

Five Year Recreational Trails Master Plan

In accordance with the Comprehensive Plan: 2006-2025, adopted by the Town of La Pointe on April 28, 2006, the following survey, improvements and recommendations have been prepared for the recreational trails in the Town of La Pointe, by the Trails Committee, created as an ad hoc committee of the Community and Public Works Planning Committee (CAPP) approved of by the Town Board in the fall of 2004.

Capser Trail

Beginning in 28 acres of the Forest Park on the south side of County H and continuing through land owned by The Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve, and ending At a parking area on Middle Road the trail is currently being used by year round residents, the La Pointe School and visitors to the island as a multi-use, limited motorized vehicle trail for recreation and education.

The trail is included in the Trail Brochure created by the Trails Committee and available at the Chamber of Commerce.

Recommendations

1. Make improvements to be accessible according to ADA standards. This would include but not be limited to application of surface aggregate, installation of culverts, bridges and boardwalks.
2. Form partnership and obtain necessary easements with Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve to construct and maintain trail to uniform standards
3. Work in partnership with the La Pointe School and Bayfield School District to expand educational opportunities in community service and curriculum development. (designate and register as School or Community Forest)
4. Develop interpretive and educational use of the trail by providing signage, interpretive stations and a small outdoor meeting area with benches or log seating. Update brochure as needed.
5. Groom and maintain in winter for snowmobile, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and dog sledding compatible use.
6. Maintain in summer for walking.
7. Create and maintain a boardwalk that loops from Capser Trail to a wetland area for wildlife viewing. See attached map
8. Work with Parks and Recreation Committee and County Forester to sustainably manage the Forest Park in a way that preserves the beauty of the park, the health and diversity of the forest and may possibly generate income towards the maintenance of the trail system.

Nucy Meech Trail

A narrow trail loop off the Casper Trail. The trail is included in the Trails Brochure.

1. Enter into agreement with MIWP and obtain easements
2. Develop and maintain as walking, snowshoeing and interpretive trail

Bicycle Trails

In 2002 the Town of La Pointe and Ashland County crews constructed four foot paved bike lanes on Middle Road from the downtown area to the intersection of Black Shanty Road and Hagan Road.

Maintain and expand existing bike trails on County H.

Recommendations

1. Construct bike trails on Black's Shanty Road, Hagen Road and North Shore Drive
2. Work with Big Bay State Park to develop bike trails to State Park.

North End Trail

The North End Trail has been recently reclaimed from mainly old survey lines and logging roads in Sections 33,34 and 28 of T51N, R3W. The trail is a couple of different loops ranging from 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 7 miles and is used primarily by cross country skiers, hunters, hikers and nature enthusiasts. The Trailhead is shared by the Burroughs Trail and is approximately 2.7 miles northeast of the intersection of Benjamin Boulevard and North Shore Road, and marked by the sign dedicated to the Ojibwe people.

The North End Trail is in the Trails Brochure created by the Trails Committee, available in the Chamber of Commerce office.

Use: Non-motorized recreational use only

Recommendations

1. Make improvements to existing trail structure by addressing water sites and constructing bridges, adding culverts as needed.
2. Improve signage
3. Obtain easements from private property owners and agreement and easements with the Wilderness Preserve

North Shore Park Trail

The North Shore Park Trail is on a piece of Town property which is 17 acres of undeveloped land with large mature maple trees and 590 feet of lakeshore, ravine and small beach located in Section 28 of T51N, R3W. See attached map. As of this printing the parking lot has been constructed and the trail flagged to the lake.

Recommendations

1. Maintenance of parking area
2. Development of trail to the lake
3. Provide snowmobile access to the lake in the winter
4. Additional future use shall be determined by level of future improvements

Old Big Bay Road Trail

The Old Big Bay Road Trail was created as a trail for use by snowmobilers. It is a trail running northeast from the Capser Trail to Black Shanty Road. See attached map

Recommendations:

1. Continue minimal maintenance for winter use by dog sleds, snowmobiles and other winter recreation.

Big Bay Town Park

Recommendations

1. Construct and maintain a walking trail on lagoon side from Big Bay bridge towards State Park boardwalk.
2. Develop a trail that connects from the bridge to the State Park Lagoon Trail currently ending at the Group Camp.

