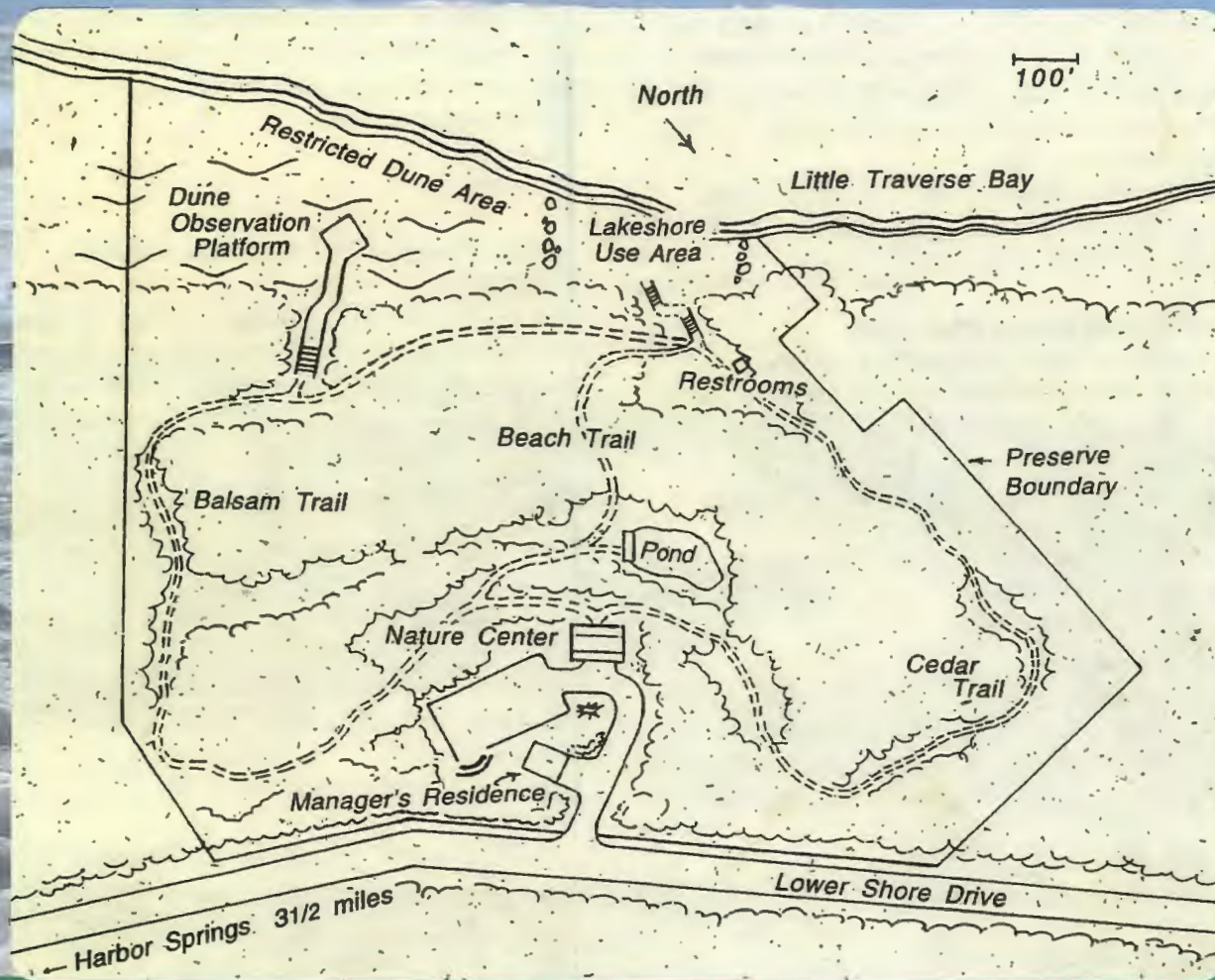


Thorne Swift Nature Preserve



Welcome to Thorne Swift

Thorne Swift Nature Preserve was initiated in 1981 by former West Traverse Township resident, Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, who donated 30 acres to Little Traverse Conservancy. The conservancy leases the property to West Traverse Township for management so that township residents and others can enjoy its pristine beauty. TSNP offers a unique system of trails and ecosystems to its visitors.

