

# Appendix A – Supporting Analysis

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## A.1 PARK SETTING

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### Park Profile

Area: 48,169 acres  
County: Chippewa, Luce  
Township: Whitefish, McMillan  
Latitude: 46.6  
Longitude: -85.2

Address: 41382 W. M 123  
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Tahquamenon Falls State Park



### Location & Community

Tahquamenon Falls State Park is located in Whitefish Township, Chippewa County and McMillan Township, Luce County, in the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, approximately one and one-half hours north of the Mackinac Bridge. M-123 is a federally designated scenic byway, which provides access to the three main areas of the park: Rivermouth Campground and day use area 5 miles south of Paradise, the Lower Falls 10 miles west of Paradise and the Upper Falls 14 miles west of Paradise. The Village of Newberry is located approximately 30 miles southwest of the park.

Tahquamenon Falls State Park encompasses over 48,000 acres stretching over 13 miles and is the second largest state park in the system. Most of the park is undeveloped woodland without roads, buildings or power lines. The centerpiece of the park is the Tahquamenon River with its waterfalls. The Upper Falls is one the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi River. It has a drop of nearly 50 feet and is more than 200 feet across. A maximum flow of more than 50,000 gallons of water per second has been recorded flowing over these falls. Four miles downstream is the



*Aerial of the Lower Falls.*

Lower Falls, a series of five smaller falls cascading around an island. The falls can be viewed from the

river bank or from the island, which can be reached by rowboat rented from a park concession. The island walk affords a view of the falls in the south channel. There are plans under consideration to enhance the access to the island, see Section A.12. The park also includes approximately four miles of Lake Superior shoreline at the mouth of the Tahquamenon River.

The Newberry Unit of the Lake Superior State Forest is located north and west of the park and shares a common boundary in the northeast of the park. The Hiawatha National Forest is located southeast of the park.

### **Park Features**

Tahquamenon Falls State Park is a popular year-round tourist destination, hosting over 500,000 visitors per year. Although most of the visitors come to see two of Michigan's most beautiful waterfalls, the park also offers more than 40 miles of hiking trails, 13 inland lakes, 24 miles of the Tahquamenon River and a proposed 20,000 acre Natural Area. Hiking trails within the park include 27 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST), a congressionally designated trail that stretches 4,600 miles from New York to North Dakota. The hiking route of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood on the Wisconsin border, shares the NCNST through the park. Camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing and photography are popular activities in the spring and summer. In fall, many people enjoy hunting and viewing the beautiful autumn colors. Winter provides opportunities for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on the miles of marked trails.



*The Upper Falls, popular tourist destination, drops nearly 50 feet.*

## A.2 DEMOGRAPHICS

Population centers in and around the park are small. The small town of Paradise (Chippewa County) and the Village of Newberry (Luce County) are the only significant population centers.

In 2013, the estimated population of Chippewa County was 38,696. This is a decrease of 0.5% compared to the 2010 census estimate of 38,520. The population density from the 2010 census was just 24.7 people per square mile. In 2012, the per capita personal income in Chippewa County was \$20,410, significantly lower than the state of Michigan's per capita income of \$25,547. Chippewa County also has a prominent American Indian and Alaskan Native population of 15%. A reported 26% of the housing units in the county are for seasonal, recreational or occasional use.

### U.S. Census Data for Chippewa County

People QuickFacts	Chippewa County	Michigan
Population, 2013 estimate	38,696	9,895,622
Population, 2012 estimate	38,777	9,882,519
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	38,520	9,883,701
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013	0.5%	0.1%
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012	0.7%	Z
Population, 2010	38,520	9,883,640
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2012	5.0%	5.8%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2012	19.8%	22.9%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2012	15.2%	14.6%
Female persons, percent, 2012	44.7	50.9%
White alone, percent, 2012 (a)	72.4%	80.1%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2012 (a)	6.9%	14.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2012 (a)	15.0%	0.7%
Asian alone, percent, 2012 (a)	0.8%	2.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2012 (a)	0.1%	Z
Two or More Races, percent, 2012	4.8%	2.2%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2012 (b)	1.7%	4.6%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2012	71.2%	76.2%
Living in same house 1 year & over, percent, 2008-2012	80.9%	85.4%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2008-2012	2.9%	6.0%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2008-2012	5.2%	9.0%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	89.2%	88.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2008-2012	17.7%	25.5%

Veterans, 2008-2012	4,078	692,582
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<b>People QuickFacts</b>	<b>Chippewa County</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2008-2012	16.5	23.9
Housing units, 2012	21,135	4,525,141
Homeownership rate, 2008-2012	71.0%	72.8%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2008-2012	11.8%	18.0%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2008-2012	\$102,400	\$128,600
Households, 2008-2012	14,662	3,818,931
Persons per household, 2008-2012	2.23	2.53
Per capita money income in past 12 months (2012 dollars), 2008-2012	\$20,410	\$25,547
Median household income, 2008-2012	\$41,114	\$48,471
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2008-2012	18.5%	16.3%

<b>Geography QuickFacts</b>	<b>Chippewa County</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
Land area in square miles, 2010	1,558.42	56,538.90
Persons per square mile, 2010	24.7	174.8
FIPS Code	033	26
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	Sault Ste. Marie, MI Micro Area	

### **U.S. Census Data for Luce County**

Luce County is very sparsely populated, with a 2010 population of just 6,631. The 2013 estimate is for a reduction in population to 6,502. This results in a population density of 7.4 persons per square mile. Per capita income is also lower than that of Chippewa County, and significantly lower than the state of Michigan. The data also shows a larger than average percentage of persons over the age of 65 and a smaller number of residents under the age of 18 years. 36% of the 4,343 housing units in the county are reported to be for seasonal, occasional or recreational use.

<b>People QuickFacts</b>	<b>Luce County</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
Population, 2014 estimate	NA	9,909,877
Population, 2013 estimate	6,502	9,898,193
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	6,631	9,884,133
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2014	NA	0.3%
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013	-1.9%	0.1%
Population, 2010	6,631	9,883,640

Persons under 5 years, percent, 2013	4.5%	5.8%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2013	17.2%	22.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2013	19.6%	15.0%
Female persons, percent, 2013	41.8%	50.9%
White alone, percent, 2013 (a)	80.3%	80.1%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2013 (a)	11.1%	14.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2013 (a)	5.1%	0.7%
Asian alone, percent, 2013 (a)	0.3%	2.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2013 (a)	Z	Z
Two or More Races, percent, 2013	3.2%	2.2%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2013 (b)	1.4%	4.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2013	79.3%	76.1%
Living in same house 1 year & over, percent, 2009-2013	85.4%	85.3%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2009-2013	2.0%	6.1%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2009-2013	3.7%	9.1%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	85.8%	88.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	12.7%	25.9%
Veterans, 2009-2013	597	672,213
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2009-2013	14.2	24.0
Housing units, 2013	4,331	4,525,141
Homeownership rate, 2009-2013	75.1%	72.1%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2009-2013	5.7%	17.9%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2009-2013	\$79,400	\$121,700
Households, 2009-2013	2,427	3,823,280
Persons per household, 2009-2013	2.25	2.53
Per capita money income in past 12 months (2013 dollars), 2009-2013	\$18,768	\$25,681
Median household income, 2009-2013	\$39,469	\$48,411
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2009-2013	18.6%	16.8%

<b>Geography QuickFacts</b>	<b>Luce County</b>	<b>Michigan</b>
Land area in square miles, 2010	899.08	56,538.90
Persons per square mile, 2010	7.4	174.8
FIPS Code	095	26
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	None	

### A.3 HISTORY OF THE REGION

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The region has a rich history, beginning with Native Americans who fished and trapped along the banks of the Tahquamenon River. When French explorers arrived, they met the Anishinabeg (Original People), who are also known as the Potawatomi, Chippewa, and Ottawa tribes. Fur traders and missionaries soon followed, arriving in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century, and founded Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace, which are two of the earliest named European settlements in the New World.

The word Tahquamenon rings with the language of the Native American. The name, as it currently appears, seems to have gone through a series of transitions from its original Algonquin roots. On a Jesuit map of the Upper Great Lakes printed in 1672, the island off the mouth of the river seems to be labeled “Outa-koua-minan”. It is generally accepted that this is the earliest form of the word we use today to label the Tahquamenon River. Since that time missionaries, treaty makers, and writers have all spelled the word phonetically, spelling the word Otahquamenaw, Otiqwaminag, and Taquamenaw until it finally came to rest at Tahquamenon.

Located north of Paradise, the Whitefish Point Light Station was established in 1849 and is recognized as an early stopping point for Indians, Voyagers and missionaries. It became a bustling community with the lifesaving crews, fishermen, cranberry growers, trappers, and woodsmen. There were no roads at this time and residents depended upon the boat for getting all their supplies and for transportation.

Lumbermen settled in the Upper Peninsula in the 1880s. “River Rats”, as the men were called, ran the logs downstream while the Iron Horse Railroad picked up the load and shipped them to ports. With the first lock in place at Sault Ste. Marie in 1855, boats could transport the much-needed lumber to the lower lakes.

Alonzo Chesebrough, of the Chesebrough Lumber Co., erected a sawmill in 1884 and established the settlement of Emerson, just south of the Tahquamenon Rivermouth.



*Chesebrough Lumber Co. Mill, n.d.*

In 1895 the Chesebrough Bros. of Emerson were awarded a contract to construct a new county road from Emerson to Eckerman, an 18 mile stretch. The road was predicted to be a great factor in the development of the Western portion of Chippewa County and eventually became M-123. The mill and townsite were on what is now State park property. The townsite of Emerson is a State of Michigan Register Historical Place.

The Village of Newberry, the county seat of Luce County, had its origin in a construction camp established while the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad was being built between St. Ignace and Marquette in 1884. Shortly after the railroad was built, the Vulcan Furnace Company, a manufacturer of charcoal pig iron was established.

The dense growth of hardwoods was used to manufacture the charcoal and limestone from nearby quarries was used as a flux. The pigged iron was shipped by rail and boat to the Pennsylvania steel furnaces.

Towards the 1900's, the end of the big timber had arrived for this area and the mills were gradually dismantled and rails torn up and shipped away. The lumbering operations were very wasteful and left tops of trees and stumps on the ground, making the area prone to wildfires. It was in 1922 that a big fire laid waste to the area.

The community of Paradise started after the lumber industry had dwindled and the lumber companies sold much of the land. By 1910, the former logging communities of Shelldrake and Emerson had become ghost towns. The name Paradise is said to have come about when a local landowner's land was surveyed and he remarked that the land was like a paradise for fishing and hunting. The land was surveyed and platted out with a post office established in 1947.



It wasn't until 1975 that Highway M-123 was paved from Paradise south to connect with Highway M-28. The following year, Highway M-123 was paved to the west. This is the only major road that services the area. The road traveling north to Whitefish Point was not paved until 1987.

*Source: Tahquamenon Scenic Heritage Route Management Plan 2007, EUP Regional Planning and Development Commission*

#### A.4 HISTORY OF TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK

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For many years, the beauty of Tahquamenon Falls region was recognized and there was a concerted effort to preserve it for the benefit of the people. Following a petition from interested citizens from the Upper Peninsula in support of purchasing land in the Tahquamenon Falls area, Department of Conservation Commissioners visited the area in August of 1935. They stated that the area of Tahquamenon was “the most outstanding scenic and recreational area in Michigan today, serving as a lure that is drawing and will continue to draw an ever increasing number of tourist visitors to Northern Michigan.” They recommended to the Director that immediate action be taken to establish the park.



*Visitors viewing the Lower Falls, 1974.*

Due to the expansive acreage of high-quality timber and the potential for water power, the price on the land was high. The U.S. Government entered into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Conservation to convey land along the river frontage in exchange for State lands located elsewhere. A 1938 report by the Department of Conservation stated that 2,640 acres of heavily timbered land in the Tahquamenon region had been purchased and was ready for exchange. Around this same time, 2,341 acres fronting White Fish Bay and containing approximately 6 miles of Tahquamenon River frontage, was gifted to the State for recreational purposes.

In May 1942, the Federal Government formally executed an exchange conveying approximately 2,280 to the state. The state acquired an additional 1,300 feet of river frontage around this time.

In 1947 Tahquamenon Falls State Park was officially established. In the following years initial improvements were made for better public access and use. Development of roads, parking and access to the falls began in 1947. Foot trails to the Upper Falls were built along with picnic facilities and pump wells.

Development of the Lower Falls campground began in 1949 including parking area, campground, and entrance road. In the 1950s the DNR worked with Luce and Chippewa Counties to develop the M-123 through the park.

In 1952, the DNR purchased 79 acres of land from John Barrett for \$2,000 including land surrounding the Upper Falls. A restriction in the deed directed that the road and parking lot would terminate  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the falls and that visitors would travel on foot to preserve the natural beauty of the area. The Barrett family kept a 2-acre parcel of land for private use. In 1950, the family built a replica of a logging camp, Camp 33, which was to be used as a public eating and resting place. In 1990, the camp was

rebuilt and in 1996 the Tahquamenon Falls Brewery and Pub was established, keeping with the original vision.

The 1970s was a period of expansion and growth for Tahquamenon Falls State Park. By 1974, the park encompassed almost 20,000 acres. This decade saw the modernization of the park's campgrounds including electric service to the Lower Falls campground.

The 1979 Tahquamenon Falls State Park Master Plan recommended an expanded dedicated park boundary to 43,785 acres, including the Betsy Lake Natural Area, then under the administrative jurisdiction of the Forest Division. At that time 37,600 acres of the proposed boundary were in state ownership. Another key recommendation of the Master Plan was to upgrade visitor services in the park, including a major visitor center complex between the upper and lower falls. This recommendation was not implemented.

*Sources:*

*“Proceedings of Conservation Commission” August 1935*

*“Plans for the Development of Tahquamenon Falls State Park”, Chas F. Boehler, Michigan Department of Conservation, 1938*

*Preliminary Master Plan, Tahquamenon Falls State Park, DNR, October 1975*

*Environmental Impact Assessment for Tahquamenon Falls State Park, DNR, 1976*

*Master Plan for Tahquamenon Falls State Park, DNR, February 1979*

## A.5 LAND OWNERSHIP

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The lands that comprise Tahquamenon Falls State Park have been acquired by the state of Michigan through a variety of funding sources. Often, conditions attached to the original funding source or other details of the property transaction encumber the future use or disposition of the land.

### **Funding Sources**

Funding sources are illustrated by the Funding Source Map at the end of this report. All acreages are approximate.

### Exchange

The State acquired 2,280 acres from the United States Forest Service (USFS) in 1942 as part of an exchange for lands that would become part of the National Forest.

In 1916, over 20,000 acres in total were exchanged with Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, approximately 6,270 acres of which are now part of the state park (the remainder is state forest land). Private exchanges of approximately 1,000 acres occurred through the 1960s.

### Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund – 1,590 acres

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal program administered in Michigan by the Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the National Park Service (NPS). Land purchased using LWCF funding must be used for public outdoor recreation purposes. The required 50% match was provided by Special Legislation. The majority of land purchased with this fund is along the Tahquamenon River corridor, downstream of the falls, and was purchased in the 1960s and 1970s.

### Special Legislation - 1,855 acres

Acquisitions for park purposes through this source are tied to specific funding established by the legislature established under Act 27, P.A. 1944, and Act 50, P.A. 1944.

### Gift - 4,268 acres

A significant amount of land has been gifted to the state over the years by companies and private individuals, including land on Whitefish Bay in 1937, 2,000 acres stretching south and west from the river mouth from the Escanaba Paper Co. in 1979, and a gift of 1,565 acres in 1980

### Michigan Land Trust Fund - 3,042 acres

The “Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund Act of 1976” (Public Act 204, 1976) created the Michigan Land Trust Fund (MLTF) program to provide a source of funding for the public acquisition of lands for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Funding was derived from royalties on the sale and lease of State-owned mineral rights. This fund has now been replaced by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Land shown as being purchased with MLTF is located in Chippewa County, both south and north of the river.

#### Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund - 7,267 acres

The MNRTF was created by a state constitutional amendment in 1984, which required that oil, gas, and other mineral lease and royalty payments be placed into the Trust Fund, with proceeds used to both acquire and develop public recreation lands. To implement the constitutional amendment, the Legislature passed the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Act of 1985 (P.A. 101 of 1985, Act 101). A number of parcels have been acquired over the years, including parcels along the river corridor and a large tract in the north of the park purchased in 2008 and 2010.

#### Recreation Bond Fund – 410 acres

At Tahquamenon Fall State Park, this fund was used primarily to match Land and Water Conservation Fund acquisitions.

#### State Game Fund – 4,451 acres

Act 17, P.A. 1921 established a funding source for land purchased with revenue from a \$1.50 tax on hunting licenses. The primary purpose of this land is for hunting and fishing purposes and the development of other recreation facilities is restricted.

#### Tax Reversion

The state acquired the balance of the land through tax reversion due to non-payment of taxes (approximately 720 acres). These lands are identified as unshaded areas on the Funding Source map. Furthermore, the state acquired large area in the south of the park was acquired by the State through tax reversion in 1939.

#### Land Transfers

In 2005, just under 4,000 acres was transferred from the Newberry SF management unit to Tahquamenon Falls State Park. A map showing the land consolidation is included in the Appendices.

#### Granted Easements

- US Coast Guard: granted a 10-foot right-of-way (ROW) in 1944 for erection and maintenance of telephone line to Whitefish Point.
- Cloverland Electric Cooperative: multiple easements and ROWs, varying in width from 10 to 66 feet wide, granted to place, construct, operate, repair and maintain a underground electric lines and electric distribution lines in McMillan and Whitefish Townships, Luce and Chippewa counties.
- Michigan Bell Telephone Company: permit to construct and maintain telephone line paralleling the road along Whitefish Bay.
- Chippewa County: release of ROW for highway purposes for County Road

- Chippewa County: quit claim deed (relinquishes easement) for highway purposes granting 150 feet
- Luce County Road Commission: release of right of way for highway purposes – 66-foot easement
- Department of State Highways: Highway Easement Release for the purposes of improvement of M-123 in Whitefish Township, Chippewa County
- Kimberly Clark Corp.: 10-foot right of way to install and maintain a telephone line.
- Munising Telephone Company: 12-foot wide easement to construct and maintain buried telephone serving the Upper and Lower Falls, Park Headquarters and Rivermouth Campsite.
- Special Land Use Permit: allows private occupation of parcel of land on north side of Tahquamenon River, granted to Hugh and Katherine Clarke in 1942 (Doc # 685).
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### Leases

- Toonerville Trolley: the State of Michigan has entered into a lease with Tahquamenon Boat Service Inc., for dockage for the Toonerville Trolley boat excursion to the Upper Falls, an approach trail and observation area, and construction, maintenance and operation of facilities to accomplish these functions. The current lease, amended in 2013, expires in 2023. A copy of the lease, as amended, is included in the Appendices.

## A.6 LEGAL MANDATES

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For all park General Management Plans, all legal mandates are identified that serve to further guide the development of the General Management Plan and subsequent Action Plans. For our planning purposes, the term “Legal Mandates” refers to not only to federal and state law, but also the administrative tools of “Policy” and “Directive” of the Natural Resource Commission, the Department, and the Parks & Recreation Division. Examples include Orders of the Director, Park and Recreation Areas State Land Rules and all other laws, commission orders, and rules or directives that apply to the park.

Specific to Tahquamenon Falls State Park, the following legal mandates have been identified.

### FEDERAL STATUTE

<b>ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, 1973</b>
The purposes of this Act are to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species, and to take such steps as may be appropriate to achieve the purposes of the act.
<b>BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE PROTECTION ACT, 1940 AND AMENDMENTS</b>
This Act prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior, from "taking" bald eagles, including their parts, nests, or eggs. The Act defines "take" as "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb." "Disturb" includes actions that may result in injury to the eagle, a decrease in its productivity or nest abandonment.
<b>NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM, 1968</b>
The purpose of the Act is to preserve certain rivers with outstanding cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of future generations. The Act safeguards the special character of rivers, while also recognizing the potential for their appropriate use and development. It encourages river management that crosses political boundaries and promotes public participation in developing goals for river protection.
<b>NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM ACT, 1968 (P.L. 90-543, as amended through P.L. 111-11, March 30, 2009)</b>
This Act established the Appalachian and Pacific Crest National Scenic Trails and authorized a national system of trails to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities and to promote the preservation of access to the outdoor areas and historic resources of the nation. The National Trails System includes four classes of trails: National Scenic Trails (NST), National Historic Trails (NHT), National Recreation Trails (NRT) and Connecting or Side Trails. The North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) was designated by P.L. 96-199 in 1980.

**STATE STATUTE**

<b>NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (NREPA) AND AMENDMENTS</b>	
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 5</b>	Gives the DNR authority to make rules to support its mission. This includes State Land Rules, Land Use Orders, Wildlife Conservation Orders, Fisheries Orders and Watercraft Control.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 31 Water Resources Protection</b>	Provides authority to DEQ to require a permit for any occupation, construction, filling, or grade change within the 100-year floodplain of a river, stream, drain, or inland lake.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 301 Inland Lakes and Streams</b>	Requires a permit from the state (DEQ) to undertake certain activities relating to inland lakes and streams, such as dredging, fill, marinas, structures, alteration of flow, etc.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 303 Wetlands Protection</b>	Requires a permit from the state (DEQ) to undertake certain activities in regulated wetlands, such as, dredging, fill, construction or drainage.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 323 Shorelands Protection and Management</b>	This act enables the DEQ to designate and control use through permitting of "Environmental Areas" (an area of the shoreland determined to be necessary for the preservation and maintenance of fish and wildlife) and "High Risk Erosion Areas" (an area of the shoreland that is determined to be subject to erosion).
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 325 Great Lakes Submerged Bottomlands</b>	A permit is required for all filling, dredging, and placement of permanent structures (i.e., docks, piers, pilings, etc.) below the "ordinary high water mark" and on all upland channels extending landward of the "ordinary high water mark" of the Great Lakes.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Article III, Chapter 1, Part 351</b>	Allows for the designation of wilderness and natural areas and management of those areas.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 365 Endangered Species Protection</b>	The law governs the those acts necessary for the conservation, protection, restoration, and propagation of endangered and threatened species of fish, wildlife, and plants in cooperation with the Federal Government.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 419 Hunting Area Control</b>	Section 324.41901 establishes the powers of the Department to establish safety zones for hunting.

<b>NREPA AND AMENDMENTS (continued)</b>	
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 741 State Park System</b>	The department shall create, maintain, operate, promote, and make available for public use and enjoyment a system of state parks to preserve and protect Michigan's significant natural resources and areas of natural beauty or historic significance, to provide open space for public recreation, and to provide an opportunity to understand Michigan's natural resources and the need to protect and manage those resources.
<b>PA 35 of 2010, Part 741 Recreation Passport</b>	This act amended the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code to provide for a State Park and State-operated public boating access site "Recreation Passport" that a Michigan resident may obtain by paying an additional fee when registering a motor vehicle.
<b>PA 451 of 1994, Part 761 Aboriginal Records and Antiquities</b>	The state reserves the exclusive right and privilege to all aboriginal records and other antiquities including those found on the bottomlands of the Great Lakes.

<b>PUBLIC HEALTH CODE</b>	
<b>PA 368 of 1978, Part 125, Campgrounds, Swimming Areas and Swimmers' Itch</b>	Established to protect and promote the public health by establishing health code requirements and regulations that all public (including DNR) and private campgrounds must meet. Includes permitting, licensing, inspections and rules regarding sanitation, safety standards and public health. Also covers testing and evaluating quality of water at bathing beaches, safety and rescue equipment.

**ORDERS**

The following Orders apply to Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

**Land Use Orders of the Director**

Other than the required motor vehicle permit or recreation passport to enter, there are no land use orders specific to Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

### **Wildlife Conservation Orders**

Wildlife is owned by all the people of the State of Michigan, and protection is administered and managed by the Michigan DNR. The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) establishes hunting and trapping regulations including methods of take, bag limits, license quotas, and season dates as described in the Wildlife Conservation Orders.

#### **3.412 Early September Canada goose season; dates and closures, exceptions.**

Sec. 3.412 The early September Canada goose season shall be September 1 to September 15 in the Lower Peninsula and September 1 to September 10 in the Upper Peninsula, except as follows:

- (4) **State parks open from the day following Labor Day to September 10.** All or portions of the following state parks, as described in chapter VII, shall be open from the day following Labor day to September 10: (f) Tahquamenon falls state park.

#### **7.10 Tahquamenon Falls State Park, hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.**

Sec. 7.10 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the boundaries of Tahquamenon falls state park except for the following lands:

- (1) The Lower Falls Scenic site being the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 south of highway M-123 and the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 south of state highway M-123, Section 29; the NE 1/4 of Section 33 lying north of the Tahquamenon River including the island; and the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 32 lying north of the Tahquamenon River, and the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, T49N R7W.
- (2) The headquarters area being the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 31, T49N R7W.
- (3) The Upper Falls Scenic site being the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 lying south of state highway M-123 and the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 lying south of state highway M-123 in Section 1, and the NW 1/4 except for the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T48N R8W.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989.

### **STATE LAND RULES**

Parks and Recreation Areas – State Land Rules are issued by authority conferred on the Michigan DNR by Section 504 of 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.504. The rules cover entry, use and occupation of state lands and unlawful acts.

## **NATURAL AREAS**

No legally-dedicated natural areas are present at Tahquamenon Falls State Park. However, approximately 17,800 acres of the park was proposed for legal dedication in 1987. The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) tentatively approved the dedication at its meeting on December 3, 1987. The administrative rule was never promulgated to formalize the dedication, although PRD continues to manage the area in line with the Natural Area legislation. The Conservation Commission minutes and memo approving the proposal and a map showing the proposed natural area is available in Appendix F.

The Conservation Commission (now the Natural Resources Commission) dedicated six natural areas at Tahquamenon Falls State Park on August 13, 1954. Three areas are dedicated as Natural Area Preserves, one area is dedicated as a Nature Study Preserve, and the remaining two areas are dedicated as Scenic Sites. The definitions of each of the types of areas, as well as the descriptions of the six areas are provided in the Conservation Commission minutes and a map of the commission-dedicated natural areas is available in Appendix F.

## **HIGH RISK EROSION**

A small portion of the Lake Superior shoreline north of the river mouth is designated by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as High Risk Erosion Area. A permit is required to construct any permanent structure on a parcel that contains a High Risk Erosion Area, and permits will only be granted if required setbacks are met to make sure the structure will not erode away into the lake. Links to the law and the associated administrative rules for High Risk Erosion Areas can be found on DEQ's website ([http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313\\_3677\\_3700---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313_3677_3700---,00.html) - see the "Laws & Rules" box on this page).

## **FISHERIES ORDERS**

Tahquamenon Falls also contains Type 1 Designated Trout Streams, meaning that the taking of trout and salmon from these particular waters must follow regulations, such as seasonal fishing and possession restrictions, minimum sizes, and limited catch number.

## **NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION**

Established in 1968, the National Wild and Scenic River Act protect and preserves rivers from development, which would significantly change the scenic and wild nature of the area. Currently, the east branch of the Tahquamenon River has received this protection. The west branch of the River, which runs through the park, is currently in the process of receiving this designation.

## A.7 REGIONAL RECREATION RESOURCES

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### Federal Recreation Resources

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore covers more than 40 miles of Lake Superior shoreline. It is made up of sandstone cliffs, beaches, dunes, waterfalls, lakes and forests. It offers opportunities for camping, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and other activities.

The Hiawatha National Forest is located in the central and eastern parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. There are two separate portions of the Hiawatha. The eastern portion stretches north from the town of St. Ignace, which lies along Lakes Michigan and Huron, to the shore of Lake Superior west of the city of Sault Ste. Marie. It is a maturing forest of nearly a million acres that was created in 1931 from abandoned farms, razed logging tracts and lands devastated by forest fires. The "land that nobody wanted", is now a working forest that provides timber products to support local communities and is a refuge for rare plants and animals. The Hiawatha provides a variety of recreation opportunities. It encompasses six wilderness areas, trout streams, shoreline on 3 Great Lakes and numerous inland lakes. Visitors enjoy hiking, hunting, bird watching, camping, equestrian riding, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing opportunities.

### Whitefish Point Unit of Seney National Wildlife Refuge

The national wildlife sanctuary was established at Whitefish Point in 1998 with a transfer of 33 acres from the US Coast Guard. The point is a concentration spot for migratory birds where the land and water features create a natural funnel. The Michigan Audubon Society has established the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, across from the light station, where a small information room tells birders the species to be watching for as they hike along the network of trails along the point. The Observatory collects data and has led to the recognition of the area as a Globally Important Bird Area. Whitefish Point is a target for migrating birds, including hawks, eagles, goshawks, geese, falcons and owls.



*Whitefish Point*

## North Country Scenic Trail

The North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST), with 4,600 miles, is the longest National Scenic Trail. It was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1980. The route, from New York to North Dakota, passes through seven (7) states. More than 1,500 miles are in Michigan, with approximately 25 miles of the trail passing through Tahquamenon Falls State Park. The trail within the park is maintained by the Hiawatha Shore to Shore Chapter of the North Country Trail Association.



## State Recreation Resources

Brimley State Park is located on the coast of Lake Superior, about 50 miles southeast of Tahquamenon Falls and 15 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie. This 160 acre park is one of the oldest state parks in the Upper Peninsula, and features hunting, fishing, boating, camping and hiking.

Straits State Park has fantastic views of the Mackinac Bridge and the boat traffic going under the bridge on the Straits of Mackinac. The 180 acre park has a large modern campground, picnic area, playground, and waterfront area along Lake Huron.

Muskallonge Lake State Park is located 28 miles northwest of Newberry in Luce County. The 217-acre park is situated between the shores of Lake Superior and inland Muskallonge Lake. The park offers 159 modern campsites, 1.5 miles of hiking trails, picnic area, overlook of Lake Superior and opportunities to fish and swim. The park is also a hub for the North Country Trail (NTC).

#### Sault Ste. Marie State Forest Management Unit

The Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit manages 322,500 acres, out of two offices, Sault Ste. Marie and Naubinway. These two portions of the Unit, or "Areas" are separated geographically by the Hiawatha National Forest.

The Sault Area is responsible for approximately 125,000 acres in Chippewa County and eastern Mackinac County, including ownership on numerous islands in the St. Mary's River and Lake Huron, most notably over 47,000 acres on Drummond Island. Recreational opportunities include two state forest campgrounds, ski trails, over sixty miles of designated ORV and motorcycle trails, and countless miles of snowmobile trails managed by the PRD.

The Naubinway Area, in Western Mackinac County, consists of approximately 197,500 acres, including 19 miles of contiguous, undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline. Managed recreational opportunities include seven state forest campgrounds, hiking trails, designated motorcycle trails and snowmobile trails.

#### State Harbors

Tahquamenon Falls State Park also manages/oversees two harbors, Whitefish Point Harbor and Little Lake Harbor.

#### Newberry State Forest Management Unit

Tahquamenon Falls State Park is within the Newberry Management Unit, which includes over 352,000 acres of state-owned land throughout all of Luce County and western Chippewa County. The Newberry Management Unit has over 30 miles of Lake Superior shoreline, much of which is contiguous and undeveloped. The Unit has six proposed Natural Areas, the Two Hearted River which is under Natural River designation, and the renowned Tahquamenon River system.

The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) manages 18 state forest campgrounds located on various inland lakes, wildlife floodings, trout streams, and along the shore of Lake Superior. Those in close proximity to TFSP are shown in the campground table below.

There are 156 miles of designated ATV and cycle trails within the Unit, as well as pathways/hiking trails and a substantial portion of the North Country Trail. The extensive lake effect snowfall provides for some excellent winter recreation opportunities. The Newberry Unit administers a 275 mile network of snowmobiles trails groomed by four different area clubs as well as the 11.5 mile Canada Lakes Cross Country Ski Trail south of Newberry. The Paradise Ski Trail, located near Paradise, provides five miles of trail groomed by volunteers.

Campground	County	Sites	Facilities
Andrus Lake	Chippewa	25	Boat Launch, Fishing
Bodi Lake	Luce	12	Boat Launch, Fishing, Hiking, Mountain Biking
Culhane Lake	Luce	12	Boat Launch, Fishing, Paddlesports, Hiking
Mouth of Two Hearted River	Luce	35	Boat Launch, Fishing, Hiking
Pike Lake	Luce	9	Boat Launch, Fishing
Reed & Green Bridge	Luce	7	Boat Launch, Fishing, Paddlesports

### **State Wildlife Management Areas**

The following areas in Chippewa and Luce Counties are co-managed for wildlife by the DNR Wildlife & Forestry Divisions.

- Cranberry Lake Flooding State Wildlife Area (277 acres). This area is a combination of grasslands and wetlands. Mallard, ruffed grouse, and snowshoe hare are all being managed in this area.
- Munuscong State Wildlife Management Area (14,270 acres). The area features wetlands, grasslands and hardwoods and is managed for mallard, sharp-tailed grouse and white-tailed deer.
- Potagannissing Flooding State Wildlife Management Area (2200 acres). Beaver, mallard, and white-tailed deer are managed in this area
- Blind Sucker River Flooding State Wildlife Management Area (4,785 acres). This area features wetlands, grasslands, and hardwoods. Mallard, snowshoe hare, and white-tailed deer are all managed here.
- Dollarville Flooding State Wildlife Management Area (3,000 acres). The wetlands, grasslands, and hardwoods are managed primarily for mallard, snowshoe hare, and white-tailed deer.
  - Halifax Grouse Enhanced Management (GEM) Site (2,693 acres). The Halifax GEM, one of many such GEMs recently developed in the Upper Peninsula (UP), was established in 2015 to promote ruffed grouse hunting and hunter walk-in access to intensively managed grouse habitat in Michigan. The GEMs are designed to primarily benefit ruffed grouse and woodcock but aspen, the primary cover type, provides valuable habitat for numerous other wildlife species. In addition, GEMs support the local forest economy and further tie communities to natural resources by capitalizing and expanding on the forest tourism industry.

## Tahquamenon Scenic Byway

The entire 62-mile loop of M-123 north of M-28 is designated a State Scenic Byway, recognizing the outstanding natural beauty of the area. Passing through both Luce and Chippewa counties in the eastern Upper Peninsula, this route features views of Lake Superior, rivers, forests, trails, and Tahquamenon Falls State Park.



## Regional Trails

### ORV Trails

The Silver Creek Trail, a 31 mile loop and Two Hearted Trail, a 33 mile loop are designated for ORV use in the Newberry Forest Management Unit, south and west of the park.

### Water Trails

Planning is currently underway to inventory access sites along the Lake Superior shoreline from Grand Marais to Sault Ste. Marie as part of the Lake Superior Water Trail.

### Superior Birding Trail

The Superior Bird Trail is a 150-mile trail extending from Germfask to Whitefish Point. This trail gives birders and ornithologists and opportunity to view rare sightings and migration events. Tahquamenon Falls State Park is included as a stopping point in the trail, as the variety of ecosystems provide habitat for many different birds.

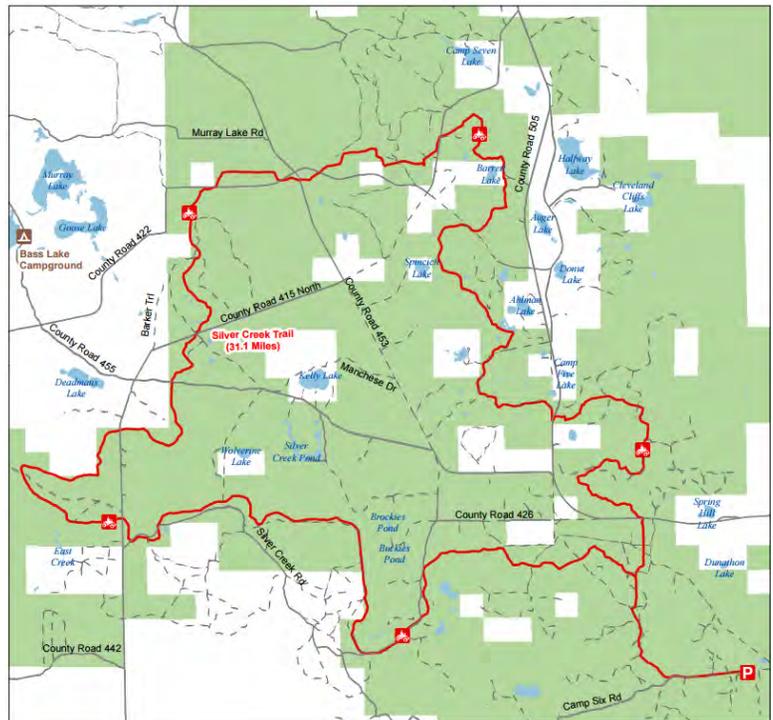
### Iron Belle Trail

The hiking portion of the Iron Belle Trail from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood on the Wisconsin border, follows the route of the NCNST through Tahquamenon Falls State Park. This 1,273 mile long hiking route showcases Michigan's spectacular cultural and natural resources.

### Snowmobile Trails

An expansive snowmobile trail network is located in the area (see maps that follow). Falls trail number 45 between Newberry and Paradise specifically runs through Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

Silver Creek Trail  
Luce County, Michigan





# Two-Heart Trail

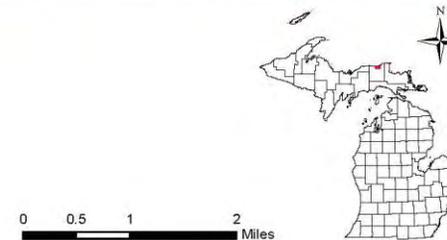
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ADVISORY: Trails and Routes have two-way traffic.  
 DISCLAIMER: Trails shown on this map are an approximate representation of the trail system at the time of publication and may not reflect current ground conditions.  
 STAY ON SIGNED TRAILS ONLY!



- Parking Lot
- ORV Trails
- ORV Trail – ORVs 50 inches in width or less including off-road motorcycles. ORV license and trail permit required.
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Poor Dirt Road
- Perennial River
- Lakes and Rivers
- State Park Boundary
- State Forest Land
- County Boundary

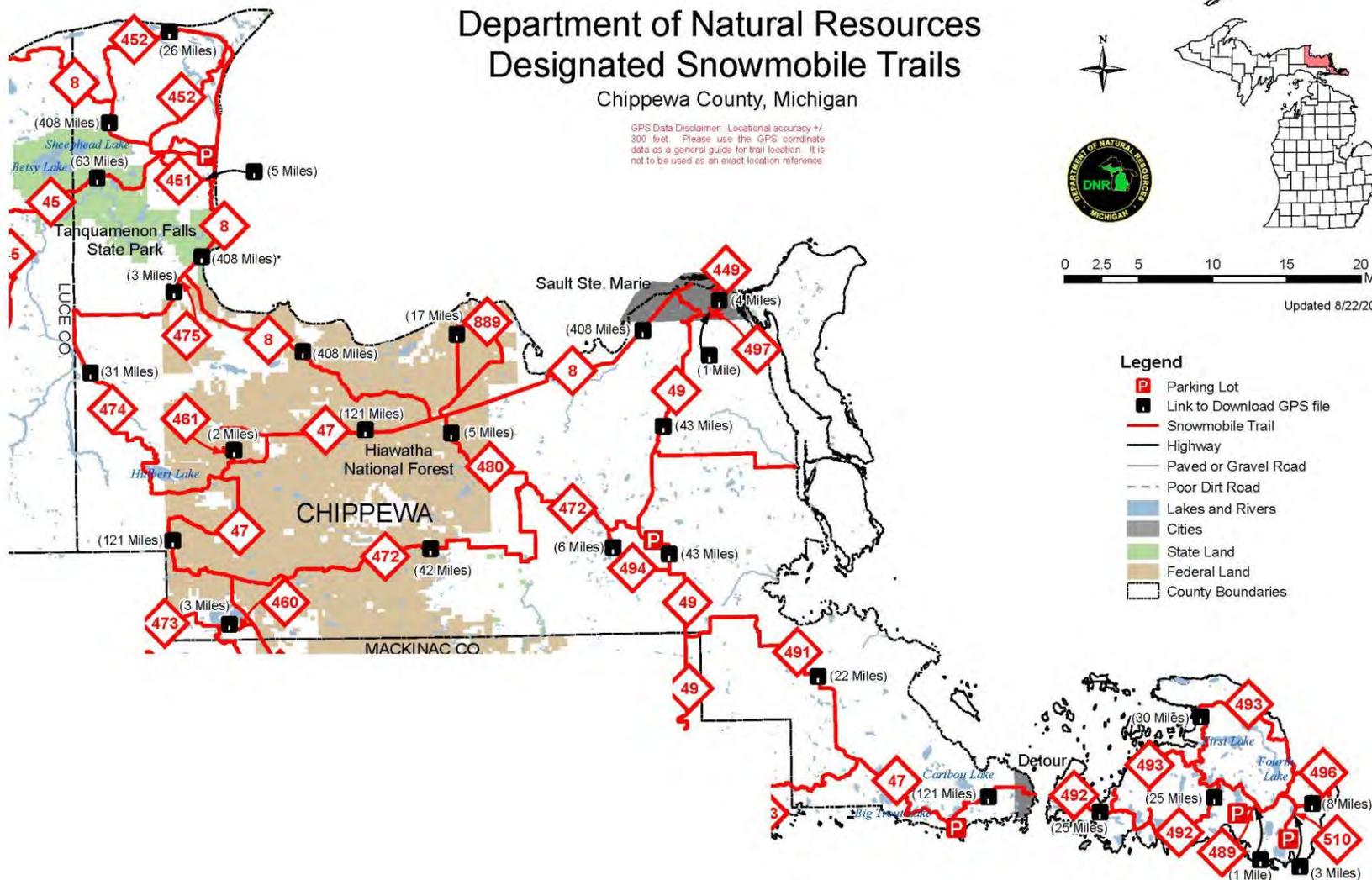
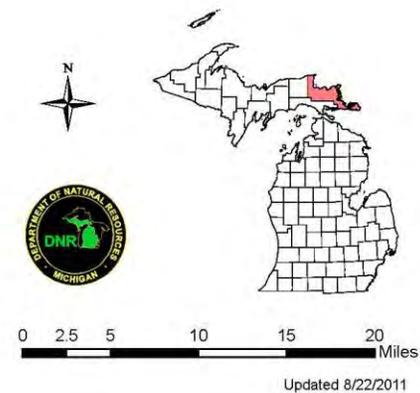
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# Department of Natural Resources Designated Snowmobile Trails

## Chippewa County, Michigan

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- Legend**
- Parking Lot
  - Link to Download GPS file
  - Snowmobile Trail
  - Highway
  - Paved or Gravel Road
  - Poor Dirt Road
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  - Cities
  - State Land
  - Federal Land
  - County Boundaries

# Department of Natural Resources Designated Snowmobile Trails

Luce County, Michigan

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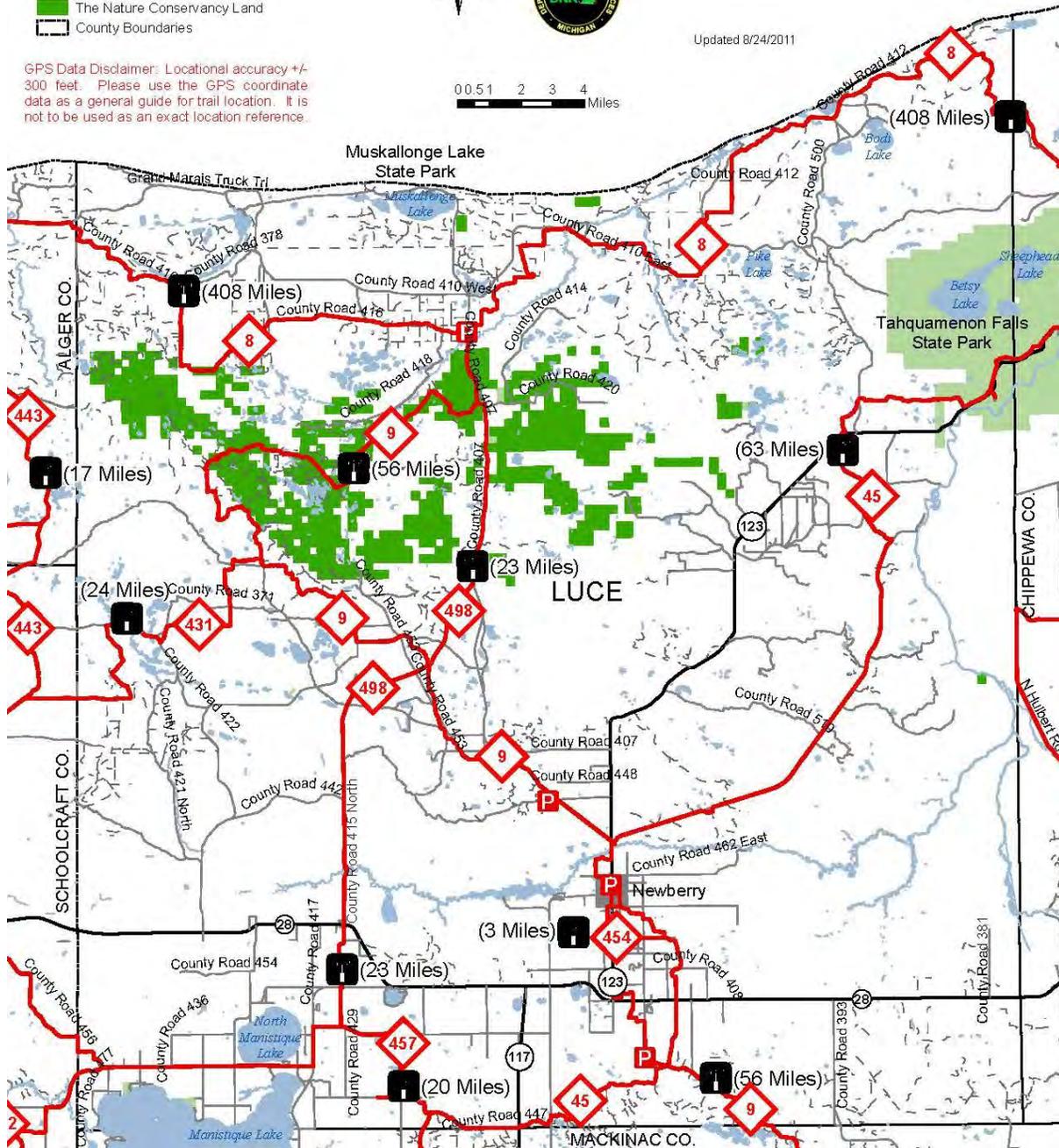
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## Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve

Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve is part of Michigan's Underwater Preserve System developed for scuba divers. Lake Superior water is cold enough to preserve the shipwrecks and visibility at Whitefish Point is outstanding. Diving and kayaking are common attractions to this area. Whitefish Point is known as the Graveyard of Ships as more vessels have been lost here than in any other part of the lake.