Bog and Creek Adjacent to Recreation Center and Marina

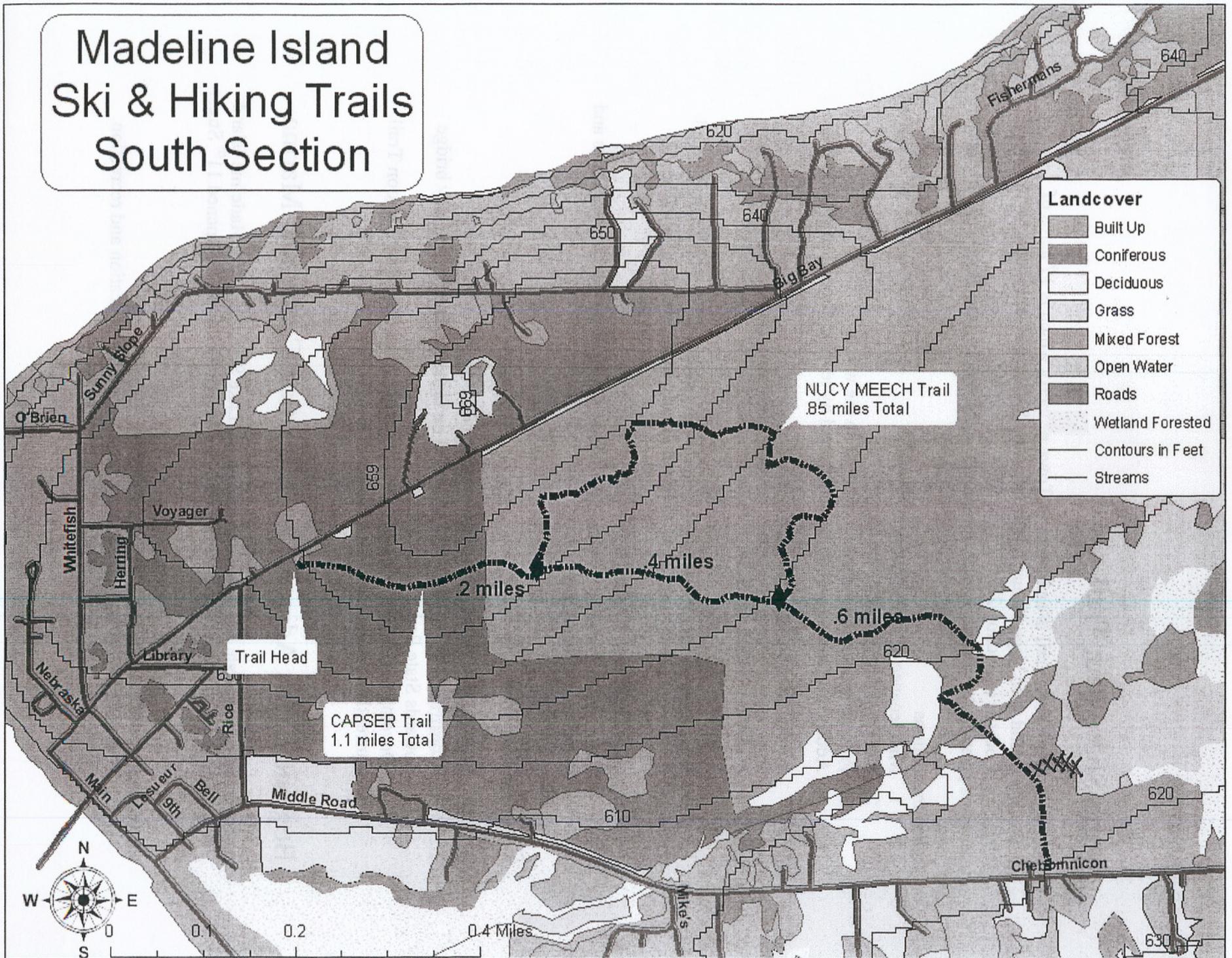
About 23 acres of marsh, bog and creek that enters Lake Superior at the Madeline Island Yacht Club and extends to Recreation Center. Access points through unopened 11th Street and at Bell Street.

