Ridges Sanctuary
Trail Map

Hiking Trail Loops
Times indicated are based on a relaxed walking pace with no stops.

Red Loop - 60 minutes
(1.2 miles)

Blue Loop - 60 minutes
(1.3 miles)

Green Loop - 45 minutes
(.8 miles)

Points of Interest
See Ridges Trail Guide for more info

1” = about 270 feet
Welcome to The Ridges Sanctuary ...

... and to this delicate boreal forest community. The Ridges Sanctuary is a 1,600 acre pristine natural area located in Door County, Wisconsin. Formed in 1937 to preserve the original 40-acre parcel, it is Wisconsin's first land trust and protects the most biologically diverse ecosystem in the state.

Much of this area is made up of a series of low, sandy ridges, alternating with wet areas called swales. The ridges run parallel to the shoreline of Baileys Harbor, and extend inland about a mile. Cooling breezes from Lake Michigan help to sustain a boreal forest in the Sanctuary – a forest type that is more characteristic of most of Canada. This forest, in which white spruce and balsam fir predominate, continues around the northern rim of the Door Peninsula. Many of the plants found in this portion of the Sanctuary are more typically found further north. However, they survive here because of the cooling effect of Lake Michigan.

The Sanctuary is open to the public year-round and features hundreds of species of native wildflowers along its five miles of rustic trails and bridges. Naturalist-led tours, youth and family programs, and a weekly lecture series highlight the summer season. Snowshoe hikes and family programs are featured throughout the year. Visit our Nature Store for a wide variety of quality nature-related books and gifts.

We invite you to explore our Logan Creek property, located in the town of Jacksonport on the north end of Clark Lake. This beautiful land features hardwood forests and has over 3,000 feet of shoreline on Clark Lake and additional 1,500 feet along Logan Creek.

Sanctuary Trail Fees:   Adults:  $5   Ridges Members & Children Under 18 Hike Free

Flowers are loveliest where they grow.
Love them, enjoy them,
But leave them so.                  – Emma Toft

Directions:
The Ridges Sanctuary is located at the corner of Hwy 57 & Cty Q just 1/2 mile north of Baileys Harbor. From Hwy 57, turn east on Cty Q, then right at the first driveway.

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