

Donegal Bay Trail

(ENH 20030137)



Owner: St. James Township

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Location of Project: Beaver Island, Michigan

Date of Completion: July 4, 2003

Dollar Value: \$200,000

Project Team: Gary C. Voogt, P.E.
Project Manager & Project Engineer



Description of Project: The Donegal Trail is a one mile long, 10 foot wide bituminous path connecting the downtown harbor area, through scenic woods, to a trail head picnic area on a bluff overlooking northern Lake Michigan. The trail provides a direct connection to three major walking trails on the island and to a variety of recreational facilities. The project, funded with an MDOT ISTEIA grant and a local match, required close coordination and collaboration of the Township, MDOT, the Charlevoix County Road Commission, the Beaver Island Trail Committee, the Youth Consortium, as well as numerous public and private citizens in the community.



A friendly Irish Island
welcome at the trail head



The view at the Lake Michigan trail head