

Thumb Land Conservancy NEWS

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Preserve Dedication and Stewardship – September 1, 2022

**Duthler Ridge Sanctuary
Dryden Township, Lapeer County**

We are holding a preserve dedication and stewardship day for our Duthler Ridge Sanctuary in Dryden Township, Lapeer County on September 1, Thursday, starting at 1:00 PM. If the weather forecast is not good, our alternate day is Friday September 2 at 1:00 PM. We will send out another notice as we get closer to September.

You are welcome to join us on our little piece of this tranquil valley forest perched above Brooks Lake. Our special guest will be Kathy Dickens, Executive Director of the Four County Community Foundation based in Almont. In May of this year, the Foundation awarded the TLC a grant of \$2,000 to fund stewardship and improvements on the preserve. If all goes well, surveyor Rick Duthler will also be there, our private lender who made this acquisition possible.



Our work will include removing some old junk that originated from an adjacent cottage that was demolished years ago, cutting a few invasive shrubs and small Black Locust trees, and installing a new preserve sign. We will provide work gloves and hand tools but you are welcome to bring your own such as shovels and pruners. You may also want to bring a hat, drinking water, and mosquito repellent. We will also provide food and drinks.

The Duthler Ridge Sanctuary is located about 5 miles southwest of Dryden and 2.5 miles northwest of Leonard at the northwest corner of Lake George Road and Brooks Lane, only about 500 feet north of the Oakland County line. Following is a map link to the preserve. The map shows 5925 Lake George Road but there is no address for the preserve: <https://www.bing.com/maps?osid=fabd9406-fb72-45ee-a960-7f655f489284&cp=42.888462~-83.184462&lvl=17&style=h&imgid=edb09b44-9867-4647-8bb3-3f5b8765c084&v=2&sV=2&form=S00027>

The easiest way for most of our members to get to the Duthler Ridge Sanctuary would be to take I-69 west to M-53 south to Dryden Road west through the town of Dryden then continue 3 miles west to Lake George Road south not quite 4 miles to the preserve.

Feel free to show up any time between 1:00 and 5:00 PM but please let us know if you plan to attend because parking space is very limited and we can better make arrangements. Contact us by e-mail or phone if any questions.



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