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City of Traverse City

Office of the City Clerk

GOVERNMENTAL CENTER  
400 Boardman Avenue  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
(231) 922-4480  
tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov



Dear Applicant:

**Subject: Brown Bridge Quiet Area Hunting Permit  
For Grasshopper Creek Restricted Area**

Enclosed is an Application for a Brown Bridge Quiet Area Hunting Permit which must be completed in its entirety prior to submission. Please familiarize yourself and adhere to the attached *Hunting Rules for the 70 Acre Grasshopper Creek Permit Hunting Area*.

When submitting your application, please include the following:

- 1). \$10 Application Fee (\$10 per hunter, per week)
- 2). Copy of valid State Hunting License.

Please note that issued permit will be valid for a period of seven days **beginning on a Friday and expiring Thursday of the following week**. Permittee will need to carry valid State Hunting License and issued permit at all times while hunting on property.

Once your documents and application have been approved, the City Clerk's Office will issue you a formal ***Brown Bridge Quiet Area Hunting Permit***.

Within **10 days** of the expiration of issued permit, fill out and submit to the City Clerk the attached *Wildlife Survey* to record wildlife encountered and harvested while on the property.

We hope this information is helpful! The City of Traverse City looks forward to working with you to complement your living experience in Traverse City! Should you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (231) 922-4480 or email [tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov](mailto:tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Marentette".

Benjamin Marentette, CMC  
City Clerk

**HUNTING RULES FOR THE 70 ACRE  
GRASSHOPPER CREEK PERMIT HUNTING AREA**



1. All hunting/trapping shall be done in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan including, but not limited to those regarding season dates, species and bag limits. Applicants must have a valid hunting license.
2. In exchange for the privilege of utilizing the area for hunting purposes, the permittee agrees to conduct themselves in a safe and ethical manner, and **be especially mindful of the property boundaries, safety zones surrounding adjoining residences, and other users of the property.** Boundaries shall be identified in the map, and by signage.
3. The permittee shall, within 10 days of the expiration of this permit, fill out and submit to the City Clerk the attached/enclosed survey card to record wildlife encountered and harvested during the permittee's use of the property, and to obtain general comments for management purposes.
4. Failure to return the survey card within the 10 day period may result in forfeiture of future eligibility for permits to hunt in this part of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area.
5. The permittee at the time of issuance shall pay \$10.00 to the City to offset the costs associated with the administration of this access program.
6. The permit will be considered valid for a period of seven days, no partial weeks. A total of ten permits will be issued on a first come first served basis for any hunting period. The permit hereby granted is personal to licensee and is not assignable. The City Clerk will photocopy the valid State Hunting License and the Hunting Permit for the City Clerk's records.
7. Permittee shall have a valid State Hunting License and this permit with them at all times while hunting on the property.
8. Target shooting is not allowed.
9. Building permanent blinds, whether utilizing man-made or native materials is not allowed on the property. Portable blinds and raised platforms allowed by State law may be utilized, but must be removed at the end of the seven day permit period. No cutting of vegetation, either dead or alive, may be done. Pit blinds or dugouts are not allowed, unless naturally occurring land features are used. All blinds must bear the name, address and phone number of the permittee, and in the case of raised platforms, must be visible from the ground. **Artificial feeding/baiting is strictly prohibited.**
10. In the case of animals taken which require field dressing, the entrails shall be covered with brush.
11. Parking is restricted to the trailhead located off Brown Bridge Road. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the property.
12. Permittee is advised that this hunting permission is non-exclusive permission, and that up to nine additional permits may be issued by the City to other hunters.

**CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY  
BROWN BRIDGE QUIET AREA VISION STATEMENT**

Restore, preserve and protect the integrity of the natural environment, including its inhabitants,  
while allowing managed public use for generations to come.

**BROWN BRIDGE QUIET AREA HUNTING PERMIT  
FOR GRASSHOPPER CREEK RESTRICTED AREA**



This non-exclusive hunting permit is issued to:

Name (Parent/Guardian, if hunter is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For Dates: Friday \_\_\_\_\_ through Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Valid State Hunting License attached? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of hunting (check all that apply):  
 Rifle     Archery     Muzzle Loader

**The undersigned, being of lawful age, in consideration of permission granted to the undersigned by the City of Traverse City to hunt on the Brown Bridge Quiet Area Grasshopper Ranch restricted hunting area, hereby releases the City of Traverse City, its agents and employees from all actions, causes of action, damages, rights, costs, loss of service, claims, demands, expenses and compensation whatsoever, which the undersigned's heirs executors, administrators of assigns may have against the City of Traverse City, its agents and employees, for all personal injuries known or unknown which the undersigned has or may incur by participating in any activity which the undersigned participates in while at the Brown Bridge Quiet Area.**

**I have read the hunting permit, possess a copy of the map showing areas open to hunting at Brown Bridge, understand all its terms and execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. I understand that this area is strictly for hunting purposes, baiting and trapping is completely prohibited. I am aware that this area is open to hikers and non-hunters. I understand that by signing this form, I acknowledge that hunting activities have certain risks and I fully understand those risks and am willing to accept them.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (parent or legal guardian if hunter is under 18)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin C. Marentette, City Clerk,  
or authorized designee

