Directions to the KLT's Finlander Bay Nature Area

From L'Anse:

- From US-41, head towards Downtown L'Anse via East Broad Street
- At the 4-way stoplight, turn Right onto North Main Street, which turns into Skanee Road as it passes through town
- After 9.3 miles, turn Left onto Townline Road
- Just before the pavement ends on Townline Road (4.6 miles), turn Right onto Point Abbaye Road
- After 10.1 miles, turn Right onto McBeth Road. Look for KLT signs on your left in 0.25 miles

Both Point Abbaye and McBeth Roads may be rough at times and often has muddy patches after spring snowmelt. Please do not drive your vehicle off the established driveway on the nature area. The road is only plowed for 2/3 of its length in winter! The driveway entrance is located at 46.953, -88.152.

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Note: The boundary of KLT's Finlander Bay Nature Area is outlined above in RED. The access drive to the nature area is marked in dashed black. No motorized past the end of the access drive! The property is free and open to the public year-round for low-impact recreational pursuits, including hiking, fishing, hunting, bird watching, snowshoeing, berry picking, and beach walking. Dogs are allowed, but please clean up after your dog and keep them under control and within sight during your visit. Outdoor fires must be contained within the designated fire rings. Small paddlecraft may be launched from the cobble beach onto Finlander Bay. Paddle at your own risk. The rustic camping area is suitable for tents only on a first-come, first-serve basis. Respect other visitors during your visit.



Magnificent views of the distant Huron Islands and ancient Huron Mountains draw visitors from far and wide to one of the Abbaye Peninsula's crown jewels: the Finlander Bay Nature Area. Established in 2016, this 30-acre nature area features a stunning quarter-mile of undeveloped Lake Superior shoreline. The cobble beach and clear waters offer visitors a beautiful location for recreational paddling and sight-seeing. Long distance paddlers completing portions of the Western U.P. Water Trail can pull their craft out of the water and take a relaxing break along Finlander Bay's protected shores.

The Finlander Bay Nature Area is the perfect place to catch a summer sunrise from the rustic camping area located just above the shoreline. Camping is free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Donations to KLT are highly encouraged. With no development in sight for miles, it's no wonder this spot is so sought after! The magic of Finlander Bay has inspired visitors for generations.

The Abbaye Peninsula holds many treasures within its miles of shoreline and dense forests, and the Finlander Bay Nature Area is no exception. Towering white pine stand sentinel over the lake, and in their strong boughs bald eagles have constructed an impressive nest. Other migratory bird species stop along the peninsula during spring and fall migrations, refueling on local treats while awaiting favorable winds to carry them on their journeys. Below the surface, rocky shoals provide numerous species of freshwater fish ample food and substrate for spawning. With its large cedars, pines, and other conifer species, the nature area offers deer a welcome respite from deep winter snows that blanket the area. The mature forest is home to numerous other species of plants and animals, from ambling porcupines to maples of all shapes and sizes. Due to its remoteness, the nature area has never had electricity or other utilities, ensuring its natural resources have remained intact for future generations to discover.

The Finlander Bay Nature Area is part of the Keweenaw Land Trust's Abbaye Peninsula & Huron Bay Conservation Initiative, a much larger effort to conserve intact and high quality natural resources within the project area. In addition to this parcel, the Initiative also encompasses 49 acres of deer habitat and near-shore fisheries at Koski Shores on Keweenaw Bay, the enormous 1,245 acre Huron Bay Field Station, and 131 acres at Lightfoot Bay located 4.5 miles away by water. Together, these special places help to protect some of the region's finest coastal wetland habitats for the benefit of the entire community. The nature area lies adjacent to the 258-acre Point Abbaye County Park and near significant blocks of Michigan DNR land, building a much larger contiguous conservation area. KLT invites you to explore these nature areas to find out why so many wished to keep these places protected *forever*.

Please respect the environment and others during your visit!

The Finlander Bay Nature Area is kept up by a dedicated group of community volunteers and KLT staff. We ask you to please follow these simple Leave No Trace ethics to ensure the land, water, and beach is left in the same or better condition than you found it for others to enjoy.

- Keep fires small and within the fire ring. Do not leave fires unattended.
- Pack out your trash. The privy is not a trash can!
- Leave what you find for others
- Manage your pets while on the property - please clean up after your dogs!
- Do not harass or feed the wildlife
- Respect private property and stay on KLT, County, or State lands during your visit
- Travel on durable surfaces and existing trails
- No motorized vehicles beyond access drive
- Be considerate of other visitors
- Paddle on Finlander Bay at your own risk
- Obey all State fishing and hunting regulations