

## 9. Heins Creek Nature Preserve 7112 Highway 57

Preserve Acres: 74 Miles of Hiking Trail: 0.75

Trail Rating: Easy, on level-to-rolling terrain

Trail and Preserve Features: Trail parallels banks of the creek and traverses sand dunes blanketed with mature stands of hemlock, white cedar, sugar maple, and yellow birch, which tower over Heins Creek, offering shade and cover for fish and wildlife. Heins Creek teems with fish in spring and fall, and the forest canopy attracts a variety of birds throughout the year.

## Wild Waterways and Flyways...

Heins Creek is an important water channel connecting Kangaroo Lake to Lake Michigan. Steelhead trout and Longnose suckers run here during the spring and in the fall salmon spawn in the Creek. Visitors can watch for the flash from the fishes' silver scales in the clear, shallow waters. And, don't forget to look and listen for birds migrating along this coastal flyway.



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