## Historic Resources

### Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum

The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, including the Whitefish Point Lighthouse, the oldest operating lighthouse on Lake Superior, is located 11 miles north of Paradise. The museum and the light station are operated by the non-profit Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society. Exhibits include artifacts, art, and models of the 13 historic wrecks along the coast. Featured at the museum is the bell from the Edmund Fitzgerald which is used as a memorial to sailors lost. First lit in 1849, the Whitefish Point Light shares honors with the lighthouse at Copper Harbor for being the first lights on Lake Superior.



*Whitefish Point Lighthouse*

### Crisp Point Lighthouse

The Crisp Point Lighthouse is located approximately 24 miles away from the State Park. It was built between 1903 and 1904, and was named after one of the light station keepers, Christopher Crisp. The Crisp Point Lighthouse was decommissioned by the U.S. Coast Guard in 1993. The lighthouse has been threatened by erosion from Lake Superior, but various efforts have helped preserve this historic attraction.

### Tahquamenon Logging Museum

The Tahquamenon Logging Museum is located just north of Newberry. It features a collection of old memorabilia from the lumberjack days. There are original building and models as well as many old photos and models.

### **Municipal Owned Recreational Land**

Luce County features Luce County Park, which offers camping, and swimming. Luce County also operates Big Valley Ski Hill, the Hamilton Lake Picnic Area, and an ice rink.

### **Private Recreational Areas**

- Oswald's Bear Ranch is located in Newberry. This is the largest bear only ranch in the United States featuring 29 bears, and opened in 1997.
- There are a few private campgrounds and many lodging options in the area.
- The Toonerville Trolley is located in Soo Junction. It offers a railway and riverboat trip down the Tahquamenon River to get a glimpse of virgin forest in the park.
- Canoe/kayak liveries and riding stables provide additional recreational resources in the vicinity of Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

## A.8 RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

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Tahquamenon Falls State Park offers a wide range of recreation activities on its 48,169 acres.



### **Camping**

The park offers modern, semi-modern and rustic camping and lodging opportunities.

- Tahquamenon Lower Falls Modern Campground  
The Lower Falls Campground is made up of 2 areas, Hemlock and Portage, with a total of 168 sites with modern restrooms and electrical service, some with 50 amp service
- Tahquamenon Rivermouth Pines/Semi-Modern/Rustic  
36 rustic sites with vault toilets on the south side of the Tahquamenon River near the river mouth.
- Tahquamenon Rivermouth Modern Campsite  
72 sites with modern restrooms and electrical service, some with 50 amp service.
- Tahquamenon Falls Group Use Area Campground  
Rustic camping available for organized groups of up to 50 people.
- Backcountry Campsites  
3 backcountry campsites are available to hikers off the North Country Trail and the Clark Lake Trail.



### **Cabins and Lodges**

- Tahquamenon Falls Lodge  
The Tahquamenon Falls Lodge is located between the Upper and Lower Falls, with easy access to snowmobile and hiking trails, and the Betsy Lake Natural Area. The three-bedroom lodge is fully equipped and sleeps up to 8 people. Accommodations at the lodge are available year-round.
- Tahquamenon Falls Pines Camper Cabin  
This 14 x 20 foot camper cabin is located in at the Rivermouth Pines Campground on the Tahquamenon River. The cabin can sleep up to 7 people and features tables/chairs, microwave, coffee pot, electric heat, lighting, refrigerator, charcoal grill, picnic table, covered porch & fire-ring. The Camper Cabin is available May to November.



### **Hunting**

The park is open to hunting, with the exception of no hunting areas posted around the campgrounds and high visitor areas.



## Fishing

Brown trout, walleye, northern Muskie, northern pike, yellow perch, smallmouth bass and more are frequently caught in the Tahquamenon River. ADA accessible shore fishing is available at the Rivermouth Boat Access Site.



## Hiking

The park has approximately 40 miles of hiking trails, enabling people to see beautiful portions of the park that are rarely seen by the public. The North Country National Scenic Trail traverses 27 miles within the park, including the trail between the Upper and Lower Falls.

- Clark Lake Loop (5.6 miles) – cross-country skiing, hiking
- Emerson Trail (1.0 mile) – cross-country skiing, hiking. This trail passes through black spruce and shrub swamp following the road that leads to the abandoned sawmill town of Emerson on the banks of Tahquamenon Bay. This trail is not maintained and becomes difficult to navigate once hikers get closer to Lake Superior.
- Giant Pines Trail (3.8 miles) – cross-country skiing (groomed), hiking.
- Nature Trail (1.0 mile) – cross-country skiing (groomed), hiking
- River Trail (4.0 miles) – hiking. This trail, which is the route of the NCNST, is the path from the Lower Falls to the Upper Falls and passes through an old-growth forest of American beech, sugar maple, eastern hemlock and yellow birch.
- Wilderness Loop (7.0 miles) – cross-country skiing, hiking





### **Snowmobiling**

Snowmobiling is permitted in the park, except in the Natural Areas. Designated snowmobile trails travel through the park, with the Upper Falls being a prime stopping point.



### **Boat Rental**

Rowboat rentals are available at the Lower Falls concession from Memorial Day to the end of the season. Kayaks may be rented from the Rivermouth Campground office.



### **Paddlesports**

The Tahquamenon River offers 17 miles of canoeing from the Lower Falls to the Rivermouth area. Launching points are available both at the Lower Falls and at Rivermouth. More adventurous paddlers can experience the shallow waters of Whitefish Bay to explore the Lake Superior shoreline.



### **Cross Country Ski**

The park has four miles of regularly groomed ski trails and is also open to backcountry skiing. See Hiking and Cross Country Ski Trail map below.



### **Boat Launch**

An improved boat launch is located at the Rivermouth area; concrete launch ramp and paved parking is available.



### **Picnic Area**

The picnic areas are equipped with tables and grills. A shelter at the Lower Falls can be reserved up to one year in advance



### **Playground**

Each campground has a play area for children with a variety of equipment.



### **Concession/ Store**

Park concession is available at the Lower Falls with souvenirs and limited menu items. The Upper Falls has a privately-owned brew pub and gift shop, which are adjacent to the park property.



### **Geocaching**

Caches are within the park and maintained by members of the geocaching community. Interpretive programs also incorporate geocaching elements into activities.



### **Nature Programs and Interpretation**

Interpretation is an integral part of the visitor experience at Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Guided tours, snowshoe hikes, lantern-lit winter trails, summer nature programs and a staffed informational center all enhance visitor experiences and create a connection between the visitor and the park.

## A.9 NATURAL RESOURCES

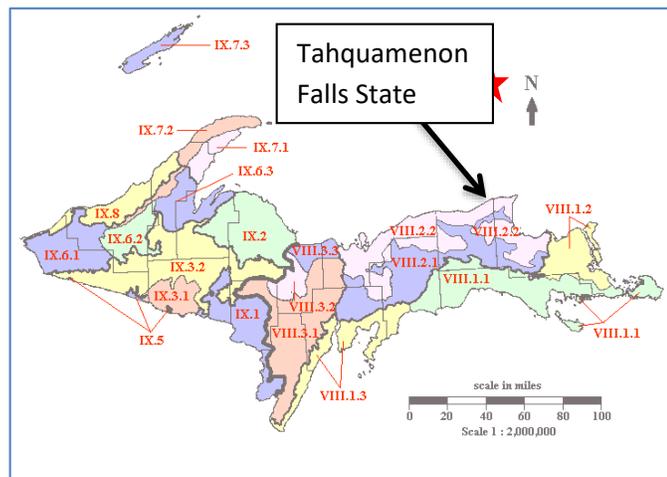
### Landscape Context

The vast Tahquamenon Falls State Park protects a complex of natural communities, many of exemplary quality, that function and interact at a landscape scale. Functioning exemplary landscapes ecosystem are very rare in Michigan.

A regional landscape ecosystem classification has been developed for Michigan, which distinguishes major landscapes based on macroclimate, physiography, soil and vegetation. The majority of Tahquamenon Falls State Park is located within Sub-section VIII.2.2, known as the Grand Marais Sandy End Morain and Outwash. This region includes glacial end moraine, pitted outwash, and an extensive complex of sand ridges alternating with lowland swales. Much of Tahquamenon is made of peatlands which are the result of paludification or swamping of the landscape. Portions of Tahquamenon also fall in the Sub-section VIII.2.1, Seney Sand Lake Plain. Other portions of Tahquamenon falls include dune ridge-swale and mesic forest.

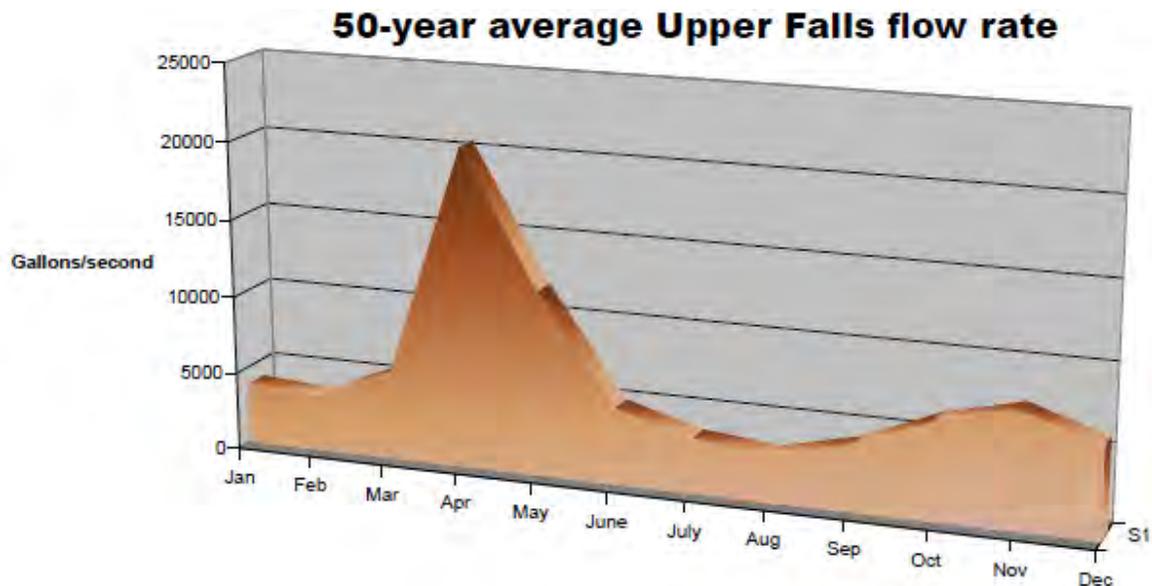
### Water Resources

The prominent water features of the park are the Tahquamenon River, Lake Superior, Betsy Lake (1,376 acres), Sheephead Lake (490 acres), Clark Lake (144 acres), Camp 10 Lakes and the Water Tank Lakes. The inland lakes within the park are free from any development and most are isolated from vehicular access.



*Source: Regional Landscape Ecosystems of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, A Working Map and Classification. Dennis Albert. September 20, 1995.*

Rising from springs north of McMillan, the Tahquamenon River drains the watershed of an area of more than 790 square miles. From its source, it meanders 94 miles before emptying into Whitefish Bay. The amber color of the water is caused by tannins leached from the Cedar, Spruce and Hemlock in the swamps drained by the river. The extremely soft water churned by the action of the falls causes the large amounts of foam, which has been the trademark of the Tahquamenon since the days of the voyager.



The amount of water flowing over the Upper Falls is completely dependent on the amount of precipitation received within the 800-square-mile watershed. This often coincides with the seasons, and provides a unique viewing opportunity with every visit. As the graph illustrates, April is often the best time to catch the maximum flow rate. The river is approximately 24 miles long within the park.

### **Topography**

Topography within the park rises from a low elevation of 605 feet above sea level along the Lake Superior shoreline to a high elevation of 940 feet above sea level between the upper and lower falls, a difference of +/-335 feet. Typical river downcutting and meandering has created a steep river shoreline below the Upper Falls to within 5 miles of the river mouth. Above the Upper Falls, the river shoreline is flat with intermittent swamp areas.

### **Soils**

Soils within the park area are very varied and include areas of peat, muck, sandy loam, with few suitable for development. Distinguishing features of the limiting soil types are high water table, low bearing capacities, trees in the soils subject to windthrow, slow to dry out in the spring and subject to frost heave.

### **Geology and Mineral Resources**

The surface of Tahquamenon Falls State Park (TFSP) and surrounding area is covered with glacial drift of varying thickness. There is insufficient data to accurately determine the thickness of Quaternary sediment cover, but it can be greater than 200 feet in places. Surface sediments on the lowland lake and outwash plains consist of lacustrine clay, silt, sand, and gravel and peat and muck, whereas the upland ridges consist of end moraines of coarse-textured till. The coarser glacial deposits are frequently quarried across the state for sand and gravel, primarily for use in road construction and maintenance. A former sand and gravel pit is located about three miles south of Whitehouse Landing.

Bedrock underlying the glacial drift is primarily sandstone consisting of the Cambrian Munising Formation and Precambrian Jacobsville Sandstone, but subcrops of the Ordovician Au Train Formation also underlie glacial sediments in the park. Most of these units do not have a current economic use. The Jacobsville has been used as a building stone in the past in some parts of the state. The sandstones were deposited in fluvial to shallow marine environments when what is now northern Michigan was located near the equator. The sandstones form an expansive cuesta that stretches across the north-central Upper Peninsula and are well-exposed at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Glacial sediments obscure these ancient sandstones in most other areas. However, in Tahquamenon Falls State Park, the Tahquamenon River has eroded down through the glacial sediments and has exposed the rocks of the Munising Formation at the upper and lower falls.

There has been little to no oil and gas exploration in this region and no commercial production of hydrocarbons in the Upper Peninsula as a whole. A single well (a dry hole), dating to 1961, was drilled in McMillan Township, southwest of the park. There are no active State mineral leases within 20 miles of the park. A large portion of the park has severed mineral rights in private ownership. As a consequence, because the mineral estate is the dominant estate, the State has limited control over the development of these privately-owned minerals. However, mineral potential is low in this area and development of mineral resources is unlikely.

### **Pre Settlement Vegetation**

Native vegetation prior to European settlement included a variety of plant communities. Beech-sugar maple-hemlock forest (northern mesic forest) occurred on glacial end moraine. This contained northern hardwoods dominated by American beech and sugar maple, conifer dominated areas with eastern hemlock and white pine, as well as mixed forests with eastern hemlock and American beech. Upland areas supported primarily red and white pine, but also pine barrens and spruce-fir-cedar (boreal) forest. Some of the kettle depressions likely supported small, shrubby bogs. Lowland swales between the dune ridges were characterized by mixed conifer swamp, dominated in this region by black spruce and tamarack, and some northern white cedar. The muskeg or bog in the northern area of the park was much as it is today.

### **Current Vegetation**

Tahquamenon State Park can be divided broadly into three units: peatlands in the north of the park, dune-ridge swales in the center, and mesic forest south of the river.

The wetland in the northern part of the park is one of the largest northern peatlands in the Upper Peninsula. Rich conifer swamp dominates in the higher areas, transitioning to black-spruce dominated swamp in the margins of the peatlands, to open muskeg bog.

The dune ridge/swale of the central area of the park was harvested during the logging era. Much of the upland supports dry mesic northern forests of red pine-jack-pine and aspen. However, white pine in the

understory suggests these areas are succeeding back to the red pine-white pine that once dominated the area. Red oak is also common.

Mesic northern forests dominate the southern unit of the park, containing a complex mix of beech, sugar maple, yellow birch, hemlock and white pine. Of particular importance is an area of Old Growth Forest, covering approximately 1,500 acres, between the upper and lower falls.

### **Natural Communities**

Multiple occurrence of thirteen unique natural communities of exemplary quality have been identified in Tahquamenon Falls State Park. These are:

- Mesic Northern Forest
- Northern Shrub Thicket
- Sandstone Cliff
- Intermittent Wetland
- Poor Conifer Swamp
- Dry Northern Forest
- Dry-Mesic Northern Forest
- Rich Conifer Swamp
- Hardwood-Conifer Swamp
- Patterned Fen
- Musket
- Northern Wet Meadow
- Poor Fen

The complex of natural communities at Tahquamenon Falls State Park functions at a landscape scale, providing for the needs of wildlife species that require vast areas for viability.

*Sources: Inventory and Management Recommendations Tahquamenon Falls State Park's Natural Communities, Rare Plants and Rare Wildlife, Michigan Natural Features Inventory 2000*

*Summary of Natural Community Surveys of State Park and Recreation Area Lands, Michigan Natural Features Inventory 2013*

## Threatened and Endangered Species

According to the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) the following threatened and endangered species have been identified in the park.

<b>Flora: Rare Plant Species within Tahquamenon Falls State Park</b>		
<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>State Status</b>
<i>Cretaeagus douglasii</i>	Douglas’s dogwood	Special concern
<i>Rhexia virginica</i>	Meadow-beauty	Threatened
<i>Lycopodiella subappressa</i>	Northern clubmoss	Special concern
<i>Bartonia paniculata</i>	Panicled screwstem	Threatened
<i>Nuphar pumila</i>	Small yellow pond-lilly	Endangered
<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>	Alga pondweed	Special concern
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue wild-rye	Special concern
<b>Fauna: Rare Animal Species at Tahquamenon Falls State Park</b>		
<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>State Status</b>
<i>Falciennis canadensis</i>	Spruce grouse	Special concern
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald eagle	Special concern
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey	Special concern
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Merlin	Threatened
<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Northern goshawk	Special concern
<i>Picoides arcticus</i>	Black-backed woodpecker	Special concern
<i>Gavia immer</i>	Common loon	Threatened
<i>Polygona gracillis</i>	Hoary comma	Special concern
<i>Somatochlora incurvata</i>	Incurvate emerald	Special concern
<i>Williamsonia fletcheri</i>	Ebony boghaunter	Special concern
<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	Blanding’s turtle	Special concern

## Wildlife

Moose are occasionally seen feeding in the wet areas of Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Black bear, coyotes, otter, deer, fox, porcupines, beaver and mink are a few of the other wildlife which can be seen in the park. The abundant bird life includes spruce grouse, pileated woodpeckers, bald eagles and a variety of waterfowl and songbirds.

The park is home to several northern bird species including the gray jay, boreal chickadee, and black-backed woodpecker. It also is one of the state’s best known breeding sites for the palm warbler and one of the only known breeding sites for the rusty blackbird.

The area near the mouth of the Tahquamenon River has a linear marsh running inland along the wide serpentine river corridor. This sheltered habitat and the bay near the river mouth are used by waterfowl during migration, especially April and May. Gulls and terns that work the Lake Superior shallows and nest in the area are found here throughout the ice-free months.

Migrating birds following the Lake Superior shoreline, pass through the park every spring and fall. More than 300 species, including rare species, have been documented using this migration corridor. The Upper Tahquamenon Falls area offers a glimpse of Michigan's pre-settlement forests. In summer, songs of the winter wren, black-throated blue warbler, black-throated green warbler, blackburnian warbler, least flycatcher, rose-breasted grosbeak, red-eyed vireo, wood thrush, and veery fill the dense



forest. This forest is also home to barred and sawwhet owls, northern goshawk, yellow-bellied sapsucker, pileated woodpecker, brown creeper, red-breasted and white-breasted nuthatches, chimney swift, scarlet tanager, and Swainson's thrush: to name a few.

The Lower Falls area offers a variety of birding opportunities. Along the "Mainland Trail", a 3/4 mile boardwalk through a narrow conifer lowland, river edge songbirds mingle with hardwood dwellers. Summer residents include American redstart, northern water thrush, mourning warbler, red-eyed vireo, and scarlet tanager. Bald eagles fish the rapids below the falls early in the morning. In the evenings, common nighthawks swoop up emerging insects in midair. Other species common in and around the pool below the falls include the red-breasted and common mergansers, great blue heron, spotted sandpiper, belted kingfisher, osprey, and northern rough-winged swallow.

## **Fisheries**

The Tahquamenon River provides anglers various types of fisheries within the park boundaries. Between the Upper and Lower Falls, brown trout are stocked annually which offer anglers a unique experience that is typically found in Western mountain states with cascading riffles and pockets of deep-water eddy's all situated in an aesthetically isolated location. Walleye are stocked downstream from the Lower Falls and provide a year-round fishery in the lower river. Walleye, Muskellunge, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, and Yellow Perch can be found year-round in the river and are targeted specifically in the spring time when fish congregate below the Lower Falls. Many anglers seeking these fish will launch from the Rivermouth Campground boat ramp and motor upstream just below the Lower Falls.

Betsy, Clark, and Sheephead lakes start the headwaters of the Betsy River and all provide remote access fisheries for use by carry-in anglers during the open water months. Ice fishing is popular on these waterbodies as well for Northern Pike and Yellow Perch.

*Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, "Birding within the Tahquamenon Falls State Park"*

## A.10 HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

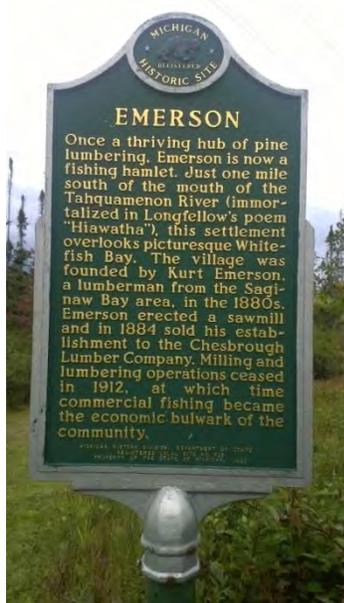
Throughout Tahquamenon Falls State Park, remnants of the logging era are visible. Both the Upper and Lower Falls show scars left by the river jacks of the 1890's. The scar on the Upper Falls is in the form of a vee, cut into the lip of the falls just south of the center. It is said that lumbermen dynamited the vee when logs jammed on the brink of the falls.

The Lower Falls shows evidence of the logging era in the form of steel pipes driven into the sandstone spanning the river and connecting to the island. These were apparently intended to block the western channel during log drives.

Historically, the Rivermouth was the collection point for logs harvested during the late 1800s that were sent down the Tahquamenon River. These logs were held within large booms, then separated using identifying logging marks before being sent further downriver to the sawmill at Emerson. The southern channel around Marsh Island was originally excavated to allow passage around the booms during spring drives. Remnants of the logging era can still be seen today. Logs with perfectly straight cut ends stick out of the Tahquamenon River during low water, and occasionally wash up on the shore of Whitefish Bay. Visitors walking the shoreline may come across these logs, and a few even have visible logging marks.



*This log, washed up on the shore of Whitefish Bay, still has a visible "P" logging mark*



There are no known sites within the park that are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. However, the townsite of Emerson, once a thriving hub of pine lumbering, is listed as a Michigan Historic Site. According to R. Dodge in [Michigan Ghost Towns](#), the town was in existence from 1882 until 1939.

There are 35 known archeological sites at Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

SITE #	SITE NAME
20CH8	Prehistoric Indian Village
20CH33	Rivermouth Campground Site
20CH37	Tahquamenon River 1 Site
20CH38	Tahquamenon River 2 Site
20CH39	Tahquamenon River 3 Site
20CH40	Tahquamenon River 4 Site
20CH41	Tahquamenon Falls (Lower Falls) Site
20CH115	Soo Machine Club Site
20LC4	Upper Falls Site
20CH317	Fire Tower Site
20CH318	Bond Cabin Site
20CH319	Clearing Site
20CH320	Old Soo Machine Club
20CH321	Cabin Lake Site
20CH322	Whitehouse Landing Site
20CH323	Emerson Town Site
20CH324	Emerson Boom House Site
20CH325	Logging Camp 1
20CH36	Logging Camp 2
20CH37	Logging Camp 3
20CH38	Logging Camp 4
20CH326	Logging Camp 5

SITE #	SITE NAME
20CH327	Logging Camp 6
20CH328	Logging Camp 7
20CH329	Logging Camp 8
20CH330	Logging Camp 9
20CH331	Logging Camp 10
20CH332	Logging Camp 11a
20CH333	Logging Camp 11b (Big Camp)
20CH334	Logging Camp 12
20CH335	Sewage Lagoon (Prehistoric Village)
20CH336	Dam Site
20CH337	Lower Falls Portage Trail
20CH338	Houghton's Indian Fields
20CH485	Horse-drawn wagon

## A.11 EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

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Tahquamenon Falls State Park offers year-round events and programming led by a full time park interpreter. The Upper Falls Fact Shack serves as the main interpretive center with staff available seven days a week June-Labor Day to answer questions and provide daily tours of the Upper Falls. The Fact Shack features a wolf exhibit and interactive hands-on displays that change daily, along with trail maps, park guides, and information about key places to visit. Groups visiting the park, such as scouts, religious organizations, outdoor clubs and schools, can schedule a personal program to suit their needs. Tahquamenon Falls State Park also offers free guided tours for motor coach groups of the Upper Falls when scheduled in advance.

Some examples of the events and programs offered at the park are described below.

### Special Events

Interpretive staff plays a role in creating, marketing and implementing special events at Tahquamenon Falls. Main special events include the Lantern-lit Winter Trail, Hike Between Da Falls and Harvest Festival. Some events are run by outside organizations, such as the trail runs and canoe race, and the interpretive staff creates flyers and provides marketing for those events.



*Tahqua Trail Run participants.*



*Dog sled rides are offered in the winter.*

### Interpretive Programs

Interpretation is an integral part of the visitor experience at Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Guided tours, snowshoe hikes, lantern-lit winter trails, summer nature programs, and a staffed informational center all enhance visitor experiences and create a connection between the visitor and the park. These connections can eventually turn a visitor into a steward and park advocate.

Each year interpretive staff presents over 200 programs. Scheduled nature programs primarily take place during the summer when visitation is high. Examples of program topics include archery, Michigan wolves, survival, wildflowers and astronomy. An increased demand for winter programming has led to weekend guided hikes and snowshoe rental. Winter camping numbers have also increased, as more groups seem to be interested in trying out winter camping. These groups also request interpretive snowshoe hikes.



*Junior Naturalist programs take place in the campgrounds.*

### **Fact Shack**

The Upper Falls Fact Shack serves as the visitor center for the park, featuring wildlife displays, park maps and information for visitors to plan their trip. The Fact Shack is staffed daily mid-June through Labor Day, and weekends during September. Over 50,000 people stop by the Fact Shack during the summer season and at least 120 Upper Falls Guided Tours meet at the Fact Shack each year. During the winter months, the Fact Shack serves as a welcome area for snowshoers, cross country skiers and snowmobilers. Every Saturday in February the park interpreter offers free snowshoe rental, guided snowshoe hikes, bonfire and refreshments at the Upper Falls Fact Shack. There is also a lantern-lit trail that begins and ends at the Fact Shack.



*Wolf/coyote display at the Fact Shack.*



*The Fact Shack at the Upper Falls.*

### **Wayside Interpretation**

Graphic displays and wayside exhibits are strategically placed throughout Tahquamenon Falls State Park. The park interpreter is responsible for writing, designing and maintaining these exhibits. Wayside interpretation is an effective means to engage and inform visitors about park history, local wildlife and DNR messages. It is also a useful tool to gain understanding and compliance regarding park rules and regulations.

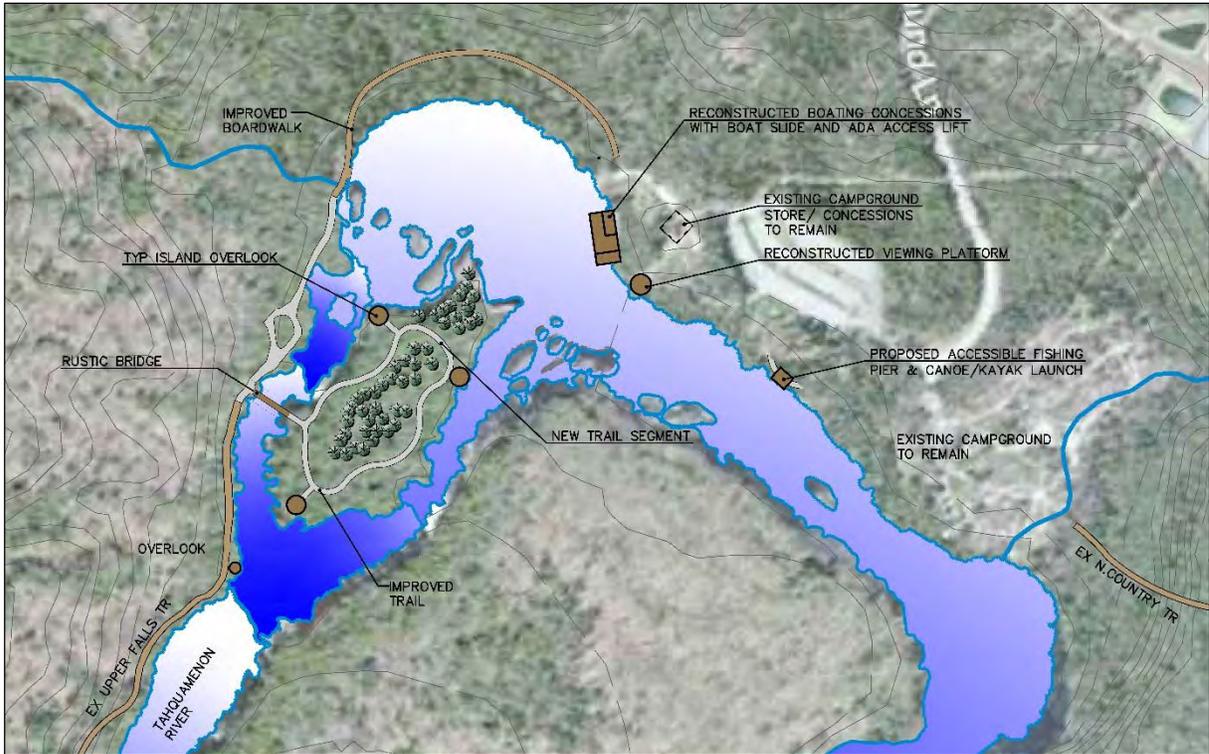
## **A.12 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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A number of capital improvement projects have been identified that are necessary to replace aging infrastructure and facilitate management at Tahquamenon Falls State Park. These include replacement of the Lower Falls concession, store and visitor area bathrooms with contemporary barrier free structures; replacing or upgrading the wells at the Upper Falls; and the development of a Rivermouth maintenance building and employee bathrooms. Projects such as these are prioritized by PRD District each year and funds allocated as available. In 2015, the priority identified projects at Tahquamenon Falls State Park have an estimated cost of close to \$8 million.

One major project that is currently in the design phase is the redevelopment of the boat concession and waterfall viewing area at the Lower Falls day use area. The expansive waterfall viewing area and popular row boat rental concession that provides self-guided access to the island, are two of the primary visitor experiences at this location. The retaining wall at the main visitor viewing area has been slumping and pulling away from the asphalt upper viewing platform and creating voids in the walking surface. In addition, the boat concession area and pedestrian access has aged to a point where much of the associated infrastructure is beyond simple operational repair or replacement and is putting the visiting public at risk. The row boat rental, island take out point, and island walkways are not currently barrier free.

DNR PRD has completed a study and is in the process of developing preliminary designs for the above referenced work to identify desired solutions. This effort includes assessing the existing retaining wall and viewing platform for options of repair or replacement, as well as identifying improvements to the row boat concession and island access. There is a desire to consider this unique visitor service facility for alternatives for accessing the island that will provide improved visitor experiences, barrier free access and universal design, lower cost infrastructure investment, reduced operational maintenance and increased infrastructure longevity. The Tahquamenon River is a proposed federally designated Wild and Scenic River and as such is subject to the federal criteria, review and approval on any alterations or changes along the river.



*Proposed Lower Falls Improvements – Prepared by Northwest Design Group*

### A.13 PARK USE STATISTICS

Tahquamenon Falls State Park is one of the top tourist attractions in the Upper Peninsula, attracting over 478,665 day use visitors per year and over 100,000 campers. Camping numbers are recorded in the reservation system. Day use visitor numbers are estimated based on car counts throughout the year and using multipliers for the number of occupants.

Tahquamenon Attendance			
Year	Day Use Visitors	Camp Nights	Total Attendance
2013	369,147	21,207	483,436
2012	366,196	21,242	481,355
2011	328,124	20,526	438,243
2010	327,216	21,187	466,579
2009	293,220	16,972	411,762
2008	293,220	18,450	394,509
2007	229,022	19,624	337,860
2006	253,679	17,748	351,779
2005	303,250	20,215	416,848

Tahquamenon Falls State Park gross camping revenue for all sales channels from 10/2/2012 to 9/30/2013 is over \$500,000, which ranks 21<sup>st</sup> in the state park system. In 2014, the park sold 17,000 non-resident recreation passports.

Call Center	Field	Internet	Gross Revenue
\$92,642.00	\$153,049.00	\$290,000.00	\$535,691.00

#### Uses by Season

##### Day-Use

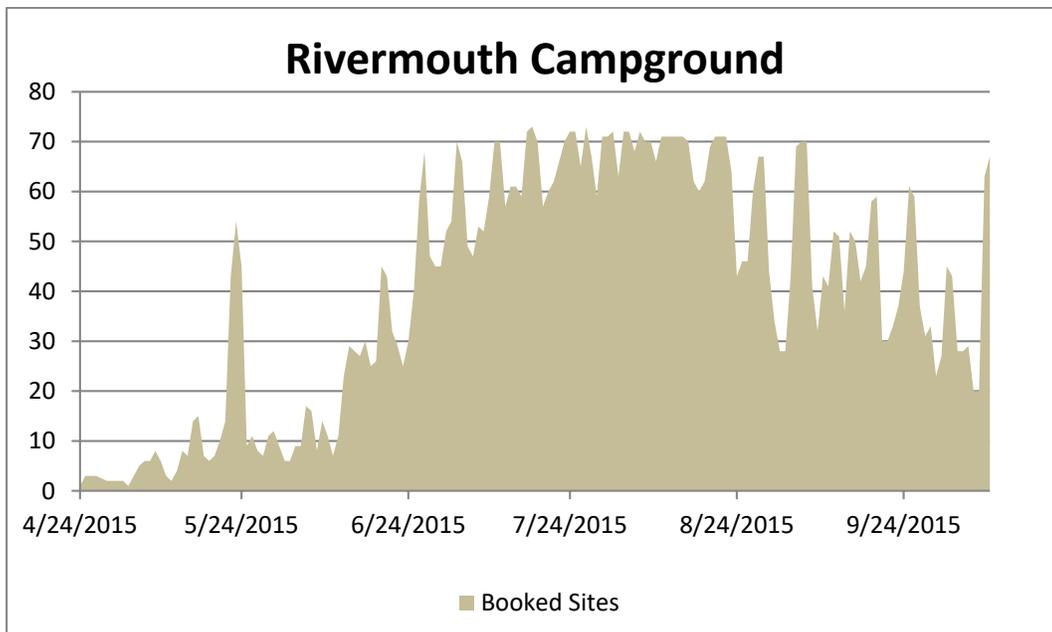
- Summer- The busiest season at the park. Summer usage makes up about 63% of the year's day uses.
- Fall- The second busiest season at Tahquamenon likely to do with the scenic fall color views at the park. Usage in the fall makes up about 25% of the year's day users. Some of the park's busiest days of the year occur in October.
- Winter- Winter use in the park makes up about 6% of all day usage.
- Spring- The months of April and May see about 5% of all day usage in the park.

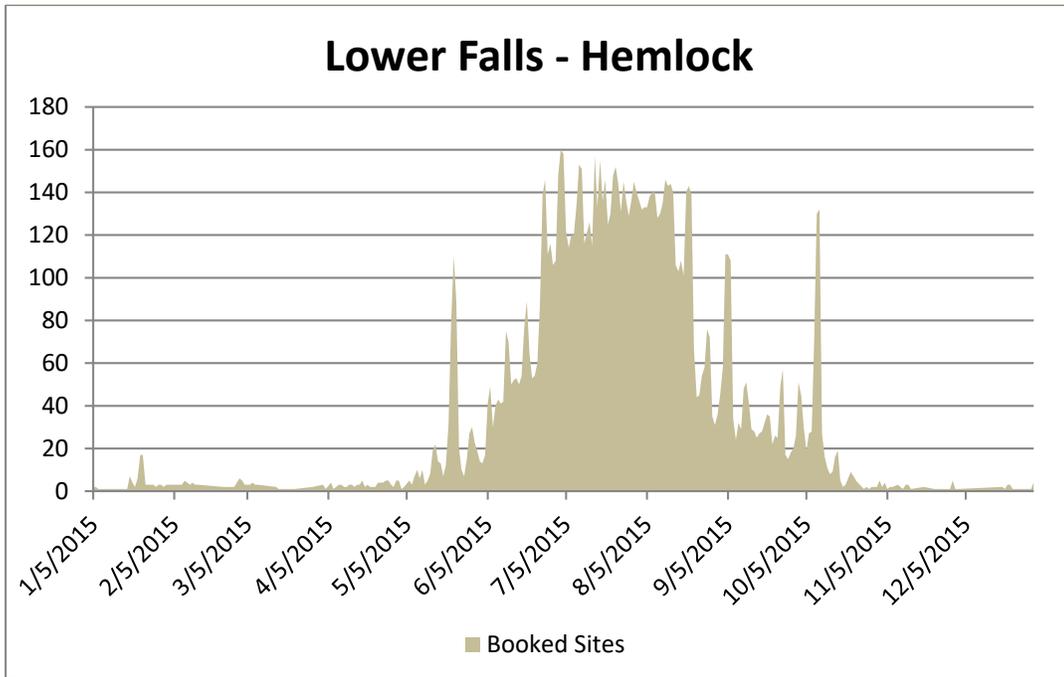
Camping-use

- Summer-This busy season makes up about 72% of all camping uses for the year.
- Fall- Still the second busiest season with 24% of camping uses.
- Winter- Winter camping makes up only 0.6% of all camping uses.
- Spring- This season makes up about 3% of all camping uses for the year.

Tahquamenon Falls draws the majority of its campers from the southern half of the Lower Peninsula, as well as northern cities such as Traverse City and Petoskey.

