



Treat the Land with Respect

Do's: ONLY low-impact, non-motorized activities such as:

- Hiking
- Skiing or snowshoeing
- · Wildlife observation or photography

Don'ts:

- No motorized vehicles on or off any trails
- No littering or dumping of refuse
- No destruction or removal of vegetation, wildlife, or other natural features (hunting by written permission only)
- No camping or fires

Thank you for respecting the rules of this nature preserve so we can continue providing access now and forever.

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Conserving Land with UPLC

"Land Today for Life Tomorrow"

UPLC's Mission:

The Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy (UPLC) works with landowners to permanently protect the conservation values of natural areas, working farms and forests, and recreational lands in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. UPLC performs this work for the benefit of the public by holding conservation easements on private lands, establishing conservation preserves and conservation reserves on UPLC-owned lands, and by conducting educational programs.

Land Protection Options:

Conservation Easements - The landowner donates most of the development rights to UPLC but retains all other property rights. Timber management rights can often be retained. Public access is up to the landowner.

Conservation Preserves - The landowner donates all property rights to UPLC who becomes the landowner. Some preserves, termed Reserves, are carefully managed for timber production. Most preserves are open to the public for low-impact recreation.

Trade Lands - These are properties donated to UPLC that do not have high conservation value. Trade lands are not open to the public. They are sold to help support UPLC's conservation programs.

Financial Costs & Benefits:

Establishing permanent protection for conservation lands involves several financial costs and benefits. Every property and donor is unique. The net effect on the donor's finances depends on the situation.

Tory's Woods Conservation Preserve

The Story of Tory's Woods

A Place in the UP - John and Tory Parlin started looking for a vacation home in Lower Michigan in the early 1980's, but they couldn't find what they were looking for. Then, they crossed the bridge and found a whole new world. It was beautiful and wild and home to people who were also passionate about the land. They purchased their first piece of property in the UP in 1990.

Protecting the Surroundings - As the Parlins spent more time in the U.P., they became more interested in acquiring and protecting the land around them. Over the years, they managed to put together a continuous block of about 230 acres of forested land mostly north of M-28 just east of the Sand River. From the beginning, they envisioned protecting this land from development and leaving it in its natural state. They considered using a conservation easement but, decided that they could accomplish more by giving the land outright to the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy (UPLC). The land would be protected, it would be managed for public benefit, and they would get a modest tax break.

Sharing the Wealth - With help and guidance from UPLC, the gift of 233 acres was completed in October 2014. The Parlins will continue working with UPLC to develop trails and signage so the land can serve as a nature education resource and a place for quiet enjoyment of a maturing forest.

