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DEAR FRIENDS,

Like many of you probably do, I would consider myself an avid hiker. It started across the street from my childhood home, where my parents took me as a toddler for “nature walks” and taught me to be curious about the environment in my own backyard. I was fortunate to tag along on many of their travels as I grew, and whenever I was tasked with finding something to do, a popular hike would inevitably top my list.

Over time, that passion for exploring the outdoors morphed into a task to check off a to-do list. It was, “Let’s see how many hikes at how many national parks I can do” for the sake of saying I had done it, instead of genuinely connecting with where I was or asking what I could learn from my surroundings.

It wasn’t until years later, living in a city and working an office job I disliked, that I took an opportunity to reconnect with nature in a meaningful way. During the height of the COVID pandemic, my friend invited me to hike the Appalachian Trail with her. Yes, that’s the 2,200-mile-long trail spanning from Georgia to Maine. Admittedly excited about checking a huge bucket-list item off my list, I agreed.

I didn’t realize at the time how that decision would change the trajectory of my life. Six months of walking through forests, mountains, towns, rain, heat, mosquitos, and everything in between taught me that trails can be much more than a path from one place to another. They force you to pay

attention to external and internal landscapes. They can turn your surroundings from a passing-by attraction into something held with affection.

That experience ultimately led me to the Natural Resources field and, some years later, to The Ridges. And while I could write pages about my Appalachian Trail experience, which I am happy to report, I completed *mostly* unscathed, that isn’t really the point of this letter. The point is that I have some lived experience with trails, and I may be biased, but The Ridges still houses some of the most special trails I’ve had the pleasure of walking.

For me, there’s something profound about visiting a place and wanting to return time and time again, watching your relationship with it deepen. The more I walk these trails, the more I understand that they aren’t simply paths. They are pathways into a relationship with place and into a greater understanding of why it is worth protecting.

Throughout this newsletter, you’ll read several perspectives on how a walk through The Ridges can be a chance to experience something greater. Trails protect fragile habitats, provide a window into research, create opportunities for education and connection, and invite everyone to experience this extraordinary place firsthand.

If it’s your first visit, I encourage you to look closer and dig deeper into the history and ecology of The Ridges. For longtime visitors, I hope you find a new reason to slow down and see these familiar trails differently. And if you’ve checked our trails off your to-do list, I humbly urge you to reconsider that framework. I’m glad I did.

Hope to see you on the trails,

Eliza Banjanac

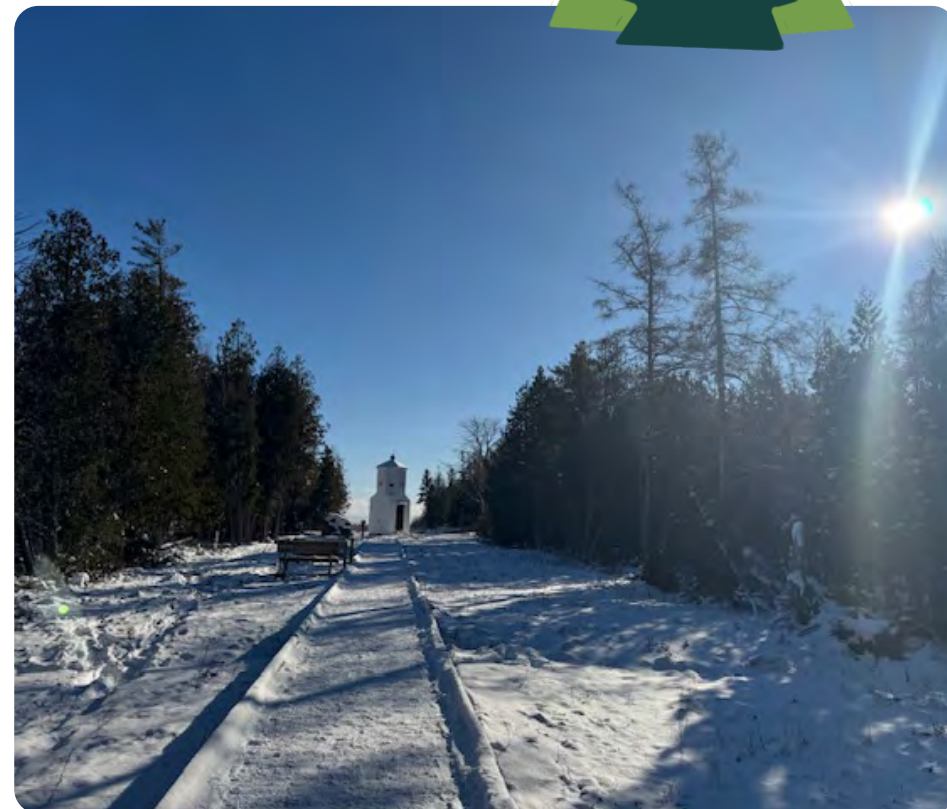
Eliza Banjanac, Director of Growth Initiatives



