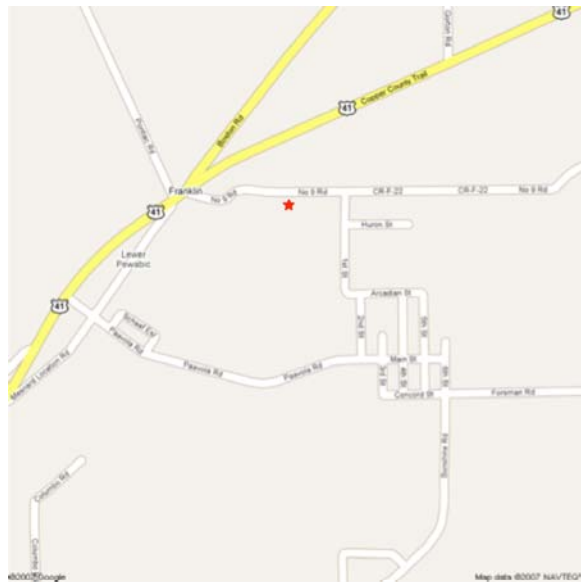
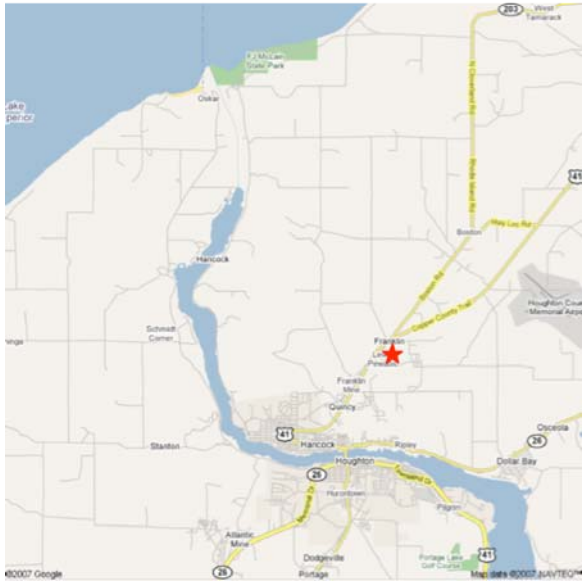


Paavola Wetlands

Getting There

From Hancock, take US-41 north toward Calumet. From the yellow blinking light on the top of Quincy Hill travel approximately 1.5 miles to the No. 9 Road. Several roads intersect with the highway here, including Pontiac Road and Boston Road. Turn right onto No. 9 Road, just before a kitchen design storefront, and follow it 0.6 miles to the small trailhead parking area off the left hand side of the road.



Trail Description

Description: Trails traverse a diversity of wetland and upland habitats, offering views of a large pond central to the preserve and abundant bird life. Remnants of a traditional Finnish family farmstead are found in a meadow clearing that is now a great spot for a picnic lunch. The trail encounters some impressive rock piles and rock walls demonstrating the tenacity of past farmers. Generally an easy hike but you may get your feet wet.

Terrain: Gentle terrain but trail is narrow and uneven in places with some rock crossings in wet areas.

Distance: About 2.6 miles of looped trails are available with trail maps posted at intersections.

Size: The preserve covers about 115 acres

Features: Diverse plant and animal life along with historic features associated with past farming activity.

Ownership: Keweenaw Land Trust

Trail Contact: (906) 482-0820

Paavola Wetlands Preserve Description

This preserve, along the US-41 Scenic Byway, is home to beaver, frogs and turtles, wild irises and cattails, where the call of the red-winged blackbird can be heard. A 15-acre pond is surrounded by sedges, grasses, rushes, sweet gale and willow. Succession to upland species can readily be observed with gentle rises in elevation to stands of mixed northern hardwoods studded with large white pines. The central location of this preserve, along with its natural diversity and historic features, makes it a perfect outdoor classroom for both nature and cultural studies and exploration. This is a great place to observe birds and beaver activity. Leatherwood and bloodroot are among the more unusual plants present. White-tailed deer and beaver make many of their own trails so watch for the colored flagging marking the mapped trails.