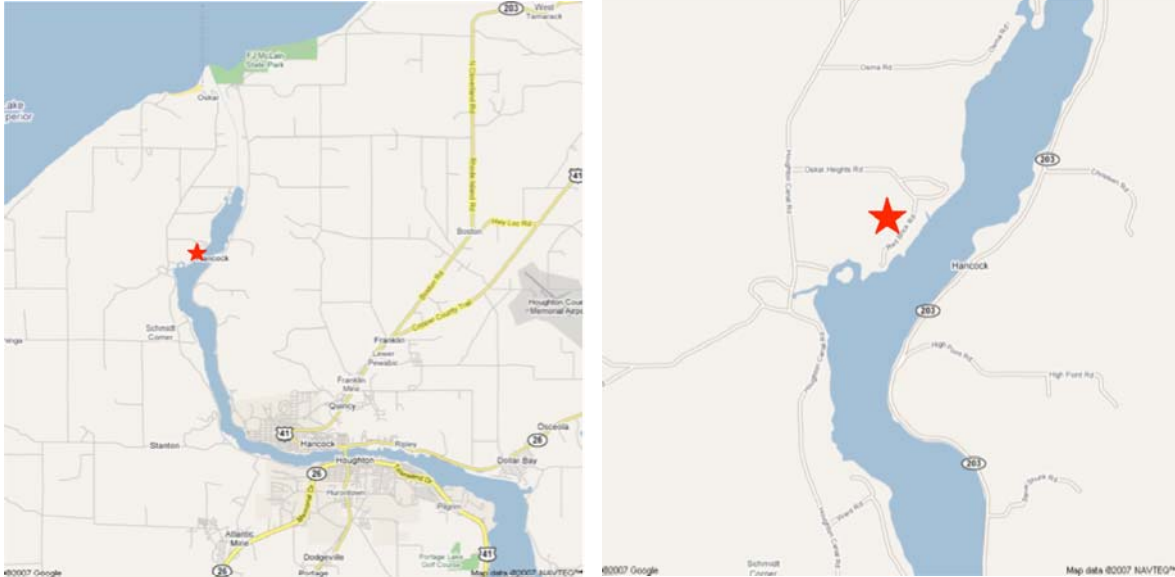


Marsin Preserve

Getting There

The Marsin Preserve is freely open to the public and can be accessed from a small parking area on Red Brick Road. Turn onto the Houghton Canal Road off M26 just south of Houghton and travel about 7 miles to Red Brick Road, about 1 mile past Oskar. Turn right and proceed about ½ mile to the parking area on the right.



Use of the adjoining Marsin Nature Retreat Center facilities and campus on Portage lake is scheduled in advance through the KLT office (906-483-0820). Public visitation days will occasionally be posted at the main entrance of the lakeshore campus when the Center is not in use by a group and a host is available. The Center is also accessed from Red Brick Road – proceed past the Preserve parking area, around the bend to the right and a short distance further to the sign marking the Center entrance on the left.

Trail Description

Description: This trail offers a short, gentle hike through an open field and cedar stand that is beautiful when draped with snow in the winter.

Terrain: Gentle terrain.

Distance: The preserve trail is about 0.75 miles long and forms a figure 8. The trail will be extended to connect directly with the lakeshore campus and trails. A trail map is posted at the trailhead along with information and grounds map for the Center.

Size: The preserve and lakeshore campus cover 56 acres with about 900 feet of Portage Lake shoreline.

Features: Good for observing bird life with a variety of songbirds, an eagle nest visible from Red Brick Road, and waterfowl on Portage Lake. The Center has plenty to offer small groups, including boats, greenhouse and gardens, sunroom, large basement with workshop, indoor and outdoor fireplaces and more.

Ownership: Keweenaw Land Trust

Trail and Nature Retreat Center Contact: (906) 482-0820

Marsin Nature Preserve Description

Located near Oskar Bay, the Preserve includes forested and shrubby areas with scattered wet meadows that slope to an upland area. Hiking trails can be accessed from the small parking area

off Red Brick Road and traverse the Marsin Center lakeshore campus. The original hiking trail of the preserve land was developed by Gabe Johnson as part of his Eagle Scout project.