Three generations enjoying the boardwalk



Entering the Rustic Trails



A winter sky shines on the Lower Range Light

Why Trails Exist



A new boardwalk segment protects sensitive soil from foot traffic at Logan Creek

When you step onto a path at The Ridges, it feels like an invitation. The trail leads you beneath cedar canopies, across ancient beach ridges, and past quiet, orchid-rich swales. It’s the most direct, personal way visitors experience the Sanctuary. But behind every footstep lies a deliberate philosophy: a trail is not just a route through nature—it is a tool that translates our mission of preservation, education, and research into real-time stewardship.

Designing a trail in a sensitive ecological landscape is a constant balancing act. To foster a community that cares about conservation, people need to experience these habitats firsthand. Yet, the very ecosystems people come to admire—boreal forests, dune ridges, and fragile wetlands—are deeply susceptible to human disturbance.

Trail design is how we manage that dynamic. Each boardwalk, route, and surface material is chosen to minimize our footprint while maximizing meaningful connection. Boardwalks throughout The Ridges are raised above critical wetland habitat for the Hine’s emerald dragonfly, patches of threatened dwarf lake iris, and prime habitat for the endangered ram’s head lady’s slipper orchid. They act as a buffer between people and sensitive habitats, allowing visitors to observe and enjoy these organisms while protecting them from the impacts of foot traffic.

Just as important as where trails go is where they don’t. Many areas of the Sanctuary remain



Newly installed bat houses help protect these sensitive species

Interested in becoming a Bat or Roost Monitor? Contact Victoria Holderer at victoria@ridgessanctuary.org to get involved in this new citizen science opportunity!

intentionally inaccessible to protect core wildlife habitats, undisturbed soil and hydrology, and sensitive botanical microhabitats. Rare plants, nesting birds, and other sensitive species require intact habitat where ecological processes can unfold with minimal human disturbance. Leaving these zones untrampled also provides living baselines for ongoing scientific research. In land management, choosing not to build a trail is often the highest form of protection we can offer.

Land management doesn’t end once a trail is built. We continuously monitor trail corridors for signs of erosion, vegetation trampling, water pooling, and the introduction of invasive species. When an area shows signs of stress, we adapt. We may install a boardwalk extension, reroute a segment, or temporarily limit access to allow the land to recover. The Ridges’ 2023 Master Plan includes recommendations to better assess trail impacts and find the right balance between accessibility and protection.

It can feel counterintuitive, but restricting physical access is often one of the most effective ways to fulfill our conservation goals. “Less access” doesn’t



The cardinal rule

HOW TRAIL ETIQUETTE ALLOWS VISITORS TO PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP

- Stay on the trail
- No bikes
- No dogs
- Do not pick or disturb plants
- No littering
- No smoking

Trail etiquette is not meant to limit the ways we experience The Ridges. Instead, these regulations help us protect the incredible ecosystems which add to the experience. By following these simple guidelines, every visitor can play a part in preserving the land, wildlife, and habitats that make our trails so special. Respecting trail etiquette isn’t separate from conservation work; it is conservation work.

mean keeping people out—it means concentrating our physical footprint so the broader landscape can remain resilient. By containing human presence to a defined area, we can protect the surrounding habitat while still offering meaningful opportunities to experience it.

The Rustic Trails, considered the “Heart of The Ridges,” are a perfect example. A series of trails follow select ridgetops, with bridges over the



Wednesday Crew volunteers replace boards on swale overlook

swales connecting them at various points. Though only a small portion of The Ridges’ iconic ridge-and-swale topography is accessible by trail, hikers can experience many of the diverse habitats and species that make the Sanctuary so special. My personal favorite is the Winter Wren Trail, where the outlooks reach into the northern-lying swales. It allows you to gaze into the core of the preserve with the comfort of knowing that this place will remain protected.

