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Hudson Branch Township in Mackinac County

With the help of hunters and partners the DNR has developed a series of intensively managed walk-in accessible ruffed grouse hunting areas called GEMS – Grouse Enhanced Management System.

GEMS provide adventure and opportunity for a variety of hunter types – youth, adults, new to the sport, and seniors because they offer a trail for those who prefer an easier walk, and those who want a challenge can adventure off the trail in search of ruffed grouse.

This shows walking trails and aspen stands where grouse will most likely be found. Once comfortable in identifying the young aspen locations ruffed grouse prefer, hunters can expand their hunts to other areas for further adventures!

Take your picture with the GEMS sign located at and receive a discount at local businesses. Visit www.michigan.gov/hunting for up-to-date discount locations termed “Local Support.”