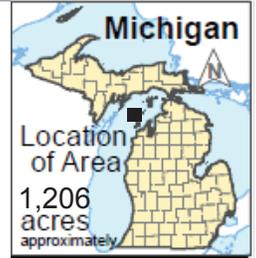




# SOUTH FOX ISLAND UNIT of the BEAVER ISLANDS STATE WILDLIFE RESEARCH AREA - General Map - Leelanau County



Area Headquarters: Wildlife Division Staff out of the Cadillac DNR Customer Service Center, 8015 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 ; phone (231) 775-9727

**Note:** Deer hunting by permit only; contact the DNR office for details.

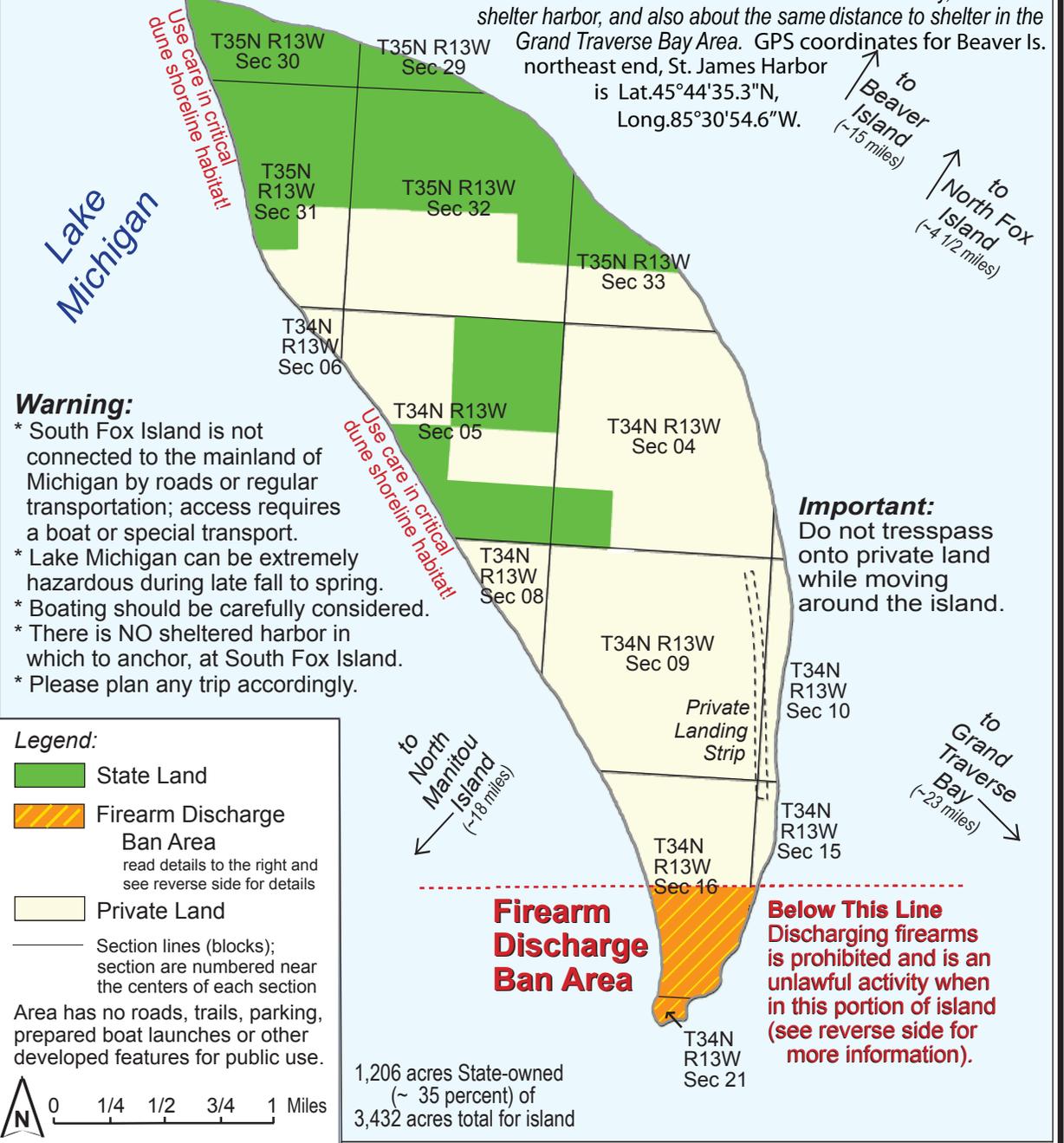
It is about 15 miles to the south west edge of Beaver Island yet about 29 miles to Beaver Island's St. James Bay, which is a shelter harbor, and also about the same distance to shelter in the Grand Traverse Bay Area. GPS coordinates for Beaver Is. northeast end, St. James Harbor is Lat.45°44'35.3"N, Long.85°30'54.6"W.



For more information on this or other areas, contact DNR offices, visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) or scan this QR-block with your smartphone or similar device. =>

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### Warning:

- \* South Fox Island is not connected to the mainland of Michigan by roads or regular transportation; access requires a boat or special transport.
- \* Lake Michigan can be extremely hazardous during late fall to spring.
- \* Boating should be carefully considered.
- \* There is NO sheltered harbor in which to anchor, at South Fox Island.
- \* Please plan any trip accordingly.

### Important:

Do not trespass onto private land while moving around the island.

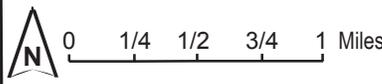
**Firearm Discharge Ban Area**

**Below This Line** Discharging firearms is prohibited and is an unlawful activity when in this portion of island (see reverse side for more information).