Our trail system is one of the most useful tools we have for connecting people with nature and inspiring The Ridges’ overarching mission. When you walk our trails, you are experiencing a carefully crafted bridge between human curiosity and ecological integrity. The path underfoot allows generations to witness the wonder of The Ridges while leaving its heart undisturbed.

Sam Hoffman, Land Manager



Swales are one fragile habitat protected by our boardwalks

What Trails Reveal

Walking down Hidden Brook Boardwalk, the first message that greets you is: “Flowers are loveliest where they grow. Love them, enjoy them, but leave them so.” This motto, passed down from founding member Emma Toft, captures something fundamental about The Ridges: conservation begins with paying attention to and appreciating the natural community around us.



Emma Toft with her important reminder to visitors, Roy Lukes

When our research team is out on the boardwalk, we’re always meeting visitors and answering all kinds of questions. “What are those funny white plastic things?” “Why are those flags there?” “What are you out here working on today?” These moments are welcome opportunities to share not only what we’re studying and who is helping us, but why it matters. All along the Hidden Brook Boardwalk, dubbed our “Living Laboratory,” are opportunities to discuss past and present research.

Throughout the summer months, you can catch volunteers and researchers at many of our dwarf lake iris research plots, counting stems, flowers, and capsules. The funny white “abstract statues” are vital monitors at our dwarf lake iris and ram’s head orchid research plots, helping us monitor and collect important habitat data. This research directly feeds into other areas of our organization and programs, from our Research Fellowship and data-analyzing Science Club to our summer camp and Forest School programs. The boardwalk is where we go to learn, observe, and seek answers—and where visitors can see that process in action.

By having our research so close to our trails, we “feed two birds with one scone.” We create an accessible space that all our researchers, classes, and volunteers can access easily, and we minimize disturbance in the sensitive habitats we monitor. It also allows us to work as transparently as possible, so our community can see this research in action and have opportunities to ask questions. Visitors don’t have to wait for a published study or a presentation to see how we learn about this ecosystem. They can encounter the work firsthand, meet the staff and volunteers doing it, and even find opportunities to take part.

That visibility creates something valuable: participation. A question from a visitor can become a conversation. A conversation can spark curiosity. Curiosity can lead to deeper understanding and, sometimes, to a desire to get involved. Having a community that is active in our research projects is an incredible way to share knowledge and educate the public about the intricate ecosystem found here in Door County. It’s an opportunity to connect us all to the landscape we call home and “pass the torch” of land stewardship. Curiosity is the backbone of our

Ridges research projects and is why we continue to dig deeper into existing research. By having our research visible from the trails, we hope to create a welcoming space where anyone can come, ask questions, and participate.

When research is visible from the trails, science becomes part of the experience of being at The Ridges. The boardwalk becomes more than a path through the Sanctuary; it becomes a window into the questions we are asking, the knowledge we are building, and the people who make that work possible. Research at The Ridges isn’t something that happens behind closed doors. It is a community effort, strengthened by the curiosity, time, and knowledge of the people who participate in it. By sharing that work along our trails, we hope to inspire more people to stop, ask questions, lend a hand, and become part of the ongoing work of understanding and protecting this remarkable place.

