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## Chain of Lakes Water Trail

With over 100 miles of scenic water trails and 250 miles of shoreline, the Chain of Lakes consists of 12 lakes and interconnected rivers that flow from Six Mile Lake to Grand Traverse Bay. This network of water trails was developed and continues to grow under the care of Paddle Antrim and their volunteers.

Renowned for its crystal clear water, this is a paddlesport destination you'll want to visit time and time again to enjoy the abundant wildlife, serene beauty and changing seasons.

Separated by the Bellaire dam, "the Chain" is divided into two sections. The "Upper Chain" includes small quiet lakes and is suitable for most paddlers. The "Lower Chain" includes large lakes, with more motorized boat traffic and wave potential, and is recommended for more advanced paddlers. While your paddle route is entirely up to you, the suggested route shown on the map allows you to explore the entire Chain of Lakes in two to four days.

The 20-mile Upper Chain water trail begins at the DNR boat launch on Six Mile Lake and ends at Richardi Park near the dam in Bellaire. Portage about a quarter-mile west to reach the boat launch on Ohio Street to continue your adventure downstream.

The 30-mile Lower Chain water trail begins on Intermediate River in Bellaire and concludes at Rotary Park in the Village of Elk Rapids.

Always wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and consider weather conditions and your skill level when planning your trip. Travel near the shoreline when possible to avoid motorized boat traffic. Only advanced paddlers should make open water crossings.

For more detailed information on routes, access sites, lodging, paddlesport rentals, classes and events, visit:  
[www.ChainOfLakesWaterTrail.org](http://www.ChainOfLakesWaterTrail.org)

Chain of Lakes Water Trail Access			
Access Site	Parking	Restrooms	Water
1 Six Mile DNR Access	Yes	Vault	No
2 River Park	Yes	Portable	No
3 Wilson Lake DNR Access	Yes	Vault	No
4 Thurston Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Openo DNR Access	Yes	Vault	No
6 Richardi Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
7 Ohio Street Launch	Yes	Portable	No
8 Fisherman's Paradise DNR Access	Yes	Vault	No
9 Cottage Drive Family Park	Yes	Portable	No
10 Clam Lake Access	Yes	Vault	No
11 Valleau Landing/ Alden Harbor	Yes	Portable	No
12 Torch River DNR Access	Yes	Vault	No
13 Lake Skegemog DNR Launch	Yes	Vault	No
14 Whitewater Township Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
15 Rotary Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
16 Milton Township Waterfront Park	Yes	Yes	No
17 Elk Lake DNR Access	Yes	Vault	No
18 Eastport DNR Access	Yes	Vault	No
19 Forest Home Township Family Park	Yes	Vault	No