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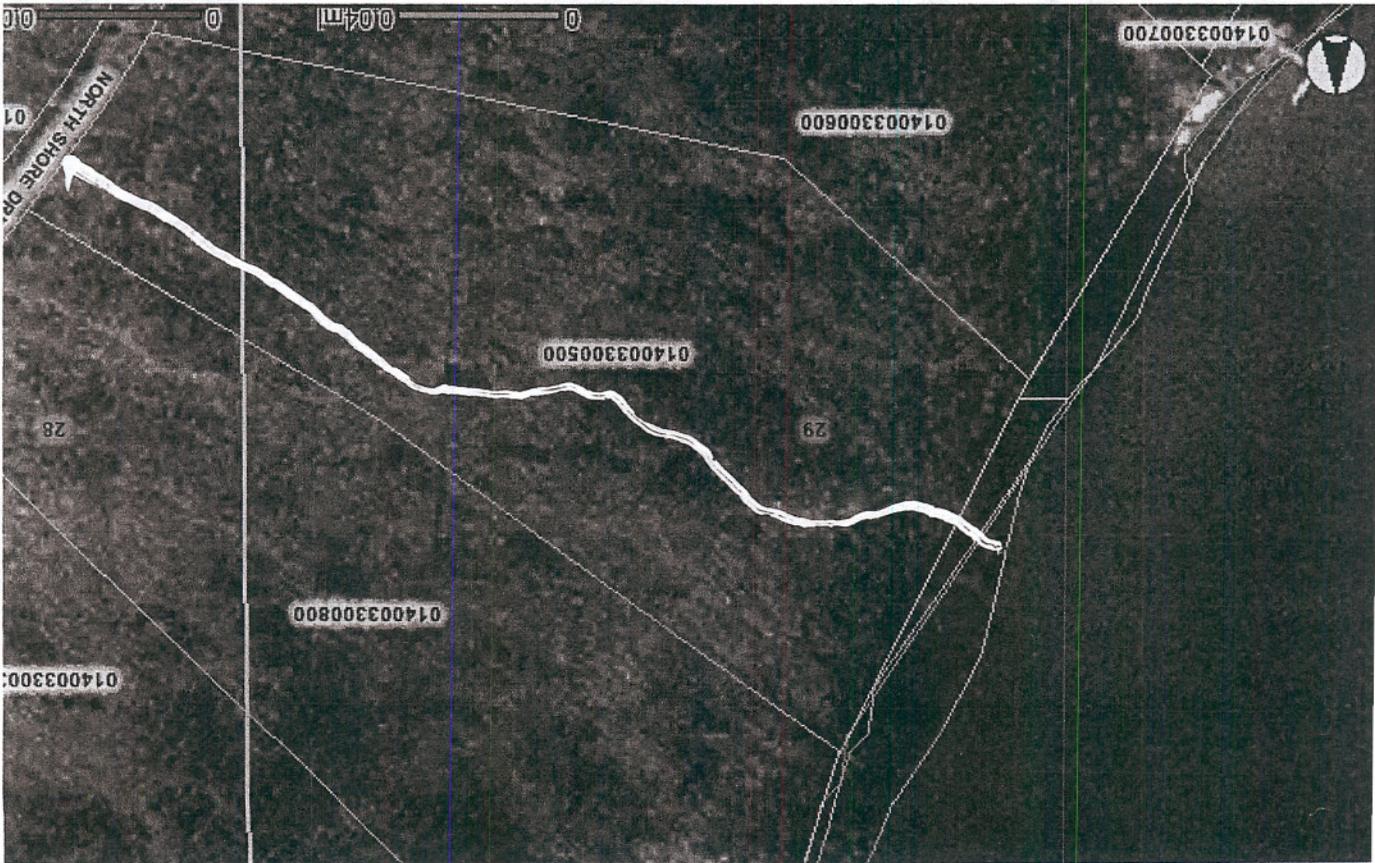
1. Construction of boardwalk along wetland area for education and recreation.