\$10 permit fee paid: \_\_\_\_\_

*Within 10 days of the expiration of this permit, I agree to fill out and submit to the City Clerk the attached/enclosed wildlife survey, and record wildlife encountered and harvested during the permittee's use of the property, and to obtain general comments for management purposes. I understand that failure to return the survey within the 10 day period may result in forfeiture of future eligibility for permits to hunt in this part of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area. Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_*

Within 10 days of the expiration of permit, return completed survey to [tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov](mailto:tcclerk@traversecitymi.gov), or:  
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400 Boardman Avenue  
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**Brown Bridge Quiet Area is managed by the Grand Traverse Conservation District. For questions, or to report violations, contact: Reb Ratliff 231-941-0960 x 27 or Steve Largent 231-883-9960.**

**BROWN BRIDGE QUIET AREA WILDLIFE SURVEY**



Name of Hunter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guardian (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Species Harvested: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Additional species encountered: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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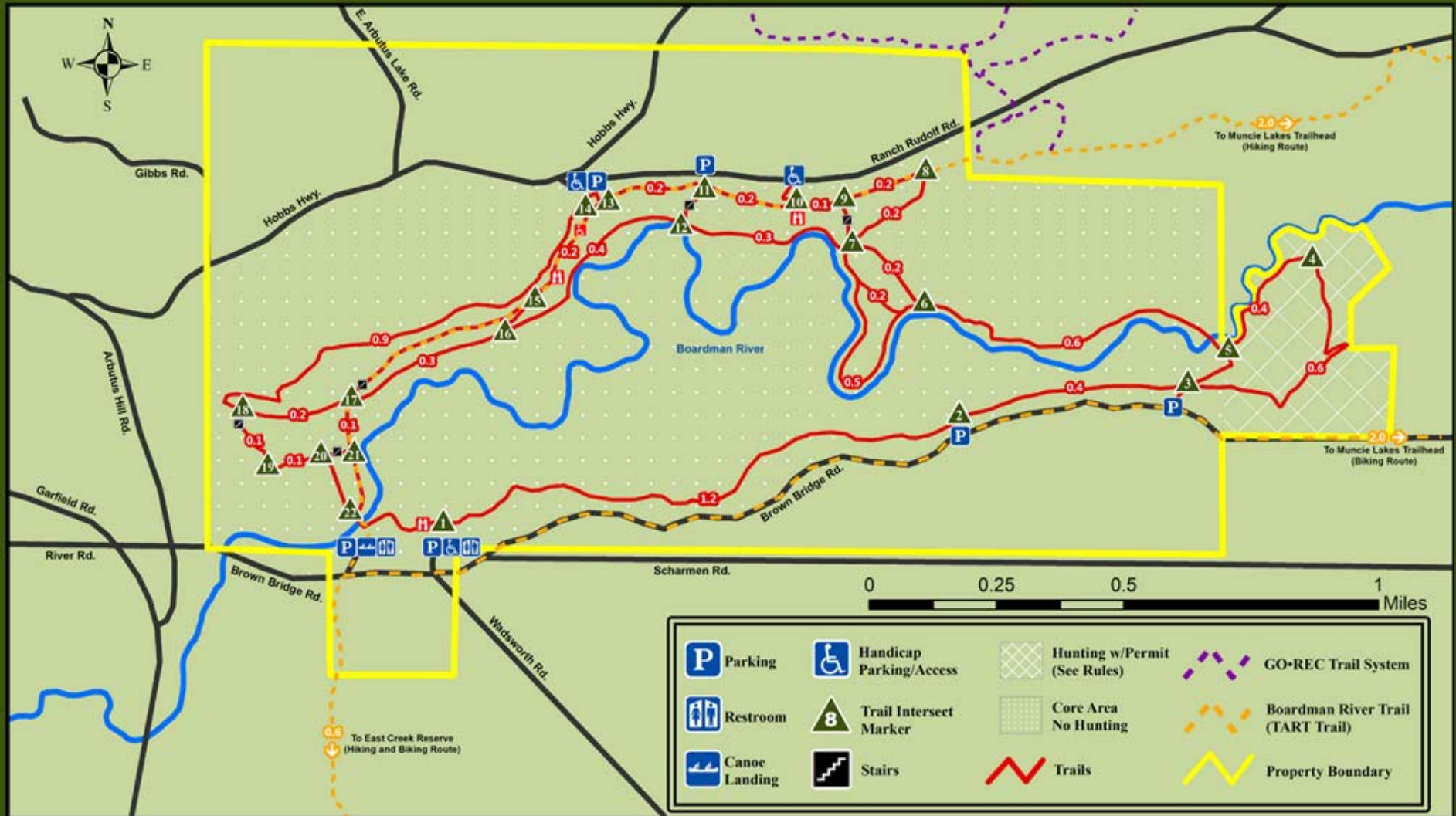
Thank you!

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*Within 10 days of the expiration of your permit, fill out and submit to the City Clerk this wildlife survey. Failure to return the survey within the 10 day period may result in forfeiture of future eligibility for permits to hunt in this part of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area.*

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