

About Legacy

Legacy Land Conservancy is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects forests, prairies, wetlands, farmland, and rivers in southern Michigan, focusing on Washtenaw and Jackson counties. Since our founding in 1971, we have helped protect over 8,400 acres of land, including six nature preserves that are open for all to enjoy.

We achieve our goals by forming innovative and productive partnerships with landowners, organizations, local government, and our generous donors and volunteers. We are accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission for adhering to a set of standards designed to ensure Legacy’s work will endure forever.

Get Outside, Get Involved

- Spread the word! Tell a friend about your visit to a Legacy preserve and invite someone to join you on your next trip.Tag your social media photos **#legacylandconservancy**
- Subscribe to our e-newsletter.
- Make a donation.
- Lend us your energy and expertise! Volunteer opportunities abound: photography, photo-monitoring, event planning, helping out in the office, getting your hands dirty maintaining a preserve, and more.
- Attend one of our hikes or events.
- Ask us about conservation options for your land.
- Include Legacy in your will or estate plans.

Visit **legacylandconservancy.org** to learn more.



Visitor Guidelines

You are welcome to visit our preserves. Our preserves are open for passive recreation such as hiking, bird-watching, cross-country skiing, and photography. Please follow these simple guidelines to protect the animals and plants living there, and to ensure that others can also enjoy the experience.

- Stay on marked paths and trails.
- Dogs are permitted on-leash. Please bring supplies to clean up waste.
- Littering, smoking, camping, fires, firearms, hunting, and trapping are prohibited.
- Help us maintain good relationships with our neighbors: do not trespass on land adjacent to Legacy preserves.
- Motorized vehicles, off-road vehicles, and bicycles are strictly prohibited, with the exception of vehicles required by individuals with mobility disabilities (see our website, or call for details).
- Horseback riding is permitted only at Sharon Hills Preserve.
- Do not remove rocks, plants, dead wood, or animals.
- Keep group sizes small. Special permission is needed for groups larger than 15 people.
- Do not remove any stakes, poles, signs, markers, or other objects—they may be part of an ongoing study or class.

Legacy’s land protection work preserves the scenic beauty and rural heritage of southern Michigan.



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Staff photo

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Your guide to

LEGACY LAND CONSERVANCY Nature Preserves

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Go to legacylandconservancy.org to download a brochure with more information and a trail map for each of these preserves, or contact us to request a copy.

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Beckwith

Nature Preserve

A quiet retreat with flat trails through pine and hardwood forests along Portage Creek.

Location: Stockbridge. Carefully park along the north side of M-106, or in mowed lot along Clinton Rd across from the high school.

 Main trail **1.0** miles roundtrip



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Lloyd & Mabel Johnson

Nature Preserve

Enjoy a stroll along a boardwalk through a wetland, where you can see crayfish at work and woodpeckers flitting from tree to tree. The trail connects with neighboring Lillie Park for a longer hike.

Location: Just south of Ann Arbor, on Platt Rd south of Ellsworth Rd. Parking is near the cell tower.

 Main trail **1.5** miles roundtrip



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Sharon Hills

Nature Preserve

Hills and valleys with an extensive trail system open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.

Location: Just north of Manchester. Parking is on the east side of Sharon Hollow Rd between Washburn and Walker Rds.

 Main trail **1.2** miles roundtrip



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Reichert

Nature Preserve

A large preserve with rolling woods, scenic ponds, and rare plants. Relax by the ponds and hike trails that crisscross the landscape.

Location: North of Little Portage Lake. Access is by permission only. Please contact us about visiting.

 Main trail **2.0** miles roundtrip



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Woodland

Nature Preserve

A quiet spot with open fields and woods along a creek. At the request of the land donor, there are no formal trails, but you are welcome to wander the property.

Location: On Joy Rd just west of Jennings Rd. Park on the south side of Joy Rd near the preserve sign.



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Creekshead

Nature Preserve

A forested oasis with an easy loop trail and spectacular spring wildflower display.

Location: On the west side of Curtis Rd about 2.3 miles north of Plymouth Rd. Carefully park along Curtis Rd at the trailhead.

 Main trail **0.6** miles roundtrip