### Legend:

- State Land
  - Firearm Discharge Ban Area  
read details to the right and see reverse side for details
  - Private Land
  - Section lines (blocks); section are numbered near the centers of each section
- Area has no roads, trails, parking, prepared boat launches or other developed features for public use.

1,206 acres State-owned (~ 35 percent) of 3,432 acres total for island



**BE A SAFE HUNTER OR OUTDOORS-PERSON** - A safe state land user or hunter obeys laws governing land use, hunting and boating, and is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of themselves, other users (hunters and non-hunters), and nearby public. **Important Reminders:** 150 yards or 450 feet hunting safety zones are enforced around all buildings and structures at all times. Be safe!





## SOUTH FOX ISLAND UNIT of the BEAVER ISLAND STATE WILDLIFE RESEARCH AREA SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard [“Wildlife and Game Area - State Land Rules” \(IC 2598, latest revision\)](#), see the back of most [State Game/Wildlife Area maps](#) (except those with special backs like this map). Details on this and other areas are available from DNR Offices or from the [DNR internet site](#).

If you cannot read details on this page or any other DNR documents, [contact DNR offices](#) for help, or see scalable versions of these documents on the DNR web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

**NOTE:** It is your responsibility as a user of public lands, to ensure you are informed of all current rules and regulations relevant to your activities. The information presented here represents some details relevant to land use, but this is not a complete list of all rules and regulations, and may not be as immediately updated as current legislation and rules. This product is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed tool issued for convenience on this specific subject. A complete listing of regulations and legal descriptions are on the DNR website [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) under [“Laws and Legislation”](#) [Contact DNR offices](#) if you have questions or to verify regulations relating to possible activities before engaging in those activities.

**If you have questions or comments about the area or its management, please contact the Wildlife Staff at the Cadillac DNR Customer Service Center, 8015 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 ; phone 231-775-9727.**

**South Fox Island** is a portion of the Beaver Islands State Wildlife Research Area. Located off the northwestern coast of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula in Lake Michigan offshore of the Leelanau Peninsula, it represents a natural landscape of Great Lake islands. The island includes several Michigan historical features, such as the South Fox Island Lighthouse at the south point. The island includes private property; ensure you follow correct land use rules, and do not trespass into areas where you do not belong. Read all other warnings and notices on the map accompanying or on other side of these special use and hunting rules.

**Prohibition on the Discharge of Firearms on Southern Portion of South Fox Island, in Leelanau County:** The southern point of South Fox Island contains many significantly historical buildings, including a lighthouse and the lighthouse keeper’s quarters. Over time, these buildings have had extensive damage and have been seriously vandalized by being used as targets by individuals with firearms. An effort to restore past damage and minimize future vandalism is underway. To protect these resources, the DNR has implemented a prohibition on the discharge of firearms on the described portion of South Fox Island. It is believed that prohibiting the discharge of firearms in the area surrounding these historical buildings will enhance the ability of the Department to maintain them, while having a minimal impact on the use of the island by hunters.

The following excerpts specify the ban and the area:

**Land Use Orders of the Director, Amendment No.7 of 2013 (Feb. 11, 2013):** By authority conferred on the Director of the DNR by Section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with Rules 299.302, 299.321, 299.331, 299.671 and 299.1003 of the Michigan Administrative Code:

**Order 5.15 Certain state-owned lands, Leelanau county, discharge of firearms prohibited.**

A person shall not do the following upon the described state-owned lands, Leelanau County: Discharge a firearm of any type on that portion of South Fox Island being south of a line beginning at the west shore of the island and running east along the east-west quarter line of section 16, T34N R13W, and continuing east along the east-west quarter line of section 15, T34N R13W to the point at which the line intersects the shoreline on the east side of the island.

**Regarding Penalty:** excerpt from the DNR General Powers and Duties, Part 5, Section 511 MCL 324.504 Department of natural resources; rules for protection of lands and property; orders; violation as civil infraction; fine. ...

The department shall promulgate rules for the protection of the lands and property under its control against wrongful use or occupancy as will ensure the carrying out of the intent of this part to protect the lands and property from depredations and to preserve the lands and property from molestation, spoilation, destruction, or any other improper use or occupancy. ...

The department shall issue orders necessary to implement rules promulgated under this section. These orders shall be effective upon posting. A person who violates a rule promulgated under this section or an order issued under this section is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

**REGARDING HUNTING:** Deer Hunting is by permit only ; contact the Cadillac DNR office (details at top) for information on permits. You must carry all appropriate hunting permits and licenses with you on your person during hunting in the appropriate season.

**REMINDER - THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

- Hunting from within a safety zone without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone.
- Discharging of any firearms when in the Firearm Discharge Ban Area at south end of South Fox Island (see map);
- Permanently construct or affix to a tree or other natural feature a scaffold, platform, ladder, steps or any other device to assist in climbing a tree, or use any item that penetrates the cambium of a tree in the construction or affixing of any device to assist in climbing a tree. This includes such activities as constructing a shooting pit, permanent blind, screw-in steps, nails, etc. Portable blinds are permitted, but must follow the guidelines for blinds and must be removed at end of each hunt see the annual hunt guide for specific dates). Make sure all stands or blinds are correctly labeled as required.
- Using or operate any wheeled, motorized vehicle (such as an amphibious vehicle, off-road vehicle (ORV), all-terrain vehicle (ATV)) except on forest roads, designated trails, designated routes, and in designated areas.
- Other Rules and Regulations for these state lands may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices.

**CAUTION:** Use care near all open water areas; some of these areas may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

**BE SAFE OUTDOORS – A safe hunter or outdoors-person obeys laws governing land use, hunting and boating, and is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of themselves, other users (hunter and non-hunters), and nearby public.**

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