XXX — Proposed Boardwalk

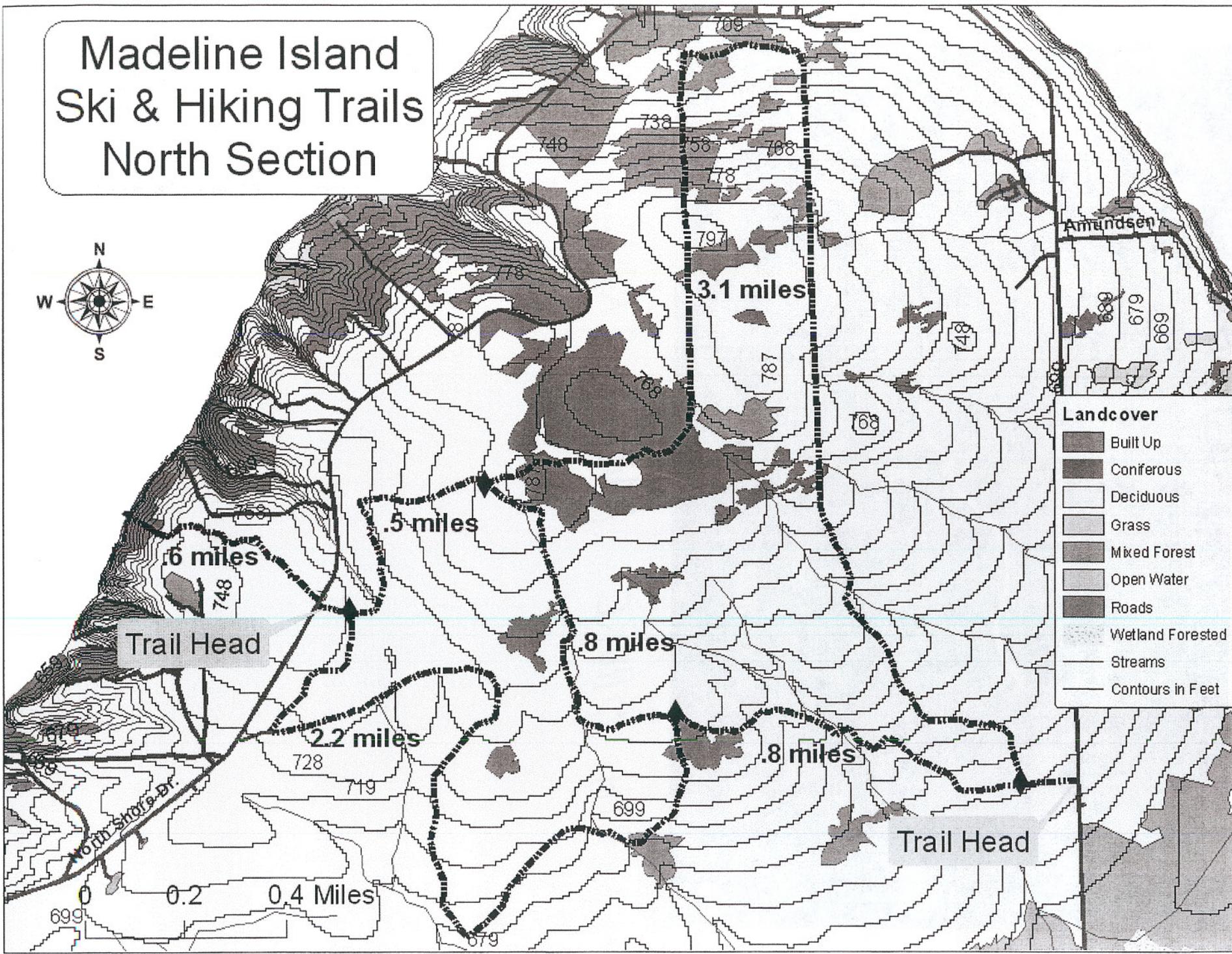
Madeline Island Ski & Hiking Trails South Section



NORTH SHORE PARK TRAIL



Madeline Island Ski & Hiking Trails North Section



Landcover

- Built Up
- Coniferous
- Deciduous
- Grass
- Mixed Forest
- Open Water
- Roads
- Wetland Forested
- Streams
- Contours in Feet

NORTH END TRAIL

OLD BIG BAY ROAD TRAIL