TAHQAMENON FALLS STATE PARK top 10 cities by camping reservation		
City & State	Reservations	Number of Nights
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	223	556
TRAVERSE CITY, MI	173	420
ANN ARBOR, MI	125	228
KALAMAZOO, MI	95	201
LANSING, MI	89	196
MIDLAND, MI	69	154
PETOSKEY, MI	67	185
LIVONIA, MI	62	160
ROYAL OAK, MI	61	153
HOLLAND, MI	60	135
SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MI	60	168





#### **A.14 RESOURCE MAPS**

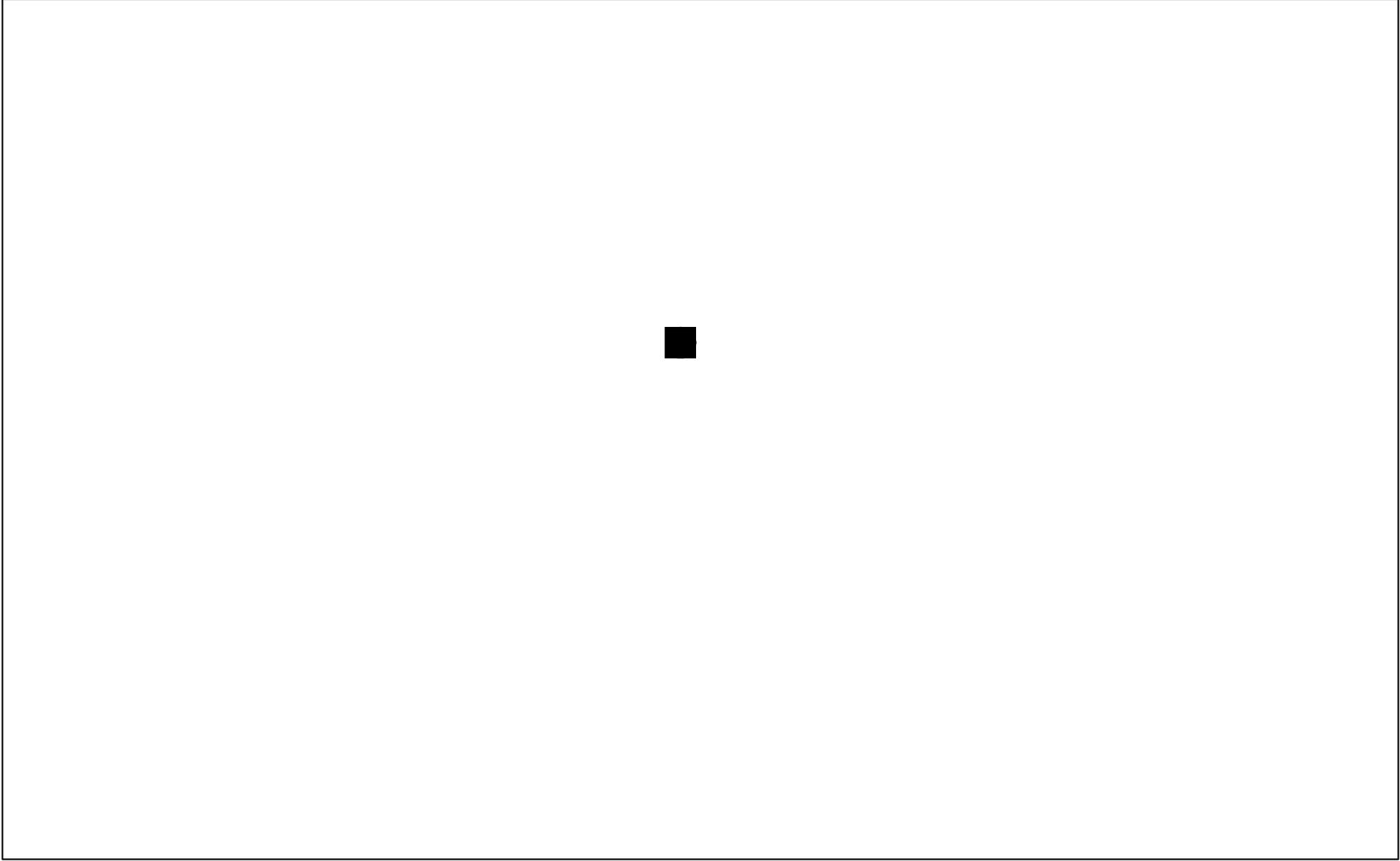
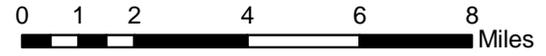
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- Locator Map
- Aerial Boundary
- Unit Map
- 2004 Project Boundary
- Land Cover (1800s)
- Land Cover (2011)
- Elevation
- Wetland Inventory
- Natural Area
- NRC Natural Areas
- Ownership
- Easements
- Fund Source
- Regional Recreation Opportunities

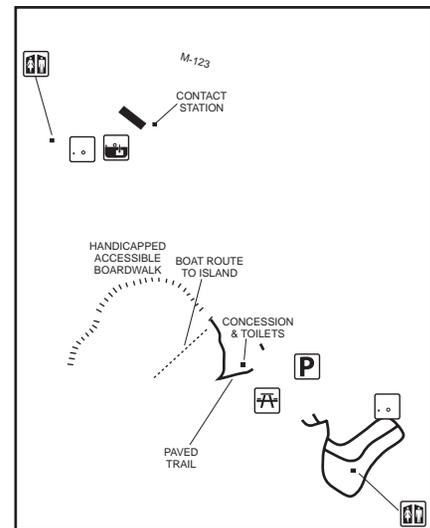
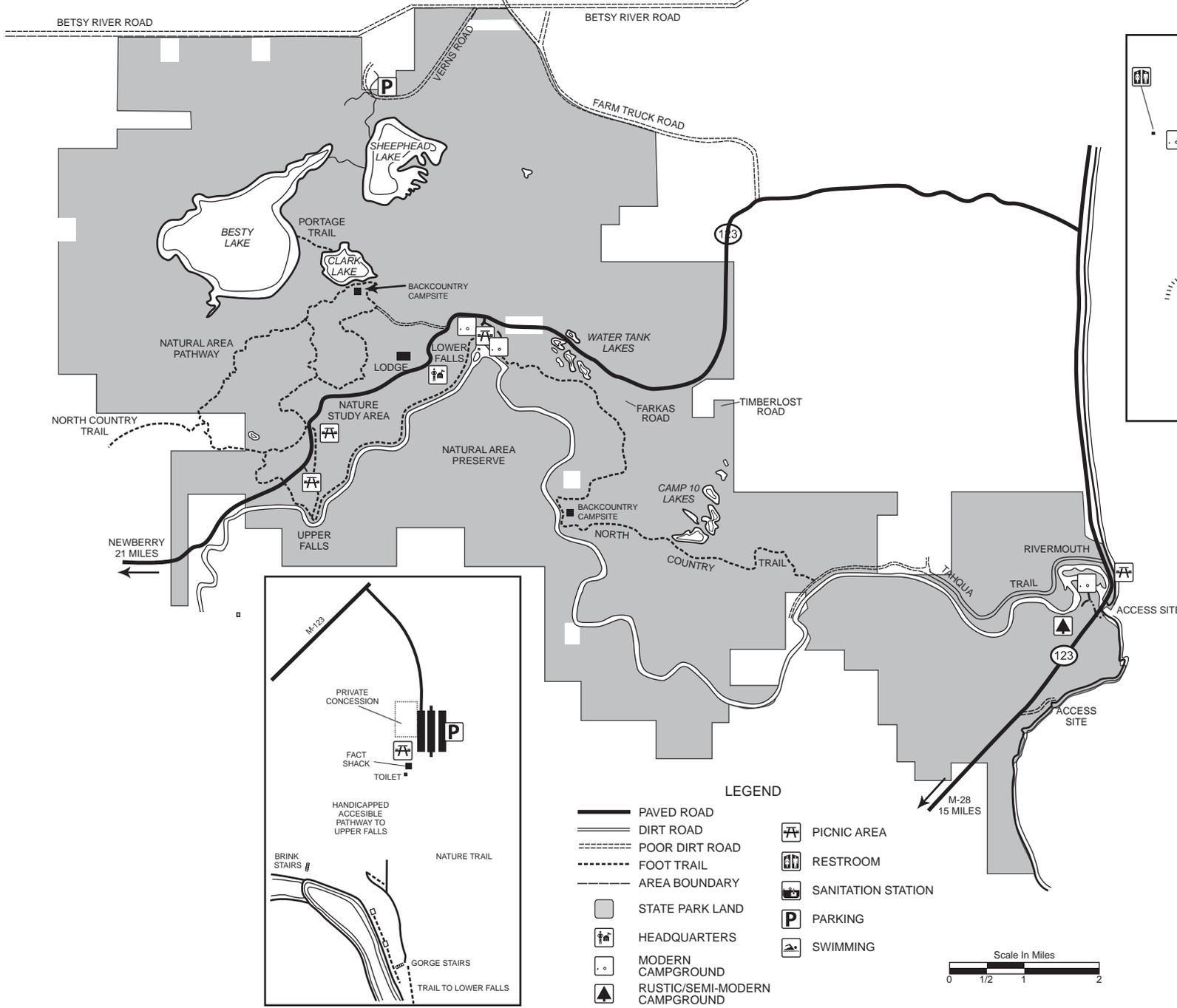
Legend

- Highway
- Roads
- Communities
- Tahquamenon Falls State Park

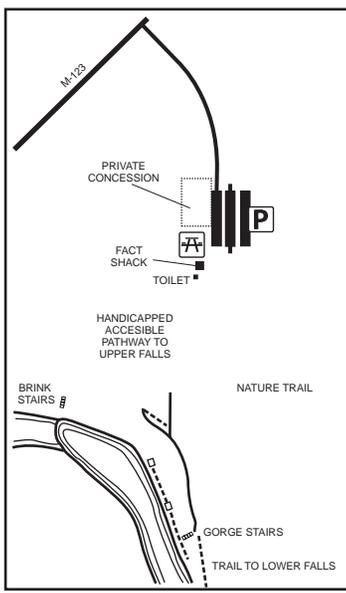
# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Aerial Boundary



# Tahquamenon Falls State Park



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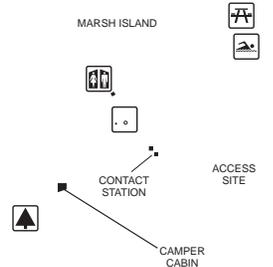
UPPER FALLS

## LEGEND

- PAVED ROAD
- DIRT ROAD
- POOR DIRT ROAD
- FOOT TRAIL
- AREA BOUNDARY
- STATE PARK LAND
- HEADQUARTERS
- MODERN CAMPGROUND
- RUSTIC/SEMI-MODERN CAMPGROUND
- PICNIC AREA
- RESTROOM
- SANITATION STATION
- PARKING
- SWIMMING



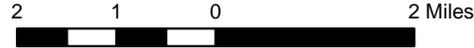
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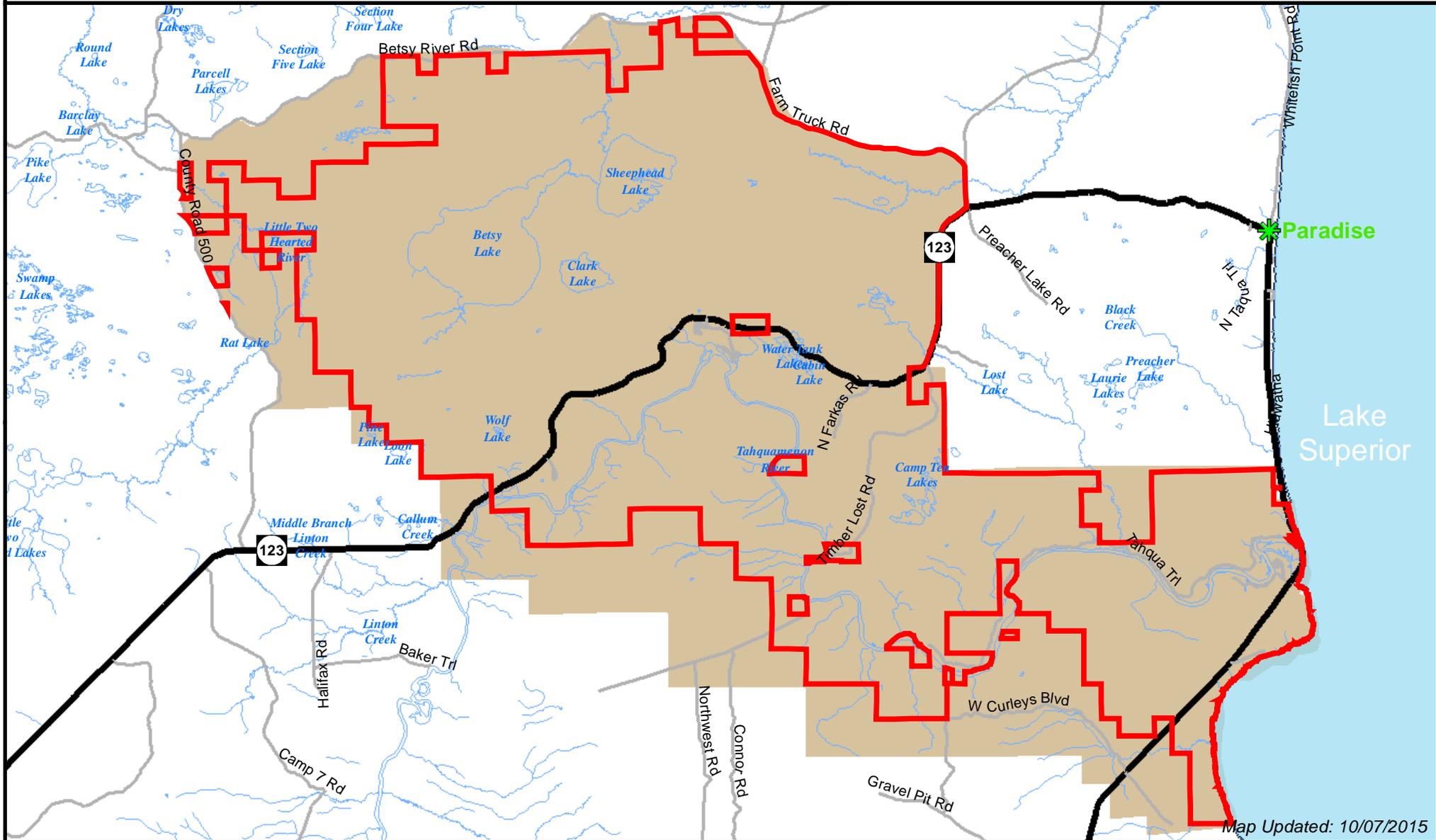
# Tahquamenon Falls State Park 2004 Project Boundary

## Legend

-  Highway
-  Roads
-  Communities
-  Park Boundary
-  \*2004 Project Boundary (NRC Approved)



\*A project boundary is a geographic area in which the DNR is seeking to acquire property that supports the mission of the DNR on a willing buyer/seller basis

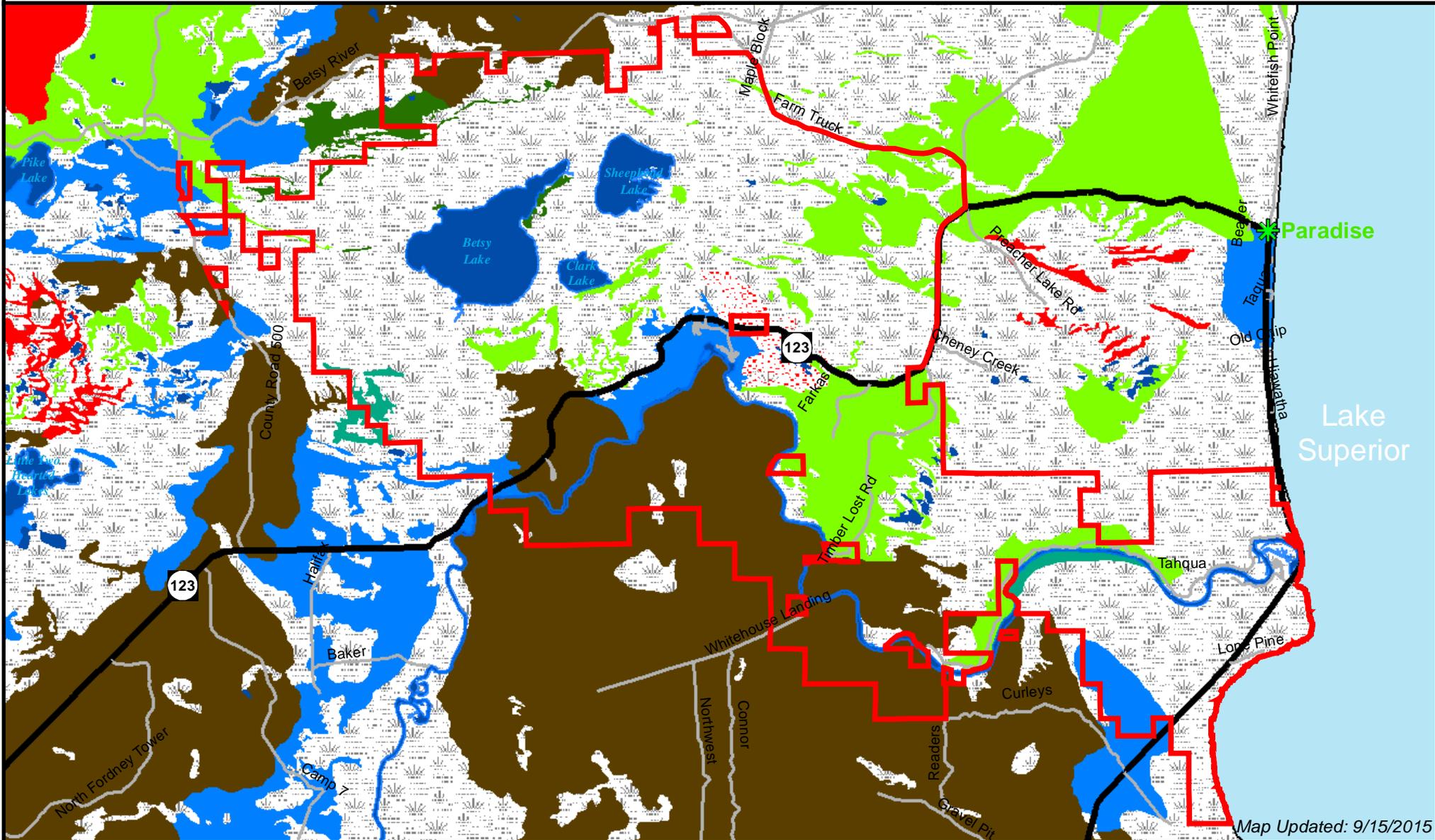


# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Land Cover (1800s)



## Legend

- Highway
- Roads
- Communities
- Park Boundary
- Northern Hardwoods
- W Pine/Beech/R Maple; W Pine/W Oak; White Pine
- Aspen/W Birch
- Hemlock
- R Pine/J Pine; R Pine/Oak; R Pine/W Pine; Red Pine
- Jack Pine
- Oak/Pine Barrens
- Wetland
- Water



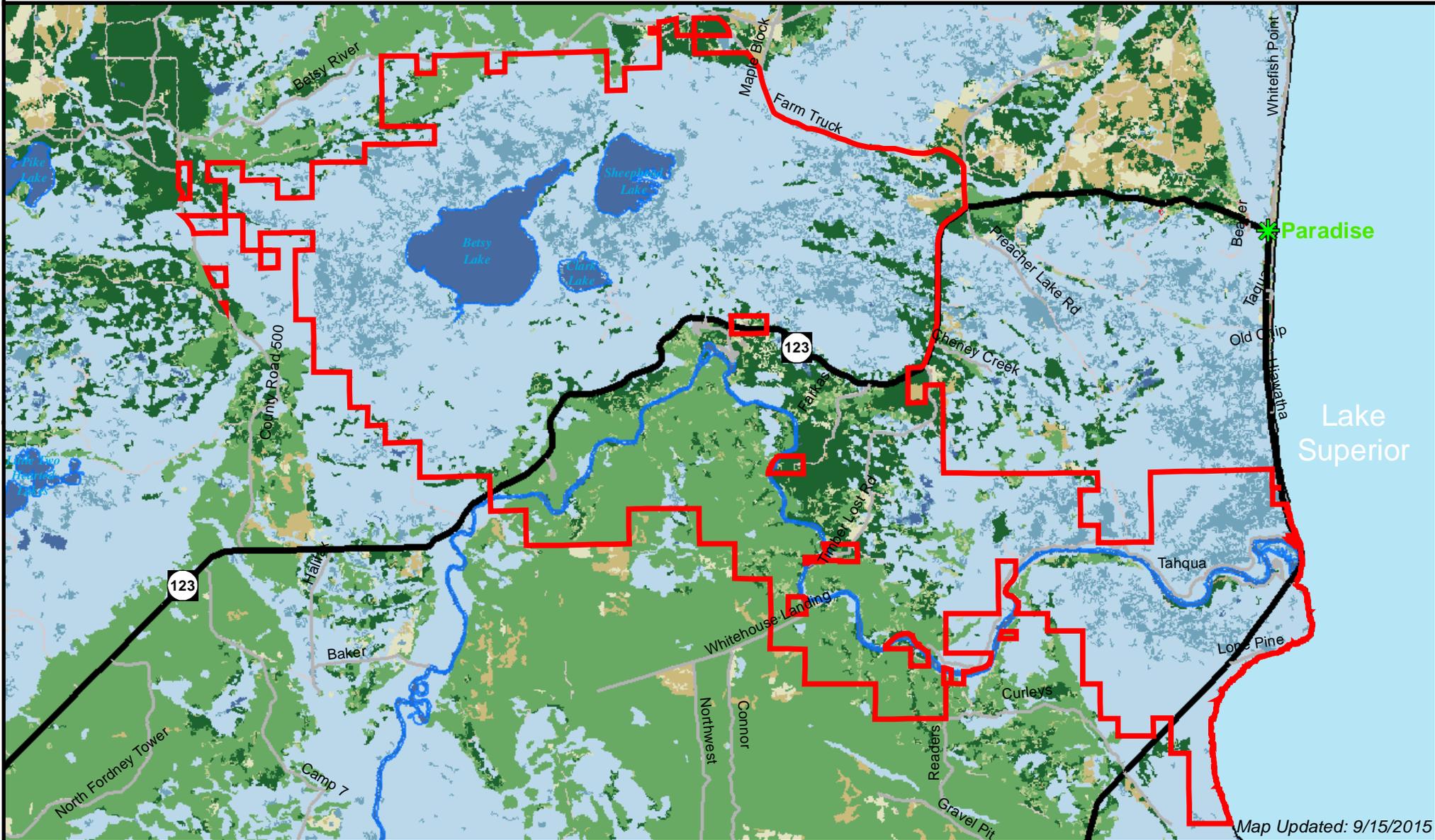
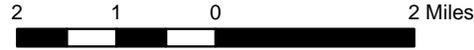
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# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Land Cover (2011)



## Legend

- |               |                             |                              |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Highway       | Open Water                  | Coniferous Forest            |
| Roads         | Developed, Open Space       | Mixed Forest                 |
| Communities   | Developed, Low Intensity    | Shrub/Scrub                  |
| Park Boundary | Developed, Medium Intensity | Herbaceous                   |
|               | Developed, High Intensity   | Woody Wetlands               |
|               | Barren Land                 | Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands |
|               | Deciduous Forest            |                              |



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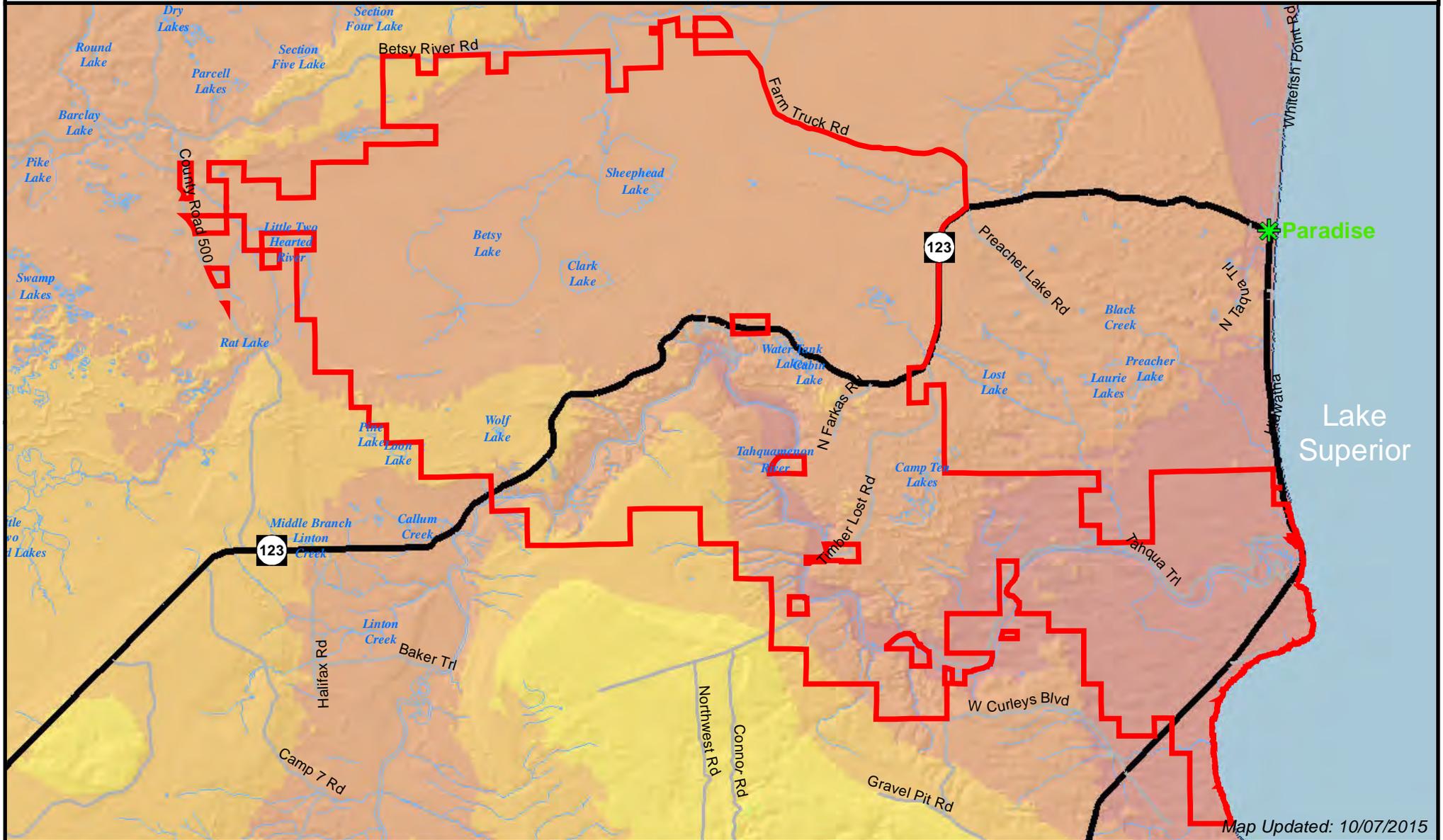
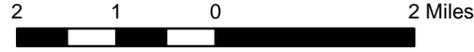
- Highway
  - Roads
  - Communities
  - Park Boundary
- Elevation (Ft)
- 466 - 646
  - 647 - 751
  - 752 - 860
  - 861 - 974
  - 975 - 1,106

# Tahquamenon Falls State Park

## Elevation



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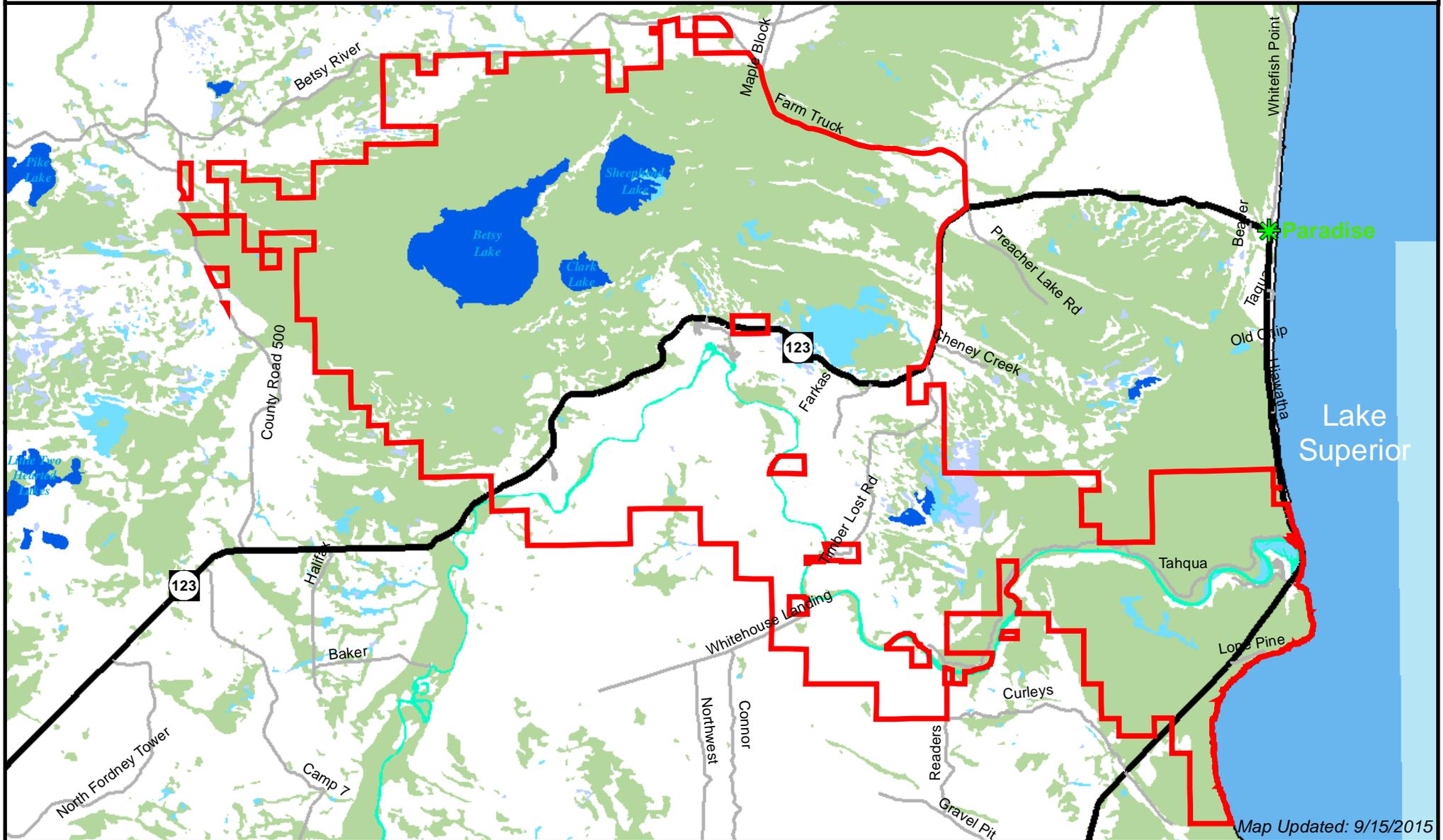
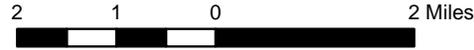


# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Wetland Inventory



## Legend

-  Highway
-  Roads
-  Communities
-  Park Boundary
-  Freshwater Emergent Wetland Freshwater
-  Forested/Shrub
-  Wetland Freshwater Pond
-  Lake
-  Riverine



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# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Natural Areas



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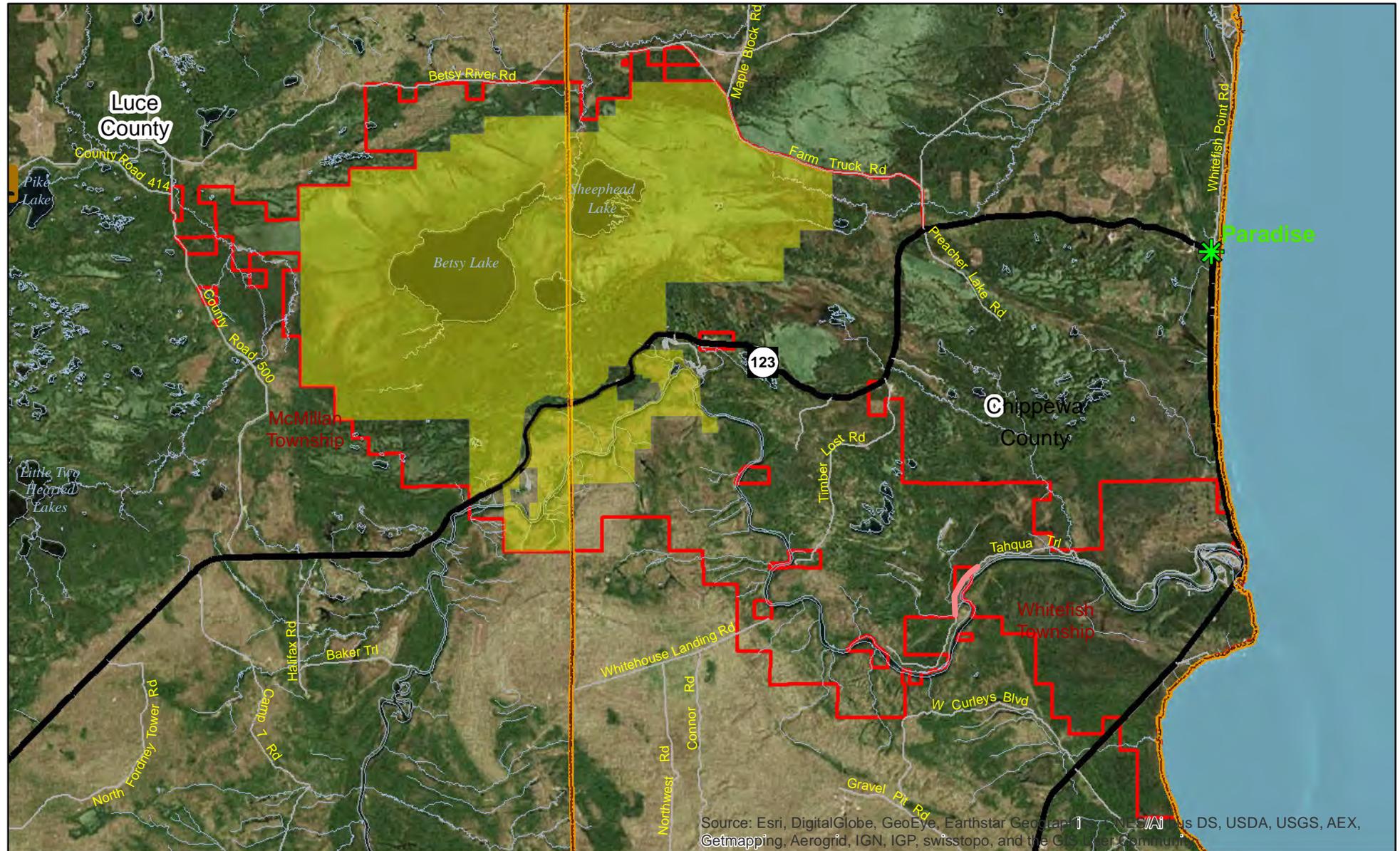
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## Legend

-  PNA (Proposed Natural Area)
-  Tahquamenon Falls State Park



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# Tahquamenon Falls State Park

## NRC Natural Areas



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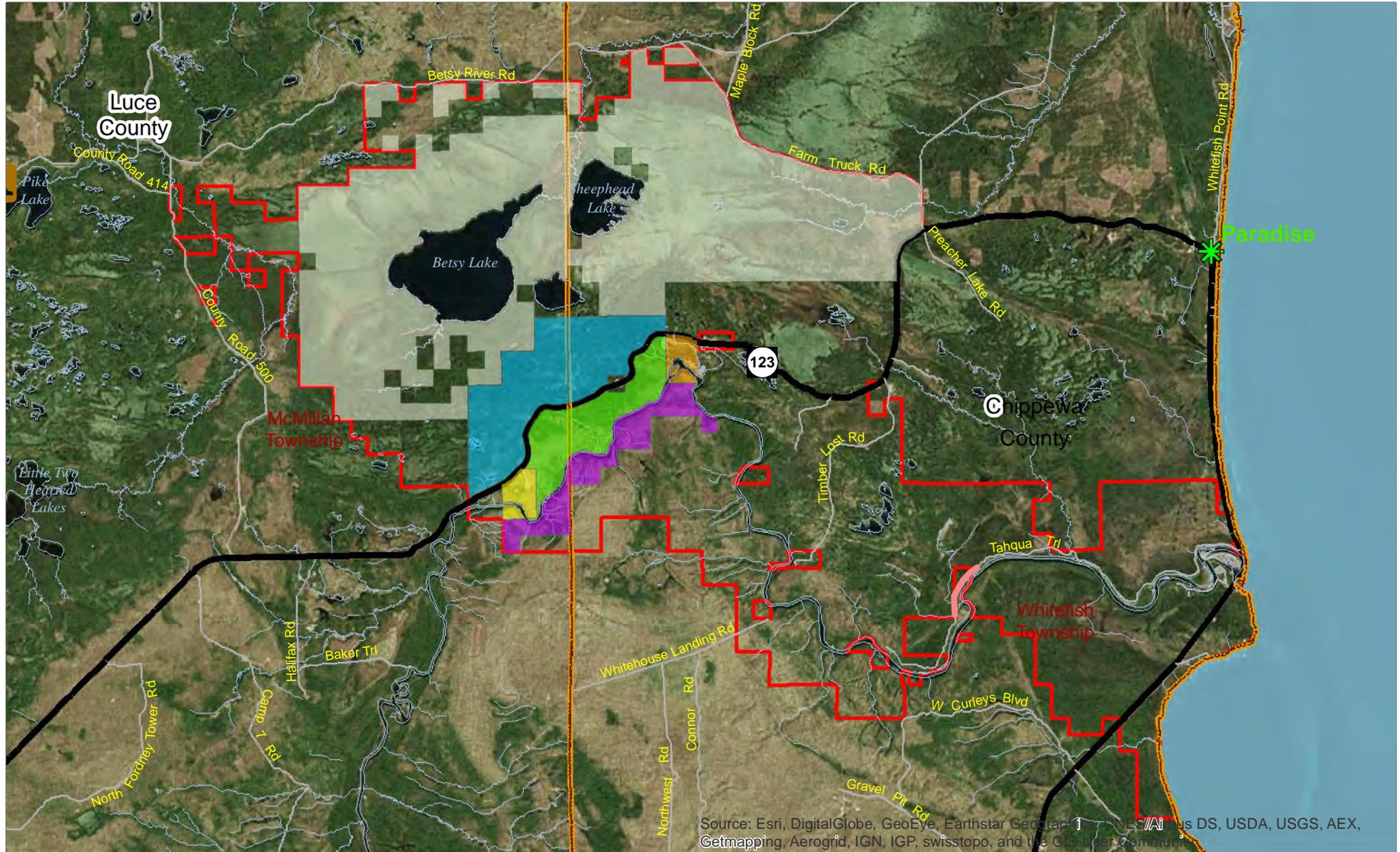
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### Legend

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|---|--|
| Designated Natural Areas  |  Old Trail Natural Area Preserve  |
|  Betsy Lake Natural Area Preserve |  South Side Natural Area Preserve |
|  Between Falls Nature Study Area  |  Upper Falls Scenic Site          |
|  Lower Falls Scenic Site          |  Tahquamenon Falls State Park     |

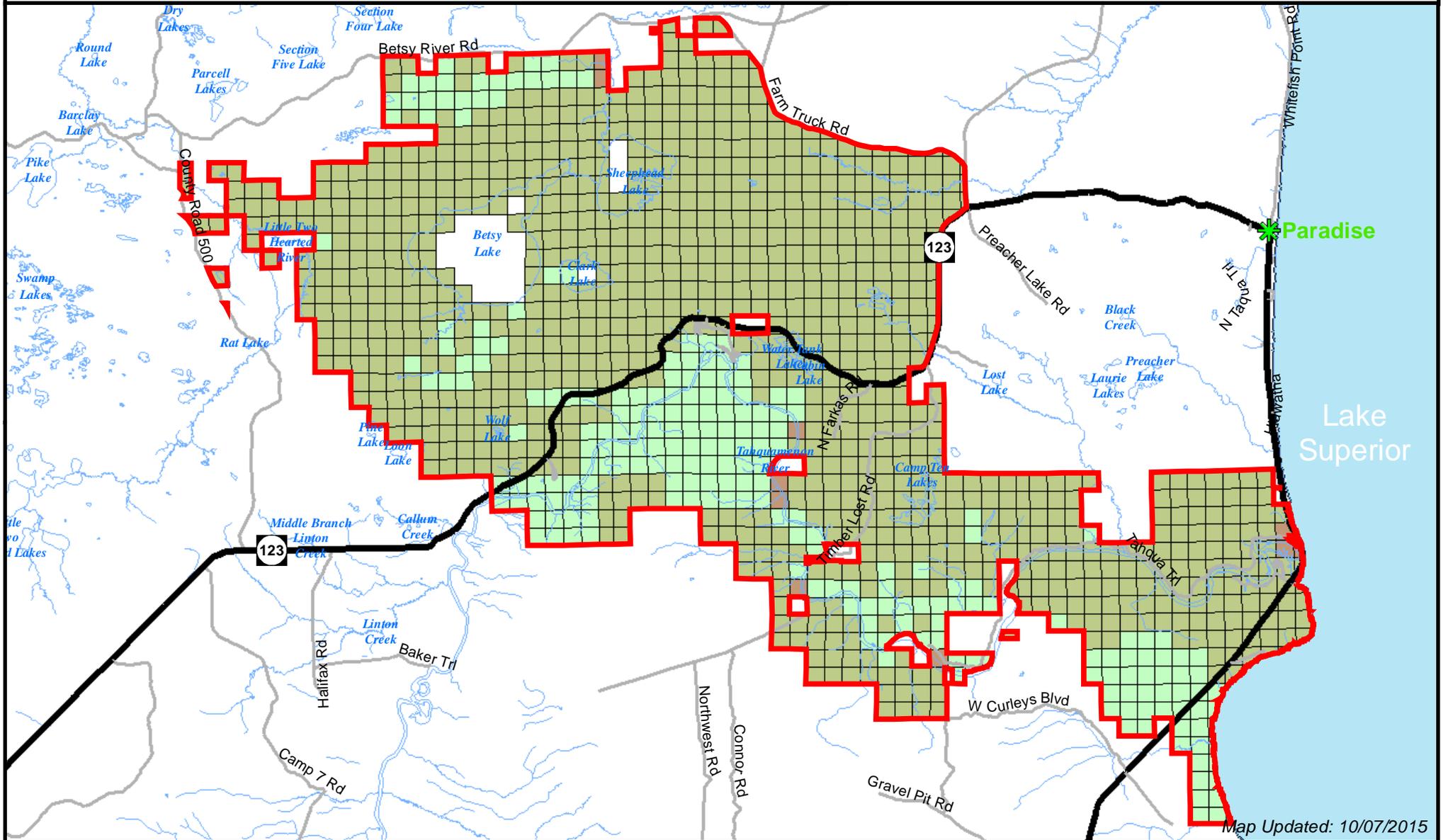


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# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Ownership

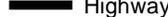
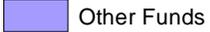
## Legend

-  Highway
-  Roads
-  Communities
-  Park Boundary
-  Surface
-  Mineral and Surface
-  Mixed Ownership
-  Other Rights





