannah had been purchasing and piecing together smaller farms since the 1950s, using the land for his own cattle herd and for agricultural experiments through the University. Upon their purchase, the Maynes restored the soil for raising premium, high quality hay for race horses in the southern states. In late 2002, Ed and Maureen donated the Goodhart Farms property and associated buildings and equipment to Little Traverse Conservancy (the buildings and equipment have since been sold). It was the single largest donation ever given to the organization.



Randy McCune



Directions: From Harbor Springs, take State Road north 9 miles to Robinson Road. Turn left on Robinson and travel 3½ miles to the beginning of the preserve at the Hannah Road intersection. Summer parking is off of Hannah, Lone Rock, and Church Roads. Winter parking is off of Robinson Road.

