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### **DNR reopens some Houghton County recreation trails**

**HANCOCK, MICH.** Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials announced today that some recreation trails have been reopened in Houghton County. The area was hit hard by heavy rains on June 17, damaging DNR-maintained ATV and snowmobile trails in the Houghton–Hancock area.

“Ground crews have been working hard this past week grading and resurfacing damaged trails” said Jeff Kakuk, western U.P trails specialist for the Parks and Recreation Division. “We ‘ve reopened the Bill Nicholls trail south of Obenhoff Road. North of the Portage Canal, the Hancock-Calumet route is open from Tomasi Road north.” A section of the Lake Linden route is also open north of Normand Road, according to Kakuk.

Storm damage also forced closure of five area boating access sites, but two of those have been repaired and reopened. Boat ramps at Lily Pond, Boston Pond, and Bootjack remain closed till further notice, according to the DNR. All area state parks remain open for business.

“We’ll continue restoring other trail segments through the summer where we can, but some of the washouts will need to be looked at by engineers” said Kakuk. “The restored trails may not look the same as they did before the storm. We can use this opportunity to reshape and improve some of the stream crossings.”

For the latest information on closures of DNR-managed facilities, visit the DNR’s webpage at: [www.michigan.gov/dnrclosures](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrclosures). Visitors can get information on the status of trails and other recreational facilities by calling the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau at 906-337-4579.

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