Victoria Holderer, Applied Research Ecologist



Summer intern conducts survey



Hobo monitors at the junction of the Range Light Corridor and Wintergreen Trail



Hand pollination of a showy lady's slipper



Carnivore tracking on the boardwalk

Where To Go: Trail Spotlight

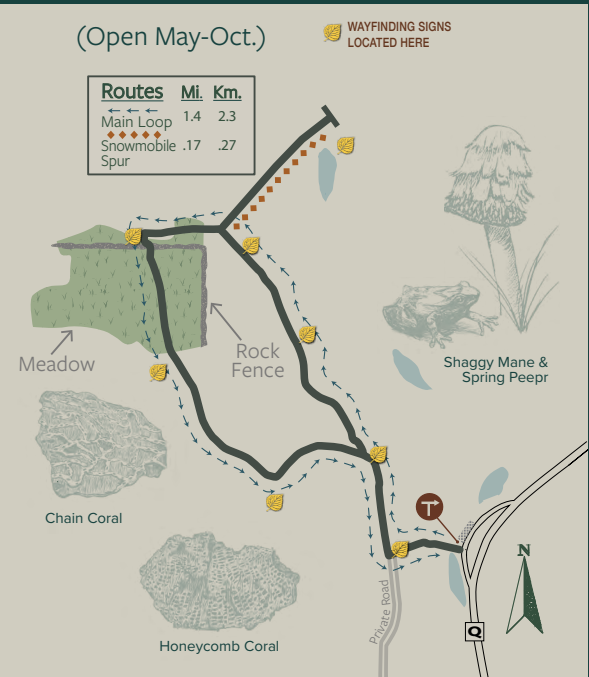
FAMILY DISCOVERY TRAIL



The Family Discovery Trail is the perfect place to spend time exploring nature with the entire family. Children who experience nature together with their families develop lifelong positive environmental values and behaviors. The “Red Trail” features a collection of interactive discovery stations aimed at encouraging learning and connection with nature through hands-on play using exploration tools like bug nets, magnifying glasses, and shovels. The “Yellow Trail” features our new Storybook Trail, where families can read a nature-themed story as they hike the trail. Reading with children on a hike can develop critical language, social, and emotional skills, while enjoying all the benefits of being active together. With new stories featured every few months, there is always something new to read and discover. Open May – October.



APPEL'S BLUFF



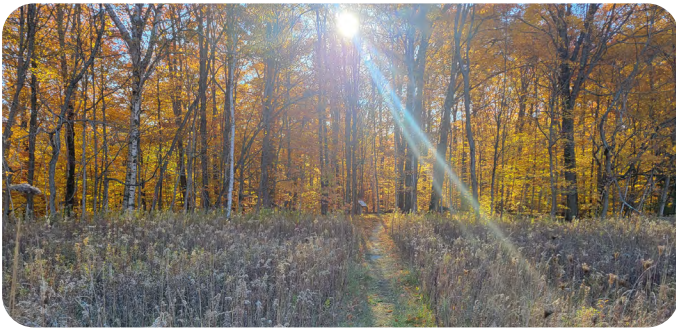
The over 100-acre property is a geologically unique addition to The Ridges and is contiguous with other Sanctuary lands. The edge of the bluff and old Lake Michigan shorelines are fascinating features; at one time, the land was likely an island, with water inundating the surrounding area. Today, the property includes lowland cedar forest, ephemeral ponds and wetlands, upland maple and birch forest, and disturbed areas regenerating after past logging and soil disturbance. This mix of habitats supports a variety of species, including ram's head orchids and goodyera species, while also playing an important role in water runoff and groundwater recharge. Open May–October.



LOGAN CREEK



Situated along the north shore of Clark Lake, Logan Creek protects a largely undeveloped stretch of shoreline and a diverse, mature forest of hemlock, beech, cedar, black ash, yellow birch, balsam fir, and white pine. The 5.4-mile creek flows southeast from Lost Lake into Clark Lake and is designated an Outstanding Water Resource. The property provides important public access to an otherwise heavily developed lakeshore and supports a rich transition from upland woods to boreal-influenced habitat near the lake. It is also home to a state-endangered plant and numerous bird species, including ovenbird, black-throated green warbler, rose-breasted grosbeak, and hermit thrush. Open year round.



SNOWSHOE TRAIL



Located between the boardwalk and WI-57, this trail will show you a piece of the Sanctuary only open for recreation in the winter. This path brings a new perspective to the ridges and swales we know and love. Fresh snow showcases animal activity through the winter. You may spot otter slides, rabbit tracks, and other animal signs that can be too subtle to notice in the summer. Whether out on your own or with a Ridges Naturalist, this is an excellent place to discover all the adaptations organisms develop to survive cold boreal winters. Our nearly five miles of rustic trails are also open to snowshoe and provide plenty of opportunities to explore. Snowshoe rentals are available at the Cook-Albert Fuller Nature Center, where our snowshoe trails begin.

*Please note that snowshoe trail access and rentals are weather dependent.



Who Trails Are For

While there are plenty of opportunities to learn more about The Ridges throughout the Sanctuary, there is a certain *je ne sais quoi* that words, signs, and programs can never fully capture. It is the experience of walking through the boreal forest itself. It is the feeling of finding yourself sitting on a bench overlooking a swale for much longer than you had planned or becoming mystified by the canopy of a hemlock tree. It is in the quiet moments, the unexpected discoveries, and the feeling of being immersed in a landscape that has been cared for across generations.