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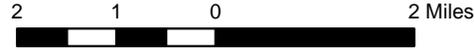
-  Highway
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-  State Game Fund
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# Tahquamenon Falls State Park

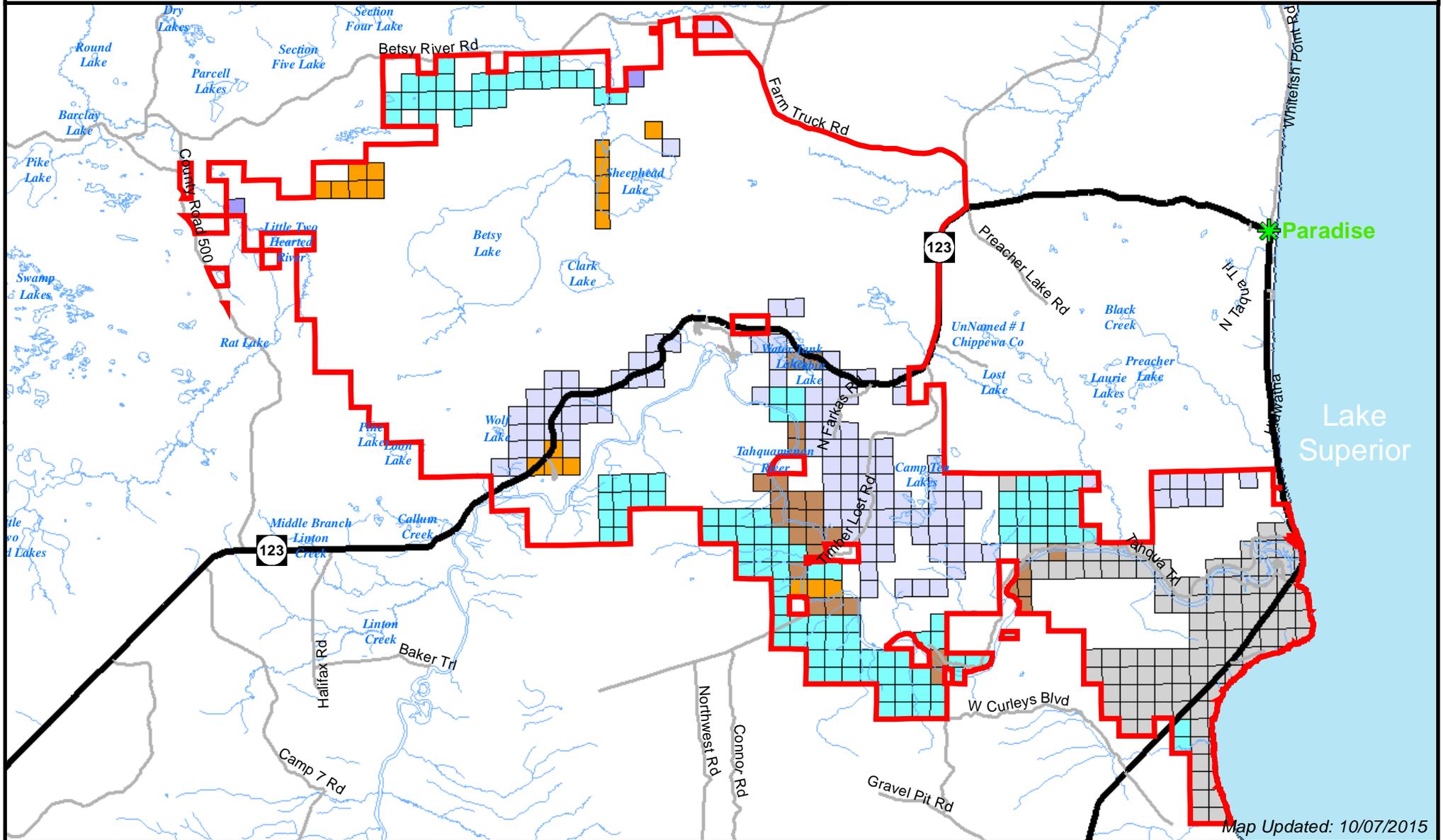
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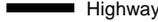
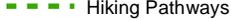
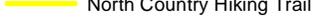
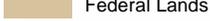
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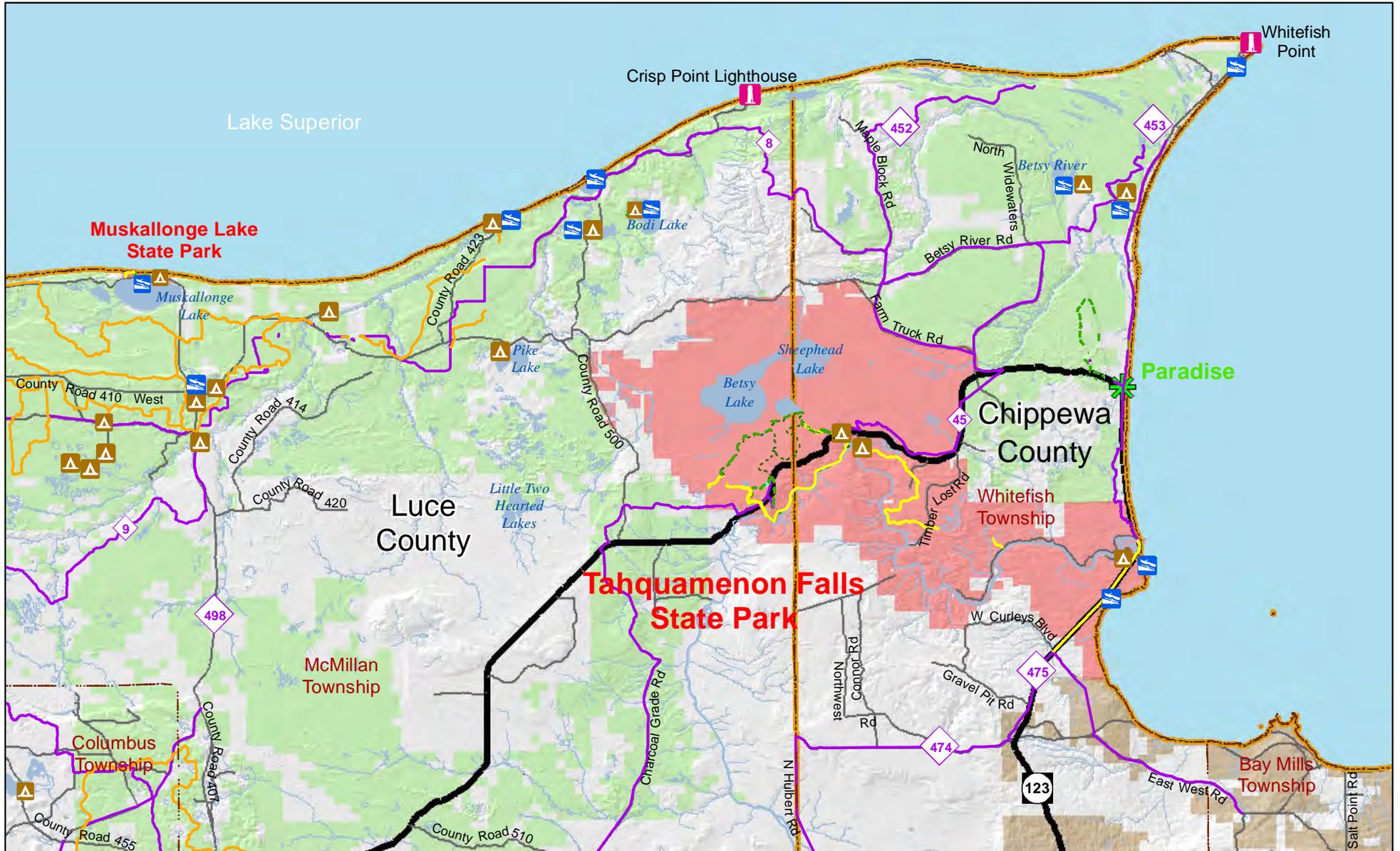
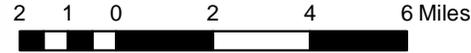
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Legend

-  Highway
-  Roads
-  Hiking Pathways
-  North Country Hiking Trail
-  ATV Trails
-  Snowmobile Trails
-  Communities
-  Boat Access Sites
-  State Forest Campgrounds
-  State Parks
-  State Forests
-  Federal Lands

# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Regional Recreational Opportunities



# Appendix B – Public & Tribal Input Summary

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the Tahquamenon Falls State Park Planning Team ensured a variety of opportunities for public input and feedback. The process could be followed and comments posted at the Tahquamenon Falls State Park Website:

## **Overview of Public Input Opportunities**

**Stakeholder Input Meeting (October 22, 2015)** – located at the LMAS District Health Department. Stakeholders had the opportunity to learn about the General Management Planning process and provide input regarding their concerns, vision of the park, how they could contribute to make their vision possible. Over 50 stakeholders were invited to the open house; 17 stakeholders attended.

**General Management Plan Tribal Outreach** – As part of the DNR’s outreach efforts, a letter was sent to the Federally recognized Tribal Governments in the region, informing them of the management planning efforts and inviting them to meet with representatives of the DNR to discuss any issues or concerns they may have relating to Tahquamenon Falls State Park. A copy of the letter follows, as well as all received responses.

The letter was sent to the following Tribes:

- Bay Mills Indian Community, Brimley, Michigan
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Suttons Bay, Michigan
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Manistee, Michigan
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

**Public Input Meeting (May 18, 2016)** – located at the Whitefish Township Community Center. Members of the public are invited to learn about the General Management Planning process and comment on the Statements of Significance and the Draft 10-Year Action Goals.

**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Website** – the public could post comments on the website, which also included additional resources about the General Management Planning process.

<http://www.clearzoning.com/tahquamenon-falls-state-park/>

**Public Input Survey** – an online survey developed to gather general information about park visitors and their use of the park as well as recommendations for improving features and amenities offered at the park. The survey was made available for a 6-week period.

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# ***DNR Stakeholder Focus Group***

## **TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK**

### ***General Management Plan***



The Parks & Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is developing a General Management Plan for Tahquamenon Falls State Park. The plan is developed based upon input from the DNR experts, key stakeholders and the community.

The Planning Team would like to invite you, as one of the key Tahquamenon Falls State Park stakeholders, to join us for a two-hour focus group.



## **OCTOBER 22, 2015**

### **1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

### **LMAS District Health Department**

### **14150 Hamilton Lake Rd. (County Rd. 428) Newberry, MI 49868**

RSVP at <https://doodle.com/poll/3mftk23dk69nhuxa>

*For assistance, please call Mardy Stirling at (248) 423-1776 ext. 15.*



After registering, DNR staff will follow-up by phone or email to confirm your session and provide you with some of the discussion points for the focus group.

The meeting will begin with a brief introduction to the General Management Plan, followed by a break out session where DNR staff will address some key questions regarding the park's future. We request that each stakeholder group send a maximum of three representatives so that we may accommodate everyone.

The General Management Plan (GMP) is a long-range planning document that identifies a park's importance in terms of natural and cultural resources, recreational and educational opportunities, and economic value. Tahquamenon Falls State Park, with its landmark falls and rich natural resources, offers many opportunities to contribute to the recreation and tourism needs of the region and state.

As a stakeholder and member of the community, your input on the General Management Plan for Tahquamenon Falls State Park is important and appreciated. We hope you will be available to join the Planning Team on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

You are encouraged to visit the project website at <http://www.clearzoning.com/tahquamenon-falls-state-park>.

Information about the General Management Planning process is available at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).

**Questions?** Please contact Debbie Jensen, PRD Management Plan Administrator at (517) 284-6105 or Mardy Stirling (Planning Consultant to PRD – Clearzoning) at (248) 423-1776 ext. 15



# TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK

## *DNR Stakeholder Focus Group*

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**Dear Tahquamenon Falls Stakeholder Participant,**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the stakeholder focus group being held by the Park & Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Your participation will help to inform the development of the General Management Plan for Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Following is the meeting time, location and program information.

**Topic:** Tahquamenon Falls State Park Area Focus Group

**Date:** Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

**Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** LMAS District Health Department  
14150 Hamilton Lake Road (County Rd. 428)  
Newberry, MI 49868

**Questions:** Debbie Jensen, PRD Plan Administrator @ 517.284.6105  
OR  
Mardy Stirling, (Planning Consultant to PRD – Clearzoning) @ 248.423.1776 x 15

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**1:30-1:45 Greetings and Brief Presentation**

**1:45-3:00 Focus Group Activity**

**Questions to Consider Prior to the Focus Group Activity:**

1. Identify three things about Tahquamenon Falls State Park that you value the most.
2. Describe your vision of what Tahquamenon Falls State Park should be like 10 years from now.
3. What is your most important concern that needs to be resolved at Tahquamenon Falls State Park within the next 10 years?
4. What is the most important contribution your organization could make to Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

**3:00-3:15 Group Brainstorming Activity**

**3:15-3:30 Conclusion and Next Steps**



# **Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning**

## **Stakeholder Input Meeting**

**Location: LMAS District Health Department**

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

**1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**STAKEHOLDERS:** Ellen Benoit (Eastern UP Regional Planning & Development Commission), Lois Bressette (Great Lakes Endurance), Lynne Carmony (citizen), Kristen Christiansen (Newberry Area Chamber of Commerce), Nikki Craig (Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce / Whitefish Township Planning Commission) Grant DeWitt (Chippewa County SORVA), Tom Funke (Tahqua Trekker), Lark Ludlow (Tahquamenon Falls Brewery and Pub at Camp 33), Bruce Lynn (Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum), Judy McGuire (Lower Falls Concessionaire), Sherri McLellen (Paradise Chamber), Bridget Nodurft (Tahquamenon Country Pathways), Dennis Peronto (North Country Trail – Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore), David Rusch (MDOT), Michelle Robbins (Chippewa 911), Thomas Smith (citizen), and Dixie Stewart (Toonerville Trolley)

**PLANNING TEAM:** Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Paul Gaberdiel (Trails Specialist), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Peter Rose (Geologist), Mardy Stirling & Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning)

The Stakeholder Meeting for Tahquamenon Falls State Park was held on October 22, 2015 at the LMAS District Health Department. Stakeholders included government/quasi-government representatives, community partners, business organizations, recreation partners, and natural resource partners.

The intent of this meeting was for stakeholders to provide input that would inform the Planning Team’s work to develop the General Management Plan’s Action Goals. Attendees were shown a brief presentation on the General Management Plan process. The meeting then broke stakeholders into two working groups and asked them to respond to the following statements:

- Identify three things about Tahquamenon Falls State Park that you value the most.
- Describe your vision of what Tahquamenon Falls State Park should be like 10 years from now.
- What is your most important concern that needs to be resolved at Tahquamenon Falls State Park within the next 10 years?
- What is the most important contribution your organization could make to Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

The following is the input gathered from stakeholders about Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

### Three Things you value the most?

1. Natural Beauty (x8)
2. Preservation of wilderness (x7)
3. Diverse recreational activities (X4)
4. Waterfalls (x3)
5. Accessibility (x3)
6. Economic impact to the community (x3)
7. Exemplary staff (x3)
8. Unique natural setting (x3)
9. Trail network (x3)
10. The brewery (x2)
11. Stewardship of the land (x2)
12. Location (x2)
13. Destination in the area
14. Supportive and friendly staff
15. Balance of wildlife
16. Wildlife refuge
17. Historical interpretation
18. North Country Trail and it's access to the Falls
19. Memories made at the park
20. Vacation destination
21. Positive partnership with the community

### 10-Year Vision

- 99% of the park remains as natural/wilderness
- More accessible and year-round opportunities for trails/hiking/cross-country skiing, including year-round amenities (showers, brewery, etc.)
- Be the place to be in the UP as a 5-star wilderness/recreation destination
- Good, solid, well maintained trails
- Additional accommodations and restaurants available to visitors (the infrastructure is available)
- Possible temporary campsites for special events
- Coordinate information sharing within the region
- Improved cellular/internet access
- An informed public on the challenges of the remote location
- Better maps reflecting accurate information
- Balance of natural area with technology and other developments
- Alternative style camping
- Support between the park and the local community – success leads to success
- Attracting and retaining year-round residents
- Maintained/enhanced infrastructure to support users

- Provide more one-on-one interactions with visitors
- Enclosed building/structure for groups – gathering for events, presentations, info sharing
- Improve relationships between students and natural resources with park-led programs
- Comprehensive recreation providers – partnerships with the park in providing services
- Diverse recreation opportunities with infrastructure support
- Base camp for the region with information on the area
- Restore campgrounds that have been closed
- More efficient campground reservation system
- Rerouting the North Country Trail because of natural interferences as needed
- Relief of traffic issues
- Access to the falls for both motorized and non-motorized users
- Information kiosks about the park around the community
- Preserving the park as wilderness
- Maintain the existing quality of the facilities
- Provide increased access through the park without detracting from the natural beauty
- More shuttle services to the park

#### Concerns

- What is the philosophy and plan for Pure Michigan?
- Awareness of the Upper and Lower Falls
- Awareness of the park
- Need for better signage/wayfinding to and throughout the park (x2)
  - Consider mile markers to specific areas within the park
  - Provide illumination of signs at night
  - Remove snow in the winter around signs for visibility
- Provide addresses for the Upper & Lower Falls
- Identify and respond to more recreation opportunities for campers and day users
- Tree removal (state forest)
- Retain state land
- Need year-round events and tourism services/supports
- Healthy balance between public and private ownership
- Not all recreation uses are included (ORVs)
- Overdevelopment
- Invasive species
- Traffic backups, affecting Recreation Passport holders & employees too
- Lack of cellular capabilities
  - Install appropriate technology without diminishing the natural beauty
- Local entities running out of promotional information about the park too early in the season
- Not enough signage
- Bike trails
- Keep preservation a priority, this park is unique!

- Better river access and stopping points for kayakers
- No bridge to the island, it will impact the natural beauty

**Contributions**

- Improve tourism: promote the idea of investing in the area and opportunities for funding
  - Encourage businesses to invest in themselves
- Information sharing – Foster economic development (e.g., EDC) opportunities
- Continue building relationships with private businesses
- Interface/connect to the experience at the state forest and outfitting for additional experiences
- Outdoor/education outfitted
- Develop an accurate map
- Continue to maintain the North Country Trail
- Perform routine maintenance on M-123
- Building partnership (Friends Group) with the park
- User-funded support for ORV access
- Publicity on the park to area visitors
- Cross-promotion between groups/attractions and the park

**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Stakeholder Meeting Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ellen Benoit	Eastern UP Regional Planning & Development Commission
Lois Bressette	Great Lakes Endurance
Lynne Carmony	
Kristen Christiansen	Newberry Area Chamber of Commerce
Nikki Craig	Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce / Whitefish Township Planning Commission
Grant DeWitt	Chippewa County SORVA
Tom Funke	Tahqua Trekker
Lark Ludlow	Tahquamenon Falls Brewery and Pub at Camp 33
Bruce Lynn	Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum
Judy McGuire	Lower Falls Concessionaire
Sherri McLellen	Paradise Chamber
Bridget Nodurft	Tahquamenon Country Pathways
Dennis Peronto	North Country National Scenic Trail – Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore
David Rusch	MDOT
Michelle Robbins	Chippewa 911
Thomas Smith	
Dixie Stewart	Toonerville Trolley



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

September 30, 2015

Mr. Frank Beaver, Natural Resources Director  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
159 Brickyard Road  
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Dear Mr. Beaver:

The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of developing General Management Plans for Tahquamenon Falls State Park and Muskallonge Lake State Park in Luce and Chippewa Counties, Michigan.

Tahquamenon Falls State Park encompasses close to 50,000 acres stretching over 13 miles. Most of this is undeveloped woodland and wetland with limited access. The centerpiece of the park is the Tahquamenon River with the Upper and Lower Falls and river mouth in Whitefish Bay. Muskallonge Lake State Park is situated between the shores of Lake Superior and Muskallonge Lake, 28 miles north of Newberry. The 217-acre park provides opportunities for camping, fishing, swimming and hiking.

The DNR uses General Management Plans (GMPs) to define a long-range planning and management strategy that will protect the natural and cultural resources of the site, while considering education and recreation opportunities. A planning team, representing various specialties within the DNR, has been established and is meeting regularly to develop the GMP for this site. For additional information on our management plan process, please visit our website at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans)

The planning process includes several opportunities for public and stakeholder input. The first of these, a stakeholder focus group, has been scheduled for Thursday October 22, 2015 at the LMAS District Health Department, 14150 Hamilton Lake Road, Newberry. The focus group for Muskallonge Lake will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Tahquamenon Falls from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. An on-line survey will be made available in the upcoming months with the results used to inform the planning team. A public review of the draft plan will be advertised in spring 2016, with opportunities to provide comments at a public open house or to review the draft plan on the DNR's website prior to adoption.

We would like to give the Tribes the opportunity to meet with us independently of the larger group to discuss the Management Plan process and any concerns you may have in relation to Tahquamenon Falls and/or Muskallonge Lake State Park. In addition, you are welcome to send representatives to the stakeholder focus group in October, or the public meeting, which will be advertised early next year.

Mr. Frank Beaver  
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September 30, 2015

Please contact either Ms. Debbie Jensen, PRD Management Plan Administrator at 517-284-6105, or myself if you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Knapp", with a large, stylized initial "D" and "K".

Dennis Knapp  
Native American Affairs Coordinator  
517-284-6237

cc: Ms. Debbie Jensen, Park Management Plan Administrator  
Mr. Craig Krepps, Tahquamenon Falls State Park  
Mr. James Dzelak, Muskallonge Lake State Park  
Mr. Tom Paquin, Eastern Upper Peninsular District Supervisor

**TAHQAMENON FALLS STATE PARK  
AND  
MUSKALLONGE LAKE STATE PARK  
GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS**

**MEETING WITH GRAND TRAVERSE BAND  
DNR Customer Service Center, Gaylord  
February 4, 2016**

**Attendees:**

In Person: Tom Callison, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians (GTB)  
Debbie Jensen, Park Management Plan Administrator  
Tom Paquin, Eastern UP District Supervisor  
Keith Cheli, Regional Field Planner  
Cory Kovacs, Fisheries Biologist

Via phone: Dennis Knapp, Tribal Affairs Coordinator  
Dean Anderson, State Archeologist  
Craig Krepps, Unit Manager Tahquamenon Falls State Park  
Jim Dzelak, Unit Supervisor Muskallonge Lake State Park  
Ray Fahlsing, Stewardship Unit Manager

The meeting was initiated by a letter from Dennis Knapp, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Tribal Coordinator, extending an invitation to meet with the Tribal representatives to discuss the General Management Plans for Tahquamenon Falls and Muskallonge Lake State Parks.

Debbie Jensen gave an overview of the progress made to date on the General Management Plans. Internal planning meetings are underway and the team has received input from stakeholders and the public via an online survey. The draft plans are expected to be made available for review in May/June.

Tahquamenon River access was discussed. It is limited between the falls due to topography, and between the Lower Falls and the river mouth by lack of suitable land in public ownership. It was noted that those wanting to fish the river currently motor up 16 miles from the river mouth causing some concerns for riparian owners. The DNR is interested in establishing a new access point, approximately centrally located along the river corridor, if suitable land could be acquired

It was noted that the river has a history of Tribal sturgeon fishing. Cory mentioned that there was the possibility of installing a streamside rearing facility in the park, which was seen as a great outreach opportunity.

Keith outlined some proposed development concepts at Tahquamenon Falls. A project currently in the planning stages at the Lower Falls would improve the boat concession and reduce infrastructure on the island, connecting to the island with an accessible bridge. Improvements to a canoe/kayak access below the Lower Falls with a boat slide is also proposed. All development in the river corridor would be in keeping with the Federal Wild and Scenic River proposal. A potential visitor center is also something

that will be considered. At the rivermouth, river bank erosion will continue to be addressed and there are proposals for additional cabins within the campground.

It was noted that any new footprint would require a Phase 1 Archeological Survey. The park has 34 documented archeological sites and likely others that are not documented, including Native American sites and those relating to the logging era etc. Tom expressed his desire to see a buffer on any logging along the river corridor for aesthetic and archeological reasons. Although logging is not relevant in state parks, the concept of limited disturbance along the viewshed from the river was agreed upon.

Tom mentioned that there had been some issues with access being denied to those showing Tribal ID at the park. Continued education was suggested for both park staff and Tribal members (Craig noted that the passport exemption is for the driver of the vehicle not passengers).

Craig noted that there have been periodic requests to salvage wood from the river, which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Quality and typically requires a permit application. Tom said that they would be opposed to this for fisheries reasons.

The intent to move ahead with dedication of the proposed Natural Area at Tahquamenon Falls was discussed and Tom indicated his general support.

At Muskallonge Lake SP a Phase 1 Archeological Survey was undertaken prior to the headquarters relocation. A survey of the remaining park is proposed. Other proposals at this park primarily relate to upgrades of existing facilities.

It was noted that there had been no comments received to date from the Bay Mills or Sault Ste Marie Tribes.

#### Key Points

- Tribal interests relate primarily to: access to fisheries, protection of archeological resources and support for a streamside rearing facility for Sturgeon.
- Tribal representatives will be notified when the draft plans are available for public review
- Preliminary information on the plans, which will be built upon as progress is made, can be found on the project websites at:

<http://www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/tahquamenon-falls-state-park/>

<http://www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/muskallonge-lake-state-park/>



# TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK

## *DNR Public Input Open House*

*Press Release: April 28, 2016*

**The Department of Natural Resources will host an open house Wednesday, May 18, to hear public input on a new draft General Management Plan for Tahquamenon Falls State Park in Chippewa & Luce Counties, Michigan. The open house will run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Whitefish Township Community Center, 7052 N. M-123 in Paradise.**

The General Management Plan for Tahquamenon Falls State Park defines a long-range (10- to 20-year) planning and management strategy that will assist the DNR Parks and Recreation Division in meeting its responsibilities to protect and preserve the site's natural and cultural resources, and to provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities. A link to the Tahquamenon Falls State Park draft plan can be found at [www.clearzoning.com/tahquamenon-falls-state-park](http://www.clearzoning.com/tahquamenon-falls-state-park).

Tahquamenon Falls State Park encompasses close to 50,000 acres of primarily undeveloped woodlands and wetlands. The centerpiece of the park is the Tahquamenon River with the spectacular Upper and Lower Falls. In addition to offering scenic views of the falls, the park provides opportunities for camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, kayaking/canoeing and snowmobiling.

This public meeting will begin with a short presentation of the draft plan. Members of the public are welcome to attend at any time during the two-hour period to review the planning material, provide comments and talk to DNR staff members. Comments also can be made until May 27 via email to Debbie Jensen at [jensend1@michigan.gov](mailto:jensend1@michigan.gov). Additional information on the DNR's general management plan process is available at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).

For more information about the public meetings or the general management plans, contact DNR park management plan administrator Debbie Jensen at 517-284-6105 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) or via email at [jensend1@michigan.gov](mailto:jensend1@michigan.gov). Persons with disabilities who need accommodations for the meetings should contact Jensen at least five business days before the meeting.

Additional information on the DNR's General Management Plan process is available at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
General Management Planning Process  
Public Input Open House  
Tahquamenon Falls State Park**

May 18, 2016  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Whitefish Township Community Center

1. Planning Team Introductions at 6:00 p.m.
2. Brief Presentation of Management Planning Process and Status of the Tahquamenon Falls General Management Plan begins at 6:05 p.m.
  - a. Timeline and progress to-date
  - b. Significance Statements
  - b. Management Zones
  - c. Tahquamenon Falls State Park Draft 10-Year Action Goals organized by:
    - General Action Goals
    - Zone-specific Action Goals
  - d. Priority Exercise explained
  - e. Significance Statements - Management Zones - Action Goals input sheets described  
(Slide presentation will run on continuous loop thereafter for later arrivals)
3. Brief question and answer period 6:30 p.m.
4. Open House begins after the question and answer period and remains open until 8:00 p.m.
  - a. You are invited to visit each of the stations and talk to Planning Team members
  - b. Sticky notes can be used to comment on Management Zone Map
  - c. Color dots can be used to identify your priority actions (please limit yourself to 10 dots)
  - d. Additional input can be provided at the Brainstorming Exercise Station
  - e. Input Sheets are available if you would like to make any suggestion about the GMP
5. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

**For More Information:**

**Project Website:** <http://www.clearzoning.com/tahquamenon-falls-state-park/>

**Comments will be accepted until May 27, 2016.**

**DNR Management Planning Website:** <http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans>



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## Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning

### Public Input Open House

Location: Whitefish Township Community Center

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Attendees:** Sue Anway (Whitefish Township Treasurer), Dianne & Roger Clark, Dianne Craig (Paradise Area Tourism Council), Bill Ferguson (Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce), Vicki Hallaxs (Village Fabrics & Crafts), Kay & Stan Kujawa (North Country National Scenic Trail), Bill Mangham (Whitefish Township Supervisor), Peggy Recker, Gerald Roach (Whitefish Emergency Services), Carol Ward (Sierra Club).

Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Kevin Dennis (Unit Supervisor), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship), Paul Gaberdiel (Recreation Specialist), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Matt Torreano (Northern Michigan Outreach Specialist), Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

The Public Input Open House for Tahquamenon Falls State Park was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Whitefish Township Community Center. Public notices were sent out to government/quasi-government representatives, community partners, business organizations, recreation partners, and natural resource partners, and to the general public through press releases and internet postings.

The meeting began with a brief presentation on the General Management Plan. Attendees were asked to review the Statements of Significance, Draft Management Zones and 10 Year Action Goals. Participants were asked to prioritize the Action Goals and provide comment on the Draft Management Zone Map and Significance Statements, and to also provide additional input at a Brainstorming station.

Below are the comments received from attendees about Tahquamenon Falls State Park, organized by area topic, as well as comments received in writing via the project webpage.

### Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Park Comments

- [Design a] more user-friendly webpage
- [Provide] uniform signage throughout the park
- [Provide] local resource/business information at the park
- [Offer a] longer modern camping season
- [Make] entrance signs more visible in the winter (snow removal)
- Is this a wilderness park?
- [Provide] Better access for EMS when assisting visitors, especially at the Island & the trail between the falls
- Consider proposed North Country National Scenic Trail off M-123 Plan [& for Significance Statements]
- Iron Belle Trail (hiking only in the Eastern Upper Peninsula) [as a Significance Statement]
- North Country Trail hiking bridge over the Tahquamenon River

## General Action Goals

Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for **Tahquamenon Falls State Park** are general in nature and apply within all of the management zones. These often deal with park-wide issues, such as invasive species control, universal access, trail systems, or marketing the park's many recreational opportunities to a wider audience of potential users. Many of the overall maintenance and operational issues of running a state park also result in the need for actions across all zone boundaries, such as law enforcement.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Continue invasive species control with emphasis on early detection and rapid response.	Ongoing	<b>1</b>
Explore interdepartmental approaches to forest health best management practices.	Ongoing	
Control all Purple Loosestrife occurrences within the park.	Annually	<b>3</b>
Create a Natural Resources Stewardship Plan.	5 - 10 years	<b>5</b>
Complete MiFi covertype mapping of the park and update the Wildfire plan by including fuel maps within the park.	5-10 years	<b>1</b>
<b>Historic/ Cultural Resources</b>		
Review all proposed earthwork activities for impact on cultural resources.	Ongoing	
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Develop more looped, non-motorized trails.	Ongoing	<b>6</b>
Develop a comprehensive trail management plan.	1-5 years	<b>3</b>
<b>Education/Interpretive Opportunities</b>		
Implement efforts to improve visitor awareness and connection to remote locations and provide a deeper environmental experience.	Ongoing	<b>3</b>
Expand the audience for the park using technological opportunities (virtual) and through partnerships with stakeholders.	Ongoing	
<b>Management</b>		
Support US Forest Service in formalization of the Wild and Scenic River designation.	Ongoing	<b>4</b>
Continue to review and monitor infrastructure needs based on visitor use and trends.	Ongoing	
Continue to explore land acquisition of properties within the Project Boundary with emphasis on inholdings.	Ongoing	<b>4</b>
Improve access to river between the Lower Falls and the Rivermouth through land acquisitions. <i>Acquisition of land by the State hurts the Community in loss of tax dollars.</i>	Ongoing	<b>2</b>
Develop and implement a sustainable funding plan to provide adequate park management staffing.	Ongoing	

General Action Goals		
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Management (continued)</b>		
Review and update the park's emergency plan and coordinate with area emergency management agencies.	Annually	3
Continue to review and update capital outlay list.	Annually	
Improve boundary identification between the park, private, and State Forest lands.	3 years	1
Evaluate and consolidate existing wilderness/natural area nominations. Nominate appropriate natural/wilderness area(s) under the Wilderness and Natural Areas Act (followed by rescinding existing NRC-dedicated natural areas)	3-5 years	
<b>Development</b>		
Continue efforts to achieve greater visitor accessibility in all development opportunities.	Ongoing	
Update, improve, and replace directional signage on M-123.	Ongoing	4

Administrative Zone		
This zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration, operations, and the business of running the state park. The Administrative Zone at Tahquamenon Falls includes the park headquarters.		
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Education/Interpretive Opportunities</b>		
Create clear visitor signage and wayfinding to park destinations such as the Upper and Lower Falls. <i>Existing Tahquamenon Falls State Park signs south of town need better signage. Its several miles before there is additional signage for the falls.</i>	1-3 years	4
<b>Management</b>		
Work with regional partners to secure enhanced internet connectivity for the park and surrounding area	Ongoing	

*More vehicular access to remote areas for hunting.  
Blocked off Old Stove Rd. (when building NCT it was promised it would stay open).  
Betsy/Sheephead Lake access for fishing; small parking area and electric motors.  
Tribal fishing nets too close to shore for smelt.*

## Developed Recreation

The Developed Recreation Zone is characterized by active recreation with a high density of use, conducted in areas not designated for natural resource significance. In this zone, recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced where possible. The primary use areas at the Upper and Lower Falls, the campgrounds, rivermouth boat launch, and picnic area on Lake Superior are located in the Developed Recreation Zone. A Scenic Overlay has also been applied to the Tahquamenon River corridor and the Lake Superior shoreline.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Identify desired canoe and kayak launching, resting, destination points and work to provide base line amenities appropriate for each location in partnership with water trails program stakeholders	1-5 years	<b>4</b>
<b>Management</b>		
Continue to manage Tahquamenon River mouth erosion on a local level and apply for qualifying grant programs for design and construction treatments.	Ongoing	<b>2</b>
Study perceived vehicular traffic congestion within park	1-3 years	
Undertake a cost benefit analysis for the installation of a Visitor Orientation Center to enhance visitor services and park operations. <i>Visitor Orientation Center. Collaborate with Newberry and Paradise Chamber of Commerce or Township Council to cover costs/personnel.</i>	1-5 years	
Develop sustainable, safe and properly funded options to mitigate vehicular congestion based on study outcome	3-5 years	<b>1</b>
<b>Development</b>		
Install additional camper cabins in appropriate locations if cost benefit analysis can identify adequate funding to support the initial development investment, maintenance and operation and long term structure recapitalization. <i>Additional lodging other than camping hurts the local motels, cabins, etc.</i>	Ongoing	
Complete renovations of Lodge #2 for public rental.	1-2 years	
Complete the engineering plans for the redevelopment of the boat concessions and island access.	1-2 years	<b>2</b>
Implement phased development of the boat concessions and island access improvements	1-5 years	

## Natural Resource Recreation

Active recreation at a medium to high density of use conducted in a natural setting is the hallmark of the Natural Resource Recreation Zone. There is still an emphasis on resource quality over recreation, but in this zone higher levels of use are allowed. Vegetation may be managed to facilitate recreational use and maintain an aesthetically appealing landscape, as well as address such issues as hazard trees and to manage pests and disease.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Education/Interpretive Opportunities</b>		
Improve snowmobile trail signage and mapping to protect adjoining Natural Areas and educate users. <i>Enforcement of snowmobile [regulations].</i>	1-5 years	<b>1</b>
<b>Management</b>		
Continue specific actions to improve the lowland areas of the snowmobile trails.	Ongoing	

## Backcountry Zone

This zone emphasizes resource quality, but allows for limited modification of the landscape to accommodate a moderate level of non-motorized recreational use.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Increase backcountry camping opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner, include a review of existing sites.	Ongoing	
Explore opportunities to improve the existing trail system.	Ongoing	
Explore opportunities to improve accessibility on the River Trail.	1-3 years	
Create a looped trail on the NCT between the Lower Falls Campground and Farkas Rd.	1-3 years	<b>4</b>
<b>Management</b>		
Explore sustainable opportunities and funding sources for additional camping cabins or other overnight accommodations.	Ongoing	
Explore opportunity to move the North Country Trail/ Iron Belle Trail off of M-123 in order to enhance trail user experience and safety.	1-3 years	<b>4</b>
Develop safe vehicular pull off and parking locations for desired public, barrier free viewing at the Tank Lake area.	1-5 years	<b>2</b>

### Primitive Zone

The Primitive Zone emphasizes the natural resources of the area. It is managed to allow only dispersed, low frequency and low impact recreational use in the zone. Maintaining a high quality natural resource condition dictates the extent to which recreational improvements are allowed. For this reason, native species and natural processes take precedence over visitor accommodation. The following 10-Year Action Goals propose only very low levels of development, in order to protect the important habitat.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Review trail routes for ease of maintenance and improved usage.	Ongoing	4
<b>Education/Interpretive Opportunities</b>		
Improve signage to identify the Natural Area following designation.	3-5 years	
<b>Management</b>		
Review sustainable opportunities to expand foot-trail program with adequate funding.	Ongoing	
Remove the cabin and supporting infrastructure on Phillips property.	1-5 years	1

### Cultural Landscape Overlay

The Cultural Landscape Overlay has been applied to a large portion of the park both north and south of the Tahquamenon River in recognition of important historic and cultural resources.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Education/Interpretation</b>		
Provide information to visitors on value of cultural resources.	Ongoing	

### Scenic Overlay

In recognition of its scenic beauty, this overlay has been applied to the entire bank of the Tahquamenon River, as well as part of the Lake Superior shoreline and an area at Tank Lakes. Any development should be sensitive to the scenic qualities of this zone.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Management</b>		
Develop safe vehicular pull off and parking locations for desired public, barrier free viewing at the Tank Lake area. <i>Safe pull-off year round please</i>	1-5 years	4
<b>Education/Interpretation</b>		
Provide appropriate interpretive information educating visitors of the scenic points.	1-5 years	3

### Public Input Open House Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Sue Anway	Whitefish Township Treasurer
Dianne & Roger Clark	
Dianne Craig	Paradise Area Tourism Council
Bill Ferguson	Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce
Vicki Hallax	Village Fabrics & Crafts
Kay & Stan Kujawa	North Country National Scenic Trail
Bill Mangham	Whitefish Township Supervisor
Peggy Recker	
Gerald Roach	Whitefish Emergency Services
Carol Ward	Sierra Club

### Website Comments

#### **Stephen Ross on December 29, 2015 at 2:58 pm**

I have visited Tahquamenon Falls SP numerous times. My main concern with this, or any other state park, is KEEP DRONES OUT OF THEM ALL. Have significantly high fines for violations, \$5000 minimum. Maintain trails and visitor facilities in good condition. Keep the parks maintained by the state, minimal private contractors, and if private contractors are used, be sure they pay their fair share of taxes and fees instead of giving tax breaks as far too often seems the case in this state. When adding new boardwalk and staircases, please keep in mind not messing up photographic opportunities with positioning. Keep timber interests out. The two segments of the park are beautiful with their "old-growth" (or approaching) stands.

#### **Carolyn Wilson on May 23, 2016 at 6:47 pm**

For the past 10 years we have spent nearly 2 months EACH winter camping Jan/Feb at Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Each year more and more people are also enjoying camping there at that time.

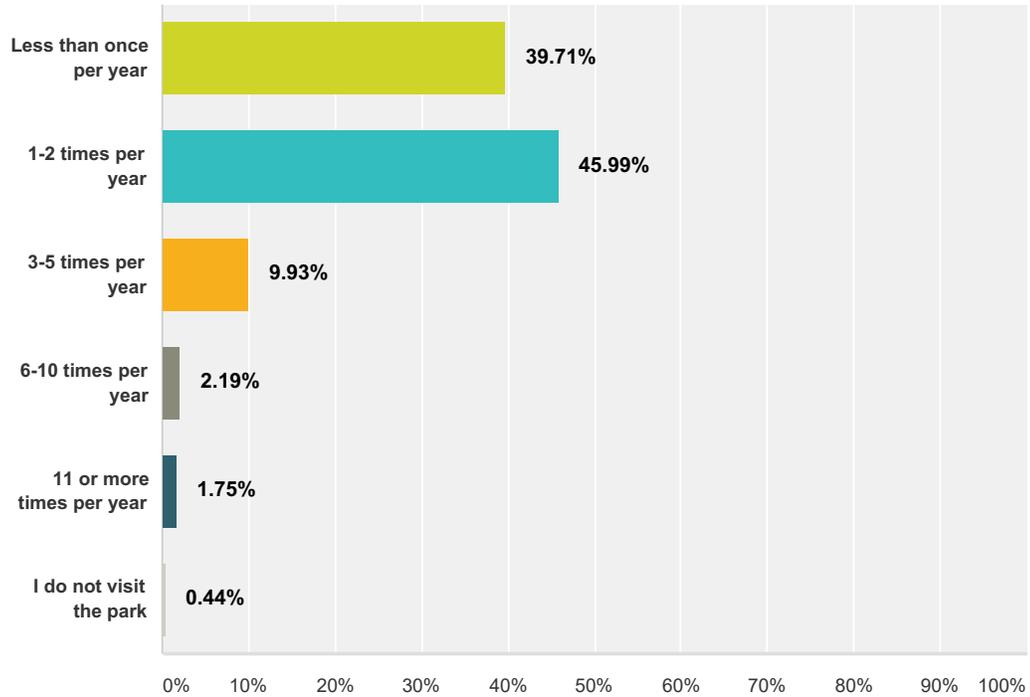
It isn't just that the campers bring revenue to the Park, they also bring a lot of funding to the area. We winter campers tend to eat out a lot more than the summer people and we need more "stuff!"

We also extensively use all the trails for all the winter sports.

In addition, the Parks are the ONE place left where the forest and land can just "be." No timbering should ever be allowed. Animals and people need the restorative forests!

