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Hiking Trail Map

14. Legacy Nature Preserve at Clay Banks

1188 South Lake Michigan Drive

Preserve Acres: 91 **Miles of Hiking Trail:** 1.0

Trail Rating: Easy-to-moderate on level terrain with incline along bluff slope

Trail and Preserve Features: Trail passes through fields to the edge of a bluff overlooking the waters of Lake Michigan. From this scenic overlook, the trail then descends through fields filled with milkweed and goldenrod to the shores of Lake Michigan. The preserve is a great place to observe shore birds, dragonflies and butterflies.

Sunken Shipwrecks... The red banks that line the shore in this part of Door County give Clay Banks Township, and this preserve, its name. In the mid-to-late 1800s, the nearby village of Clay Banks boasted the longest piers on the peninsula, due to shallow reefs, rock ledges and submerged boulders. The treacherous marine topography here was responsible for many documented shipwrecks, including a few directly offshore of the Legacy Preserve.



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