



MINNIE SKWAREK NATURE PRESERVE

A Project of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan

LOCATION: Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County

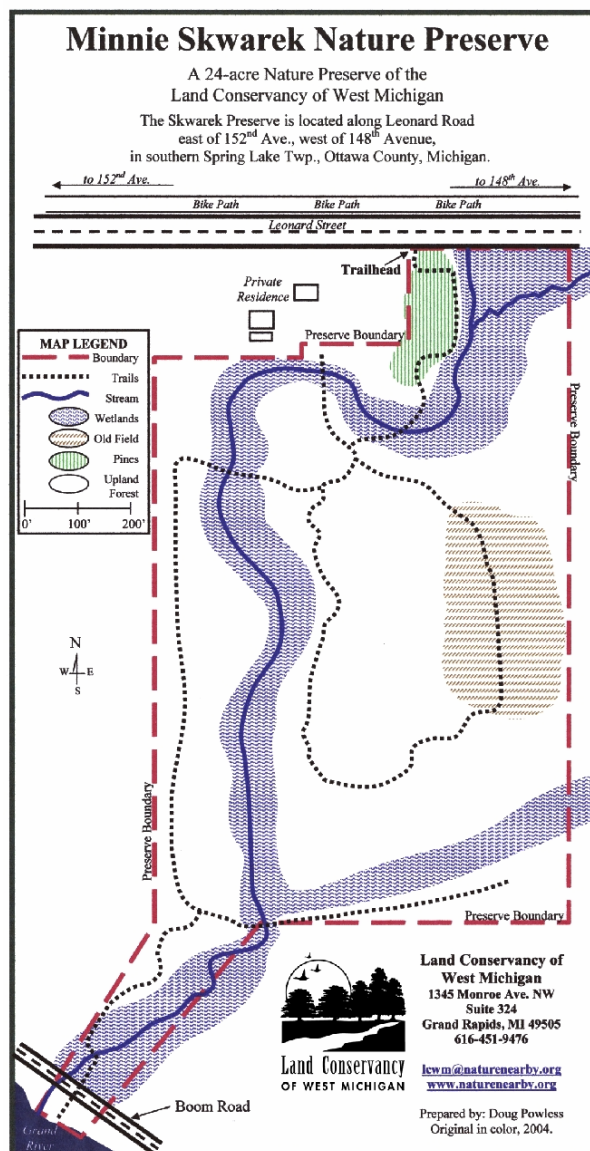
SIZE: 24 acres

The Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve is open for public visitation with the following guidelines: foot travel only, no hunting, and no camping or camp fires. All pets must be leashed to protect the wildlife.

NATURAL FEATURES

Migratory songbirds find food and refuge during spring and fall migrations in the forests of the Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve. Spicebush, viburnums, and wild grapes provide ripe fruit for migrant thrushes each fall. Nesting birds include: wood thrush, ovenbird, blue-winged warbler, black-throated green warbler, scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak, vireos, and a variety of woodpeckers, to name just a few.

Habitats include: hemlock swamps, upland meadow, mixed beech-maple-oak-hickory forests, white and red opines, and a stream bordered by shrub swamp wetlands with a variety of mature deciduous trees including yellow birch. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of spring flowers.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From M104 east of the Village of Spring Lake, turn south on 148th Avenue. Turn west on Leonard Street and follow for 1/3 mile. The preserve is located along the south side of Leonard Street. There is not a parking area at the preserve. Please park along side streets where permitted.