### Q1 How many times per year do you typically visit Tahquamenon Falls State Park (TFSP)?

Answered: 685 Skipped: 0



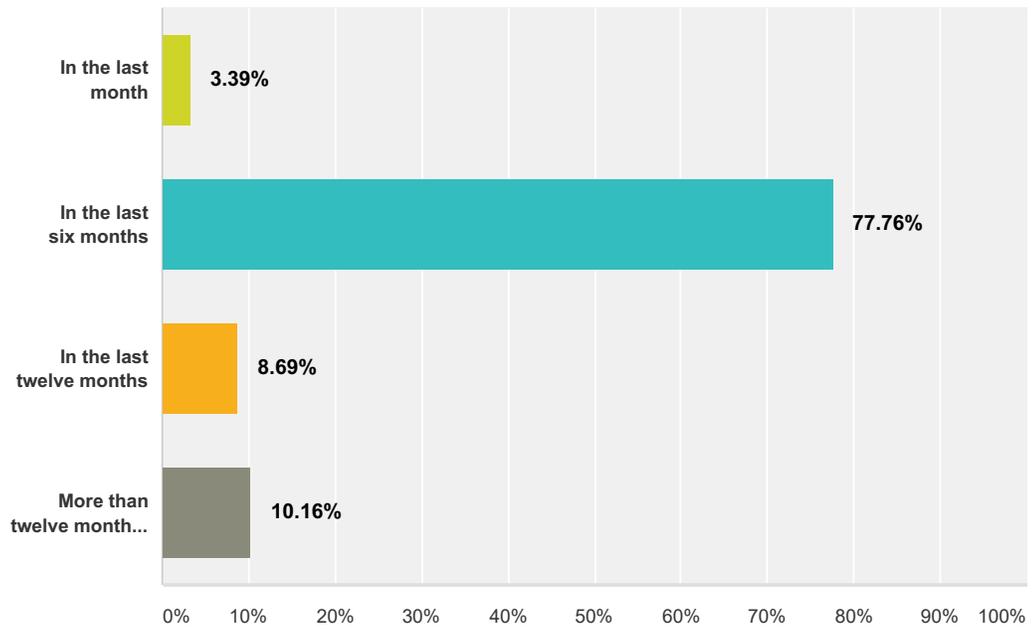
## Q2 Why do you not visit Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 682

#	Responses	Date
1	I do not live in Michigan.	12/18/2015 5:36 PM
2	I live in Ohio, but when I get to the U.P. try not to visit this great waterfall.	12/18/2015 1:03 PM
3	Never had time	12/1/2015 9:53 PM

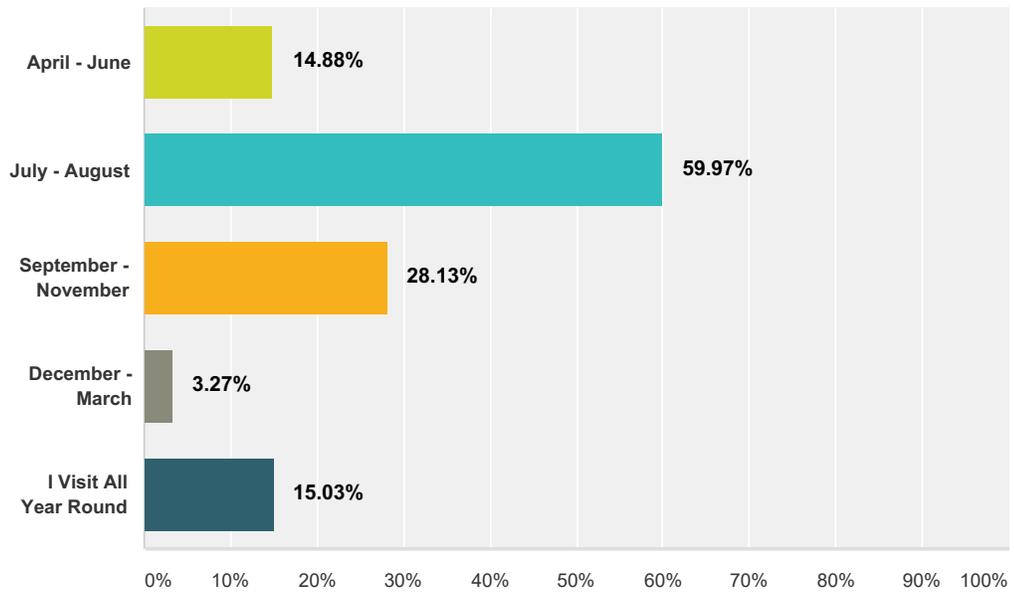
### Q3 When did you last visit Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

Answered: 679 Skipped: 6



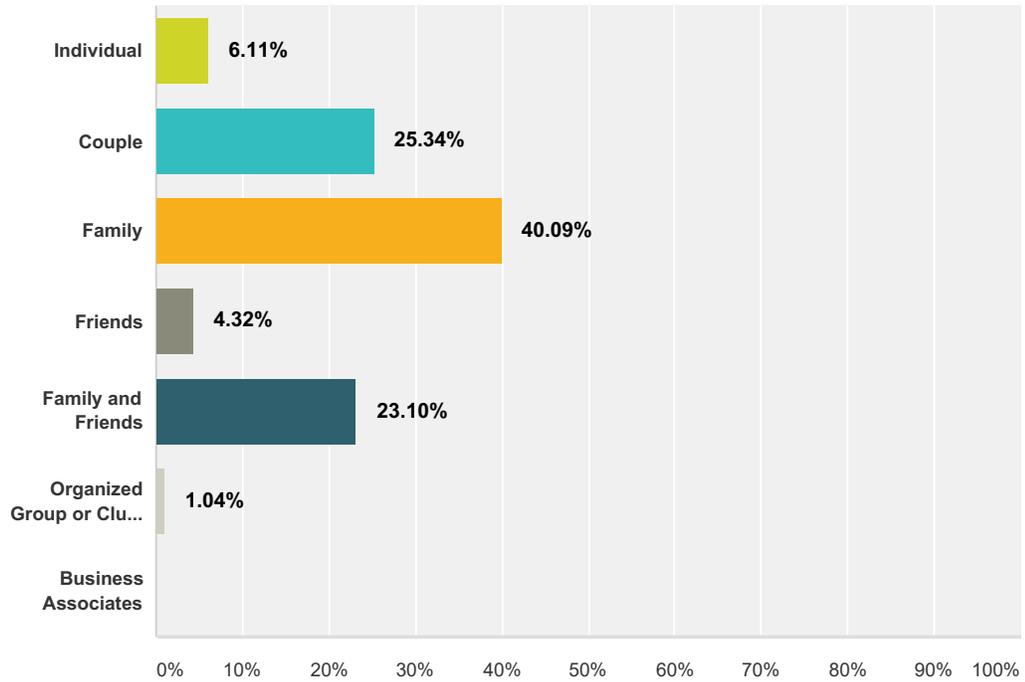
### Q4 What time of year do you typically visit Tahquamenon Falls State Park (TFSP)?

Answered: 672 Skipped: 13



### Q5 Which statement best reflects the people that accompany you when you visit?

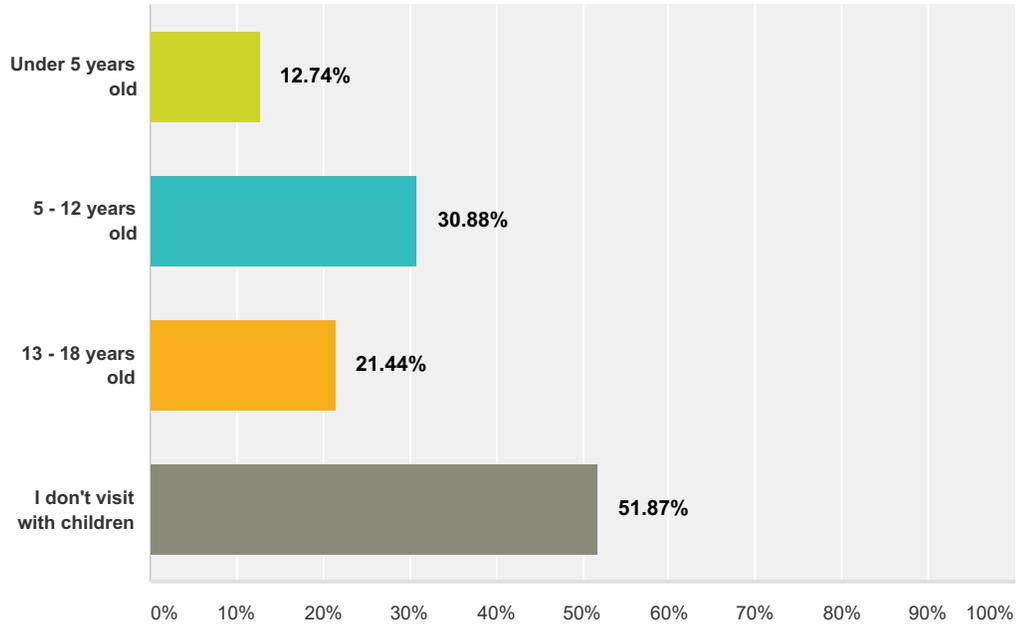
Answered: 671 Skipped: 14



#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	North Country Trail Maintainer in WI	12/18/2015 7:57 PM
2	my adult son came this year	12/18/2015 1:03 PM
3	dogs	12/18/2015 8:26 AM
4	North Country Trail Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter	12/18/2015 12:10 AM
5	Sault Naturalists Club members, North Country Trail members	12/16/2015 8:07 PM
6	School groups mostly	12/8/2015 8:02 PM
7	sometimes couple sometimes with grandchildren.	12/6/2015 2:56 PM
8	Camping and snowmobiling	12/3/2015 9:38 AM
9	and my dog	12/2/2015 12:42 PM
10	For hunting/fishing in the area	12/2/2015 10:39 AM
11	pets	12/1/2015 10:56 PM
12	Canoe race.	12/1/2015 7:31 PM
13	Tahqua Trekker worker	12/1/2015 5:44 PM
14	Summer Camp Staff	12/1/2015 3:33 PM

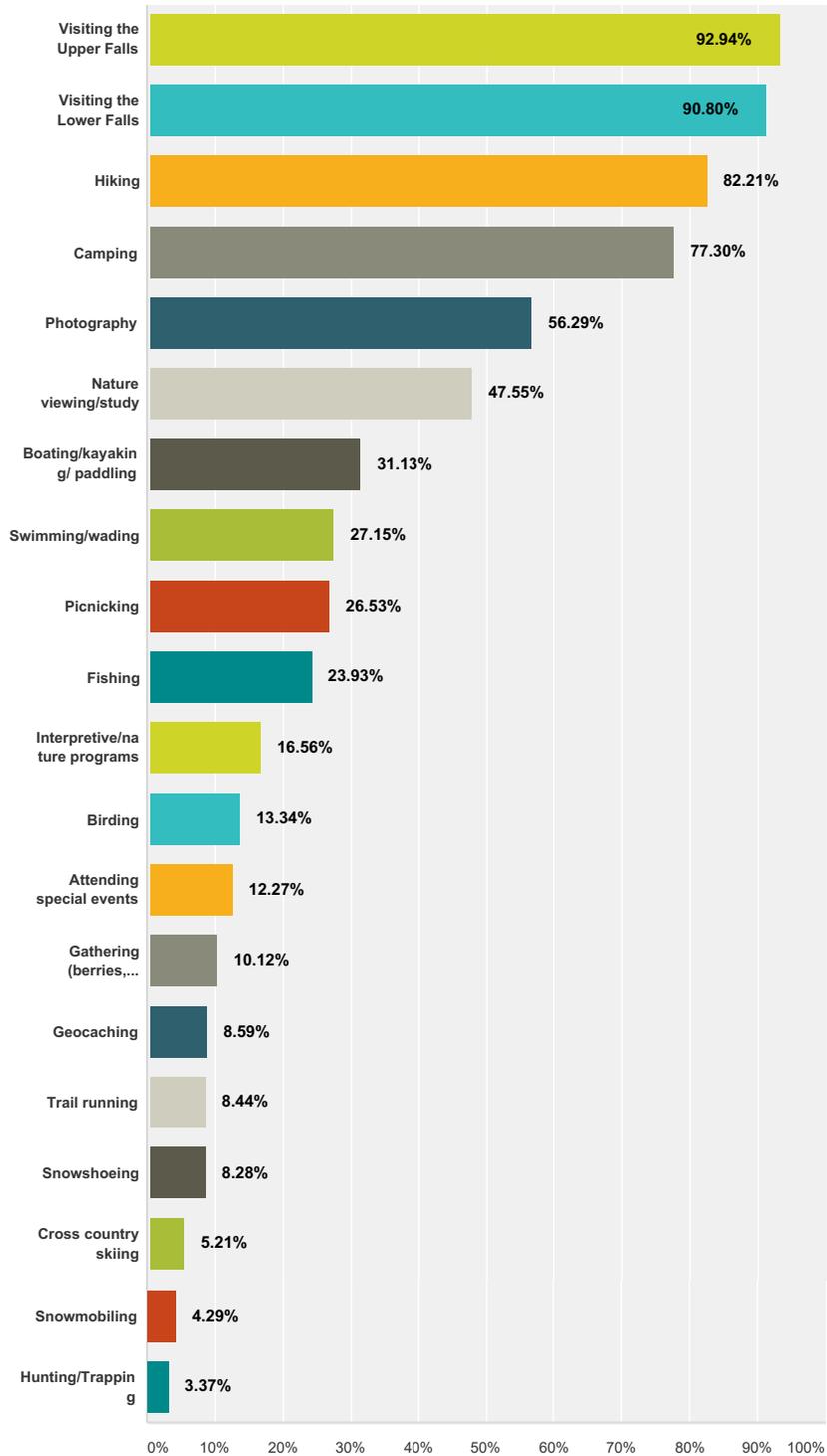
**Q6 Do you typically visit TFSP with children? If so, what age? Check all that apply.**

Answered: 667 Skipped: 18



### Q7 What activities do you participate in at Tahquamenon Falls State Park (TFSP)? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 652 Skipped: 33



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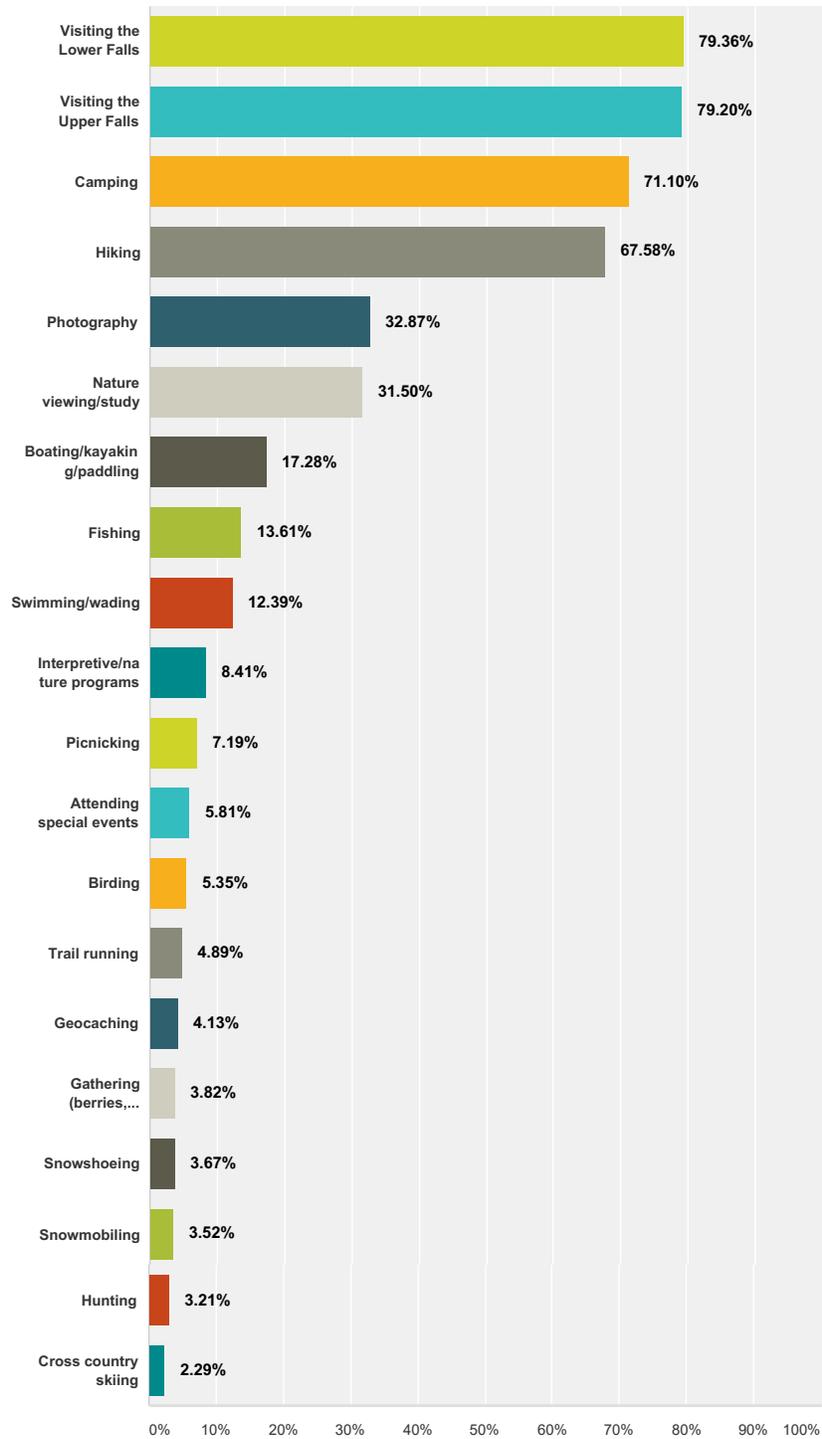
Answer Choices	Responses	
Visiting the Upper Falls	92.94%	606
Visiting the Lower Falls	90.80%	592
Hiking	82.21%	536
Camping	77.30%	504
Photography	56.29%	367
Nature viewing/study	47.55%	310
Boating/kayaking/ paddling	31.13%	203
Swimming/wading	27.15%	177
Picnicking	26.53%	173
Fishing	23.93%	156
Interpretive/nature programs	16.56%	108
Birding	13.34%	87
Attending special events	12.27%	80
Gathering (berries, mushrooms, etc.)	10.12%	66
Geocaching	8.59%	56
Trail running	8.44%	55
Snowshoeing	8.28%	54
Cross country skiing	5.21%	34
Snowmobiling	4.29%	28
Hunting/Trapping	3.37%	22
<b>Total Respondents: 652</b>		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Check = Visiting the Mouth	12/30/2015 12:19 PM
2	relaxing around the fire and bike riding	12/28/2015 3:55 PM
3	Walking trails	12/22/2015 7:41 AM
4	study geology of the area	12/21/2015 5:12 PM
5	Restaurant and Brewery	12/21/2015 6:17 AM
6	relaxing. I have cancer at this time and have limited energy	12/18/2015 1:05 PM
7	North Country Trail hiking and volunteer trail building	12/18/2015 11:05 AM
8	Specifically view and hike portions of the North Country Trail.	12/18/2015 9:36 AM
9	As a base for traveling to other local sites.	12/18/2015 8:26 AM
10	I/we go on the South side of the falls (the Hulbert side)	12/17/2015 8:49 PM
11	Mountain biking nearby.	12/17/2015 11:39 AM
12	Invasive species management with park staff	12/8/2015 11:13 AM

13	Visiting Gift Shop and Brewery	12/6/2015 12:48 PM
14	Great Lakes Relay Race	12/6/2015 12:41 PM
15	Rivermouth is our only camping choice. Rivermouth is part of the park our opinions reflect.	12/3/2015 3:18 PM
16	eat out restaurant at Upper falls; bicycling at Rivermouth. showers when camping at Andrus in cool weather.	12/3/2015 12:37 PM
17	Blueberry Festival	12/3/2015 9:52 AM
18	Kids bike ride.	12/3/2015 9:41 AM
19	dining at Camp 33	12/2/2015 4:06 PM
20	harvest festival	12/2/2015 3:25 PM
21	Recreation 101 - Kayak instruction	12/2/2015 1:26 PM
22	hiking the North country trail	12/2/2015 12:44 PM
23	Mountain biking	12/2/2015 12:08 PM
24	Astronomy events	12/2/2015 11:52 AM
25	Camp Fires	12/2/2015 11:35 AM
26	Watching wildlife, hoping to catch a glimpse of a moose	12/2/2015 7:39 AM
27	Eat & shop at Upper Falls Brewery	12/2/2015 6:47 AM
28	The Halloween Festival & July 4th celebration.	12/2/2015 12:40 AM
29	Unable to do anything, the mosquitoes were horrible!!! We didn't stay more than 1 night.	12/1/2015 11:43 PM
30	Bike riding	12/1/2015 10:34 PM
31	Biking if available	12/1/2015 10:32 PM
32	touring	12/1/2015 8:21 PM
33	Motorcycling	12/1/2015 8:12 PM
34	We come for the race you have in August.	12/1/2015 7:48 PM
35	The park sponsored archery program was amazing!	12/1/2015 7:20 PM
36	brewery	12/1/2015 6:58 PM
37	Rivermouth campground..love it!!!!	12/1/2015 6:27 PM
38	Night photography of the falls	12/1/2015 5:50 PM
39	Boating at the lower falls Walk the dog	12/1/2015 5:30 PM
40	We love playing in the water near the lower falls. We see this as the highlight of our time in the UP and will be very disappointed if that access is restricted. We very much enjoyed renting the boat at the lower falls and exploring. It was nature at its best for a family.	12/1/2015 4:12 PM
41	area attractions	12/1/2015 3:58 PM
42	having a cold beer and ice cream!	12/1/2015 3:37 PM
43	Biking	12/1/2015 3:31 PM
44	UAV photography	12/1/2015 3:26 PM
45	cycling	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
46	Going to the brewery	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
47	bicycle and would love trails for the family to enjoy	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
48	Walking my dogs	12/1/2015 2:33 PM

### Q8 What are your five (5) favorite activities within TFSP? Please select up to five (5) activities.

Answered: 654 Skipped: 31

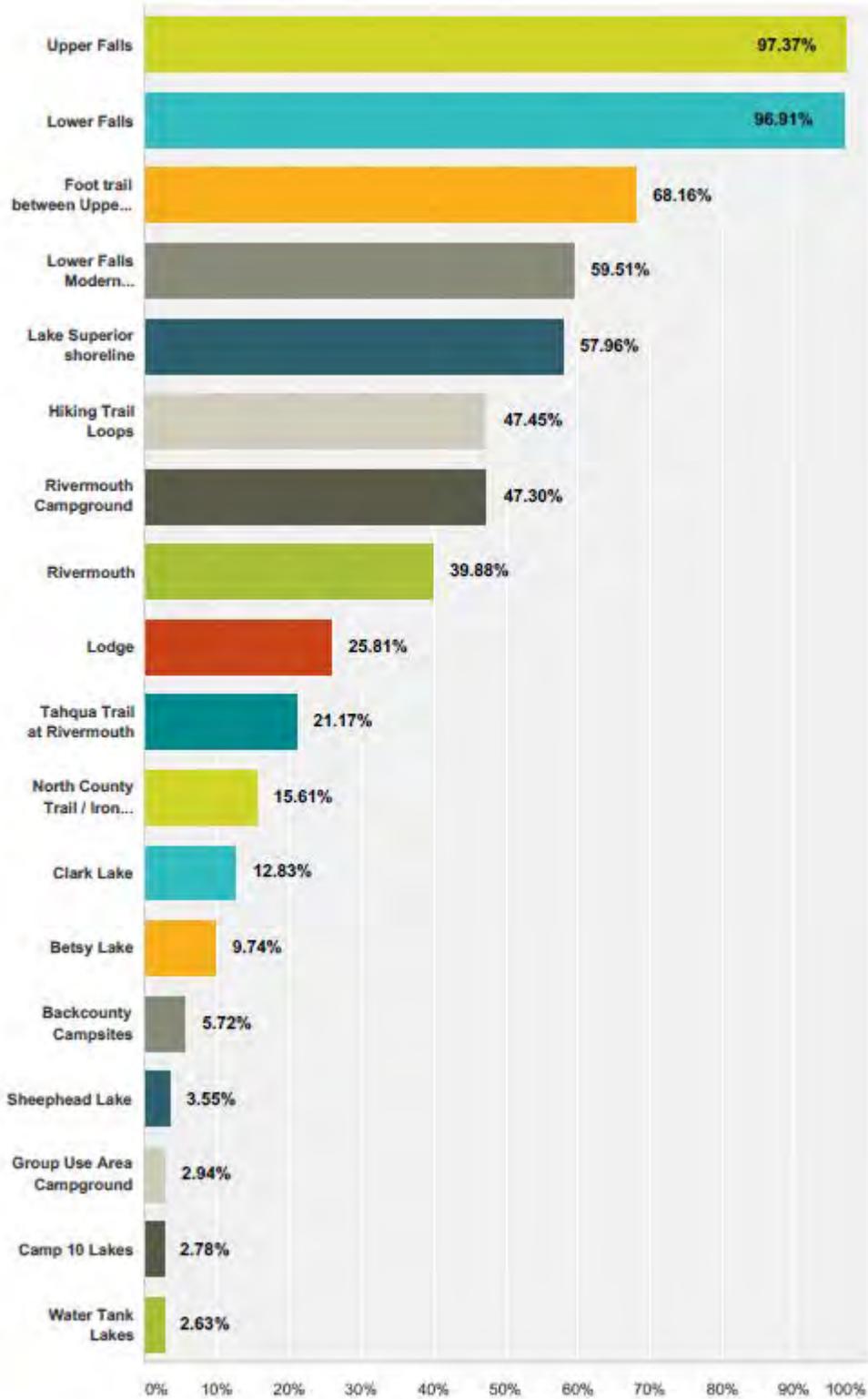


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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	North Country Trail	12/18/2015 9:36 AM
2	The Brewery	12/18/2015 8:27 AM
3	Whitefish point.	12/17/2015 7:32 PM
4	Mountain biking	12/17/2015 11:39 AM
5	Visiting the brew pub.	12/8/2015 2:24 PM
6	Visiting Paradise and also Whitefish Point.	12/6/2015 2:57 PM
7	Brewery	12/6/2015 12:48 PM
8	REDUNDANT!!!!!!	12/5/2015 11:48 AM
9	Rock hunting	12/3/2015 3:18 PM
10	eating at Camp 33	12/2/2015 4:06 PM
11	Mountain biking	12/2/2015 12:08 PM
12	Archery	12/2/2015 10:29 AM
13	none	12/2/2015 8:17 AM
14	Bike riding	12/1/2015 10:34 PM
15	Biking	12/1/2015 10:32 PM
16	Brewery	12/1/2015 9:15 PM
17	touring	12/1/2015 8:21 PM
18	Drinking at the Brew Pub!	12/1/2015 8:06 PM
19	Rivermouth campground love it !!!!!	12/1/2015 6:27 PM
20	Riding four wheelers	12/1/2015 3:41 PM
21	we love to come during the blueberry festival and enjoy the area. We go to whitefish point, the falls, hike pick berries, take pictures and we love to camp. When we have time we also enjoy coming in the spring to look at wild flowers	12/1/2015 3:24 PM
22	The Falls Restaurant	12/1/2015 3:19 PM

### Q9 Which areas of the park have you visited?

Answered: 647 Skipped: 38

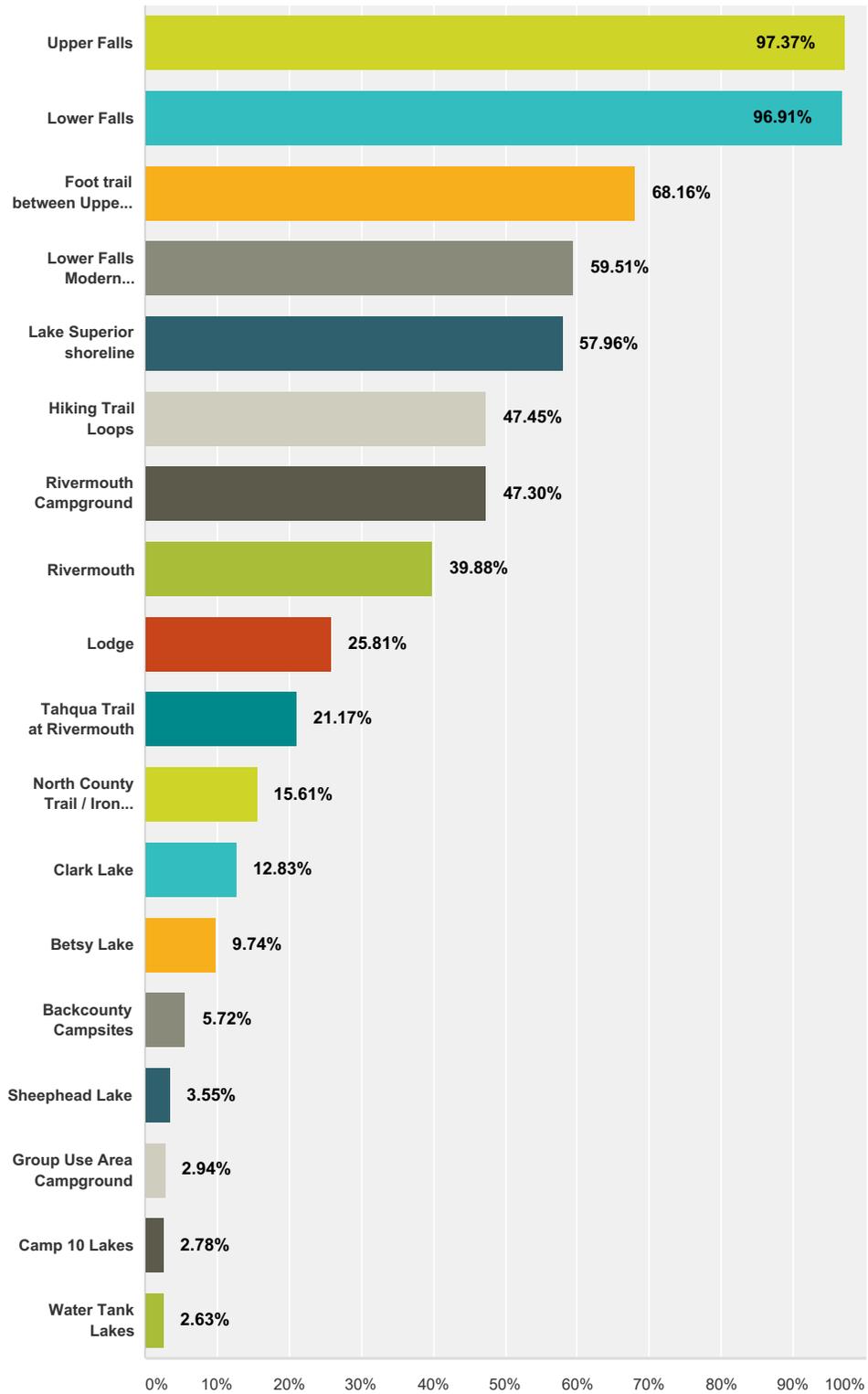


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#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	I don't recall but we did a lot of walking on the trails.	12/21/2015 6:19 AM
2	Newberry, Paradise, bear ranch, crisp point, munsing,	12/18/2015 8:29 AM
3	The Betsy river for brook trout	12/17/2015 8:53 PM
4	Brew pub.	12/8/2015 2:26 PM
5	Hemlock campground	12/4/2015 9:16 AM
6	Shelldrake flooding/dam; Vermillion, Whitefish Point, safety harbor	12/3/2015 3:20 PM
7	ski loops	12/3/2015 12:39 PM
8	cycling through on M-123	12/2/2015 5:09 PM
9	Whitefish Bay picnic area, boat launch	12/2/2015 12:49 PM
10	We stayed at the park for inexpensive lodging and drove to Sault St. Marie, Mackinac Bridge and went to Mackinac Island.	12/1/2015 8:37 PM
11	Brewery	12/1/2015 3:15 PM
12	Our best reason for visiting is to play in the river at the Lower Falls.	12/1/2015 12:35 PM

**Q10 In which area(s) of the park do you spend the most time? (Please select up to five (5) areas.)**

Answered: 647 Skipped: 38

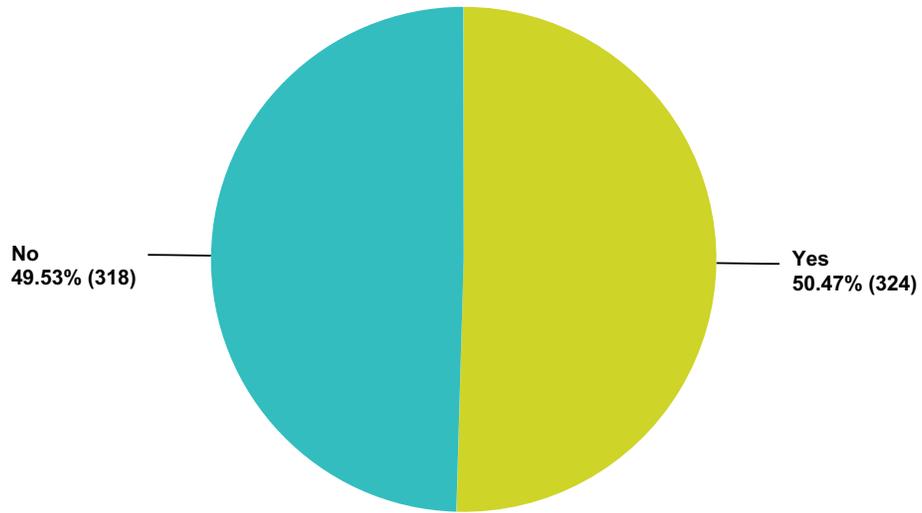


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#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	The Betsy river for brook trout	12/17/2015 8:53 PM
2	Brew Pub	12/8/2015 2:26 PM
3	Time spent at the campsite is higher because that is where we stay, however for activities we mainly spend our time on the hiking trails.	12/5/2015 9:02 AM
4	Area inland fishing sites	12/3/2015 3:20 PM
5	Not sure, we see all we can when we visit.	12/2/2015 8:03 PM
6	We spend a lot of time site seeing and roaming the back roads/trails. we love being adventurous.	12/2/2015 11:53 AM
7	Love the rustic side	12/2/2015 10:06 AM
8	Brewery	12/2/2015 5:27 AM
9	Our pop-up! We had never seen so many mosquitoes!!	12/1/2015 11:45 PM
10	Brewery	12/1/2015 8:31 PM
11	Brewery	12/1/2015 5:32 PM
12	We spend most time in the river and falls at the lower falls.	12/1/2015 12:35 PM

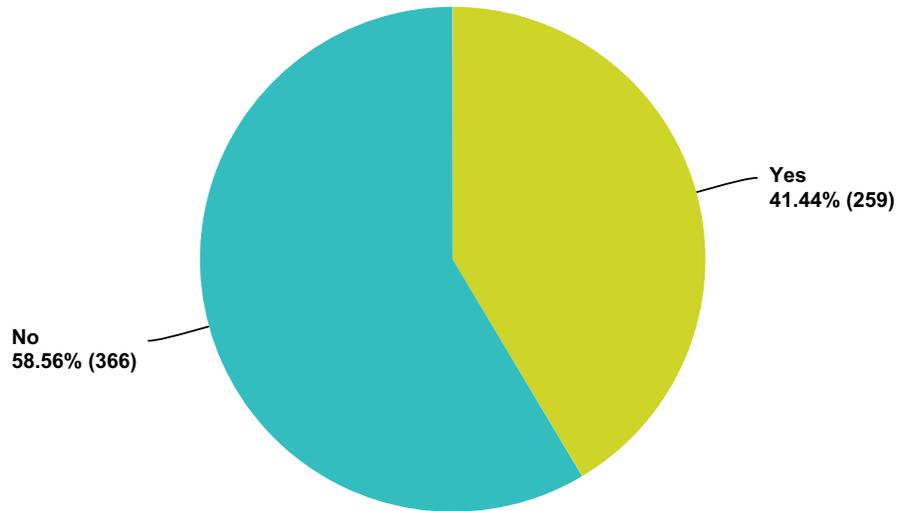
### Q11 Have you visited the island at the Lower Falls?

Answered: 642 Skipped: 43



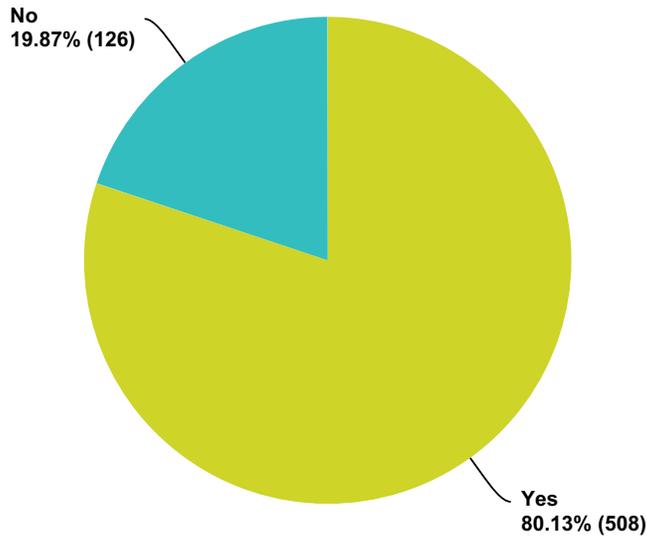
### Q12 Did you rent a rowboat to access the island?

