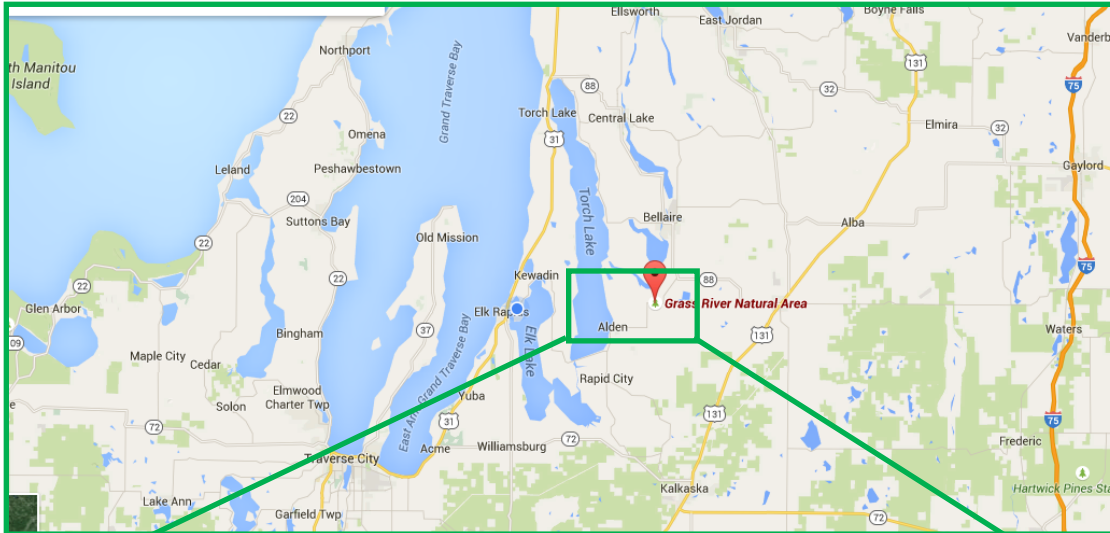


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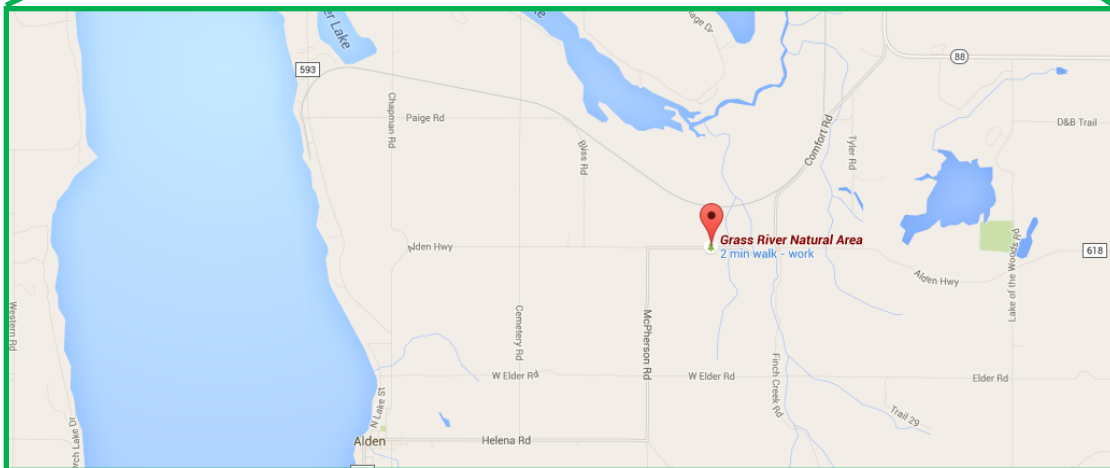


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From Traverse City: Take M-72 east to Hill Road (across from overlook) turn left, 1 mile to stop sign. At Rapid City Road, turn left (north). Follow **Rapid City** Road 7 miles to Alden. Follow main road right and left through the main street in **Alden**. Continue north and then up hill to the right/east on the same main road (now Alden Hwy.) for 4 miles. GRNA entrance is on left (north). Follow entrance road 3/4 mile to parking area.



From Mancelona: Take M-88 west out of town. 2 ½ miles west of town, M-88 veers to the right. Turn left to stay straight on Alden Highway. Continue 5 ½ miles to Grass River Natural Area entrance on right (north) side of the road. Follow entrance road 3/4 mile to parking area.

From Charlevoix: Take US-31 south to Eastport. Turn left onto M-88. Continue on M-88 south for 19 miles, past **Central Lake** and Bellaire. Two miles south of **Bellaire** M-88 veers left up a hill. Before left curve, turn right onto Comfort Road. At the end of Comfort Road, turn right on Alden Highway. ½ mile to the Grass River Natural Area entrance. Follow entrance road 3/4 mile to parking area.

From Elk Rapids: From US-31, take Ames Street east, which turns into Cairn Hwy, and then Cherry Ave./County Road 593. You will follow 593 for approximately 10 miles. You will cross over the **Torch River** and follow Torch Lake to your left. At the stop sign, turn left onto Rapid City Road. You will come to **Alden** after about 2 miles. Follow main road as it zigs and then zags after the main street in Alden. Continue north along Torch Lake up a long hill and then right/east on the same main road (now Alden Hwy.) for 4 miles. Grass River Natural Area entrance is on left (north) side of road. Follow entrance road 3/4 mile to parking area.

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