

# Welcome to

## Mountainview Trails

For Hiking, Cycling & Skiing

*Person Power only Please*



**Open all year**  
Jocelyn Township  
St. Joseph Island

### Description of Trails:

The trails system is designed with many loops so that distances and degrees of difficulty are available. All are marked with yellow arrows centered with various colours of circles to identify different trails.

The main trail is the "Orchard Trail" which is about 2 km and is marked with green circles. A shortcut, with a total distance of about .5 km is also marked. This trail circles the old apple orchard, skirting the edge of the maple and beech forest.

The "Church Loop" is a short .5 km hilly loop, which is best accessed in front of the schoolhouse. If you were coming out of the school walked in a straight line, you would soon see the opening in the trees to your right and a sign with a dark blue circle. This trail goes down a steep hill and sharply up again; turning to the right and going beside the P-Line towards the Mountain Church which is across the road. The trail again turns right and down and up a hill again before turning left and re-joining the "Orchard Trail".

The next loop is the "Gully Loop", which is again about a .5 km and fairly hilly. This trail is marked with purple circles. When it leaves the "Orchard Trail", it goes sharply down and turns to the right.

About half way around the "Orchard Trail" is the sign for the "Gapp Loop" which is a 2 km trail. Off the "Gapp" is the "Maple Trail", a 1 km loop. These trails are both deep in the maple and beech forest.

The forest floor is a carpet of wildflowers in the spring. The "Gapp" is marked with orange circles and the "Maple" with red circles. Just before the "Gapp" rejoins the "Orchard Trail", there is a loop to the left that is called the "Stone Fence Run". It is about 1 km and is marked with brown circles.

The trail passes through an old stone fence at several locations and winds around behind the Jocelyn Fire Hall and up to the top of the toboggan hill where a beautiful view to the north-west takes in part of the St. Mary's River toward Sault Ste. Marie.

Anyone wishing to cut their hike short can simply go down the toboggan hill which gets one back to where they started.

**Mammals:**

White-tail deer are very common and moose will occasionally walk through the property. Black bears are most likely to be seen around the apple trees in the fall. Smaller animals to be seen are squirrels, chipmunks, snowshoe hares, racoons, porcupines, foxes, skunks and coyotes. Bobcat, lynx and timber wolf are also present on the Island.

**Birds:**

The common year-round birds here are chickadees, blue jays, raven, finches, mourning doves, grosbeaks, grouse and woodpeckers.

Ring-necked pheasants and turkeys that have been released on the Island can be seen. In the spring sandhill cranes return. Look for robins, bluebirds, sparrows, flycatchers, warblers and thrushes. In the autumn when berries on the mountain ash are plentiful, there are flocks of bluebirds, robins and later cedar waxwings.

**Flowers:**

Wildflowers season begins in mid-April with spring beauty, trout lilies and Dutchman's-breeches. Wild leeks and trilliums are abundant. Other flowers through the season are clintonia, star-flower, miterwort, bunchberry and violets. Blackberries and raspberries grow wild. June brings buttercups, false solomon's-seal, hawkweeds, purple vetch and daisies. Fall brings black-eyed susans and queen anne's lace followed by asters and goldenrod.

**Trees:**

In the open area around the house are apple trees. Lilacs and snowball bush are in blossom the same time as the apple trees. At the edge of the wooded area are some basswood trees, service-berries, white birch, pin and choke cherry, mountain ash, spruce, balsam and poplar. On the trails there are mostly sugar maples and beech, with yellow birch, white birch, red maple, spruce and balsam.

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