

OUR MISSION

The Michigan Nature Association (MNA), established in 1952, is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to acquiring, protecting and maintaining Michigan's unique natural habitats and rare or endangered species, and carrying on a program of natural history study and conservation education.

There are numerous land preservation organizations working within Michigan, however, MNA distinguishes itself as the state's first land preservation organization, and remains the only statewide land preservation organization devoted solely to Michigan.



Karner Blue butterflies, *Lycaeides melissa samuelis*, are found in dry sand prairies, which are some of the rarest natural systems in the world. Karner Blue Sanctuary is home to a population of these butterflies, which are an endangered species.

What makes an MNA nature sanctuary or plant preserve so special? These properties encompass over 9,000 acres of forests, prairies, wetlands and other native habitats, and protect a vast majority of Michigan's species.

MNA's decades of experience with rare habitats and endangered plants and animals gives us the necessary expertise to ensure their protection. In addition, MNA holds our own deeds and conservation easements, thereby guaranteeing that these special places will be there for you to enjoy now and forever.

Dowagiac Woods Nature Sanctuary is a living example of how Michigan's forests looked before the first settlers arrived, and plants flourish in countless numbers. Spring is a sight to behold in Dowagiac Woods with over 50 species of wildflowers in bloom, including the Blue-eyed Mary, *Collinsia parviflora*.

OUR WORK

From the northernmost tip of the Upper Peninsula to the southern border of Michigan, our work can be seen across the state. The success of MNA relies on the support of people like you. . . in fact, we can't do it without you!

MNA is comprised of individuals who care deeply about the natural heritage of our state, and without the generosity and willingness of our members and supporters, we would not be the organization we are today.

Please join and contribute to MNA.

Volunteers are integral to MNA, helping us protect and maintain our sites. Each year, MNA conducts hundreds of volunteer days throughout the state, and we invite you join us.



how you can help

The Michigan Nature Association has worked for over 50 years to preserve and protect the finest natural areas in Michigan, which are home to some of the most extraordinary plants, animals, and habitats. We are dedicated to protecting these resources forever so that future generations can experience firsthand what you help us preserve today.

We invite you to become a part of the Michigan Nature Association and support our efforts.

Join Contribute Volunteer

Go to www.michigannature.org or return the remittance envelope to us today!



You can be assured that your contribution stays right here in Michigan because it will go toward projects here in the state, and we use Michigan contractors and vendors.



Each point on the map represents a sanctuary or preserve.
For more information, go to www.michigannature.org

Experience what the Michigan Nature Association is committed to protecting for you, your family, future generations, and nature itself by visiting one of our sanctuaries or preserves. With 165 nature sanctuaries and plant preserves in 56 counties, no matter where you live, you're never far from finding beauty and tranquility in nature.



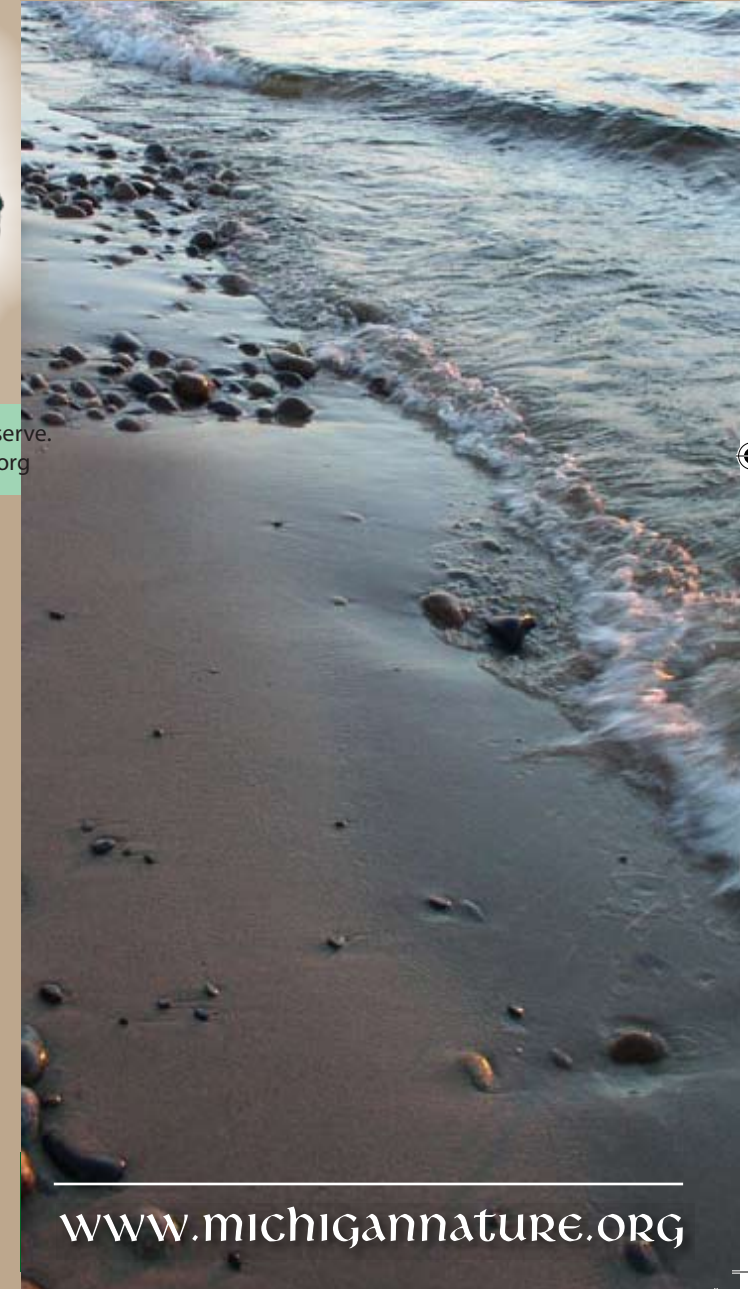
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