

Little Traverse Conservancy Field Trips - June and July, 2025

We have a large slate of field trips this season! Below are those for this month and next.

Find more details and registration at www.landtrust.org

Wednesday, June 25, 10:00 – 11:15

Frog Fun (ages 3-6)

Spring Lake Park

Hop on over to Spring Lake Park to discover what it's like to be a frog! This program will include a combination of story, hands-on activities, songs or finger-plays, exploration, crafts or a short hike. Parents are asked to stay with their child during the program. Siblings are welcome to tag along.

Thursday, June 26 1pm

Life on a Lonely Shore: the History of the Vermilion Point Life Saving Station

Voorhies Hall, Bay View

Don't miss Ned Canfield's historical talk about this special Lake Superior destination. His talk will be part of Bay View's theme week "Peril on the Sweetwater Seas". Get your tickets at

<https://www.bayviewassociation.org/education-theme-week/>.

Thursday, June 26 10am

Hike & Bike the Melvin Trails

Melvin Family Hiking & Biking Trails, Topinabee

Come on out to the Melvin Family Hiking and Biking Trails for a guided hike or mountain bike ride with Mark Melvin, who gifted the land for the trails. Both dedicated and shared trails are well marked for biking AND hiking. A new pavilion and overlook are also being constructed. This is your chance to explore one of the new and exciting Little Traverse Conservancy preserves just minutes from Indian River and Topinabee with a wonderful community conservationist.

Friday, June 27 1pm

Dragonfly Walk

Don & Eileen Klein Nature Trail

Join LTC Conservation Technician Quinn Sommer for a walk along this beautiful universally accessible trail along the Jordan River. Please bring your own binoculars. We will meet at the Friends of the Jordan Watershed Center.

Tuesday, July 8 10-11:30am

Wonders of the Woods

Seven Springs Nature Preserve

Join Little Traverse Conservancy for a fun hike at this gorgeous preserve located on Burt Lake that is home to a wide variety of plant life and wildlife. The trail is well maintained and *easy to moderate* in difficulty. Bring your sense of wonder, dress appropriately for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. All ages welcome.

Sunday, July 13 Noon-2:30

Mushrooming with Amy and Joe Lipson

Elmer Johnston Nature Preserve

Come mushrooming with LTC Conservation Specialist Amy Lipson and her husband Joe at this beautiful preserve near Good Hart. While the mushrooms are weather dependent, the combined knowledge of these popular field trip leaders will guarantee an informative and enjoyable outing!

Wednesday, July 16 10am-Noon

Paper Making

Offield Family Viewlands

Join us at the Offield Family Viewlands Forest Reserve for a fun, hands-on class all about turning plants into paper! We'll explore how incredible plants are and learn each step of the papermaking process, from raw plant material to finished sheet. Kids, families, and curious learners of all ages are welcome to get creative and inspired by nature.

Thursday, July 17 5-7pm

Group Mountain Bike Ride

Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve

Join LTC staff members Cacia and Joe for a group mountain bike ride at LTC's first designed mountain bike trail. This trail offers three levels of difficulty for many options. Bring your non-bikers in the family along as the trails are also hike friendly, or they can hike at the Alan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve located across Maxwell Road from the Tanton trails.

Friday, July 18 10am-Noon

Odawa History Walk

Elmer Johnston Nature Preserve

Join Eric Hemenway, LTC Trustee, on a walk at the beautiful Elmer Johnston Nature Preserve. Eric will share the history of the Odawa in northwest lower Michigan, particularly around the Cross Village/Good Hart region.

Wednesday, July 23, 10 – 11:15 am

Summer Senses (ages 3-6)

Resort Township East Park

Let's use our eyes, ears, nose, and hands to explore the many colors, sounds, smells, and textures of nature. This program will include a combination of hands-on activities, songs or finger-plays, exploration, crafts or a short hike. Parents are asked to stay with their child during the program. Siblings are welcome to tag along.

Wednesday, July 23 9-10:30

Moving Meditation - Tai Chi/Qigong

Allan and Virginia McCune Preserve

Experience the restorative art of Tai Chi/Qigong infused into a beautiful walk in the woods at the Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve with Carrie Wiggins. She looks forward to combining her love of walking in nature with tai chi/qigong movements to create a unique meditative experience for your family. Carrie will lead you on a two-mile walk with frequent stops to learn 10 different tai chi/qigong movements. Please meet at the parking area via Berger Road.

Thursday, July 24

Save the Trees 6-7:30/Rock the Forest 8-10pm

Offield Family Viewlands

For tickets, visit www.landtrust.org/save-the-trees