

Directions to the KLT's Hungarian Falls Nature Area

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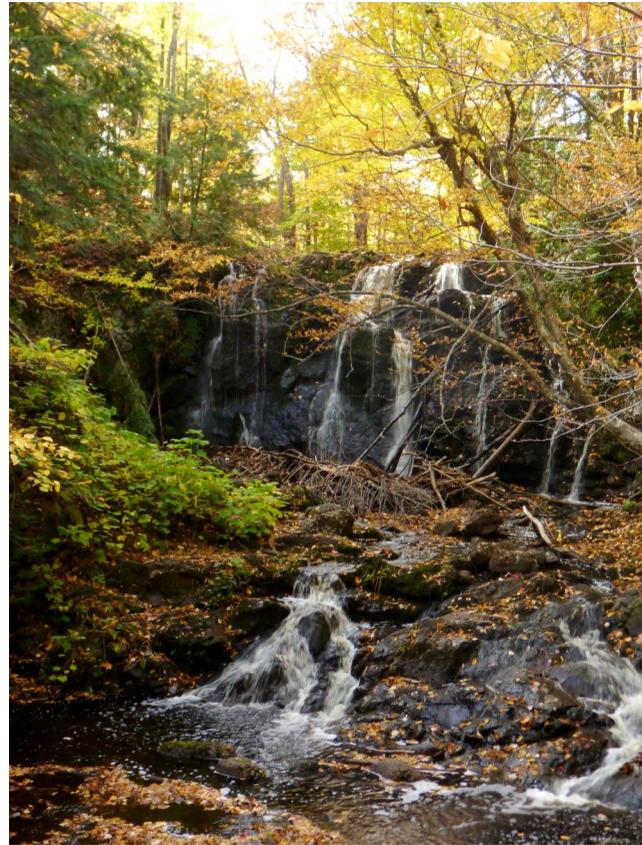
1. Head north on M-26, following signs for Lake Linden
2. After about 8 miles, turn left onto 6th Street in Tamarack City
3. Follow Golf Course Road up the hill for about 0.5 miles
4. Park along the shoulder near the Hungarian Falls Nature Area sign and hike in along the rough woods road for 400 yards to reach the gathering area.

The parking area along Golf Course Road is located near 47.173159, -88.444743 if using a GPS device.

In winter, not all of Golf Course Road is plowed! Park at the bottom of the hill and snowshoe up or drive from the north end near Calumet to where the plow line ends.