Answered: 625 Skipped: 60



**Q13 The DNR is currently reviewing visitor access to the Lower Falls Island, including renovating the rowboat area and constructing an accessible foot bridge (bridge would not be visible from the falls overlook). Would you be more likely to visit the island if there was an accessible bridge?**

Answered: 634 Skipped: 51



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	80.13%	508
No	19.87%	126
<b>Total</b>		<b>634</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	A bridge to go to the island and over to the other side of the river would be great!	12/31/2015 10:18 AM
2	No bridge please!	12/30/2015 4:39 PM
3	If Bridge, May I Please Ask for Winter Access?	12/30/2015 12:22 PM
4	Bith	12/20/2015 6:47 AM
5	Having two options to get to the island would be nice	12/18/2015 10:57 PM
6	Way too many People allowed in lower falls must have been over 300, might as well build a water park somewhere 10 miles away	12/18/2015 8:03 PM
7	Please keep the row boats even if you build a bridge. They are so much fun!	12/18/2015 1:59 PM
8	Having lung cancer, handicap access would be nice	12/18/2015 1:06 PM
9	A bridge is not necessary	12/18/2015 11:08 AM
10	Yes, specifically if we'd be allowed to walk dogs across.	12/18/2015 8:27 AM

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11	We really enjoy the boating experience. I hope it would not be replaced by the bridge.	12/17/2015 8:56 AM
12	I never visited the island because my brother fell in trying to get out of the boat. He said the docks were tippy.	12/13/2015 10:13 PM
13	Please keep the park pet (on leash and in outdoor areas, of course) friendly. We love bringing our dog when we visit.	12/11/2015 4:17 PM
14	The boats are fun to rent, also.	12/11/2015 3:53 PM
15	I wouldn't really be MORE likely, but a bridge would be nice since I like to visit anyway and the boats are getting pricey.	12/11/2015 2:18 PM
16	Please do not add a foot bridge. There is no reason to add it. The rowboat trip is perfect the way it is. People who want to walk the island are willing to pay for the rowboat, those who don't view the lower falls from afar. Please, no foot bridge.	12/11/2015 11:50 AM
17	Doesn't matter either way we would still go to the island.	12/9/2015 6:57 PM
18	Sounds like a good idea.	12/8/2015 2:26 PM
19	I would go whether there was a bridge or not.	12/7/2015 8:17 PM
20	One of our family uses a wheelchair; another uses a walker. Rowboats aren't viable.	12/5/2015 11:51 AM
21	I would be more likely to visit, but please don't alter the pristine view.	12/5/2015 8:50 AM
22	Adding the foot bridge would take away some of the charm that the row boats provide	12/5/2015 8:09 AM
23	I think a bridge would be fine, but I'd go either way.	12/4/2015 11:49 AM
24	Maybe once.	12/4/2015 9:16 AM
25	Boats were not operational when we camped there	12/4/2015 8:49 AM
26	Recent years have shown a decline of the care of the boats and launching deck.	12/3/2015 3:21 PM
27	YES, re public safety and congested area	12/3/2015 12:40 PM
28	We would have liked to go to the island but didnt have time and didnt want to do boats with little kids.	12/3/2015 9:44 AM
29	Love the rowboats!	12/3/2015 7:25 AM
30	If it keeps people out of the falls area it would be a great idea. Too many people not parenting their kids and allowing them to ruin the view for others.	12/3/2015 12:14 AM
31	A bridge option would be welcomed. However, I hope the row boat option will remain, it is one of my most favorite memories of visiting.	12/2/2015 11:23 PM
32	Both methods of access would be nice	12/2/2015 9:58 PM
33	If there was a bridge I would probably go there more times as it would be easier than getting the kayaks there.	12/2/2015 8:19 PM
34	We might rent a boat next time also, but did not this year.	12/2/2015 8:04 PM
35	I really liked that the island was only accessible by boat. Foot bridge not needed.	12/2/2015 4:57 PM
36	I honestly think the renting of rowboats is fairly pointless, 99% of people just want to experience the falls by wading through it.	12/2/2015 4:55 PM
37	Part of the beauty of TFSP is how untouched it.	12/2/2015 2:48 PM
38	Making an accessible trail would lead to a less enjoyable visit. The rustic nature and adventure of travelling by boat is what makes it appealing.	12/2/2015 1:03 PM
39	Doesn't matter	12/2/2015 12:11 PM
40	I would rather walk to the island than to take a boat.	12/2/2015 11:54 AM
41	rowboat is not always feasible if I am by myself and I visit as often by myself as with family and friends so a foot bridge would be awesome! as long as it would not be visible from the overlook	12/2/2015 10:17 AM
42	great idea	12/2/2015 10:06 AM
43	I don't think you should add a bridge - it will make it so too many people are on there.	12/2/2015 9:39 AM
44	kids love the boat ride - their favorite activity.	12/2/2015 8:52 AM
45	Have both used a boat and walked across the river to the island	12/2/2015 7:43 AM
46	A bridge would be better when the weather is not ideal for boating.	12/2/2015 7:02 AM

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47	Please do not build a bridge.	12/2/2015 5:52 AM
48	But the idea of rowing only access is part of its charm	12/2/2015 12:46 AM
49	It bothers me to see people in the falls with their children.	12/1/2015 10:37 PM
50	Rowboat fun but bridge would be worth investment	12/1/2015 10:35 PM
51	I like access limited by boat.	12/1/2015 9:57 PM
52	I would still visit the falls just as much.	12/1/2015 9:52 PM
53	We crossed the river to access the island and had an absolute blast swimming in the waterfalls.	12/1/2015 9:27 PM
54	This would be fantastic!! The cost deters some people with the rowboats.	12/1/2015 9:24 PM
55	I think it's cool that you have to go by boat it makes it more interesting and remote, more exciting. Maybe the DNR could forgo charging park guests for the boat rather than building the bridge	12/1/2015 9:18 PM
56	Part of the fun is renting the row boat; also limits crowds	12/1/2015 9:02 PM
57	Handicap accessibility would have to be built around the entire island to justify a bridge. Is it possible to up the camping/visiting fee to cover the cost of boats?	12/1/2015 8:58 PM
58	Not necessary its part of the history of the park	12/1/2015 8:46 PM
59	Didn't have time or money to rent a boat.	12/1/2015 8:38 PM
60	The kids really like the boat	12/1/2015 8:38 PM
61	Safer with my young kids. Although as they get older they may want to wade over.	12/1/2015 8:37 PM
62	this would not impact me as i find wading or biking fun. it might help improve access for elderly/disabled though, which would be nice for them	12/1/2015 8:36 PM
63	Saw several people wade over to the island, but I had several young kids so that wasn't an option	12/1/2015 8:31 PM
64	the boat is the coolness of going there :)	12/1/2015 8:04 PM
65	Maybe more likely, although definitely not opposed to crossing in a rowboat - we just haven't done that yet	12/1/2015 7:57 PM
66	That would be a wonderful idea.	12/1/2015 7:49 PM
67	I know it says not to, but we usually find a shallow area to walk across the river to the island	12/1/2015 7:21 PM
68	We prefer the rowboats.	12/1/2015 6:34 PM
69	Don't build a bridge. Some places should be let remote and difficult to access.	12/1/2015 6:27 PM
70	The row boats have become too costly. We sometimes take our own canoe to the island.	12/1/2015 5:51 PM
71	No bridge! Make people work for it.	12/1/2015 5:51 PM
72	No need for a bridge. Rowboat rentals are ideal. Maybe offer accessible rowboats with a guide.	12/1/2015 5:34 PM
73	Next time I plan to save my money and traverse the river to reach the island.	12/1/2015 5:06 PM
74	Would love to see a foot bridge!	12/1/2015 4:39 PM
75	Although the wading through the water and hike worked	12/1/2015 4:28 PM
76	The rowboat is part of the fun of going to the island	12/1/2015 4:26 PM
77	I enjoy wading across the river	12/1/2015 4:24 PM
78	I love the row boat experience with my family! A footbridge would detract from that experience!	12/1/2015 4:23 PM
79	Nice the way it is, leave as nature intended.	12/1/2015 4:19 PM
80	we are healthy 60 somethings and enjoy the boats. we can see that a bridge would make the island more ADA accessible, but no we wouldn't be more likely to visit the island via bridge. we love the boats	12/1/2015 4:15 PM
81	We very much enjoyed the adventure of the boat and see the bridge as a potential eyesore.	12/1/2015 4:14 PM
82	We would have.. We just ran out of time on our trip!	12/1/2015 4:08 PM
83	no foot bridge to island	12/1/2015 4:05 PM
84	I honestly didnt even know an island existed! I was only there for a few hours.	12/1/2015 3:59 PM

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85	the rowboat ride is somewhat pricey, and has been a deterrent in the past	12/1/2015 3:56 PM
86	Half the fun is going over by boat. You feel like it is special.	12/1/2015 3:52 PM
87	Do not build a bridge. Tradition and process are a part of the experience and excitement.	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
88	I think a bridge would ruin the essence of the island and make the falls look crowded and too much like a tourist destination rather than a virgin natural landmark	12/1/2015 3:46 PM
89	The row boat adds an additional dimension to island.	12/1/2015 3:46 PM
90	that would make having to go to the bathroom easier!	12/1/2015 3:46 PM
91	Good idea	12/1/2015 3:38 PM
92	we always go on a boat. is part of the adventure.	12/1/2015 3:38 PM
93	I think that part of the beauty is the fact that you can either walk across (through the river) or cross using the row boat. I think installing a bridge would be detrimental to the area and it would lose its rustic feeling.	12/1/2015 3:29 PM
94	Great idea!	12/1/2015 3:28 PM
95	That is a great idea	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
96	The bridge would have been more friendly for us with handicaps	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
97	More likely but I think it would take away from the experience	12/1/2015 3:15 PM
98	boat ride is ok though. making the island more accessible would be good	12/1/2015 12:57 PM
99	Sometimes you don't have time to wait and paddle over there. A bridge would be a nice option, especially on busy days, if it doesn't obstruct the view of the falls.	12/1/2015 12:49 PM
100	The rowboats are great and a bridge would ruin it.	12/1/2015 12:40 PM
101	Husband is in wheelchair and he usually stays behind.	12/1/2015 12:29 PM

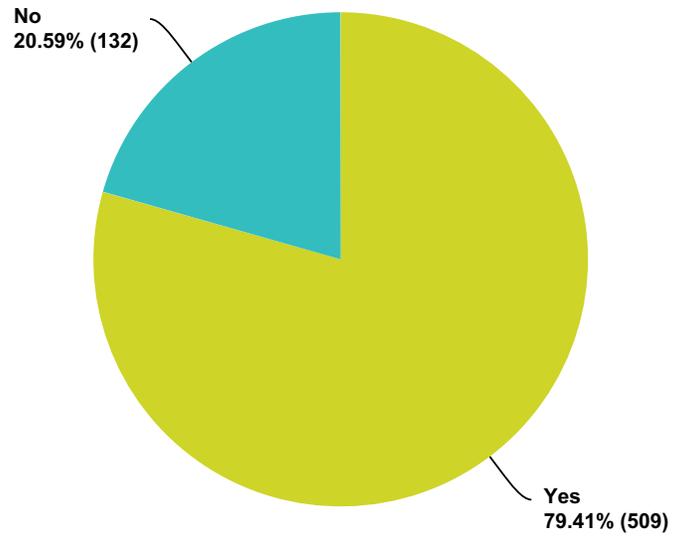
**Q14 What three words would you use to describe Tahquamenon Falls State Park to someone who has never visited the park?**

Answered: 591 Skipped: 94



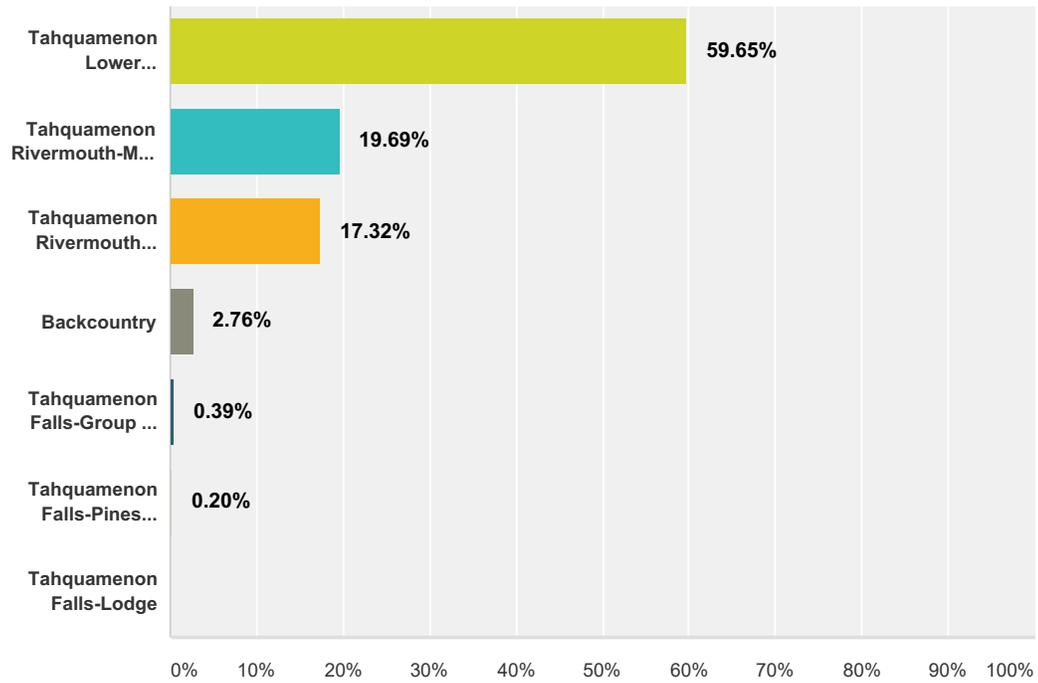
### Q15 Do you camp at Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

Answered: 641 Skipped: 44



### Q16 Where do you typically camp?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 177



Answer Choices	Responses	
Tahquamenon Lower Falls-Modern	59.65%	303
Tahquamenon Rivermouth-Modern	19.69%	100
Tahquamenon Rivermouth Pines/Semi-Modern/Rustic	17.32%	88
Backcountry	2.76%	14
Tahquamenon Falls-Group Use Area	0.39%	2
Tahquamenon Falls-Pines Camper Cabin	0.20%	1
Tahquamenon Falls-Lodge	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>508</b>

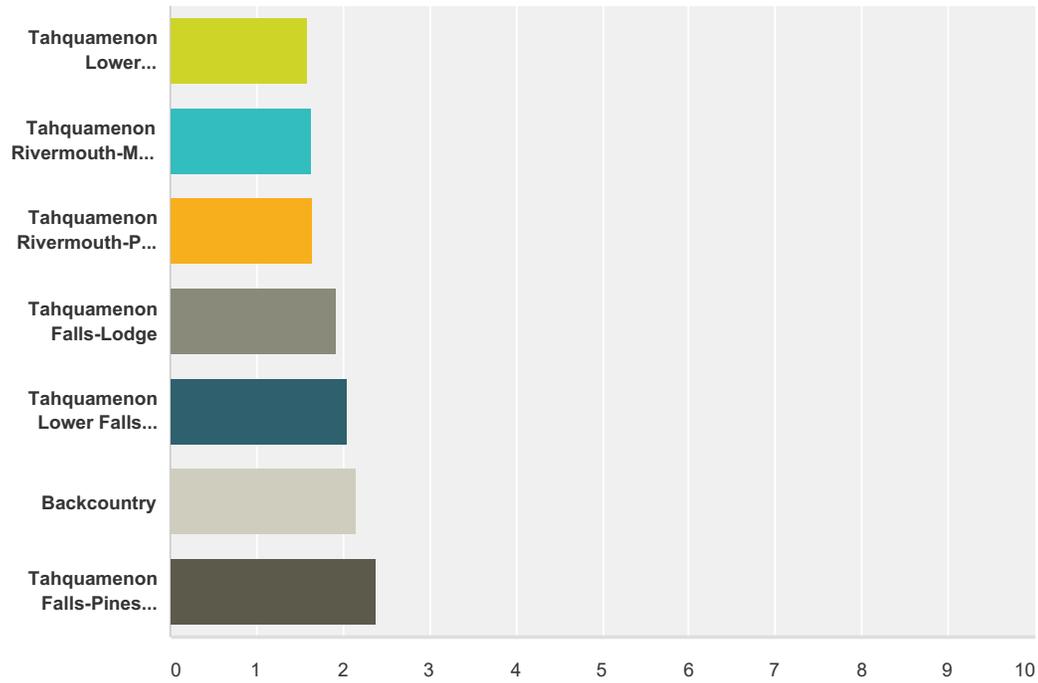
**Q17 How many nights do you typically stay? (Please enter a whole number)**

Answered: 506 Skipped: 179

<b>Night(s)</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1	7.11%
2	26.68%
3	23.72%
4	20.16%
5	9.88%
6	4.35%
7	4.94%
8	0.79%
9	0.20%
10 or more	2.57%

### Q18 How satisfied are you with the following camping locations at TFSP?

Answered: 502 Skipped: 183



	VerySatisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	VeryDissatisfied	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Tahquamenon Lower Falls-Modern	45.50% 202	26.13% 116	6.08% 27	2.70% 12	0.23% 1	19.37% 86	444	1.59
Tahquamenon Rivermouth-Modern	27.61% 111	15.92% 64	7.46% 30	0.50% 2	0.00% 0	48.51% 195	402	1.63
Tahquamenon Rivermouth-Pines/Semi-Modern/Rustic	23.16% 88	15.00% 57	6.05% 23	0.53% 2	0.00% 0	55.26% 210	380	1.64
Tahquamenon Falls-Lodge	9.29% 34	10.66% 39	6.56% 24	0.27% 1	0.00% 0	73.22% 268	366	1.92
Tahquamenon Lower Falls -Group Use Area	8.47% 32	9.52% 36	8.73% 33	0.53% 2	0.00% 0	72.75% 275	378	2.05
Backcountry	7.74% 27	5.44% 19	8.88% 31	1.15% 4	0.00% 0	76.79% 268	349	2.15
Tahquamenon Falls-Pines Camper Cabins	3.32% 12	3.60% 13	8.86% 32	0.28% 1	0.00% 0	83.93% 303	361	2.38

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	camper cabin is great option!	12/3/2015 12:43 PM
2	Clean a quiet	12/3/2015 12:16 AM
3	Mosquitos were bad first week of June but we quickly learn to overcome the wrath.	12/2/2015 12:02 PM
4	Need to update the electrical service at Portage campground	12/2/2015 12:01 PM
5	Always stay at the Lower Falls-Modern	12/2/2015 7:47 AM

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6	The campsites were nice but the black flies were terrible	12/1/2015 8:47 PM
7	Clark lake needs a better water supply even with great filtration you can still taste the iron.	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
8	Modern campgrounds need enforcement of generator time restrictions. SO NOISY!	12/1/2015 2:39 PM
9	Loved the interpreter presentation.	12/1/2015 12:47 PM

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**Q19 What is your primary reason for choosing to camp at TFSP?**

Answered: 449 Skipped: 236

#	Responses	Date
1	The Rivermouth rustic loop is about my favorite place on Earth	1/4/2016 9:15 AM
2	Falls and hiking	1/1/2016 11:25 PM
3	The hiking...especially the trail between the Lower and Upper Falls..	12/31/2015 2:06 PM
4	Fishing on the river	12/31/2015 10:22 AM
5	Preference	12/31/2015 8:26 AM
6	The falls	12/30/2015 5:21 PM
7	Beauty	12/29/2015 9:53 PM
8	to spend time at the falls	12/28/2015 4:00 PM
9	I like to camp there because it is away from everything city-like. On top of that, we used to go on vacation with family back in the day and I love re-living the moments.	12/28/2015 12:24 PM
10	Location and recommendation from friends who had camped there in the past.	12/24/2015 9:55 PM
11	To get closer to nature	12/24/2015 2:23 PM
12	I liked the location.	12/24/2015 12:21 PM
13	Location/price	12/23/2015 9:48 AM
14	Fun	12/22/2015 4:55 PM
15	access to trails and falls	12/21/2015 5:21 PM
16	Seeing the falls - this is the unique aspect of camping at TFSP	12/21/2015 6:23 AM
17	Location	12/20/2015 4:18 AM
18	Area	12/19/2015 8:38 PM
19	Best state park on the east side of UP	12/19/2015 12:32 PM
20	It's close to all of the destinations we visit in the U.P and we love the falls & other nature at TFSP	12/19/2015 8:07 AM
21	Close to nature, cheaper than hotel, fun for kids	12/18/2015 11:00 PM
22	hiked the NCT	12/18/2015 8:09 PM
23	Close to home, lots of fun day trips to do with young children, campground playground.	12/18/2015 6:33 PM
24	North Country Trail activities and volunteer trail building	12/18/2015 11:11 AM
25	North Country Trail access	12/18/2015 10:18 AM
26	close to area favorite places, plus the falls	12/18/2015 8:37 AM
27	To stay and play	12/18/2015 8:35 AM
28	Hiking the North Country National Scenic Trail	12/18/2015 8:28 AM
29	Access to the North Country Trail yet with Electricity and Showers.	12/18/2015 12:17 AM
30	Beautiful view, opportunity to see wildlife, fishing.	12/17/2015 11:41 PM
31	It is a nice family friendly campground. We love that our children can play with other kids & not have to worry about drunk people getting out of control like some state parks in the lower penninsula.It is well kept, nice area.	12/17/2015 10:11 PM
32	Having fun and visiting the falls	12/17/2015 7:34 PM
33	Be close to the falls, to the microbrewery, to Whitefish Point, and reasonably close to Munising and Pictured Rocks and of course the hiking.	12/17/2015 6:39 PM

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34	Family visiting the falls	12/17/2015 2:53 PM
35	Location	12/17/2015 11:51 AM
36	Easy access to trail, children love it and programs offered playground nice for them and parents.	12/17/2015 10:56 AM
37	Location to the Soo, Lake Superior, and the falls.	12/17/2015 10:36 AM
38	We enjoy driving along the Lake Superior shoreline and TFSP is a regular stop for us between Brimley and Marquette.	12/17/2015 10:03 AM
39	the area	12/17/2015 8:57 AM
40	Proximity to beautiful areas and whitefish pointe	12/17/2015 8:00 AM
41	Location, proximit to the park	12/16/2015 8:12 PM
42	Proximity to the falls	12/14/2015 2:02 PM
43	Enjoy camping at MI state parks	12/14/2015 11:33 AM
44	We like camping, we like waterfalls. Seemed like the perfect thing to do. We also like camping in rustic campgrounds which was an option.	12/13/2015 10:16 PM
45	Family vacation	12/13/2015 5:59 PM
46	location	12/13/2015 1:46 PM
47	So I can be close to the falls, so I can walk to them and hear them.	12/12/2015 8:54 AM
48	Economy and natural beauty	12/11/2015 4:20 PM
49	Tradition	12/11/2015 4:00 PM
50	I like the rustic rivermouth sites, being able to camp in non-cramped spaces in the forest with a big river feet away is wonderful.	12/11/2015 2:21 PM
51	Family loves it	12/10/2015 8:09 AM
52	Close to Paradise, Whitefish Point, Falls	12/10/2015 7:26 AM
53	Accessible	12/10/2015 12:28 AM
54	We came to Tahquamenon Falls to see the falls and enjoy nature and hiking at the campground.	12/9/2015 11:55 PM
55	Family vacation	12/9/2015 7:37 PM
56	Enjoy camping	12/9/2015 5:41 PM
57	camping out in nature	12/8/2015 5:26 PM
58	Halloween!	12/8/2015 10:09 AM
59	No local motels.	12/8/2015 7:31 AM
60	closeness to falls and river	12/8/2015 12:15 AM
61	Close to family and work	12/7/2015 8:20 PM
62	great location to visit other places in the area	12/7/2015 4:49 PM
63	Exceptional natural resources	12/6/2015 8:49 PM
64	Its one of my favorite places in the UP	12/6/2015 7:52 PM
65	Closeness to the Falls and Lake Superior; natural beauty and isolation	12/6/2015 4:35 PM
66	Viewing the falls	12/6/2015 4:01 PM
67	Generator free loop. We use a solar panel and hate to listen to generators.	12/6/2015 3:00 PM
68	Good campgrounds and the Great Lakes Relay race starts there!	12/6/2015 12:44 PM
69	To meet with NCT group for hiking. I would never camp during the months of June, July August and early Sept at the campgrounds are terribly crowded. We generally camp in early spring or late fall.	12/6/2015 12:14 PM
70	Things to do and see in the park and near the park	12/6/2015 10:49 AM

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71	TFSP is close to many area attractions.	12/6/2015 9:24 AM
72	Beauty of the falls and setting, especially the Upper Falls.	12/6/2015 9:23 AM
73	To visit & hike @ the falls.	12/5/2015 9:45 PM
74	enjoying lower falls at dawn very peaceful and non stress full	12/5/2015 6:10 PM
75	quiet, but access to ammenities	12/5/2015 4:17 PM
76	The beauty of the Rivermouth campground area. Wish we could use a generator - we would stay at semi-modern side.	12/5/2015 4:12 PM
77	like the rivermouth campground	12/5/2015 3:25 PM
78	We have stayed there several times always with a good experience.	12/5/2015 1:37 PM
79	Visiting in fall for autumn colors.	12/5/2015 11:54 AM
80	To visit the UP. It is a nice place to stay and camp, but is also close to other UP attractions.	12/5/2015 9:07 AM
81	The falls.	12/5/2015 8:53 AM
82	Kayaking the river - viewing the falls, hiking the trails	12/5/2015 8:15 AM
83	Beauty of the region, close to home (less than 6 hours drive), access to Pictured Rocks NP, Soo Locks	12/4/2015 8:46 PM
84	It's nice.	12/4/2015 3:43 PM
85	Proximity to nature. Cheaper than hotel.	12/4/2015 12:10 PM
86	There is much available in the area -- Lake Superior beach, Tahquamenon River, Paradise....	12/4/2015 11:50 AM
87	Birding and access to Whitefish Point	12/4/2015 10:03 AM
88	Great photography	12/4/2015 9:20 AM
89	The awe-inspiring natural setting, especially with the fall colors!	12/4/2015 8:53 AM
90	Love to camp	12/4/2015 8:50 AM
91	Hike to Clark Lake/Betsy Lake	12/4/2015 5:36 AM
92	to see the falls	12/3/2015 11:43 PM
93	great location for our UP vacation	12/3/2015 9:21 PM
94	Close to attractions we wanted to see	12/3/2015 9:00 PM
95	I enjoy camping.	12/3/2015 8:43 PM
96	like the area	12/3/2015 8:24 PM
97	Proximity to other park features - trails, falls, brewpub, and proximity to areas outside of park, Whitefish Point, Lake Superior State Forest lands and campgrounds, Crisp Point, Etc	12/3/2015 7:07 PM
98	Access to Whitefish Point and the Lake Superior Shores	12/3/2015 6:44 PM
99	I just like it there.	12/3/2015 5:43 PM
100	close to the falls.	12/3/2015 5:18 PM
101	We exclusively camp at the Rivermouth. Eric's team maintains the restrooms, shower rooms and grounds beautifully. The campsites are large and it is usually very peaceful.	12/3/2015 3:25 PM
102	Waterfalls	12/3/2015 2:27 PM
103	ljlkl	12/3/2015 2:16 PM
104	good location	12/3/2015 2:13 PM
105	area	12/3/2015 1:25 PM
106	comfortable listening to lower falls at night	12/3/2015 1:24 PM
107	Access to natural beauty and wilderness.	12/3/2015 1:22 PM
108	atmosphere and proximity to activities we enjoy	12/3/2015 12:43 PM
109	Lake Superior Circle tour brought us here.	12/3/2015 12:21 PM

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110	Spectacular scenery	12/3/2015 10:54 AM
111	Rivermouth Rustic is more natural and less crowded	12/3/2015 10:53 AM
112	Excellent rustic sites	12/3/2015 10:16 AM
113	Location, amenities	12/3/2015 10:00 AM
114	Kayaking	12/3/2015 10:00 AM
115	Annual Blueberry festival	12/3/2015 9:55 AM
116	Love for the area around Whitefish Point, and the eastern UP	12/3/2015 9:47 AM
117	Visiting falls and hiking.	12/3/2015 9:46 AM
118	Closeness to falls	12/3/2015 9:08 AM
119	Scenery	12/3/2015 8:51 AM
120	Location to trails and N. Michigan	12/3/2015 7:28 AM
121	a lot to do in the area	12/3/2015 7:11 AM
122	Easy access to the falls at off peak hours.	12/3/2015 1:15 AM
123	ability to reserve a spot. It was our first night up in the UP. Very nice stay.	12/3/2015 12:16 AM
124	Family time	12/2/2015 11:38 PM
125	Access to other activities in the area	12/2/2015 10:00 PM
126	hear the falls roar when resting/relaxing	12/2/2015 9:36 PM
127	Visit the park and the surrounding area.	12/2/2015 9:20 PM
128	went for the falls	12/2/2015 8:43 PM
129	We go every 5 years or so just to see how it's changed.	12/2/2015 8:28 PM
130	Seeing stuff	12/2/2015 8:06 PM
131	To hike the falls trail	12/2/2015 7:52 PM
132	Show our kids the falls	12/2/2015 7:38 PM
133	My family loves to camp and enjoy nature. TFSP offers great camping and the beauty of the area is unmatched.	12/2/2015 6:45 PM
134	One of the most "woody" natural parks in Michigan	12/2/2015 6:29 PM
135	access to Lake Superior	12/2/2015 5:20 PM
136	STRONG word of mouth recommendations re beauty and activities/features, location.	12/2/2015 5:16 PM
137	it was a convenient stop during a 4,000 km bike ride with a reputation for interesting geography	12/2/2015 5:15 PM
138	Location.	12/2/2015 4:56 PM
139	falls	12/2/2015 3:28 PM
140	Natural settings	12/2/2015 2:51 PM
141	Good length of trails for overnight backpacking trip.	12/2/2015 2:49 PM
142	close proximity to Sault Ste. Marie MI	12/2/2015 1:42 PM
143	Crisp Point Light House visits where we volunteer.	12/2/2015 1:32 PM
144	The falls	12/2/2015 1:26 PM
145	the falls	12/2/2015 1:14 PM
146	Hiking and accessibility.	12/2/2015 1:12 PM
147	The falls and the hiking trails.	12/2/2015 1:05 PM
148	To see the falls , and the UP woods	12/2/2015 12:38 PM
149	Great place to camp if we can get in!	12/2/2015 12:18 PM
150	visiting the area, central location to other things	12/2/2015 12:12 PM

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151	fishing	12/2/2015 12:11 PM
152	To be outdoor, to come and go freely, to be a part of the nature.	12/2/2015 12:02 PM
153	Special events and Astronomy	12/2/2015 12:01 PM
154	Half way point to meet other family members	12/2/2015 11:46 AM
155	Fun in the falls	12/2/2015 11:37 AM
156	Part of the experience of our visit	12/2/2015 11:23 AM
157	It's beauty and wildness	12/2/2015 10:54 AM
158	Central location to access that area of UP.	12/2/2015 10:43 AM
159	A beautiful park, not too far from home.	12/2/2015 10:37 AM
160	OUR ENTIRE FAMILY, 3 GENERATIONS, LOVE THE PARK. IT'S ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PLACES TO BE.	12/2/2015 10:30 AM
161	Center location for sightseeing.	12/2/2015 10:28 AM
162	convenience if I have family or friends visiting as I live 90 miles from the falls	12/2/2015 10:19 AM
163	Close to Paradise	12/2/2015 10:13 AM
164	Scenery and location	12/2/2015 10:08 AM
165	Love the area	12/2/2015 10:08 AM
166	Hiking/Camping	12/2/2015 10:06 AM
167	Annual Tradition	12/2/2015 10:03 AM
168	enjoy the scenery, the river, the falls and access to area sites and activities	12/2/2015 9:53 AM
169	Friendly Staff	12/2/2015 9:46 AM
170	I like the lower falls park - it is one of my favorites	12/2/2015 9:40 AM
171	Proximity to the lower and upper falls.	12/2/2015 9:10 AM
172	cost	12/2/2015 8:59 AM
173	good facilities, lots to do, camp 33 complex, read staff	12/2/2015 8:57 AM
174	Location to the falls, cleanliness of the campsites, and easy to get to.	12/2/2015 8:57 AM
175	Enjoy it	12/2/2015 8:41 AM
176	Close to the sight seeing and to the Lake Superior coast. Affordable.	12/2/2015 8:36 AM
177	beautiful location	12/2/2015 8:34 AM
178	Convenient place to spend the night en route.	12/2/2015 8:20 AM
179	The river and Lake Superior. Forest area.	12/2/2015 8:19 AM
180	nearness to the Falls viewing, hiking	12/2/2015 8:12 AM
181	To relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery	12/2/2015 8:02 AM
182	TFSP is one of our most favorite places to camp, sometimes with grandkids, sometimes just the two of us.	12/2/2015 7:47 AM
183	Love the falls and the area - including Whitefish Point area - great place to vacation. Always hope to spend more time each year.	12/2/2015 7:09 AM
184	Length of travel to get there	12/2/2015 7:09 AM
185	Family Fun!	12/2/2015 7:04 AM
186	Home base to area attractions	12/2/2015 6:59 AM
187	Tahqua 25K trail run	12/2/2015 6:44 AM
188	My wife likes it.	12/2/2015 6:23 AM
189	Camping near the falls.	12/2/2015 6:06 AM
190	Fishing access	12/2/2015 5:53 AM

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191	close to family activities	12/2/2015 4:44 AM
192	The beauty	12/2/2015 12:51 AM
193	Great park. Well kept campground. Rustic enough, yet modern enough.	12/2/2015 12:46 AM
194	We love the area & activities!	12/2/2015 12:45 AM
195	we would have liked to visit the falls	12/1/2015 11:47 PM
196	Beautiful area	12/1/2015 11:43 PM
197	Blueberry fest, Lake superior, Whitefish Point	12/1/2015 11:41 PM
198	We love the peaceful rustic sites and watching the northern lights after sunset while roasting marshmallows and enjoying family time.	12/1/2015 11:27 PM
199	see the falls	12/1/2015 11:01 PM
200	visiting the park	12/1/2015 10:55 PM
201	we needed a place to stay en route to Porcupine Mountain State Park (coming down from Canada) and it had been recommended by a friend	12/1/2015 10:44 PM
202	Falls, nice lodge, camping, outdoor fun opportunities	12/1/2015 10:40 PM
203	The river calls us back year after year.	12/1/2015 10:40 PM
204	location	12/1/2015 10:40 PM
205	Spend more time at the falls	12/1/2015 10:31 PM
206	Cheap and good sites	12/1/2015 10:22 PM
207	quiet, rustic	12/1/2015 10:12 PM
208	Use it as base camp to visit area attractions.	12/1/2015 10:05 PM
209	To enjoy the park	12/1/2015 10:05 PM
210	Falls	12/1/2015 10:02 PM
211	Like the falls and lots of nature activities in the area.	12/1/2015 10:00 PM
212	To use as base camp for visiting upper and lower falls, Whitefish Ship Wreck Museum, Pictured Rocks boat tour.	12/1/2015 9:56 PM
213	Location	12/1/2015 9:56 PM
214	Close access to the falls and hiking trails	12/1/2015 9:55 PM
215	location	12/1/2015 9:36 PM
216	River access and hiking	12/1/2015 9:36 PM
217	The first year was a family gathering, but I will be going back every year and camping at the lower falls campground in August to swim.	12/1/2015 9:29 PM
218	We enjoy camping	12/1/2015 9:27 PM
219	Previous visit, good memories	12/1/2015 9:26 PM
220	Camping close to Falls	12/1/2015 9:22 PM
221	It's a remote campsite and beautiful	12/1/2015 9:20 PM
222	Recommended by friends.	12/1/2015 9:19 PM
223	New part of Michigan	12/1/2015 9:17 PM
224	Proximity to the falls.	12/1/2015 9:13 PM
225	location	12/1/2015 9:13 PM
226	Proximity to sights in the eastern UP	12/1/2015 9:04 PM
227	Nature, the falls always have a draw on us.	12/1/2015 9:00 PM
228	Beauty of nature	12/1/2015 8:58 PM
229	To see the falls.	12/1/2015 8:57 PM

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230	We use it as a base for days of exploring	12/1/2015 8:56 PM
231	Cheap and bed bug free.	12/1/2015 8:52 PM
232	The beauty of the falls	12/1/2015 8:50 PM
233	The falls	12/1/2015 8:47 PM
234	Location and the beautiful river	12/1/2015 8:45 PM
235	Beautiful area to get away. Quiet, falls beautiful. Easy drive to Crisp Point and Whitefish Point, Brown's Fishery.	12/1/2015 8:41 PM
236	To have inexpensive lodging while sightseeing in the area.	12/1/2015 8:41 PM
237	Support the state park system	12/1/2015 8:40 PM
238	The beauty	12/1/2015 8:40 PM
239	Convenience and experience	12/1/2015 8:39 PM
240	Location to falls	12/1/2015 8:38 PM
241	we wanted to stay near the falls	12/1/2015 8:38 PM
242	the falls and trail race	12/1/2015 8:37 PM
243	To see the falls and go up north	12/1/2015 8:34 PM
244	Family camping	12/1/2015 8:34 PM
245	Wanted campgrounds with showers and wanted to be near pictured rock.... TFSP was way better.	12/1/2015 8:31 PM
246	The falls and proximity to Whitefish Point.	12/1/2015 8:21 PM
247	Location	12/1/2015 8:15 PM
248	To visit the falls; vacation	12/1/2015 8:15 PM
249	To see the falls	12/1/2015 8:12 PM
250	The Falls!	12/1/2015 8:11 PM
251	It is never over crowded, noisy, or boisterous, very friendly staff and guests.	12/1/2015 8:09 PM
252	Atmosphere	12/1/2015 8:08 PM
253	wanted to see more of Michigan, trying to get as many awesome locations before the kids get too old	12/1/2015 8:08 PM
254	Peaceful and scenic. Very friendly staff.	12/1/2015 8:06 PM
255	The location in the UP near Whitefish Bay and TF	12/1/2015 8:03 PM
256	See the falls	12/1/2015 8:02 PM
257	Visit the Falls	12/1/2015 8:00 PM
258	The UP experience	12/1/2015 7:58 PM
259	To be close to the falls and the associated activities.	12/1/2015 7:55 PM
260	Love the area.	12/1/2015 7:54 PM
261	Because we come for the 25K race and our grandkids use to run the kids race.	12/1/2015 7:53 PM
262	wanted to stay in the park	12/1/2015 7:49 PM
263	Location to other attractions	12/1/2015 7:48 PM
264	Beauty	12/1/2015 7:47 PM
265	cost effective lodging while on vacation	12/1/2015 7:42 PM
266	Location	12/1/2015 7:41 PM
267	We have our last canoe race of the season from the lower falls to the mouth.	12/1/2015 7:40 PM
268	ease of access	12/1/2015 7:28 PM
269	Sightseeing in the region	12/1/2015 7:27 PM
270	Water	12/1/2015 7:25 PM

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271	we love the scenery and the hiking/exploring the falls and riverbank	12/1/2015 7:22 PM
272	More park access. Better run campground than some KOAs.	12/1/2015 7:21 PM
273	Winter campground	12/1/2015 7:20 PM
274	Fun	12/1/2015 7:13 PM
275	The falls	12/1/2015 7:10 PM
276	We enjoy the area.	12/1/2015 7:10 PM
277	water falls hikeing . love to hike between falls with brewery stop at the end	12/1/2015 7:05 PM
278	Location	12/1/2015 7:04 PM
279	Convinience	12/1/2015 6:54 PM
280	To visit the falls	12/1/2015 6:53 PM
281	It feels more like camping when you cant hear car traffic and the air smells fresh	12/1/2015 6:51 PM
282	It's so damn cool	12/1/2015 6:50 PM
283	Rustic but has modern amenities ,beautiful large trees	12/1/2015 6:44 PM
284	close to falls and open pull thru spot	12/1/2015 6:41 PM
285	The setting	12/1/2015 6:40 PM
286	We like the park.	12/1/2015 6:40 PM
287	I just love camping	12/1/2015 6:35 PM
288	Great campground. Right where we want to be.	12/1/2015 6:35 PM
289	Modern conveniences such as electricity and showers and access to hiking trails.	12/1/2015 6:29 PM
290	The Falls	12/1/2015 6:29 PM
291	Backcountry campsite with easy access to the trails	12/1/2015 6:28 PM
292	Location	12/1/2015 6:26 PM
293	Remote, woods, adventuresome for the boys	12/1/2015 6:24 PM
294	Love the area, close to Lake Superior and many other trails and places to explore	12/1/2015 6:20 PM
295	The falls and access to whitefish point.	12/1/2015 6:14 PM
296	The campsites and the campground are really nice	12/1/2015 6:09 PM
297	We have never visited the falls because we are from Texas. When I called to reserve a campsite for our 38 foot RVMotor Home the ranger I spoke with recommended our site.	12/1/2015 6:07 PM
298	Location, distance from the bridge	12/1/2015 6:07 PM
299	outdoor recreation running kayaking skiing	12/1/2015 6:07 PM
300	The semi-modern/rustic rivermouth campground is one of our favorite camping spots in Michigan because it is beautiful and peaceful.	12/1/2015 6:05 PM
301	It's a nice park	12/1/2015 6:05 PM
302	nice facilities	12/1/2015 6:04 PM
303	State campground	12/1/2015 6:02 PM
304	The falls are beautiful.	12/1/2015 5:58 PM
305	Taking the grand kids to see the falls.	12/1/2015 5:57 PM
306	Like the area	12/1/2015 5:55 PM
307	Location, fishing, photography, the Falls.	12/1/2015 5:54 PM
308	Part of a tour of UP camping/ hiking destinations.	12/1/2015 5:52 PM
309	Be close to the falls.	12/1/2015 5:52 PM

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310	hiking, picking blueberries and playing in water	12/1/2015 5:44 PM
311	near Whitefish Point	12/1/2015 5:40 PM
312	It is, in my opinion, the most beautiful park in the state park system	12/1/2015 5:38 PM
313	Great stop on UP trip. Crisp Point Light nearby	12/1/2015 5:37 PM
314	It is a perfect stopping point for our trip to the UP from Grand Rapids.	12/1/2015 5:35 PM
315	It is a scenic area without having to travel out of state. It is historic, folkloric, and relaxing.	12/1/2015 5:34 PM
316	Recommendation by others	12/1/2015 5:33 PM
317	enjoy camping	12/1/2015 5:29 PM
318	Love to camp, close to all Tahquamenon Falls points of interest	12/1/2015 5:28 PM
319	Harvest Festival!	12/1/2015 5:27 PM
320	The natural beauty of the area.	12/1/2015 5:26 PM
321	Wanting to visit!	12/1/2015 5:25 PM
322	The area is beautiful & we love the boardwalk at the lower falls to be able to view the falls closer.	12/1/2015 5:18 PM
323	To visit the falls and surrounding area	12/1/2015 5:18 PM
324	Convenience	12/1/2015 5:10 PM
325	Harvest festival	12/1/2015 5:09 PM
326	Location/convenient access to the falls	12/1/2015 5:07 PM
327	rustic sites. no electricity. rvs and campers are loud and not pleasurable to look at. usually too big for the sites.	12/1/2015 5:00 PM
328	Closeness to activities	12/1/2015 4:54 PM
329	Peaceful and scenic.	12/1/2015 4:54 PM
330	Beautiful	12/1/2015 4:51 PM
331	Peaceful	12/1/2015 4:49 PM
332	Smaller campground. Gave the feeling of forest area.	12/1/2015 4:48 PM
333	Access to hiking trails, foot trail to upper falls, UP fall	12/1/2015 4:46 PM
334	Seeing the falls	12/1/2015 4:45 PM
335	It's just gorgeous there.	12/1/2015 4:43 PM
336	Close to the main attraction, great for site seeing, access to Paradise and local stores and restaurants.	12/1/2015 4:42 PM
337	Fall colours!	12/1/2015 4:38 PM
338	Close to the falls	12/1/2015 4:34 PM
339	Scenic river views	12/1/2015 4:34 PM
340	Beautiful area	12/1/2015 4:32 PM
341	to hike and see the falls	12/1/2015 4:30 PM
342	Proximity to falls, clean, updated	12/1/2015 4:29 PM
343	Location	12/1/2015 4:29 PM
344	the falls, lake superior, mackinac island, the sue.	12/1/2015 4:28 PM
345	enjoy walking to the falls	12/1/2015 4:28 PM
346	Location	12/1/2015 4:27 PM
347	Play in falls base to walk bridge snowmobile destination	12/1/2015 4:26 PM
348	Visiting the falls	12/1/2015 4:25 PM
349	we camp to fully enjoy nature, the hiking is great there and easy to access from the campground	12/1/2015 4:22 PM
350	location to river	12/1/2015 4:21 PM

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351	in the UP	12/1/2015 4:21 PM
352	Location	12/1/2015 4:19 PM
353	Access to water for kayaking	12/1/2015 4:16 PM
354	beautiful, central to light houses that we visit	12/1/2015 4:16 PM
355	Proximity to falls and Whitefish Point in addition to other local attractions and hiking.	12/1/2015 4:15 PM
356	Close to lower falls.	12/1/2015 4:15 PM
357	Location to other parks in the u.p.. plenty to do.	12/1/2015 4:14 PM
358	Location	12/1/2015 4:13 PM
359	Met friends that live in Wisconsin.	12/1/2015 4:13 PM
360	Close proximity to falls, and electric hookup	12/1/2015 4:13 PM
361	Water Falls	12/1/2015 4:11 PM
362	Good place for a few nights when traveling across UP.	12/1/2015 4:11 PM
363	relaxing	12/1/2015 4:10 PM
364	Beauty	12/1/2015 4:07 PM
365	Many things to visit in the area.	12/1/2015 4:05 PM
366	we like the park	12/1/2015 4:04 PM
367	vacation	12/1/2015 4:04 PM
368	plenty of things to do.	12/1/2015 4:01 PM
369	location	12/1/2015 4:01 PM
370	wading in the Lower Falls with family	12/1/2015 3:58 PM
371	Remote scenic area	12/1/2015 3:58 PM
372	Location	12/1/2015 3:56 PM
373	The River	12/1/2015 3:55 PM
374	Nice campground, great scenery, interesting surrounding area.	12/1/2015 3:55 PM
375	We love to tent and be out in nature.	12/1/2015 3:55 PM
376	I like it.	12/1/2015 3:52 PM
377	To camp while bird hunting in the fall	12/1/2015 3:52 PM
378	Location	12/1/2015 3:52 PM
379	annual church group family encampment	12/1/2015 3:51 PM
380	traveling through area	12/1/2015 3:51 PM
381	The best campground in the state!	12/1/2015 3:50 PM
382	Love the UP	12/1/2015 3:50 PM
383	Proximity to the falls	12/1/2015 3:50 PM
384	We like the area	12/1/2015 3:49 PM
385	Proximity to the falls	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
386	The beauty and remote location.	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
387	I love the UP and the falls are beautiful. We enjoy having a nice campground. Rowing to the Island is always fun - the kids love to be able to explore the Island and falls.	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
388	close proximity to the falls	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
389	visit the falls	12/1/2015 3:46 PM
390	Vacation	12/1/2015 3:43 PM

