

# Looking for new trails to enjoy this winter?

A new two-mile loop trail is now available at the Birge Nature Preserve located just southwest of Hessel (see map below). Local volunteers will be grooming the trails throughout the winter for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. The trail runs through a mostly flat and forested landscape and is well marked with trail maps and signs. If you would like more information about Little Traverse Conservancy nature preserves, please call 231.347.0991 or visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org).

## **Directions to the Oliver and Edna Birge Preserve:**

From the Mackinac Bridge, follow I-75 north about 14 miles to M-134. Take M-134 east 9½ miles. From Hessel take M-134 west roughly 2½ miles to Point Brulee Road. Follow Point Brulee Road ½ mile. The trail starts by a brown wood preserve name sign. The parking area is not plowed, so trail users are advised to park **with care** along the road shoulder.

