

EXPLORE SHALDA PARK

The Chippewa Run Creek flows through the north and east boundaries of Shalda Park, both in the natural and altered form. Old dam abutments are reminders of the extensive farming practices that once occurred in the area. The old apple orchard across the creek was replanted in native trees to support rich wildlife activity.

White-tailed deer, rabbits, eagles, hawks as well as many other forms of wildlife can be found in the park and across the creek in the Chippewa Run Natural Area which comprises 134 acres established in 2000 with the help of donations from Leelanau Conservancy patrons and local concerned citizens.

The creek, which flows into South Bar Lake, carries the name Chippewa Run honoring the early stewards of this land. This was a rich hunting and fishing ground with a long history of Anishinaabek settlements.

(In the second paragraph - river was replaced with creek. The Natural Area is now 134 acres instead of 110. These corrections were sent to me by Becky Hill from the Conservancy on Friday, August 18)

We also need to consider not including the Leelanau Conservancy logo on our sign since the Conservancy really has nothing to do with our park or the grant.