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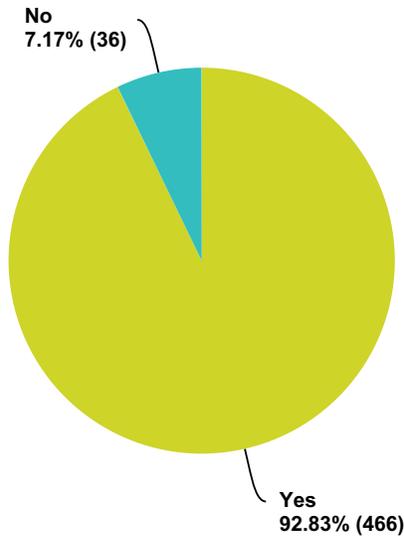
391	Location, easy to book, shower facilities	12/1/2015 3:41 PM
392	We like the area.	12/1/2015 3:41 PM
393	Close enough to home, far enough to feel out in the woods.	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
394	Conveniences	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
395	The falls, location in the Upper Peninsula	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
396	location	12/1/2015 3:39 PM
397	Scenery	12/1/2015 3:37 PM
398	The campground is located in a beautiful part of the state. It is well maintained, peaceful and quiet. I just love being there and relaxing with family.	12/1/2015 3:35 PM
399	Utilizing the island at the lower falls,	12/1/2015 3:35 PM
400	Harvest Fest in October	12/1/2015 3:34 PM
401	Location to the falls and the Lake.	12/1/2015 3:34 PM
402	Spending extended time at park.	12/1/2015 3:33 PM
403	Beautiful	12/1/2015 3:33 PM
404	I like rustic campgrounds as it makes my children learn how to fend for themselves. It's nice that we don't have electricity and therefore they cannot use their electronic devices.	12/1/2015 3:31 PM
405	Central to UP activities, but "remote" feel to the world	12/1/2015 3:31 PM
406	The falls	12/1/2015 3:31 PM
407	We enjoy camping on vacations.	12/1/2015 3:29 PM
408	Beautiful area	12/1/2015 3:28 PM
409	Beauty of the Rivermouth, but it is getting too crowded and less like camping as a result.	12/1/2015 3:27 PM
410	decided to go on a camping trip in UP	12/1/2015 3:27 PM
411	It's a great park to be camped inside of... lots to do and look at at the falls.	12/1/2015 3:26 PM
412	clean, reasonable, fun	12/1/2015 3:26 PM
413	TFSP is very clean and wonderful.	12/1/2015 3:26 PM
414	sooths my soul	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
415	To visit park and surrounding area.	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
416	We want to be near the lower falls	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
417	Proximity to falls	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
418	Adventure	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
419	the beauty, something for the kids to see that they will never see anywhere else. we have foster children and we make sure that they all get several visits to the park, we love the brew pub as well	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
420	wanted to spend some time in the UP	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
421	It was on my way hiking the NCT	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
422	Falls, trails	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
423	availability	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
424	We can trust the State Parks	12/1/2015 3:20 PM
425	It was on the way to our trip to Canada and we had heard it was lovely from some Michigan residents	12/1/2015 3:20 PM
426	location.	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
427	Peacefulness and love of the north.	12/1/2015 3:18 PM
428	vacation	12/1/2015 3:18 PM

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429	We choose TFSP because the falls are beautiful and the walking trails are nice. We camp with about 10 to 15 other people so it is always a good time.	12/1/2015 3:18 PM
430	Great Lakes Relay	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
431	The falls	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
432	Sightseeing	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
433	To be closer to the falls	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
434	Access to the lower falls	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
435	fun weekend trip	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
436	The falls are a unique feature and the surrounding environment is awesome	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
437	Spend more time doing things in the area.	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
438	Proximity to the falls	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
439	Proximity to many activities	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
440	Enjoy the Falls	12/1/2015 3:15 PM
441	Seeing the falls and hiking trails	12/1/2015 2:39 PM
442	Atmosphere	12/1/2015 1:58 PM
443	Location	12/1/2015 1:38 PM
444	Proximity to day use attractions.	12/1/2015 1:36 PM
445	remote and lightly used in early season (May)	12/1/2015 1:34 PM
446	Convenience	12/1/2015 12:50 PM
447	The hiking between the falls and the beauty of the campground	12/1/2015 12:47 PM
448	proximity to the falls and the great trees and wooded surroundings unlike newer parks with saplings.	12/1/2015 12:42 PM
449	senic	12/1/2015 12:39 PM

**Q20 Transporting firewood also transports insects and diseases such as Emerald Ash borer, Oak Wilt, and Beech Bark Disease, which have a devastating effect on Michigan's forests. To protect forest health, would you support a requirement to use only locally sourced firewood?**

Answered: 502 Skipped: 183



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	92.83%	466
No	7.17%	36
<b>Total</b>		<b>502</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	The price of locally sourced firewood should be kept as low as possible.	12/31/2015 10:22 AM
2	only if it is decent wood at a reasonable price	12/28/2015 4:00 PM
3	Firewood was reasonably priced and readily available.	12/24/2015 9:55 PM
4	It was hard to find. Most vendors sold out or ridiculously expensive	12/17/2015 8:00 AM
5	I did use local, but you need to get one that doesn't rip you off.	12/12/2015 8:54 AM
6	We usually just do twig fires made from collected down wood. Easy to put out and they don't last as long as fire from full split wood.	12/11/2015 4:20 PM
7	If I could harvest it properly myself, I would support this because buying the wood really adds up.	12/11/2015 4:00 PM
8	I thought that was already the requirement!	12/5/2015 4:17 PM
9	Only if locally sourced firewood was well seasoned and DRY. More often, wood is green and wet.	12/5/2015 11:54 AM
10	We purchase wood from the two gas station/general stores near the park entrance.	12/5/2015 9:07 AM
11	Although I'm not sure how you enforce such a requirement.	12/5/2015 8:53 AM

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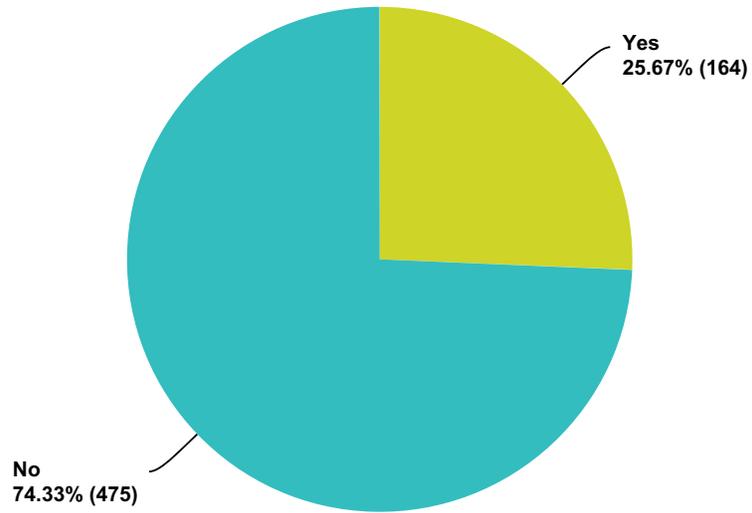
12	Need a definition of "local" we come from Marquette county and bring our ow. We've bought wood from local seller...very disappoite! Bundles usually consist of 2-3 pieces cut very small which are wet so they don't burn.	12/5/2015 7:50 AM
13	... but only if the wood available for purchase is good dry firewood, and not just green crap.	12/4/2015 9:20 AM
14	We have always purchased our Rivermouth firewood from local residents.	12/3/2015 3:25 PM
15	Out of state resident. Good idea, however.	12/3/2015 2:27 PM
16	kjlkjkj	12/3/2015 2:16 PM
17	We only use locally sourced firewood now.	12/3/2015 9:55 AM
18	There are plenty places around the park to buy wood	12/3/2015 9:47 AM
19	I would if it were free or cheap cost.	12/3/2015 9:46 AM
20	We purchased wood at the campsite	12/3/2015 12:16 AM
21	Poor quality and wet firewood will encourage people to bring their own wood.	12/2/2015 11:38 PM
22	If the price is kept reasonable	12/2/2015 10:00 PM
23	as long as it isn't outrageously over priced	12/2/2015 9:36 PM
24	As long as the cost is not too much. I like a fire but \$20 a night is too much.	12/2/2015 8:28 PM
25	I feel its important to protect nature.	12/2/2015 6:45 PM
26	We did use only locally sourced wood - it was not a problem.	12/2/2015 5:16 PM
27	I don't personally use firewood during July-August	12/2/2015 5:15 PM
28	you have to make firewood available for campers in quantities larger than a bundle.	12/2/2015 1:42 PM
29	you already do that	12/2/2015 12:18 PM
30	Provided the cost isn't exhorbitant.	12/2/2015 10:43 AM
31	Price of fire becomes a concern	12/2/2015 10:03 AM
32	if cost is reasonable	12/2/2015 9:53 AM
33	When campers setup camp and have a huge amount of firewood, you need to question where it came from.	12/2/2015 9:46 AM
34	that is what we do	12/2/2015 8:57 AM
35	We always buy our firewood at the campground or a local resident	12/2/2015 7:47 AM
36	I already use only locally sourced firewood.	12/2/2015 6:23 AM
37	Usually buy firewood at camp office. Maybe throw in wax fire starter. Those worked great!	12/1/2015 10:40 PM
38	What if you have your own MI wood?	12/1/2015 10:40 PM
39	I'm surprised this isn't already a requirement.	12/1/2015 9:29 PM
40	Firewood for sale needs to be of good quality and reasonably priced.	12/1/2015 8:57 PM
41	Feel as long as it is u.p it would be fine	12/1/2015 8:45 PM
42	We never transport wood	12/1/2015 8:41 PM
43	I use finished lumber, kiln dried pallet wood	12/1/2015 8:34 PM
44	Bought my wood from the lady in the red truck	12/1/2015 8:31 PM
45	Hate all the smoke	12/1/2015 8:26 PM
46	If local businesses are included, not a DNR monopoly.	12/1/2015 7:54 PM
47	Only if you didn't have to pay a \$1 for each piece!	12/1/2015 7:53 PM
48	Why bring my own wood when wood at the camp gate is plentiful & inexpensive.	12/1/2015 7:21 PM
49	Yes, but define local...	12/1/2015 6:40 PM
50	We were directed to vendors to purchase local firewood.	12/1/2015 6:15 PM
51	make it affordable I plenty local downed trees	12/1/2015 6:08 PM

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52	Local wood is too expensive. Campers should be given written permission and sign a waiver, at the office to allow them to cut any down and dead timbers.	12/1/2015 5:57 PM
53	Permit gathering wood in nearby state forests.	12/1/2015 5:37 PM
54	We thought that was already in force.	12/1/2015 5:26 PM
55	price gouging	12/1/2015 4:26 PM
56	We buy ours at the local store	12/1/2015 4:21 PM
57	If it means locally from the UP only!	12/1/2015 4:13 PM
58	i do but the local wood seems to always be green	12/1/2015 4:04 PM
59	we like to help out the local people anyway	12/1/2015 4:01 PM
60	While camping i witnessed many people bringing wood from the lower peninsula	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
61	isn't there already one in place?	12/1/2015 3:39 PM
62	I agree with the statement, but I wouldn't be opposed to engineered lumber such as old pallets. You can find them everywhere and they are easy to transport once they are cut up. Some of the prices for firewood can get expensive if you are camping for a longer period of time.	12/1/2015 3:35 PM
63	we live in the UP so we were able to use our own wood. last year we bought wood and for 3 nights in October we spent well over \$100 on wood :( I like that you can bring your own wood from the UP, but down state wood is not permitted.	12/1/2015 3:34 PM
64	We never cross the bridge with firewood.	12/1/2015 3:33 PM
65	Heck yes I would support this!!	12/1/2015 3:31 PM
66	Some campgrounds' firewood costs way too much. Make it reasonable.	12/1/2015 3:29 PM
67	we only buy wood when we get there	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
68	already do. found the person selling wood from the back of her truck very convenient. Expensive especially for the soft garbage wood she sells, but so nice not having to worry about taking it any more or hunting for it. and no, i havent transported wood in almost 25 years.	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
69	We love the lady that sells wood at Tahquamenon. We will only buy from her and think it's safer to buy local wood only.	12/1/2015 3:18 PM
70	My boyfriend and I camp most weekends in the summer, and it is very rare in Illinois, lower Michigan, Indiana or Wisconsin to find a campsite that does not have a locally-sourced firewood requirement.	12/1/2015 3:17 PM

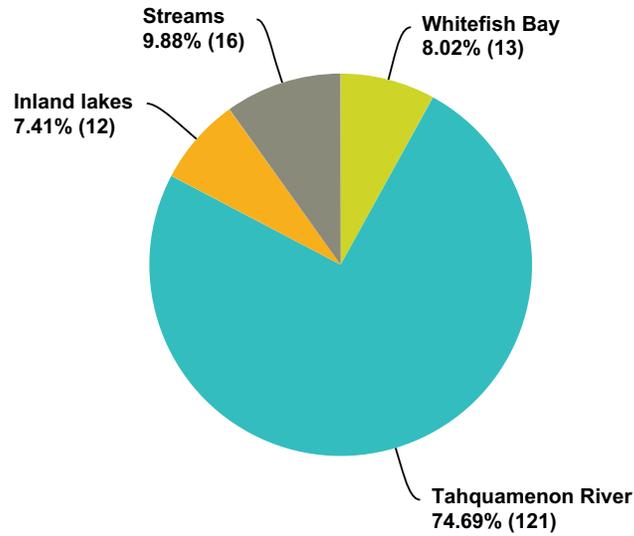
### Q21 Do you fish at Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

Answered: 639 Skipped: 46



## Q22 What is your preferred fishing location?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 523



Answer Choices	Responses	
Whitefish Bay	8.02%	13
Tahquamenon River	74.69%	121
Inland lakes	7.41%	12
Streams	9.88%	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>162</b>

#	Other (please specify):	Date
1	None	12/22/2015 7:43 AM
2	rivermouth	12/5/2015 3:26 PM
3	Really haven't found a great location.	12/5/2015 8:55 AM
4	Restricting bank fishing only to the platform on the Rustic side is LUDICROUS!! A child fishing along the shore or from a downed tree causes NO harm.	12/3/2015 3:37 PM
5	Sheldrake damn	12/1/2015 10:41 PM
6	have done very limited fishing on river.	12/1/2015 3:53 PM
7	Never caught a fish though	12/1/2015 3:36 PM
8	we have foster kids and this is most of their first time fishing and they love it.	12/1/2015 3:24 PM

**Q23 How many days per year do you fish  
for each species in the park?**

Answered: 160 Skipped: 525

	0	1-10	11-20	> 20	Total
Brown Trout	32.89% 25	67.11% 51	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	76
Walleye	21.59% 19	73.86% 65	2.27% 2	2.27% 2	88
Muskellunge	32.47% 25	64.94% 50	1.30% 1	1.30% 1	77
Smallmouth bass	22.89% 19	74.70% 62	1.20% 1	1.20% 1	83
Any	9.85% 13	85.61% 113	1.52% 2	3.03% 4	132

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## Q24 Please provide any comments you may have on your fishing experience.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 642

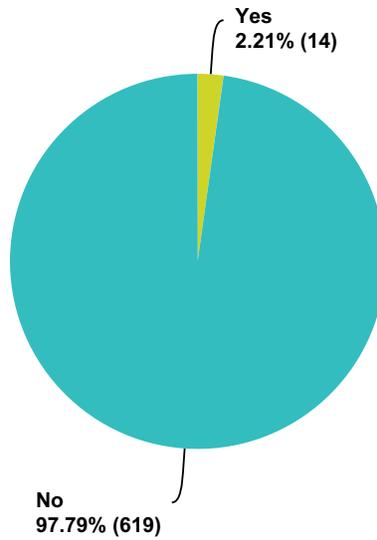
#	Responses	Date
1	I have lost several lures on the snags in the river and never caught anything, but it is still worth it.	1/4/2016 9:16 AM
2	It would be nice to have docks available to moor the boat overnight while camping at the park.	12/31/2015 10:24 AM
3	Didn't catch crap.	12/17/2015 11:41 PM
4	From the south side we should be able to ride ATVs - UTVs	12/17/2015 8:59 PM
5	Not the greatest but then again I am not the greatest.	12/17/2015 10:57 AM
6	We never catch anything. I 'caught' a tree trunk once.	12/11/2015 4:01 PM
7	Best Smelt Dipping	12/8/2015 11:11 AM
8	Amateur	12/6/2015 4:35 PM
9	We enjoy fishing for pike and usually catch several a day. We catch and release.	12/6/2015 3:01 PM
10	Have rarely caught any fish	12/5/2015 4:13 PM
11	It was tough to find a decent fishing place near the lower falls campground that would accommodate children.	12/5/2015 8:55 AM
12	I've never had a ton of luck, but I know others who have done well on walleye and especially muskies.	12/4/2015 11:51 AM
13	There should be boating signs along the bend of the river beside the campsites requiring boaters to throttle back, even a No Wake Zone. This year we watched NUMEROUS boaters zigzag in front of folks fishing from shore and one incident two men buzzed a couple who had rented kayaks. That area may have inexperienced kayakers, kids, etc and the reckless boating has increased horribly. The recent placement of the vault toilet next to the Rivermouth Modern open view shoreline and directly adjacent to the children's playground was the most IRRESPONSIBLE decision!!! WHO would choose to place that directly blocking the view campers come to enjoy exclusive to the Rivermouth??? How irresponsible to place a vault DIRECTLY beside a fluctuating riverbank and directly where icebanks are blown in. Who will be accountable for seepage or spills of waste and toxins directly into the mouth of the Tahquamenon River/Lake Superior?? There were MULTIPLE sites with ease of access AWAY from the river for location of a vault toilet. This is incredible irresponsible and should be removed and relocated!	12/3/2015 3:37 PM
14	not too successful but that is not our goal	12/3/2015 12:43 PM
15	My husband is the fisherman. He fly fishes and never cares if he gets a bite. He loves standing in the middle of a stream and "being there".	12/3/2015 10:55 AM
16	We catch and release only.	12/3/2015 9:56 AM
17	I usually have little luck catching anything	12/3/2015 9:22 AM
18	I have not fished the park as much as I would like to. If there is a good small mouth population this should be publicized more. Just another great reason to make the trip...from Detroit.	12/2/2015 11:28 PM
19	We caught and released a Walleye!	12/2/2015 2:52 PM
20	It is so rare in Michigan to have a musky fishery like the Tahquamenon provides, I am thankful for it. The DNR needs to do a better job promoting the value of muskies as a sport fish, and promoting sportfishing in general instead of just fishing for food. We have plenty of fish that are great for the table, but muskies are too rare to treated like another fish for the table. they can be caught and enjoyed again and again with proper care & release.	12/2/2015 1:30 PM
21	Limited access points make fishing the Tahquamenon difficult.	12/2/2015 10:43 AM
22	Would be nice to have an easier boat/kayak access below the lower falls.	12/2/2015 10:39 AM
23	OUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN LOVE TO FISH BUT WE DO NO HARM NO FOUL AND CATCH AND RELEASE	12/2/2015 10:32 AM
24	I would like to see improvements in the fishing areas in the park	12/2/2015 10:09 AM
25	It would be great if we could buy fishing license at the park.	12/1/2015 10:41 PM

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26	There was not a good source to tell us where good fishing was for young (4-7 yrs) beginning fishermen.	12/1/2015 9:27 PM
27	Need more perch planted	12/1/2015 8:48 PM
28	Not much luck still had fun	12/1/2015 7:42 PM
29	We caught NOTHING!!!!	12/1/2015 7:00 PM
30	Fish mostly outside the park	12/1/2015 6:36 PM
31	Typical	12/1/2015 5:35 PM
32	Seem to catch more northern pike in the lower river.	12/1/2015 4:43 PM
33	I am an average sportsmen and normally catch 1 or 2 fish per trip.	12/1/2015 4:14 PM
34	have done very little fishing. hope to do more in the future.	12/1/2015 3:53 PM
35	Mixed results but that's my fault not fish or habitat.	12/1/2015 3:51 PM
36	We just let the kids do a little fishing - not really fish for anything specific.	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
37	only fished once, unsuccessfully	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
38	Didn't catch anything	12/1/2015 3:38 PM
39	I like fishing there. I'm not very lucky but that is not the point. I simply enjoy the experience.	12/1/2015 3:36 PM
40	Didn't even see many fish but tried	12/1/2015 3:36 PM
41	a few more docks at river mouth would be nice for kids to off of.	12/1/2015 3:24 PM
42	Have caught many Northern Pike in the river	12/1/2015 2:48 PM
43	Fishing the river by the lower falls isn't the easiest. My 5yr old and I fish Cabin Lake and would like to try Betsy, Clark, and SHEephead lake next time.	12/1/2015 12:44 PM

### Q25 Do you hunt and/or trap at Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

Answered: 633 Skipped: 52



#	If yes, what is your game of choice?	Date
	There are no responses.	

## Q26 What is your game of choice?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 670

#	Responses	Date
1	Partridge	12/17/2015 9:03 PM
2	Grouse	12/13/2015 12:11 PM
3	Deer	12/8/2015 11:12 AM
4	Deer	12/8/2015 10:47 AM
5	grouse	12/7/2015 7:17 PM
6	Deer	12/7/2015 5:49 PM
7	Grouse	12/4/2015 8:04 PM
8	Whitetail and Bear	12/3/2015 6:52 AM
9	ducks	12/2/2015 1:31 PM
10	Deer	12/2/2015 11:56 AM
11	Waterfowl	12/2/2015 10:44 AM
12	grouse, rabbit, deer	12/2/2015 10:41 AM
13	Deer	12/1/2015 5:57 PM
14	N/A	12/1/2015 4:32 PM
15	Partridge	12/1/2015 12:40 PM

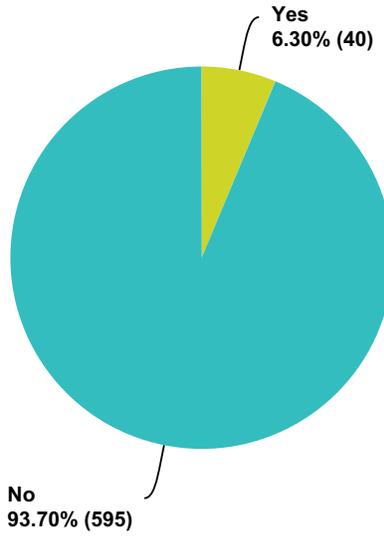
**Q27 Please provide any comments you may have regarding your hunting experience.**

Answered: 8 Skipped: 677

#	Responses	Date
1	It's very slim Pickens	12/17/2015 9:03 PM
2	We also hunt grouse	12/8/2015 11:12 AM
3	Good area to hunt.	12/8/2015 10:47 AM
4	Maybe find a way to increase the deer heard.	12/7/2015 5:49 PM
5	it is not a great duck area and so is not a big focus of mine while visiting	12/2/2015 1:31 PM
6	Hit or miss for waterfowl. Grouse OK. road & path access could improve to lakes or marsh areas.	12/2/2015 10:44 AM
7	N/A	12/1/2015 4:32 PM
8	Better places elsewhere	12/1/2015 12:40 PM

### Q28 Do you snowmobile in the park?

Answered: 635 Skipped: 50



#	If Yes, where do you snowmobile?	Date
	There are no responses.	

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**Q29 Where do you snowmobile?**

Answered: 36 Skipped: 649

#	Responses	Date
1	To the falls	1/1/2016 11:26 PM
2	Eastern UP snowmobile trail loops (base camp in Newberry)	12/31/2015 8:26 PM
3	We go to camp 33	12/30/2015 5:23 PM
4	Trails...mostly to the Upper Falls	12/29/2015 9:55 PM
5	Live in Rexton, snowmobile to the upper falls several times during winter, have dinner at the lodge	12/24/2015 9:28 PM
6	On trails	12/19/2015 8:38 PM
7	We go to the South side of the falls	12/17/2015 9:04 PM
8	all over.	12/12/2015 8:55 AM
9	Around nearby groomed trails and to the upper falls.	12/11/2015 11:51 AM
10	Upper Falls, Sheephead Lake	12/8/2015 8:00 PM
11	On the trail that runs through the park. And to the upper falls restaurant.	12/8/2015 10:48 AM
12	trails	12/8/2015 9:30 AM
13	all the UP and the lower	12/4/2015 9:44 AM
14	The local trail systems around The area.	12/3/2015 9:49 AM
15	To the lower and upper, whitefish point,pictures rocks. Just for starters	12/3/2015 8:55 AM
16	All over the up	12/3/2015 8:13 AM
17	paradise	12/2/2015 3:28 PM
18	to the upper falls.	12/2/2015 1:04 PM
19	all over	12/2/2015 12:18 PM
20	From Paradise to Camp 33, Newberry, and other destinations.	12/2/2015 8:59 AM
21	To the lodge	12/1/2015 9:15 PM
22	From paradise	12/1/2015 8:40 PM
23	On trails to the brewery to eat.	12/1/2015 7:56 PM
24	all over the UP	12/1/2015 7:54 PM
25	On trails that access the park	12/1/2015 6:14 PM
26	Just to falls entrances	12/1/2015 6:09 PM
27	From Newberry to Paradise.	12/1/2015 5:59 PM
28	Groomed trails	12/1/2015 5:56 PM
29	Mostly throughout the entire UP and northern Ontario	12/1/2015 4:53 PM
30	Lower Falls	12/1/2015 4:35 PM
31	Trail system from Paradise	12/1/2015 4:27 PM
32	From the rivermouth to the lower falls	12/1/2015 3:59 PM
33	Trails from Brimly to Upper Falls	12/1/2015 3:57 PM
34	Upper Falls	12/1/2015 3:57 PM
35	to the falls and to the Brewery	12/1/2015 3:35 PM
36	From Curtis	12/1/2015 12:48 PM

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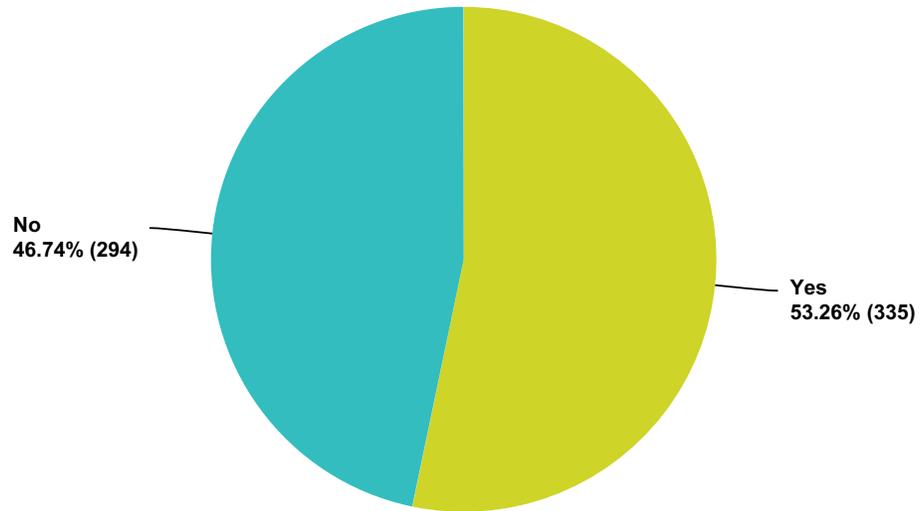
**Q30 How satisfied are you with the following amenities of Tahquamenon Falls State Park (TFSP)?**

Answered: 39 Skipped: 646

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A	Total
Directional signage to the park	51.28% 20	38.46% 15	2.56% 1	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	5.13% 2	39
Directional signage within the park	51.28% 20	35.90% 14	7.69% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.13% 2	39
Scenic overlooks at the Falls	58.97% 23	38.46% 15	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	39
Boat Rentals	23.08% 9	17.95% 7	25.64% 10	2.56% 1	2.56% 1	28.21% 11	39
Parking	43.59% 17	43.59% 17	7.69% 3	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	39
Hiking trails	43.59% 17	41.03% 16	7.69% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 3	39
Cross-country ski trails	14.29% 5	11.43% 4	25.71% 9	2.86% 1	2.86% 1	42.86% 15	35
Snowmobile trails	51.43% 18	37.14% 13	11.43% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	35
Restroom/Shower Facilities	30.77% 12	41.03% 16	17.95% 7	2.56% 1	2.56% 1	5.13% 2	39
Picnic Facilities	27.03% 10	40.54% 15	13.51% 5	2.70% 1	0.00% 0	16.22% 6	37
Informational brochures and maps	27.03% 10	48.65% 18	8.11% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16.22% 6	37
Interpretive programs	16.67% 6	19.44% 7	22.22% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	41.67% 15	36

**Q32 Are you aware that the park has year-round interpretive programs?**

Answered: 629 Skipped: 56



**Q33 What subject matter would you be interested in learning about through an interpretive program?**

Answered: 270 Skipped: 415

#	Responses	Date
1	animals, foraging, photography, stargazing	1/4/2016 9:17 AM
2	Wildlife, kids activities	1/1/2016 9:19 PM
3	Local animals and plants (edible, poisonous, etc.).	12/31/2015 8:29 PM
4	[1] How the Native Americans made use of the land around TFSP. [2] Recognizing signs of which animals are in the park (tracks, scratchings on trees, etc.).	12/31/2015 2:09 PM
5	Information about the fish population in the river.	12/31/2015 10:25 AM
6	?	12/30/2015 5:25 PM
7	history	12/30/2015 10:25 AM
8	Wildlife & plants	12/29/2015 5:29 PM
9	Survival related skills, how to trek through the snow	12/28/2015 12:25 PM
10	Aquatic invaders	12/24/2015 9:56 PM
11	what is happening to the beech trees	12/24/2015 12:22 PM
12	wildlife	12/23/2015 9:48 AM
13	natural resources of Michigan	12/23/2015 8:30 AM
14	Native American stuff	12/22/2015 4:56 PM
15	Anything from the history of the area, constructing the park, wildlife, tree/plant knowlege...anything really	12/22/2015 7:44 AM
16	geology and hydrology that is the reason for the falls in these locations	12/21/2015 5:22 PM
17	animals in winter	12/21/2015 10:14 AM
18	Year round animals and birds at the park	12/21/2015 6:24 AM
19	How the falls developed	12/20/2015 6:49 AM
20	None	12/20/2015 4:18 AM
21	Bears or Invasive species	12/19/2015 12:33 PM
22	How to spot wildlife, how to identify wild edibles	12/18/2015 11:01 PM
23	Flora, Fauna and history	12/18/2015 8:09 PM
24	trapping	12/18/2015 2:39 PM
25	geology of the falls	12/18/2015 2:00 PM
26	Human history of the area, who was there, when and what did they develop. Indigenous species living within the park.	12/18/2015 1:52 PM
27	Beginner programs for those who are physcially challenged	12/18/2015 1:09 PM
28	Invasive species	12/18/2015 11:12 AM
29	History of the falls	12/18/2015 10:19 AM
30	Park history and geology. North Country Trail big picture	12/18/2015 9:41 AM
31	N/A	12/18/2015 8:38 AM
32	history	12/18/2015 8:27 AM
33	The history of how the State got the falls property and what agreement was agreed to.	12/17/2015 9:10 PM

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34	Plant life, animal life, rocks and minerals, birding, canoeing and kayaking, campfire cooking, knots, survival.	12/17/2015 8:29 PM
35	general nature to the area	12/17/2015 7:35 PM
36	birds, the water cycle, maybe a small group kayaking trip to Betsy and/or Sheepshead Lakes	12/17/2015 3:22 PM
37	Local wildlife. History of early residents including local Indian population	12/17/2015 2:55 PM
38	History of the area	12/17/2015 2:50 PM
39	animals	12/17/2015 1:14 PM
40	NA	12/17/2015 12:19 PM
41	Local wildlife	12/17/2015 11:51 AM
42	Nature. History. Recreation	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
43	Wild plants	12/17/2015 11:42 AM
44	History	12/17/2015 9:07 AM
45	Wildlife and trails for hiking	12/17/2015 8:01 AM
46	Wildlife	12/14/2015 11:47 AM
47	history of the people in the area; geography; native plants and animals	12/13/2015 10:17 PM
48	I like everything. My family likes history. I like anything about wildlife, birds, trees especially.	12/13/2015 10:15 PM
49	History of Logging using the falls.	12/13/2015 9:42 PM
50	all nature and area related themes.	12/13/2015 1:47 PM
51	Guiding people on how to have appropriate interactions with animals. People don't often understand animal behavior and this causes clashes when they encounter animals. Teach us how we can limit the damage we can cause to their homes and to them.	12/11/2015 4:23 PM
52	Animals	12/11/2015 11:52 AM
53	General information.	12/8/2015 2:27 PM
54	I'd love to see invasive species education promoted throughout the parks.	12/8/2015 11:15 AM
55	Identification of plants	12/8/2015 7:31 AM
56	geology	12/7/2015 7:14 PM
57	don't know.	12/7/2015 5:49 PM
58	primitive survival	12/7/2015 10:25 AM
59	Wolves	12/6/2015 8:50 PM
60	N/A	12/6/2015 7:53 PM
61	How to catch perch in the river near the mouth.	12/6/2015 3:01 PM
62	Birds, Native American History	12/6/2015 12:51 PM
63	Anything! Not sure what types of programs are currently offered.	12/6/2015 12:45 PM
64	Birding and rock hounding	12/6/2015 12:15 PM
65	Bio-diversity and wildlife's importance.	12/6/2015 9:27 AM
66	Birding and history and geology.	12/6/2015 9:25 AM
67	primitive survival	12/5/2015 8:16 PM
68	wolves, moose, fish	12/5/2015 6:11 PM
69	Star gazing	12/5/2015 4:14 PM
70	Wildlife	12/5/2015 11:55 AM
71	History of the land.	12/5/2015 9:08 AM
72	Unsure. A list of potential options for this question would have been nice.	12/5/2015 8:57 AM

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73	Archaeology and history	12/5/2015 8:16 AM
74	Kid friendly programs, especially Monarch incubation and release	12/4/2015 8:48 PM
75	wildlife and historical uses	12/4/2015 3:43 PM
76	Geology	12/4/2015 12:11 PM
77	None off the top of my head.	12/4/2015 11:51 AM
78	Flora and fauna	12/4/2015 8:57 AM
79	How the falls might change due to man-made environmental impacts.	12/4/2015 8:38 AM
80	Forests	12/4/2015 5:36 AM
81	history of area	12/3/2015 9:22 PM
82	Native American Studies	12/3/2015 6:45 PM
83	Snowshoeing programs should be extended. Programs for teens/adults on winter survival (building a shelter, building a fire, etc.) Summer classes on local species wolves, moose, cougars) about their habitat, tracks, conservation efforts, etc.; Archery basics; Boating safety/kayak basics; [Require an additional sticker to take your motorized boat through the park that requires then to complete a safety and operation briefing to the park. Require the special river sticker to be placed next to their boat stickers and easy to identify...if they operate recklessly by complaint, they can be removed from the park.]. How about some fun classes on campfire cooking, foil dinners, how to cook on the single split log, etc.; Rock hunting, identifying agates, fossils, etc.; Dark sky designation at Rivermouth Rustic...sky viewing, stars, auroras, etc. More opportunities at the Rivermouth please!! :)	12/3/2015 3:48 PM
84	kj;kj	12/3/2015 2:17 PM
85	birding	12/3/2015 2:13 PM
86	Animals that make their homes in the park.	12/3/2015 1:25 PM
87	geology	12/3/2015 1:25 PM
88	Local fauna, edible plants	12/3/2015 12:42 PM
89	Wildlife in the park.	12/3/2015 11:51 AM
90	Area history, native species & ecology, conservation & restoration	12/3/2015 10:03 AM
91	History and evolution of the falls. Logging Early living and survival	12/3/2015 9:57 AM
92	NA	12/3/2015 9:46 AM
93	marshland habitat and the animals that live there	12/3/2015 9:22 AM
94	history of the falls and area	12/3/2015 9:11 AM
95	Not really interested	12/3/2015 8:52 AM
96	How to swim safely at the falls.	12/3/2015 1:16 AM
97	Places to spot moose. Any ties to native Americans.	12/2/2015 11:30 PM
98	Flora and fauna of the area	12/2/2015 10:06 PM
99	owl habitat	12/2/2015 9:37 PM
100	photography, edible wild plants	12/2/2015 8:44 PM
101	The history of the area and falls.	12/2/2015 8:29 PM
102	local nature and animals in the area.	12/2/2015 8:06 PM
103	History	12/2/2015 7:54 PM
104	The history of the falls such as how native americans used and saw the falls and about the native wildlife in the area.	12/2/2015 6:47 PM
105	trapping, birding	12/2/2015 5:21 PM
106	Interventions to mitigate invasive species (including humans)	12/2/2015 5:17 PM
107	Local history of the area including native history.	12/2/2015 4:57 PM
108	logging history	12/2/2015 4:09 PM

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109	na	12/2/2015 3:29 PM
110	something for school aged children	12/2/2015 2:53 PM
111	History of the area	12/2/2015 2:50 PM
112	birding, astromomy	12/2/2015 1:43 PM
113	General history of area. Flora and fauna.	12/2/2015 1:33 PM
114	geomorphology	12/2/2015 1:31 PM
115	Historical features of the park	12/2/2015 1:12 PM
116	Moose, deer and fish that live in the river.	12/2/2015 1:06 PM
117	logging and geological history of the area. More info on why a group suggested to remove the falls and the impact it would have had (both positive and negative).	12/2/2015 1:06 PM
118	Logging, Back trails, the animal that inhabit the area and being able to walk under the falls.	12/2/2015 12:04 PM
119	Astronomy outdoor photography history culture Indians	12/2/2015 12:04 PM
120	history	12/2/2015 11:34 AM
121	Wildlife, Forest Management, History	12/2/2015 11:23 AM
122	Educating visitors on the natural resources available	12/2/2015 10:45 AM
123	Local history	12/2/2015 10:42 AM
124	NATIVE SPECIES INVASIVE SPECIES EATABLE PLANTS/POISONOUS PLANTS	12/2/2015 10:33 AM
125	Wildlife, trees, history.	12/2/2015 10:29 AM
126	history of the park/area, birding, tree/plant identification,	12/2/2015 10:20 AM
127	Local history	12/2/2015 10:09 AM
128	history of the area	12/2/2015 9:55 AM
129	Lunber era topics/history, early residents and native American people	12/2/2015 9:54 AM
130	Complete park history from the beginning, more in depth.	12/2/2015 9:49 AM
131	Peregine falcons	12/2/2015 9:41 AM
132	Area Indian history.	12/2/2015 9:12 AM
133	Hiawatha	12/2/2015 8:21 AM
134	Animals and history of forestry.	12/2/2015 8:20 AM
135	wildlife	12/2/2015 8:13 AM
136	The watershed that contributes to the falls; wildlife of the area; history of the falls, river, and park	12/2/2015 8:02 AM
137	Local wildlife	12/2/2015 7:47 AM
138	native plants and animals, Indian lore, lumbering	12/2/2015 7:25 AM
139	just about anything to do with the nature in and around the park	12/2/2015 7:10 AM
140	History of the river	12/2/2015 6:50 AM
141	not sure	12/2/2015 5:56 AM
142	Where they occur, so as to avoid them and their participants.	12/2/2015 5:55 AM
143	Native American history. Flora and fauna.	12/2/2015 12:46 AM
144	Birds, owls, moose.	12/2/2015 12:46 AM
145	Bears	12/1/2015 11:36 PM
146	beavers, geology, wildlife	12/1/2015 11:02 PM
147	wildlife, history	12/1/2015 10:44 PM
148	Star gazing, trees, native animals, trees, plants, fish	12/1/2015 10:41 PM

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149	Stars	12/1/2015 10:23 PM
150	Family events	12/1/2015 10:06 PM
151	Edible plants, animal behaviors, the river ecosystem, falls history, star gazing	12/1/2015 9:57 PM
152	animal habits and habitats	12/1/2015 9:56 PM
153	native american	12/1/2015 9:37 PM
154	Moose, wildlife, geology	12/1/2015 9:37 PM
155	Wildlife especially moose	12/1/2015 9:20 PM
156	Watershed protection	12/1/2015 9:14 PM
157	History of that area of Michigan --- 1600-1900	12/1/2015 9:01 PM
158	I don't know what an interpretive program is.	12/1/2015 8:58 PM
159	Backcountry camping, edible wilderness	12/1/2015 8:57 PM
160	Local history	12/1/2015 8:52 PM
161	Fishing	12/1/2015 8:49 PM
162	Flowers, animals, river	12/1/2015 8:41 PM
163	Wildlife and history	12/1/2015 8:38 PM
164	Kids activities	12/1/2015 8:35 PM
165	Native wildlife	12/1/2015 8:35 PM
166	Animals of the park. Geology of the falls	12/1/2015 8:13 PM
167	Geology	12/1/2015 8:12 PM
168	Deer, moose, historical data of the river	12/1/2015 8:10 PM
169	More about grouse hunting. Wildlife viewing.	12/1/2015 8:07 PM
170	Moose population. Safe hiking practices. Kayaking on the river. Native plants and wildlife.	12/1/2015 8:04 PM
171	History of the UP	12/1/2015 8:00 PM
172	Astronomy because of the great non-light polluted sky. Local ecosystems large animal, moose, bear, deer, and local predators.	12/1/2015 7:43 PM
173	mushrooms; snowfall	12/1/2015 7:42 PM
174	N/A	12/1/2015 7:28 PM
175	Gathering	12/1/2015 7:25 PM
176	owls	12/1/2015 7:22 PM
177	We are already part of that as we are volunteers in WINTER	12/1/2015 7:21 PM
178	fish variety	12/1/2015 7:10 PM
179	Animals that live in the area	12/1/2015 7:06 PM
180	Nature Connection, Natural History, Flora and Fauna, Land Preservation, Wilderness...	12/1/2015 6:55 PM
181	History of the falls formation through modern day, future of falls	12/1/2015 6:54 PM
182	More of everything	12/1/2015 6:50 PM
183	Wolves	12/1/2015 6:49 PM
184	Birding, Wildlife	12/1/2015 6:36 PM
185	na	12/1/2015 6:34 PM
186	Animals	12/1/2015 6:30 PM
187	geology of the area	12/1/2015 6:29 PM
188	any	12/1/2015 6:26 PM

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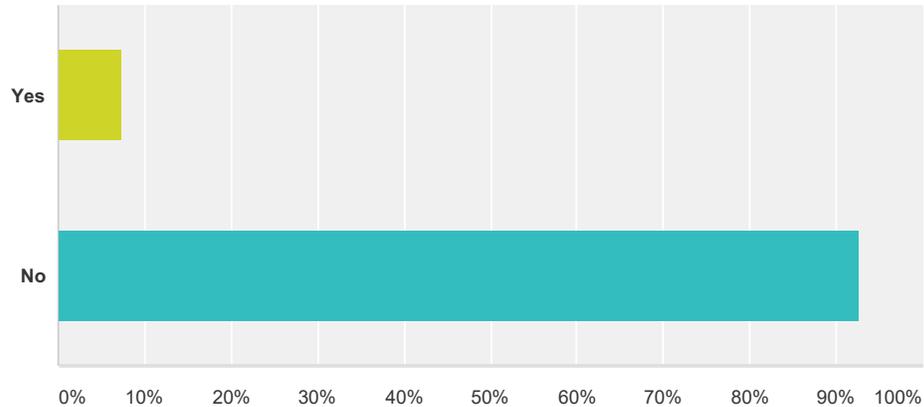
189	any and all	12/1/2015 6:16 PM
190	History of the area, and involvement in economy.	12/1/2015 6:16 PM
191	Birding	12/1/2015 6:14 PM
192	everything	12/1/2015 6:08 PM
193	local wildlife	12/1/2015 6:04 PM
194	not interested	12/1/2015 5:58 PM
195	Elk	12/1/2015 5:58 PM
196	Indigenous peoples history and usage of plants, animals and waterways prior to the European invasion.	12/1/2015 5:54 PM
197	Night sky above the falls.	12/1/2015 5:52 PM
198	Geology/formation of the falls	12/1/2015 5:48 PM
199	wildlife	12/1/2015 5:44 PM
200	Hunting	12/1/2015 5:40 PM
201	Falls	12/1/2015 5:40 PM
202	Wildlife in the park. History of the park.	12/1/2015 5:38 PM
203	Local history, Wildlife	12/1/2015 5:36 PM
204	Wilderness Survival	12/1/2015 5:33 PM
205	mineral deposits from river	12/1/2015 5:29 PM
206	species at risk within the park	12/1/2015 5:28 PM
207	Moose and Wolves in the park.	12/1/2015 5:27 PM
208	Learning the different type of trees in the area. Also learning bird species & their way of surviving.	12/1/2015 5:20 PM
209	Birds, wildlife	12/1/2015 5:10 PM
210	Not sure.	12/1/2015 5:08 PM
211	wildlife, birds, geology	12/1/2015 5:01 PM
212	Geology, flora, fauna	12/1/2015 4:56 PM
213	Local wildlife	12/1/2015 4:55 PM
214	ATV trails	12/1/2015 4:52 PM
215	History and formation of the earth's crust in the area and reasons it formed the way it did.	12/1/2015 4:44 PM
216	Snowshoeing	12/1/2015 4:43 PM
217	geology	12/1/2015 4:35 PM
218	N/A	12/1/2015 4:33 PM
219	Wildlife, birds	12/1/2015 4:31 PM
220	Possibilities of a young earth	12/1/2015 4:29 PM
221	history of the area	12/1/2015 4:28 PM
222	The natives use of the falls	12/1/2015 4:27 PM
223	to learn more about winter use of the park. We hope to go up this winter to snowshoe in the park	12/1/2015 4:23 PM
224	Sustainability	12/1/2015 4:20 PM
225	Animal life, conservation efforts.	12/1/2015 4:16 PM
226	Not sure.	12/1/2015 4:15 PM
227	park history	12/1/2015 4:10 PM
228	Geology of the area	12/1/2015 4:06 PM
229	Indian presence in the area.	12/1/2015 4:05 PM