“I love the boardwalks and am so thankful to the volunteers who made them possible. As I became more disabled, walks were no longer accessible to me. When the new boardwalks went in, I found myself again experiencing the beauty of The Ridges. They’re wonderful! I can safely walk, stop, and look at the wildlife and flowers. I love them so much, I upped my membership to a lifetime member!” -Susan Moore, Lifetime Member



Bench overlooking Hidden Brook



Green-needled tamaracks before autumn

Bridges and boardwalks blend into the surroundings, allowing the forest to remain the focal point of a hike. And on the rustic trails, it is easy to imagine walking alongside Emma Toft or Roy Lukes, experiencing the Sanctuary on a timescale measured not in days or years, but, like that of the forest, in generations.

The opportunity to experience that beauty should not be limited by age, mobility, or experience. Every day, Ridges staff witness the formation of deep connections with the natural world from visitors of all ages. Each week, a group of Tiny Trekkers, just 1-3 years old, meanders down the welcoming pathways of the Sanctuary alongside a Ridges educator. They pause to practice using binoculars, observe a red squirrel sitting in a tree, or feel the bark of the trees as they pass by.

Just as special is seeing adults enjoying the trails. It is heartwarming to witness a grandparent using a wheelchair on Hidden Brook Boardwalk or a family hiking the rustic trails for the first time. Hidden Brook Boardwalk is intentionally accessible to visitors using wheelchairs and walkers, as well as families with strollers. Across the trail system, benches,



Our ADA-compliant boardwalk allows people of all abilities to enjoy the trails, Mike Tittel

bridges, boardwalks, signs, and wayfinding help remove barriers while protecting the ecosystems visitors have come to experience.

“For years on vacation, we have enjoyed The Ridges’ boardwalk trails for accessibility to see the wildlife, wildflowers, and rare orchids among the forest, marshes, ponds, and more. It truly is a wonderful place to take a walk and break in nature.” -Joanne Bauman, Visitor

Accessibility is only one part of what makes a trail welcoming. The trails invite people to slow down, explore at their own pace, and find reasons to return. For long-time visitors, those experiences can become part of a much larger relationship with the land. One Ridges member remembers her great-aunt Lucile, a contemporary of Emma Toft, taking her on “nature walks” as a child to identify birds, flowers, plants, trees, berries, mushrooms, and anything else they encountered. After Lucile introduced her to The Ridges, she joined bird walks with Roy Lukes and has continued those treks for more than 60 years.

“My family is from Jacksonport, and the woods, fields, and shoreline I used to explore as a child are not so available now. The lot with the fox den has a huge new house on it. The lady’s slippers have been plowed under; the ground and mycelium has been covered with soil and sod not native to the area. It makes me sad and determined to save The Ridges for the kids who should be able to see orchids in the woods, birds’ nests in the trees, find a mushroom growing under a fern, and learn to appreciate the natural world.” -Phoebe O’Connell, Lifetime Member

Her story captures something we see repeatedly: a meaningful experience on a trail can stay with us long after we leave it, becoming a reason to care about what happens to the land. The balance of protecting the ecosystems of the Sanctuary, providing an accessible experience, and maintaining the identity of The Ridges is no easy feat. It requires our land management, research, and program teams to work

closely together, considering both the needs of the landscape and the people who come here to experience it.

Ultimately, the trails are not just about getting somewhere. They are about what happens when we arrive: when a child notices a bird for the first time, when a family discovers a new favorite trail, when a grandparent shares a view with a grandchild, or when someone finds a place they want to help protect for the next generation.

That connection is at the heart of what we do. By creating meaningful opportunities for people to experience and understand the natural world, we work toward The Ridges’ mission: to promote positive environmental behaviors through impactful environmental education, land management and preservation, and ecological research.

Anna Foster, Director of Operations



Visitors enjoying the start of Hidden Brook Boardwalk

When To Slow Down



Hikers enter Sandy Trail

When walking the trails at The Ridges Sanctuary, signs of fall are everywhere. We protect our trails not only for research and education, but also to allow people to discover and observe seasonal changes. On the Hidden Brook Boardwalk, the labrador tea is trying on leaves of autumn red, and the maidenhair fern is dimming her lights. Even the short and flat-pointy leaves of the dwarf lake iris on Sandy Trail appear drowsy as they lean over to put themselves to bed.

