



Door County Land Trust

Protecting Door County's Exceptional Lands and Waters...Forever

Hiking Trail Map

1. Little Lake Nature Preserve

2285 Main Road, Washington Island

Preserve Acres: 32 **Miles of Hiking Trail:** 1.25

Trail Rating: Easy-to-moderate on even-to-rocky terrain

Trail and Preserve Features: Trail begins on a rocky ridge and gently descends into a forest dominated by white cedar and hemlock. The trail offers spectacular views of the preserve's main feature, Little Lake, and over 5,500 feet of Little Lake and Green Bay shoreline. Wetland-loving plants such as buckbean, marsh bellflower and marsh cinquefoil thrive here as do waterfowl and migratory songbirds. Bald eagles, white pelicans and black-throated blue warblers are often observed here.

Did you know? This 33-acre landlocked lake was created thousands of years ago when waves washed cobblestones across a shallow bay of glacial Lake Nipissing (now Lake Michigan); as the waters receded, a narrow ridge was formed, creating Little Lake. Fed primarily by underwater springs and surface runoff, the level of Little Lake is three feet above that of Lake Michigan.



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