Please stay on the trails, observation platform, shoreline and respect the beach boundaries. This preserve has been set aside to protect its wildlife and natural features. Your respect for area will ensure that you and others may enjoy it well into the future.

No pets allowed on the trails



Thorne Swift Nature Preserve's SWIFT CURRENT - Summer 2026 -

Nature Preserve Trail Hours
April 15-November 15
Daily 10am-Sunset

Nature Center Building Hours
Memorial Day - Labor Day
Daily 10am-7pm

Labor Day-October 20
Weekends only

Phone: 231-526-6401
6696 Lower Shore Dr.
Harbor Springs MI 49740

2026 Programs and Hikes



-Guided Bird Walk

Join our naturalist Jacob Van Patten as we open the preserve early in search of avian visitors.

- Dates: May 23, June 13, September 12, & October 3
- Time: 9:00 AM

-Sunset Tai Chi

Join Thorne Swift's resident manager to explore the ancient art of Tai Chi. This practice is scientifically proven to lower blood pressure and improve balance.

- Dates: June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, and August 5 & 26
- Time 7:30 pm

-Stroll and sound

Join with Inspiring Inner Growths Meagan Krzywosinski for yoga and sound bath at the preserve! For information about a class please contact Meagan by email or phone: meagan@inspiringinnergrowth.com Phone: 231-330-0179

-Dates June 19, July 3, August 21
-Time 7:00-8:30 PM

-Children In Nature

We will take 13 budding naturalists on a nature walk through the preserve. Identify some of the plants and animals found on the preserve and work on a craft that will hopefully inspire a lifelong fascination with the natural world.

Limited to 13 participants. Ages 5 and up. Please sign up early as these classes tend to fill up fast!
June 18, July 16, August 13 @ 10:30 AM

-Inspiring Inner Growth Drum Circle

Join with Inspiring Inner Growths Meagan Krzywosinski for a drumcircle at the preserve! For information about the event please contact Meagan by email or phone : meagan@inspiringinnergrowth.com Phone: 231-330-0179

-Dates September 6, September 13, September 20
-Time 6 pm

-Basket Weaving

Investigate the venerable art of basket weaving. We will be weaving a small gathering basket from cattails harvested on the preserve. Please bring a pair of scissors and a sharp knife. \$10.00 per participant.

-Date August 16
-Time 3 pm

-Shiitake Mushroom log

Mushroom hunting can be challenging. Take the hunting out of the equation by inoculating your very own mushroom log. We will learn how to inoculate an oak log with Shiitake mushroom spawn. Creating a reliable place to gather mushrooms. Limited to 10 participants. \$20.00 per participant. Please sign up early as these classes tend to fill up fast!

-August 8
-Time 3PM

-Water Color Class

Come down for a class in water color landscape painting. We will gather in the pavilion and choose a composition from the surrounding area.

\$10.00 per Participant

-Date July 18

-Time 2pm

-Tunnel of Trees Art Trail & Traditional Ojibwe Teaching

The Goodhart Artist residency is turning the Tunnel Of Trees into a rolling tour of local artists' studios. Thorne Swift's resident manager (Keith Hammond) will be putting on a plein air painting demo during the event at the preserve. There will also be an activity for children. Genevieve Morgan (elder and life time member of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians) will be performing two different traditional teachings! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the indigenous culture of this area and connect with some of their teachings. For more information and other stops along the Tunnel of Trees Art Trail check out their website:

<https://goodhartartistresidency.com>

-Date August 22

-Time 10am-5pm Traditional teaching 12pm