Landscape architect and author of *Beauty of the Wild*, Darrel Morrison, who has been bringing his students here for over fifty years, looks at Sandy Trail uniquely. Morrison says, “Sandy Trail is particularly instructive with slight graceful bends creating an element of mystery, and with different room-like spaces being created by the vegetation.” Those



Tamaracks turning yellow at Sandy Swale

meandering curves that lead us along Sandy Trail help slow us down. We consider what’s beyond the next curve. We follow an autumn meadow hawk as it lands on top of a lingering harebell resting against the crawling juniper, and then we wonder what’s just beyond the hemlock tree.

At Sandy Swale, we stand in awe of the tamaracks, whose early springtime fluff of needles then filled to a full summer swagger, now astound with the blaze-like golden splendor of fall. With their feet standing in the wetland and their heads in the sun, they proudly welcome hikers to the overlook. Take in the wonder of the lake level change between those two ancient shoreline ridges at Sandy Swale and listen.

When you hear the scissor clip-like sounds of the grasshopper just behind the yellow-flowered



Nashville warbler

shrubby cinquefoil, you remember that, while we may slow down in the fall, the creatures of The Ridges are busy bulking up in preparation for the winter ahead. This grasshopper on the dry edge of the swale must prepare for overwintering by digging out a hole and insulating her eggs in the ground. Snakes spend the fall bulking up on rodents and frogs but avoid eating when the temperatures drop to empty their digestive tracts before hibernation. Mammals like the porcupine and weasel prepare for winter by bulking up on food and insulating themselves with a thick new coat and underfur. Migration is underway for warblers, and we look at the sky to welcome a flock of common nighthawks. The dark-eyed junco will soon arrive.

Feeling the breeze kick up on the Range Light Corridor reminds us that summer is ending, but not before the fen grass of Parnassus show off their intricate slow dance of cross and self-pollination. Gaze over the corridor and take in these delicate, yet determined, white flowers blowing on tall, bare stems that dot a scene of goldenrods, asters, great blue lobelia, and fringed gentian. Look closely at the details of this white, five-petaled flower with green veins (nectar guides); delicate gold-tipped ring of false stamen (staminodes); and five stamen (anther and filament) who take turns leaning over the pistil to make direct contact with the visiting pollinator. With careful observation, you may see all five spent anthers on their filaments leaning back toward the petals, and at long last, a stigma waiting to receive



Grass of Parnassus

pollen. The cunning work of nature deserves slow, deliberate attention.

Stand still for a long moment at the intersection of the Hidden Brook Boardwalk and Range Light Corridor and notice the changing light of a shorter day, an assurance that the slow season is coming. Let this slow season be an opportunity to “...stop some place and stay there. Learn about the history of it, and the names of the plants and animals and the neighbors.” -Wendell Berry

Lesley Houchin-Miller, Visitor Engagement Specialist

A TRAIL FOR EVERY SEASON

“I get out here to run and hike the trails anytime I feel like it, in any season of the year. In spring, I just love the purple dwarf lake iris that bloom along the boardwalk, and I get to take a rest when I see them. In winter, I love how the snow gathers on the evergreen branches. When the sun’s out, they glisten and sparkle. This is such a beautiful place in any season.” -Jone Kiefer, Ridges Member



Snow-covered evergreens at The Ridges



A grasshopper rests on the Range Light Corridor

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- Citizen science programs
- Administrative & mailing assistance
- Photography

No experience is necessary in any of the categories.

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A wintry stroll along the Range Light Corridor

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Goldenrod in full bloom

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Remembering Our Past

Preservation, education, and research have guided the organization since its founding in 1937, shaping how people experience and understand the Sanctuary. As we consider the future of The Ridges, our trails offer a tangible connection to where we began.

The trail system was defined by 1938, when conversations included what to do with the old, rickety boardwalk between the Upper and Lower Range Lights. Today, our trails continue to reflect early priorities: protecting sensitive places while inviting people to learn from and care for them.

Trails change, but that connection between people and the natural world remains at the heart of The Ridges. Reflecting on nearly 90 years of conservation, we look forward with excitement as we continue to inspire the conservation of Nature.

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