

Hiking The Treat Farm

The Treat Farm Hike

Driving south from Empire on M-22 turn right on Norkonk Road. This is a short road with a gate at the end. Park your car at the gate and walk straight ahead up an old road to the farm. Explore all around the farm and then follow a small path across an open field area. You will end high on some bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan.



Family home is to the left, Barn to the right. Note the interesting round structure just to the left of the barn. It was built by pouring concrete walls, filling the building with dirt and rocks by hand and then pouring cement atop the soil.



Trail leading out across the old fields toward the Lakeshore.



At the Lakeshore -- what a view!!

The Treat family purchased this 200 acres in 1910 and cleared the land by hand. Having made a living designing model-T cars in Detroit, Mr. Treat reportedly decided to move north to "avoid the traffic". The Farm now a part of the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore Park.