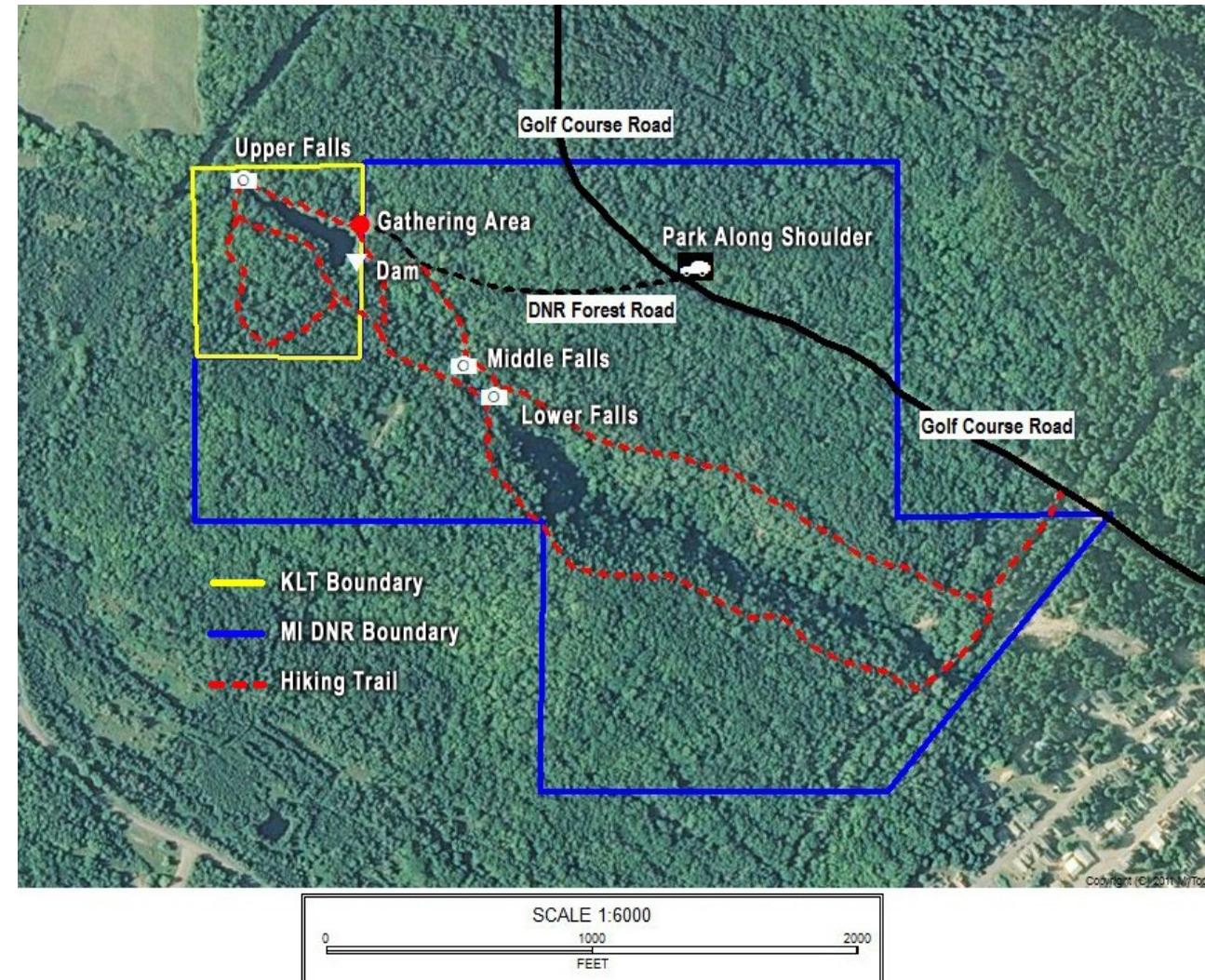
More detailed directions and photos can be found on our website at:
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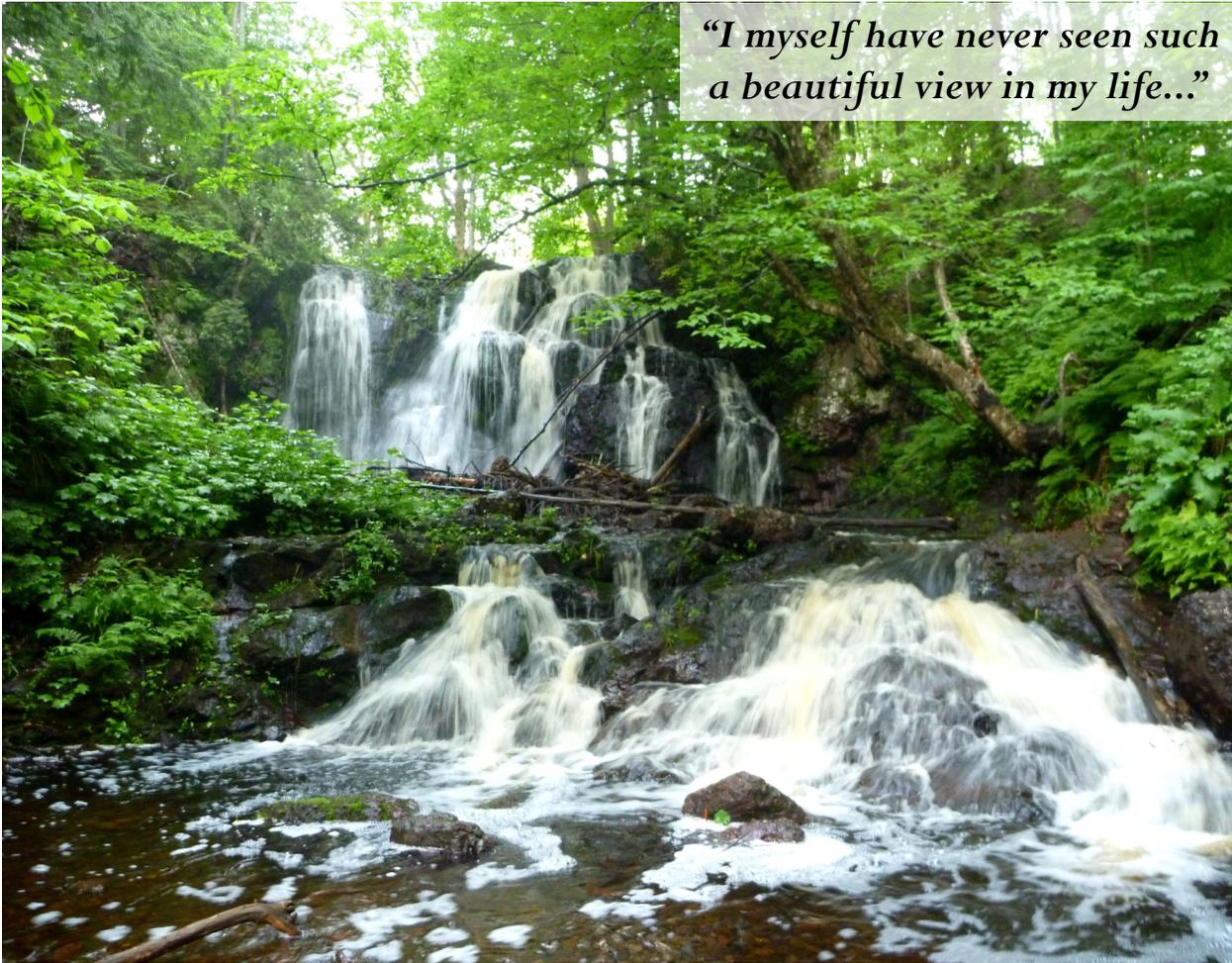


