



UPPER PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY

THE LAND IS ALIVE! *Visions of a Treasured Wetland*

Chocolay Bayou Nature Preserve Art Walk

Friday, August 20 - Sunday, August 22

Picture: a blue arm of a river shimmering through pine branches and cedar boughs with warblers and blackbirds and finches filling the air with song, and wildflowers poking up through the moss and last year's leaves.

This jewel is the 30-acre **Chocolay Bayou Nature Preserve**, tucked between the growing communities of Marquette and Chocolay Township. This small area holds part of the boundary of the 1842 Copper Treaty of La Pointe with the Anishinaabe, and also the site of the area's first steam sawmill and furnaces.

Five years ago, the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy completed its \$165,000 fundraising goal and officially opened the Preserve. This year, we will celebrate its 5th Birthday with our first annual Bayou Art Walk, Friday, August 20 through Sunday, August 22.

The Art Walk will be a celebration of the natural beauty and community space provided by the Bayou. Artists of all media suitable to show in the woods, who have theme-fitting art, or are inspired to create new pieces for the theme, are encouraged to apply for a site in the Art Walk by submitting an application and work samples to ArtWork@uplandconservancy.org no later than **July 30**.

From these applicants, up to 12 artists will be selected to show their art at the Preserve through the Art Walk weekend.

The public will be invited to hike the Bayou, take part in a community art project, and visit with and support exhibiting artists throughout the Preserve!

For more information on the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy, please visit www.uplandconservancy.org.



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Bayou Art Walk - Rules and Information for Artists

The Art Walk will take place at the following dates and times, at the Chocolay Bayou Nature Preserve on Main Street in Harvey, just across the street and west of Lake Superior Smokehouse and Brewery.

Friday, August 20, 5:00pm-8:00pm (setup 4:00pm-5:00pm)

Saturday, August 21, 3:00pm-8:00pm (setup 2:00pm-3:00pm)

Sunday, August 22, 11:00am-3:00pm (setup 10:00am-11:00am)

Guidelines:

- 1. Artists shall do no damage to plants and animals**, including avoiding putting fasteners or otherwise penetrating trees for display purposes.
- 2. Artists shall take their work with them at the end of each day**; the UPLC is not responsible for any damage to your property. UPLC will have a liability waiver for all participating artists to sign affirming such.
- 3. Artists are encouraged (though not required) to sell their work.** Artists are responsible for conducting all sales and handling taxes accordingly. **If you choose to sell your work, the UPLC would greatly appreciate a donation of a portion of the proceeds to help maintain and perpetuate the Preserve.**
- 4. Artists are asked to designate one *showcase piece* that is to stay on display until the end of the Art Walk on Sunday.** This piece may be sold to the public earlier in the weekend, but we ask that it remains on-site until the conclusion of the event.
- 5. Artists will be placed at pre-designated sites along the trails, in spots where there is adequate clearance for tables and other displays.** Please note that we'll be in the woods; the terrain will be uneven in spots. UPLC and its volunteers will make sure sites are as amicable to setups as possible.
- 6. Artists are asked to carry in all of their gear from the entrances**; for artists in sites farthest from the main entrance, we will help arrange a closer point of entry to the trails. *Volunteers will be available to help you with set up and break down each day.*
7. We suggest you bring seating, water, and snacks for yourself, and be prepared for sun, bugs, and showers; we'll help you pack up if it starts to pour!
- 8. There will be a porta potty at the main entrance.** Volunteers will be available to watch your site if you need to leave to use the restroom
9. Once artists are selected, we will give a guided hike through the Preserve for those who are able to attend to give you a sense of site layout and possibilities. You are, of course, welcome to return and walk it on your own time!
10. The Preserve will appreciate you sticking to the trails and boardwalk at all times, with the exception of your site, to protect the integrity of the land. You may put up easels and small tables on your site.
11. Art may hang from trees so long as you do not put a fastener in the tree nor do damage to bark, branches, etc. Art may be tucked onto a branch, or propped on a trunk.
12. Artists and visitors will be required to strictly abide by current local pandemic guidelines, whatever those may be at the time. Selected artists will be contacted directly to discuss the details of those guidelines and plan for their enforcement closer to the date of the Art Walk.

Please Note: the Chocolay Bayou Nature Preserve is located on 13-acres of wetland, with winding trails throughout. Terrain can be difficult to navigate and the ground at artist sites may be uneven.

Bayou Art Walk - Artist Application

Artists interested in exhibiting and selling their work as part of the first annual Chocoy Bayou Nature Preserve Art Walk should submit an application, along with work samples, by **July 30, 2021**.

To apply, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/2q2ZWtWcnM>, OR complete the following information and email to ArtWork@uplandconservancy.org.

Along with your application, please send 3-7 images that best represent the work you wish to display to ArtWork@uplandconservancy.org, including your name in the subject line.

ARTIST NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA (If applicable): _____

ARTISTIC MEDIUM:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry | <input type="checkbox"/> Acrylic Painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Watercolor Painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber | <input type="checkbox"/> Printmaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

ARTIST STATEMENT/ARTWORK DESCRIPTION, FOR PUBLICITY:
