

Fossil Ledges – Directions/Guide

Get a map from the Visitors Bureau, some of these back roads are poorly marked or not marked at all. The following directions are from the Visitors Center website. Be sure to check for updates. Michigan Webs is not responsible for the accuracy of these directions.

From the Four Corners go east on Johnswood Road (2.25 miles), left onto Maxton Cross Road (1.5 miles), right onto Maxton Road (5.25 miles) to the Interpretive Signs for the Maxton Plains. At this point you have traveled 9 miles. You will now be on a hard packed gravel road. At the Interpretive Signs turn right onto Plains Road (3.2 miles-the road was good to this junction). At this point bear left and go past Scott's Camp (on your right), again bear left at the Raynolds Bay Road (at 4.1 miles on your odometer). There will be a large swamp on your right.

After Raynolds Bay Road and the swamp take the first right hand turn (6.0 miles on your odometer) onto a seldom used two track to the cobblestone parking area (.1 miles). Park your bike or car and walk toward the beach (about 35 feet). You have arrived. We assure you the trip from the Interpretive Signs to the Ledges will take 45 minutes. The mileage from Four Corners to the Ledges is 15 miles. Let's hope you saw many birds, deer, sandhill cranes and possibly a bear on this journey.

When you get on the Ledges beach turn right, go about 30 feet and look at the large limestone outcropping, up about 4 feet-find the five or six orange salt water fossils in the shape of fans. You can walk the beach for $\frac{3}{4}$ to one mile, look at all the broken stones, pick them up and see the many salt water plant and animal fossils. Another great feature is the rock ledges, stair-stepping out into the water. Watch your children and pets: this water drops off to 69 feet.