

Hiking or Birding at The Leelanau Conservancy Areas—In/Near Northport

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1. Clay Cliffs Natural Area

Moderate Hike--104.5 Acres

1.5 miles flat & hilly terrain

From Northport, drive 9 miles south on M-22 west, toward Leland. A sign on the right side of the road marks the parking lot entrance.

2. Finton Natural Area

Short Easy Hike—35 Acres

0.5 mile flat & wide trail

From Northport, take M-201 north. Turn right on Northport Point Rd (CR 640). Drive 0.5 mile. Entrance is on the left, across from Paradesia Road, before the sign.

3. Houdek Dunes Natural Area

Moderate Hike---330 Acres

3/4 & 1-1/2 miles loops; sand, stairs & slopes; benches at ancient maple

From Northport, drive six miles south, on M-22 west toward Leland. A sign on the right side of the road marks the entrance to parking.

4. Jeff Lamont Preserve

Easy Hike--40 Acres

0.2 short, flat trail thru a tunnel of trees

From Northport, take M-201 north, which changes to CR 640. Take CR 640 for 0.3 miles. Turn left at North Kilcherman & drive for 1 mile. The road curves to the left and becomes Christmas Cove Road. Take Christmas Cove Road 0.5 mile and stay right as you pass Scott Road. The Preserve is 0.15 miles down the hill, on the right. Park near the sign.

5. Kehl Lake Natural Area

Easy Hike ---227 Acres

Three loops of varying lengths

From Northport, take M-201 north, which changes to CR 640/Woolsey Lake Road. After two miles, turn left on Snyder Road. After 0.5 mile, turn right on Sugarbush Road. Drive 0.7 miles to the corner of Kehl and Ottis; go straight on Kehl for 0.2 miles. The sign and parking are on the left.

6. Lighthouse West Natural Area

Varied Hike--45 Acres

3/4 mile flat, easy trail; 800 feet rigorous trail-steep bluff to Lake Michigan

From Northport, take M-201 north, toward the lighthouse, for approximately 8 miles. M-201 changes to CR 640/Woolsey Lake Road, then to CR 629/Woolsey Lake Road. Turn left on Cathead Bay Drive. The sign and parking are on the right.