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Hungarian Falls Nature Area Trail Map



Note: The KLT's Hungarian Falls Nature Area is outlined in yellow above. Michigan State Department of Natural Resources (MI DNR) land is outlined in blue. All other land in this area is private. Please respect our neighbors by not trespassing on their property! All trails on KLT land are suitable for non-motorized traffic only. Total hiking distance up and down the entire gorge is roughly 2 miles. During low water, the gorge can be crossed above the uppermost falls and near the middle and lower falls. A large DNR bridge crosses the gorge at the bottom of the valley.



“I myself have never seen such a beautiful view in my life...”

Please respect the environment and others during your visit!

Dozens of volunteers and trail users work hard to keep the Hungarian Falls Nature Area clean and inviting for visitors of all ages. We ask you to please follow these simple Leave No Trace ethics to ensure the land is left better than you found it for others to appreciate and enjoy.

- Pack out your trash. Pick up any you see along the trail!
- Respect plants and wildlife
- Leave what you find for others
- Manage your pets - please clean up after your dogs!
- Protect private property and stay on public lands during your visit
- Travel on durable surfaces
- Plan ahead and prepare
- Be considerate of other visitors. Please do not litter or leave fire remains.

A community treasure...

Late in 2012, the Keweenaw Land Trust received word that the uppermost Hungarian Falls was for sale. Cherished by residents and visitors for generations, the Hungarian Falls gorge lies mainly on Michigan Department of Natural Resources land except for a 10 acre piece with the uppermost falls, historic dam, and a small pond. Within a few short weeks, the community called on the KLT to protect recreational access to this local treasure and keep it open to the public for everyone to enjoy.



With the backing of our Board of Directors and support from many regional partners, we began what would become our most successful grass-roots fundraiser to date. In just 2 months, over \$50,000 was raised from conservation groups, foundations, business sponsors, and hundreds of individuals keen on topping off Hungarian Falls *forever*. The KLT purchased the property in the fall of 2013, establishing the Hungarian Falls Nature Area to the delight of everyone who has visited this special place.

...protected forever

In addition to the excellent hiking trails and beautiful scenery, the Hungarian Falls gorge offers a glimpse into the past. The dam was built in the early 1900s by the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company to retain water for fire fighting in their mills along Torch Lake. The impoundment was later used by the local fire protection authority before being decommissioned in the 2000s.

During the last ice age 15,000 years ago, over a mile of ice helped create the massive gorge we see today. Imagine the size of the melt water rivers that carved the steeply-banked valleys! Going back over 1.1 billion years ago, the area was once covered not in ice, but in lava flows. Later, colliding tectonic plates created the Keweenaw Fault, which can be seen up-close at the uppermost Hungarian Falls. Look for Geoheritage signs during your visit to learn more!

