



Maas Family Nature Preserve

[4400 12 Mile Rd, Rockford, MI](#)

Description: 17-acre home of the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly in addition to many other uncommon prairie species. Enjoy the lupine-filled fields and the wildflower covered forest floor in late spring.

Due to the sensitive nature of the Karner blue butterfly, please respect the following rules during your visit:

Do not remove/disturb any living or nonliving items; no bikes or ORVs; no dogs; please stay on the trail.



Karner blue butterflies

Karner blue butterfly caterpillars feed exclusively on wild lupine. During the two times a year that they fly you can see them feeding on horsemint, butterflyweed, and other native plants.

WATCH YOUR STEP!

Karner blue butterflies often sun themselves while taking up minerals on sandy trails. Please watch where you are walking to prevent stepping on one of these slow moving butterflies!



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Land Conservancy of West Michigan

To *keep nature nearby*, the Land Conservancy of West Michigan (LCWM) permanently protects natural and scenic land. Since 1976, we have protected over 7,300 acres of West Michigan's forests, fields, wetlands, and dunes.

Methods of land protection include:

- **Conservation Easements:** land is protected forever but remains in private ownership.
- **Assistance to Local Communities:** LCWM provides support to county, state, and city governments in their efforts to acquire and protect natural land.
- **Nature Preserves:** LCWM owns and manages 13 nature preserves within our 8-county service area. These natural areas are permanently protected as places where we can hike, enjoy wildlife, and be surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature.

How You Can Help

Become a Member: Join the 2,000 West Michigan families and individuals who support our work. Your donations make it possible for us to protect our beautiful natural areas.

Volunteer: Lend a helping hand with nature preserves maintenance, monitoring of protected lands, outreach mailings, administrative activities, and much more. Please email lcwm@naturenearby.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Please visit www.naturenearby.org for more information.

Land Conservancy of West Michigan Nature Preserves

1. Castle Park Reserve
2. Dune Pines Nature Preserve
3. Kuker-Van Til Preserve
4. Palomita Reserve
5. DePersia South Highlands Nature Preserve
6. Minnie Skwarek Preserve
7. Lambertson Lake Fen
8. Maas Family Preserve
9. Brower Lake Preserve
10. Saul Lake Bog Preserve
11. Wege Natural Area for the Study of Ecology
12. Bradford Dickinson White Nature Preserve
13. Lake Breeze Preserve