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230	Nature study, birding etc.	12/1/2015 4:04 PM
231	Natural history	12/1/2015 4:02 PM
232	Plants and trees, foraging	12/1/2015 4:02 PM
233	local Native American influences	12/1/2015 3:59 PM
234	wildlife	12/1/2015 3:56 PM
235	Native animals and local history	12/1/2015 3:56 PM
236	Anything	12/1/2015 3:55 PM
237	birds, wildlife, plants	12/1/2015 3:54 PM
238	Ecology / flora / fauna	12/1/2015 3:53 PM
239	moose	12/1/2015 3:53 PM
240	none	12/1/2015 3:52 PM
241	Hunting/trapping	12/1/2015 3:49 PM
242	History of the area, ecology of the river/woods	12/1/2015 3:49 PM
243	bears / wildlife	12/1/2015 3:49 PM
244	None	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
245	birds, water ecology	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
246	Photography	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
247	history and animals	12/1/2015 3:34 PM
248	The animals in the area (specifically the moose!).	12/1/2015 3:32 PM
249	Historic land use	12/1/2015 3:31 PM
250	Hunting	12/1/2015 3:31 PM
251	Animals and habitats	12/1/2015 3:27 PM
252	flora, fauna, ecology	12/1/2015 3:27 PM
253	moose program, flowers, berries, whats safe to eat in the woods, history, owls, love all the night time stuff.	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
254	wildlife, history of people in area	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
255	local wildlife. history.	12/1/2015 3:20 PM
256	We always attend the stuff for kids but especially love the archery.	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
257	snowshoing	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
258	Birds and wildlife	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
259	I am not interested in interpretive programs.	12/1/2015 3:18 PM
260	History of the area	12/1/2015 3:16 PM
261	Logging era	12/1/2015 2:48 PM
262	Wildlife, plant life, history	12/1/2015 2:40 PM
263	Park wildlife	12/1/2015 2:32 PM
264	Enjoyed the maple syrup festival, any other programs related to area nature, animals, history.	12/1/2015 1:56 PM
265	historical subjects and nature subjects	12/1/2015 12:58 PM
266	How the falls were formed	12/1/2015 12:51 PM
267	The program that we heard pertained to the period when the area was logged. Our kids loved it as much as we did.	12/1/2015 12:50 PM
268	Wildlife, history of the area, the way the river used to look	12/1/2015 12:45 PM
269	Snowshoeing	12/1/2015 12:36 PM
270	Wildlife, flowers, conservation	12/1/2015 12:30 PM

**Q34 Tahquamenon Falls State Park hosts several special events throughout the year including Tahqua Trail Run, Wilderness Canoe Race and Hike Between Da Falls. Was a special event the primary reason for your visit to Tahquamenon Falls State Park?**

Answered: 633 Skipped: 52



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	7.27% 46
No	92.73% 587
<b>Total</b>	<b>633</b>

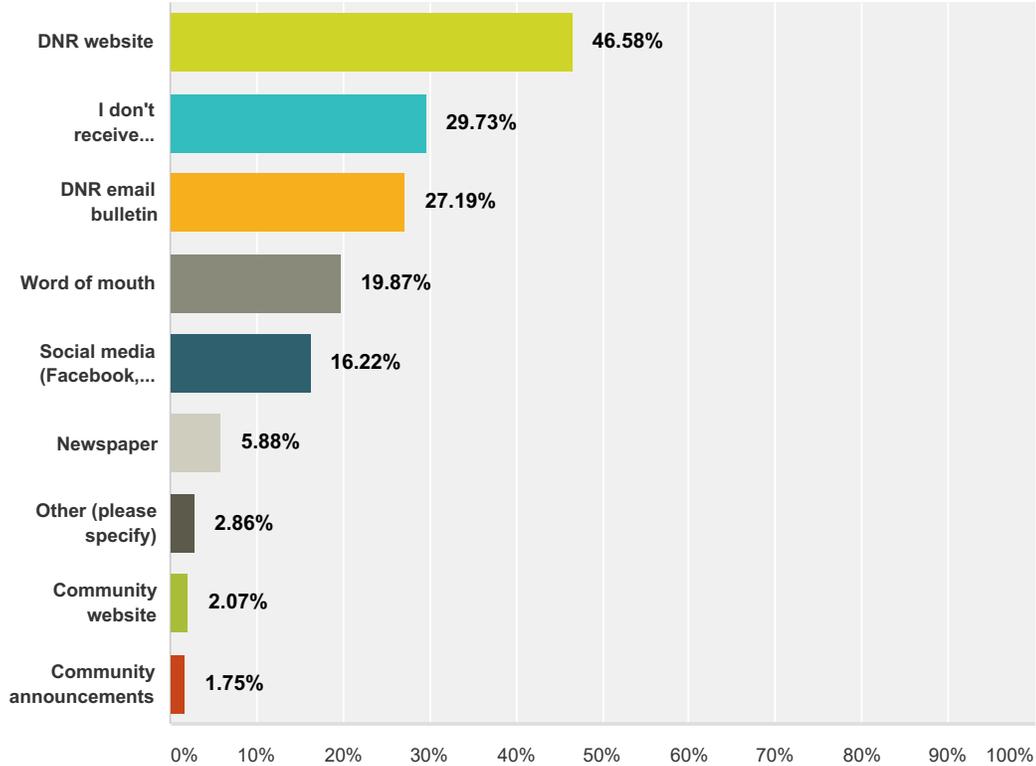
#	If yes, which one(s)?	Date
1	Tahqua trail run & snowshoe race	12/29/2015 5:29 PM
2	but we have done the hike between da falls	12/28/2015 4:00 PM
3	Maple syrup	12/18/2015 2:39 PM
4	Hikes between da falls	12/18/2015 11:13 AM
5	Hike Between Da Falls	12/18/2015 12:19 AM
6	Blueberry festival in Paradise	12/17/2015 8:02 AM
7	Tahqua Trail Run	12/14/2015 11:48 AM
8	School fish drop	12/8/2015 8:06 PM
9	Great Lakes Relay where son started race with team camping at Rivermouth	12/8/2015 5:28 PM
10	We volunteer for special events	12/8/2015 11:14 AM
11	Fall Harvest Weekend!! Add in events!!	12/3/2015 3:48 PM
12	Fall Harvest Festival	12/3/2015 1:25 PM
13	Harvest festival	12/3/2015 9:52 AM
14	harvest festival	12/2/2015 3:29 PM
15	trail between da falls	12/2/2015 12:40 PM

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16	Lantern lit ski trail, Astronomy, Hike between Da falls, fall harvest festival	12/2/2015 12:05 PM
17	Tahqua Trail Run	12/2/2015 11:38 AM
18	Harvest Fest.	12/2/2015 10:42 AM
19	canoe races	12/2/2015 9:54 AM
20	Tahqua Trail Run	12/2/2015 6:45 AM
21	Not yours, but mine. Anniversary.	12/2/2015 6:24 AM
22	Halloween Festival	12/2/2015 12:47 AM
23	Trail run	12/1/2015 10:23 PM
24	Tahqua Trail Run	12/1/2015 9:21 PM
25	Harvest festival	12/1/2015 7:57 PM
26	The 25K race in August	12/1/2015 7:55 PM
27	Canoe race	12/1/2015 7:44 PM
28	Not the primary reason, but enjoy these events when coincide.	12/1/2015 6:42 PM
29	Tahqua Trail Run	12/1/2015 6:36 PM
30	Roadtrek gathering of campers. (Van campers)	12/1/2015 6:17 PM
31	Taqua trail run	12/1/2015 6:08 PM
32	Fall thing	12/1/2015 6:07 PM
33	part of a trip to Grayling , MI and associated sightseeing	12/1/2015 5:40 PM
34	Wedding Anniversary	12/1/2015 5:36 PM
35	Harvest Festival	12/1/2015 5:28 PM
36	Lantern snowshoeing	12/1/2015 5:10 PM
37	The Trail Run	12/1/2015 4:44 PM
38	Unplanned, but the Fall Festival was occurring when we where there and now we intend to go back every other year for it	12/1/2015 4:39 PM
39	Snowshoeing event last winter.	12/1/2015 4:16 PM
40	family encampment with church group	12/1/2015 3:55 PM
41	Yes, but not one of these. My son and I rode bicycles from St. Ignace to the park and then back the next day to raise money and awareness for Lupus research.	12/1/2015 3:37 PM
42	harvest fest	12/1/2015 3:36 PM
43	we did attend the Hike between da falls just happened to be going on while we were there. we always do the halloween event and haunted woods	12/1/2015 3:27 PM
44	Great Lakes Relay	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
45	Wilderness Canoe Race	12/1/2015 2:32 PM
46	Maple syrup festival, in addition to snowshoeing and photography	12/1/2015 1:58 PM

### Q35 How do you normally receive information about programs or events at Tahquamenon Falls State Park?

Answered: 629 Skipped: 56



#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	NCTA	12/18/2015 8:10 PM
2	Hiawatha Shore to Shore NCT Chapter	12/18/2015 10:20 AM
3	North Country Trail Assn's Facebook page	12/18/2015 9:42 AM
4	Newsletter we pick up at the falls in the spring	12/17/2015 1:14 PM
5	Dnr website when I am looking into planning a trip. I am more driven by available dates than scheduled activities.	12/5/2015 9:10 AM
6	Notices posted during time of visit	12/3/2015 7:08 PM
7	I see notice of special events at the park, but am too far away to get to events.	12/3/2015 10:56 AM
8	email	12/2/2015 3:29 PM
9	park paper when I get there	12/1/2015 11:03 PM
10	we live out of state	12/1/2015 10:45 PM
11	Park bulletin boards	12/1/2015 7:22 PM
12	Visited when I was a child.	12/1/2015 4:49 PM
13	My parents live at Higgins lake; TF is a nice visit, especially if we have friends with us who have not seen it	12/1/2015 4:31 PM
14	get info. when we check into the park	12/1/2015 4:30 PM
15	From Lark at the Brew Pub. Fantastic place and people.	12/1/2015 3:56 PM

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16	Park newspaper	12/1/2015 2:33 PM
17	I live in the area.	12/1/2015 2:29 PM
18	email newsletters	12/1/2015 12:58 PM

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## Q36 What improvements would you make to Tahquamenon Falls State Park, if any?

Answered: 386 Skipped: 299

#	Responses	Date
1	Bathhouses and showers could use some updating and additions.	1/4/2016 9:19 AM
2	Better bathrooms	1/1/2016 11:28 PM
3	Seems due for some maintenance to the handrails on the steep stairs at the Upper Falls. Also, more hiking and snowmobile trails.	12/31/2015 8:32 PM
4	Very minor gripe: seem as if most of the towel hooks in the bathrooms & showers were either broken or missing-- replacing them would be nice.	12/31/2015 2:11 PM
5	Boat docks at the campgrounds, Additional boat launch sites above and below the falls.	12/31/2015 10:27 AM
6	Water and sewer hook ups at the modern campground.	12/30/2015 5:27 PM
7	Please leave as is. Too much development will ruin the experience	12/30/2015 4:42 PM
8	Periodically Dispersed Emergency Landline Telephone Locations Stands.	12/30/2015 12:27 PM
9	perhaps a observation tower(s)	12/30/2015 10:27 AM
10	Bathroom updates, lower boat prices to the lower falls	12/29/2015 10:00 PM
11	Love the heated floor in the bathroom after the snowshoe race @ upper falls. Lower falls bathroom could use some renovation & enlargement	12/29/2015 5:31 PM
12	mosquito control and not being packed in like sardines in the campground	12/28/2015 4:01 PM
13	Nothing at the moment. I love it up there so much.	12/28/2015 12:26 PM
14	Improved mosquito control	12/24/2015 9:57 PM
15	Can't think of any. Love that it is more free than most National parks. Experience has been great.	12/24/2015 2:25 PM
16	Full hookups at all of the modern campsites.	12/24/2015 12:23 PM
17	keeping it natural, less commercial	12/23/2015 8:32 AM
18	More hiking trails	12/22/2015 4:57 PM
19	It is important to have both areas for kids and families that can be noisy - and areas where it will be quiet for those who want a place to see wildlife and reflect.	12/21/2015 5:25 PM
20	accessibility to the falls	12/21/2015 10:15 AM
21	We love Tahquamenon Falls State Park the way it is, although I like the idea of a walking bridge over to the island.	12/21/2015 6:25 AM
22	Lengthen the cross country ski trail and put lights up on the trail and by the falls for night enjoyment.	12/20/2015 6:51 AM
23	Water access	12/20/2015 4:19 AM
24	Educational programs for kids (5-teen). Things like animal recognition, information on that animal, and tracks.	12/19/2015 5:28 AM
25	Improve the experience for backpackers with only 2 sites it makes it difficult for long distance hikers, I had to hike straight thru the park after sleeping on the side of the road	12/18/2015 8:13 PM
26	Update bathrooms at 1st lower Falls modern campground. We usually travel to the 2nd campground down by the lower falls when we are camping because the bathroom facility is so much nicer there!	12/18/2015 6:37 PM
27	I like it the way it is. But as I said, more access for handicapped people...I don't use O2 yet, but some people are short of breath or have arthritis and still need to see the beauty.	12/18/2015 1:11 PM
28	(1) Trail maintenance is needed between the falls - I believe that this is a state responsibility and might not be supportable by NCT volunteers.	12/18/2015 11:17 AM
29	Rivermouth campground facilities to stay open later in the year	12/18/2015 10:20 AM

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30	Better maintenance and trail structures of the North Country Trail--specifically in the northern part of the park.	12/18/2015 9:42 AM
31	None, keep it as rustic as possible.	12/18/2015 8:40 AM
32	The bridge sounds like a good idea.	12/18/2015 8:28 AM
33	The Big Pines Trail needs some improvements to make hiking more enjoyable -- that trail is sloppy, slippery, muck for much of the summer. Also the beaver dam area on the Wilderness Trail just northwest of the Big Pines Trail is VERY treacherous to hike through. These trails are some of the first trails that people will use to experience the North Country Trail and Iron Belle Trail. Improvements or alternate routes should be implemented/developed.	12/18/2015 12:25 AM
34	Open it up for everybody because we all pay for it (Michigan tax payers) that means ATVs / UTVs	12/17/2015 9:15 PM
35	?	12/17/2015 8:30 PM
36	It is great	12/17/2015 7:35 PM
37	Bathrooms can always be upgraded. Make wider more secluded sites at the Modern Campground.	12/17/2015 6:42 PM
38	perhaps continuing the improvements to the path between the falls	12/17/2015 3:23 PM
39	Less commercialization, fewer vendors	12/17/2015 2:56 PM
40	more pet friendly areas, another restaurant/food area, water fountains along the main trails in summer	12/17/2015 1:17 PM
41	Improvement on the walk ways	12/17/2015 12:20 PM
42	Park is over developed. Too much of it is paved. I would like it to feel more like I'm in nature than on a sidewalk.	12/17/2015 11:53 AM
43	Permitting mountain biking on single track trails.	12/17/2015 11:43 AM
44	Bicycle trails!	12/17/2015 10:59 AM
45	Access to the island via a suspension bridge or causeway would be great. Food at the brewery/lodge is over priced for the quality. Should be closer to reflect that a lot of it is frozen.	12/17/2015 10:41 AM
46	None come to mind.	12/17/2015 10:04 AM
47	Mileage listed at trail sites	12/17/2015 8:03 AM
48	I would like to see any improvements made maintain the quiet natural setting of the forests in the area. i.e. finding a good balance between tourist access and preservation of the natural allure of the area.	12/16/2015 3:26 PM
49	Can't think of any at the moment.	12/14/2015 11:32 AM
50	I was satisfied with everything and have no improvements to suggest.	12/13/2015 10:17 PM
51	I would like to see the bridge to the island. I'm too chicken to go otherwise.	12/13/2015 10:16 PM
52	The addition of a man bridge to the island would be fantastic. And, having more areas accessible to dogs/pets would be appreciated.	12/13/2015 9:49 PM
53	upgrade shower rooms	12/13/2015 1:48 PM
54	Better accessibility to Betsy Lake & Sheephead Lake.	12/13/2015 12:14 PM
55	Protect it and keep it beautiful. It is a wonderful place.	12/11/2015 4:24 PM
56	Upgrade electrical at the Lower Falls campground.	12/11/2015 4:03 PM
57	More rustic camping options, where I'm not sandwiched in between two giant RVs with my little tent.	12/11/2015 2:23 PM
58	None. Perfect the way it is. Need to avoid making it any more "touristy" so that it stays majestic and timeless.	12/11/2015 11:53 AM
59	Very happy with condition and amenities	12/10/2015 8:41 AM
60	Something that cannot be controlled, but this year it was almost to the point of being not enjoyable because of the mosquitoes. I have never seen them that bad.	12/10/2015 8:11 AM
61	none	12/9/2015 10:15 PM
62	Nothing	12/9/2015 7:44 PM
63	Bike trails	12/8/2015 5:28 PM
64	I like the idea of a bridge to the Lower Falls Island.	12/8/2015 2:28 PM
65	Increase fees & increase staffing	12/8/2015 11:15 AM

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66	interactions with community and the school	12/8/2015 9:31 AM
67	Improve the trail between the falls. Very muddy and narrow. Cut back some of the overgrowth, but DO NOT add anymore walkways.	12/8/2015 7:34 AM
68	none	12/8/2015 12:17 AM
69	Allow pets to stay at the cabin rentals.	12/7/2015 5:50 PM
70	water hook up and or full hookup sites would be great.	12/7/2015 4:52 PM
71	More rustic camp sites with bear poles.	12/7/2015 10:26 AM
72	None	12/6/2015 7:53 PM
73	less cramped campsites, more convenient access to power hookups, less dirt and more grass at campsites, as feasible (all at lower falls modern)	12/6/2015 4:38 PM
74	None. Love the modern and semi-modern river-mouth campgrounds just as they are. Keep the generator free loop!	12/6/2015 3:02 PM
75	Increase advertising of special events. Particularly of winter events. Possibly increase winter special events (winter triathlon, winter fatbike race, winter cross country ski marathon, winter birding trips, etc)	12/6/2015 12:52 PM
76	Well, I don't think you could get rid of all the people could you?	12/6/2015 12:16 PM
77	Backpacking sites at Betsy Lake and Sheephead Lake accessed for a trail around Clark lake. Backpacking sites on the Lake Superior trail and along the Tahquamenon River. Yurts in some of those areas that are 4 season. A Yurt trail system that you could hike, snowshoe, ski 2 to 3 miles between yurts from the river mouth campground to the upper falls and maybe connect to the Clark Lake, Betsy Lake Sheephead Lake trails.	12/6/2015 11:16 AM
78	Very crowded when we visited around July 4 this year. Dismayed by all the people wading in the water to lower Falls island. I think there should be restrictions on wading to the island. I long for the day when we saw only a couple of fly fishermen wading the water rather than the throngs of casual visitors.	12/6/2015 9:31 AM
79	None	12/6/2015 9:29 AM
80	We were surprised & disappointed that it was such a huge tourist attraction. We would have preferred to have had solitude to enjoy the beauty.	12/5/2015 9:49 PM
81	primitive campsites	12/5/2015 8:16 PM
82	wish the campsites were not so close, like National Parks	12/5/2015 6:14 PM
83	like it as is. choices between modern and rustic sites makes it available to all	12/5/2015 4:20 PM
84	more modern sites and facilities at the rivermouth	12/5/2015 3:28 PM
85	the river is always full of fishing line. It would be nice if there was a program to clean it up	12/5/2015 1:39 PM
86	None at this time.	12/5/2015 11:56 AM
87	#1: be able to provide more clearly marked and complete park trail maps, and more clearly marked trails. #2: To not allow stacking of flat rocks near the falls, or at least have park staff periodically take down stacked or piled up rocks. It really takes away from the natural beauty of the park. I had to get wet and spend about 10 mins walking around in the river bed to knock down those piles just so that my wife and I could take a nice picture of our self's near the falls on the island.	12/5/2015 9:14 AM
88	Easier fishing access.	12/5/2015 8:58 AM
89	Better management of dogs in camp - possibly dog-free loop	12/5/2015 8:18 AM
90	Fantastic restroom setup (separate private showers for all), but needs to be cleaned more frequently.	12/4/2015 8:50 PM
91	none	12/4/2015 3:44 PM
92	More trails and better steps. More accessibility for the handicapped	12/4/2015 3:12 PM
93	None that I can think of. Regular maintenance.	12/4/2015 11:52 AM
94	Add a bicycle trail for access to area by the primitive boat launch and picnic area, which would provide views of Lake Superior.	12/4/2015 10:05 AM
95	None	12/4/2015 9:46 AM
96	Get your signage all together. Changing the names of Hemlock and Riverbend in some places but not everywhere is annoying and confusing to first time or infrequent visitors. Riverbend and Rivermouth should not co-exist.	12/4/2015 9:24 AM

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97	No complaints	12/4/2015 8:59 AM
98	More ways to spread out the foot traffic. Maybe more viewing areas or decks with multiple levels. Also, until now, I had no idea about the island. This should be advertised more. It soun	12/4/2015 8:40 AM
99	More privacy between campsites	12/4/2015 5:37 AM
100	I would need to spend more time there to be able to respond. Loved the restaurant at the Upper falls.	12/3/2015 9:23 PM
101	more privacy in modern campgrounds, trees bushes	12/3/2015 8:27 PM
102	Improvements to lower falls modern campground, - too dark and muddy, never seems to dry out - campsites a little too dense, small and closely packed in	12/3/2015 7:10 PM
103	Full hookups, E, W, Sewer at expanded campsites for larger rv rigs.	12/3/2015 6:46 PM
104	more pull thru, full hook-up	12/3/2015 5:20 PM
105	More modern bathrooms	12/3/2015 5:06 PM
106	Unfortunately, the campground personnel is usually efficient and pleasant. The personnel working at the Lower Falls concession and store has consistently been individuals who could care less about good service. Overpriced, bare shelves, SLOPPY food prep, rude and condescending commentary observed at every visit the past 2 years. We refuse to give them any more business. THEY are a reflection of the park and they are sorely lacking in quality. The 15 day limit needs to be changed. A camper uses the online reservation system but when visiting Tahq then Muskallonge, often you get the error saying you violated your 15 day limit. This happens routinely. When you travel in the area, you should not be hindered by this. We agree, one should not be allowed to possess a single site, but anyone should be able to purchase a different site or travel to another park, then return to another enrout to their home after their vacation. Restrict the amount of days at a site, but why restrict the number of days in the parks?? Especially during off-peak times when the parks are far from full capacity??? Consider allowing the individual parks such as the Rivermouth Modern the option to extend their water service/dump tank disposal during the seasons that are above temperature. The second week of October can often exclude beautiful camping conditions. On those rare seasons, the local park should be allowed to make the decision to extend their water/waste station even if they still closed the restrooms and showers. Remove and RELOCATE the irresponsibly placed vault toilet placed directly beside the edge of the Tahquamenon River in the south loop of the modern side. Any citizen would NEVER receive environmental approval for same placement only feet from this river. This is neither a convenience to the campers who cannot stomach the smell, nor enjoy the only river view. One flood, one crushing ice flow, one mature pine projectiled into this will cause a waste and toxic spill into the natural water area. STUPID-STUPID-STUPID!!!	12/3/2015 4:12 PM
107	none	12/3/2015 2:28 PM
108	knkjlkj	12/3/2015 2:17 PM
109	Electrical hook ups at campsite typically go out during Fall Harvest Festival. Foot bridge to the island at the Lower Falls would be awesome!	12/3/2015 1:29 PM
110	thin brush & trees along river shoreline at lower falls campground.	12/3/2015 1:27 PM
111	parking management on holiday weekends - staff need an effective communication system. accessible river edge viewing/fishing deck in modern Rivermouth campground to reduce erosion issues and increase viewing options, similar to what is in the rustic loop.	12/3/2015 12:48 PM
112	I think it's really great as is. I'd say don't do TOO much to it; leave it as wild as you can - that's part of the charm.	12/3/2015 11:52 AM
113	WI-Fi at campground	12/3/2015 10:55 AM
114	More rustic campsites	12/3/2015 10:17 AM
115	We love it there! Not sure I would change a thing.	12/3/2015 10:05 AM
116	Restrooms need some attention. Cleanliness seemed to be a problem to control.	12/3/2015 9:58 AM
117	Bath houses and restrooms	12/3/2015 9:53 AM
118	Better access roads to Tahquamenon Falls State Park	12/3/2015 9:48 AM
119	Mosquito control! :) The bridge to the island sounds nice.	12/3/2015 9:47 AM
120	none	12/3/2015 9:23 AM
121	None. Keep it simple. I love it as is.	12/3/2015 9:19 AM
122	The campsites are too close together. Spread them Out a bit	12/3/2015 9:09 AM
123	Foot bridge at lower falls	12/3/2015 8:58 AM

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124	None. I think it is an excellent park.	12/3/2015 8:53 AM
125	Access to the other side of the falls. Possibly a way to go over them.	12/3/2015 8:51 AM
126	THE BOAT LANDING	12/3/2015 8:19 AM
127	better access to river shoreline	12/3/2015 7:14 AM
128	I wanted to touch/play in one of the larger falls at the Lower Falls area. But felt it wasn't safe. Perhaps signs or instructions on which falls are safe to enter and where.	12/3/2015 1:17 AM
129	The last time I was at the park was probably 20 years ago and remember a nice walk in the woods to the upper falls. Totally changed. I enjoyed the trail between the falls but luckily we got there first thing in the morning to be able to take photos of the lower falls. By the time we got back from the hike there were many people in the water, even right in the falls and ruin the ability for others to take nice scenic photos. A few days later we were at Miners Fall and yet again people at the base of the waterfall climbing over fences to get there and ruining photos. Please work on this problem. If I wanted to see people in water, I'd go to a beach.	12/3/2015 12:25 AM
130	Less masquitos :) How about a zip line to the island at lower instead of the foot brige?	12/2/2015 11:32 PM
131	Upper Falls: bathroom facilities near the top of the steps either to the top of the falls or the gorge.	12/2/2015 10:08 PM
132	none	12/2/2015 9:37 PM
133	We were very pleased with the park and campgrounds.	12/2/2015 9:22 PM
134	nothing specific comes to mind	12/2/2015 8:45 PM
135	Better wifi/cell phone access at the Lower Falls campground. Always welcome bathroom upgrades, road improvements and campsite improvements.	12/2/2015 8:32 PM
136	Longer turn lanes for entering the Lower and Upper Falls areas to eliminate traffic backups on SR 123	12/2/2015 8:31 PM
137	Go more on the modern side in the rustic rivermouth, but I guess rustic is part of the charm. I enjoyed our stay there. Wished I grabbed a modern spot for my stay.	12/2/2015 8:08 PM
138	Bathroom cleaning more often. Ladies room was out of toilet paper in all stalls often.	12/2/2015 8:00 PM
139	No flies!	12/2/2015 7:55 PM
140	Overall our visit was great. The only thing was parking was limited and the fire pits seemed like they hadnt been cleaned out in a while.	12/2/2015 6:50 PM
141	Some form of bug control in modern campground only? We couldn't even be outside this past summer. We left early and forfeited our reservation \$\$	12/2/2015 6:33 PM
142	Make it bigger...as in adding neighboring forested land and natural habitats to the parkland.	12/2/2015 5:52 PM
143	I didn't care for seeing people swimming in the falls and stacking rocks - took away from the natural beauty of the area - seems like swimming should not be allowed in my opinion	12/2/2015 5:22 PM
144	extend the boardwalk from the Lower Falls all the way to the Upper Falls.	12/2/2015 5:20 PM
145	Better traffic control at both Falls Move the mosquitos to Canada oe someplace else.	12/2/2015 5:18 PM
146	I would like the commercialization of the park to go away, people don't go to parks like that to buy hoodies and mugs they go to experience nature and enjoy the surroundings.	12/2/2015 4:58 PM
147	add wifi to campgrounds	12/2/2015 4:04 PM
148	none	12/2/2015 3:30 PM
149	Please repair the showers and kill all the mosquitos	12/2/2015 2:55 PM
150	Put some signs on the roads leading to the park starting 10 miles and further so I know I am on the right track to the park. I had a hard time finding where I was going last summer because my GPS didn't work very well.	12/2/2015 1:45 PM
151	We've stayed in upper, lower and Rivermouth and find lower campground to be noisier. We've heard stories of little or no action to curb noisy campers either by host action or ranger and in some cases when campers confront their neighbors, really ugly scenes have developed, so maybe a more often drive thru by rangers during busy periods. Does the host have a radio as a means to contact ranger, if needed?	12/2/2015 1:40 PM
152	None	12/2/2015 1:12 PM
153	Upgrade restroom/shower facilities build additional facilities, better mosquito control	12/2/2015 12:48 PM
154	Camping--more spots that one can not reserve---more access for those not on such a tight schedule	12/2/2015 12:29 PM

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155	removal some trees in campground for more light and reduced mosquitoes	12/2/2015 12:13 PM
156	A Nature center at Upper Falls. Telescope for astronomy events.	12/2/2015 12:10 PM
157	I would like to be able to walk under the falls like I did when I was a little girl.	12/2/2015 12:05 PM
158	More trees and privacy in lower campground	12/2/2015 11:47 AM
159	keep it rustic	12/2/2015 11:35 AM
160	Backcountry camping should be improved. Perhaps a few more sites and improvement to the existing site on the River (Old Stove?). We made a reservation and upon arrival, the site was occupied. Further, the site was not in good condition, we considered camping along the trail at higher ground, but ended up hiking all the way to the modern campground. The rangers were very helpful, but we camped among RVs, people showing movies to their kids with large tvs, loud groups, etc. Being part of the NCT, I think there should be 5-10 small sites along the trail (with adequate setback), having half of them reservable and others available for walk-up (with clear signage). Sites should be maintained to support frequent use (the existing site was a bit of a mud hole as it was not maintained, yet used frequently). It would also be nice to have rustic sites available near the falls (park and walk in style). Finally, on another topic, you might consider the sale of firewood with your camp registration to further encourage the use of local wood. I hope to visit again!	12/2/2015 11:30 AM
161	better placement of electrical service at the campsites and upgrade to 50 amp. Electrical service on most sites appears to be on the wrong side of where it needs to be for most RVs and too far for standard cords to reach	12/2/2015 10:57 AM
162	There are no designated single-track mountain bike trails anywhere in the eastern U.P. The wilderness area between the upper and lower falls would be a fantastic place for looped trail between the two locations. Just a single looped track about 10-15 miles in length. And I have always liked the designated parking for the bike trails like those at Island Lake and Bald Mtn.	12/2/2015 10:52 AM
163	Improved lake/river/marsh access	12/2/2015 10:45 AM
164	MORE GRASSIER SITES OR MORE TENT COMPATIBLE SITES	12/2/2015 10:34 AM
165	better signage, more frequent markings on some of the trails; printable maps of hiking loops beyond the overall site map noting the trails	12/2/2015 10:21 AM
166	Nothing, it was one of the best campsites that we have ever been to.	12/2/2015 10:17 AM
167	None. Thank you for putting the orange cones out if I arrive after dark so I can find my campsite easier.	12/2/2015 10:16 AM
168	None	12/2/2015 10:15 AM
169	More water hook ups and more sites with pored pads and/or grass, more secluded sites as well	12/2/2015 10:05 AM
170	1.The upper campground at the falls needs updating. Adding additional pull thru sites and paved sites for older folks with disabilities. 2. Add Wifi to the campgrounds.	12/2/2015 9:58 AM
171	What is the issue with quiet generators in the rustic sites when you also have the wilderness/back country sites?	12/2/2015 9:56 AM
172	Lower falls island availability made easier.	12/2/2015 9:13 AM
173	More pull-thru camper spots.	12/2/2015 9:03 AM
174	Bridge	12/2/2015 8:48 AM
175	The lodge/food vendors lines were -incredibly- long. We waited half an hour in line for ice cream. Several people just cancelled their food orders and left from waiting too long.	12/2/2015 8:38 AM
176	larger campsites and wider drives. I damaged my camper pulling it into site. Too tight for the size of campoer. And campsite across drive was too tight to road	12/2/2015 8:24 AM
177	Open up more of the forest land to mountain biking.	12/2/2015 8:21 AM
178	none	12/2/2015 8:21 AM
179	Not an improvement necessarily, but I really appreciated the lodge on one of our visits. I think it was closed on a subsequent visit, however, causing us to scramble to find a different dining location.	12/2/2015 8:05 AM
180	From our perspective, none. We really enjoy TFSP.	12/2/2015 7:49 AM
181	We love the park - just wish we could arrange more time - do some fishing - come up for snowmobiling.	12/2/2015 7:12 AM
182	It was perfect the last time we visited!	12/2/2015 7:06 AM
183	bug free	12/2/2015 6:51 AM

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184	Like most MI State Parks, the campground is too much like a parking lot. Create less densely packed sites for tents, but with a bathroom with flush toilets	12/2/2015 6:46 AM
185	Though impossible, controlling the mosquito population would be very helpful. We probably won't come back to TFSP during the summer months because of the mosquitos.	12/2/2015 6:34 AM
186	I like it as is.	12/2/2015 6:25 AM
187	Better train your park rangers so they know the area and have more interpretive program times and events. We had to learn about things from other visitors.	12/2/2015 6:14 AM
188	none	12/2/2015 6:08 AM
189	new boat dock at lower falls	12/2/2015 5:57 AM
190	Less casual "camper" access so as to bolster wildlife populations and habitats.	12/2/2015 5:56 AM
191	Clean up the cam grounds and showers. More strictor hours for noise.	12/2/2015 5:30 AM
192	change the process to get into the park - was backed up in July when we were there	12/2/2015 4:46 AM
193	None, it is great the way it currently is	12/2/2015 1:57 AM
194	Wifi	12/2/2015 12:47 AM
195	Empty dumpsters more often. They were overflowing after only 3 days. Maybe also the boat landing on the island side, it's a bit sketchy for the weak-in-the-ankles	12/2/2015 12:46 AM
196	More 3-4 hr hiking trails	12/1/2015 11:48 PM
197	insect control	12/1/2015 11:47 PM
198	Rivermouth is great but lower and upper need bigger sites to cramped hard to get trailer in most spots due to being over crowded.	12/1/2015 11:44 PM
199	I can't think of any	12/1/2015 11:37 PM
200	Bathrooms were clean but need updating badly. They could also be enlarged.	12/1/2015 11:28 PM
201	better trail signage	12/1/2015 11:03 PM
202	Have a designated area we could purchase firewood within the park	12/1/2015 11:01 PM
203	I was hoping to rent the cabin last winter and snowshoe in to park but closed in winter.	12/1/2015 10:44 PM
204	Bike paths - street or woods, bike racks.	12/1/2015 10:43 PM
205	Cleaner, better working showers. Though its nature - Too many mosquitos	12/1/2015 10:41 PM
206	enforce quiet times in campgrounds	12/1/2015 10:13 PM
207	Desperate need for a camper only entrance. Anytime we return to the campground we wait from 5 to 20 minutes to enter the campground.	12/1/2015 10:09 PM
208	Bike trails	12/1/2015 10:06 PM
209	Cell service we had intended on staying a week there but there was absolutely no cell phone service this year, in past years we had no problem. We ended up leaving and going to St ignace state park. Our son has asthma and was not comfortable not having a phone or even a pay phone to use for emergencies would be helpful	12/1/2015 10:05 PM
210	bridge to the island would be nice	12/1/2015 9:58 PM
211	More playground equipment in the campgrounds	12/1/2015 9:58 PM
212	Trail improvements	12/1/2015 9:58 PM
213	None keep as primitive as is no more building	12/1/2015 9:49 PM
214	more rustic/primitive camping	12/1/2015 9:39 PM
215	I seem to recall having trouble figuring out where to go (which campsite) although that's probably cause I had never been before. I know the person arriving shortly after me was also confused as to where they were.	12/1/2015 9:30 PM
216	Easier access to the Lower Falls, this was BY FAR our kids most favorite part of the park. Also, several families we saw on the island were not aware you could wade in the lower falls.	12/1/2015 9:29 PM
217	Try to naturally reduce mosquitoes. Especially near campsites	12/1/2015 9:28 PM

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218	Trail maintenance	12/1/2015 9:21 PM
219	Insuring that people stay on the trails and do not destroy trees with graffiti	12/1/2015 9:21 PM
220	Create biking trails or upgrade hiking trails to accommodate bikes.	12/1/2015 9:04 PM
221	Fewer flies and mosquitos. Restaurant with larger menu and longer hours.	12/1/2015 9:02 PM
222	Upgraded playgrounds in the campgrounds.	12/1/2015 9:00 PM
223	Please continue what you are doing!	12/1/2015 8:58 PM
224	The showers in the upper camp ground at the lower falls need updating as well as the bathrooms could be updated as well	12/1/2015 8:55 PM
225	No bridge at lower!! Leave rowboats to island	12/1/2015 8:51 PM
226	Lower falls modern needs wider turns within campground for larger RVs	12/1/2015 8:44 PM
227	Enforce the posted signs to not climb over rails and such. We saw many people putting young children at risk on the lower falls rock ledges.	12/1/2015 8:42 PM
228	None that I can think of	12/1/2015 8:42 PM
229	Can not think of any	12/1/2015 8:42 PM
230	Foot bridge to island	12/1/2015 8:40 PM
231	More trails that are maintained	12/1/2015 8:39 PM
232	More campsites, more moose viewing	12/1/2015 8:36 PM
233	Bike trail	12/1/2015 8:35 PM
234	Cut back the brush on the trail between the falls... But don't over manicure. It was a fun trail the way it was, the foliage was just a little thick in spots. Then, I would develop more trails accessing more of the park.	12/1/2015 8:33 PM
235	It's fine the way it is...just stay up on maintenance.	12/1/2015 8:24 PM
236	Bridge to the island would be nice. Daughter was afraid of the boat.	12/1/2015 8:14 PM
237	WiFi in the campground, lodge and brew pub!	12/1/2015 8:13 PM
238	None	12/1/2015 8:10 PM
239	I know the trail between the falls is supposed to be a "hike", but make it more family friendly and a bit easier. Improve the bridges that exist. Put a brewery at the lower falls ;)	12/1/2015 8:10 PM
240	Another lodge down at rivermouth.	12/1/2015 8:09 PM
241	Better cellular coverage...but actually that made things peaceful. We were very happy with the park	12/1/2015 8:05 PM
242	Larger campsites	12/1/2015 8:05 PM
243	I like the park just as it is now	12/1/2015 8:01 PM
244	More leveled and paved campsites and maybe some with water.	12/1/2015 7:58 PM
245	The only problem we have is with not having cell phone coverage.	12/1/2015 7:56 PM
246	Better spraying for mosquitos. Impossible I know, but that would be it.	12/1/2015 7:55 PM
247	better cell reception (sometimes I MUST get my email)	12/1/2015 7:48 PM
248	Would be nice to have water along with the electricity at the modern campgrounds.	12/1/2015 7:46 PM
249	Keep as natural as possible	12/1/2015 7:44 PM
250	Keep the majority of it wilderness with just hiking paths through it; ban drones	12/1/2015 7:44 PM
251	Foot bridge...cost of boats this year was awful!!!!!!	12/1/2015 7:37 PM
252	Just keep it natural. Even though Niagara Falls is much larger, tequamenon is far more beautiful due to its natural setting.	12/1/2015 7:36 PM

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253	Last summer, we experienced a situation where a group of (likely young) campers were staying in the park prior to some sort of a running event. They were quite noisy at a very early hour (about 4:30). After mentioning it to (or being asked about it by) a ranger the next day, we were told that we should have called 911, as the emergency operator would have contacted the ranger who would have come over. We appreciate the willingness to make sure that the campground rules are enforced, but to my mind calling 911 is a bit extreme. Perhaps there could be some sort of non-911 number to call after hours to report egregious after-hours camp behavior that is not criminal in nature.	12/1/2015 7:32 PM
254	Less light pollution	12/1/2015 7:26 PM
255	I would plant more privacy bushes or plants inbetween the campsites for a little more privacy	12/1/2015 7:23 PM
256	None	12/1/2015 7:06 PM
257	We would love to camp year around even in the winter would or could it be possible to have modern restrooms open for use.	12/1/2015 6:57 PM
258	Everything was great	12/1/2015 6:55 PM
259	buffer zones between campsites. Maybe some saplings or shrubs	12/1/2015 6:53 PM
260	More grocery availability. It's nice tomboy have to drive for supplies b	12/1/2015 6:51 PM
261	Reduce lines at entry by issuing window stickers to drivers who purchase the permit with their license, allow campers to print their own camp permit, proceed right to campsite. All others pull into parking lot, enter booth for customer service.	12/1/2015 6:47 PM
262	Better enforcement of quiet hours at the Lower Falls campground. Many children run wild with little supervision.	12/1/2015 6:43 PM
263	Space out some of the camp sites. The rustic sites are crowded, making them less rustic	12/1/2015 6:37 PM
264	None	12/1/2015 6:37 PM
265	none	12/1/2015 6:36 PM
266	Happy with everything except rain!	12/1/2015 6:30 PM
267	Bike trails	12/1/2015 6:30 PM
268	None	12/1/2015 6:27 PM
269	none	12/1/2015 6:21 PM
270	I've only been in the winter, and it was a great experience. The camp hosts were incredible as were the camp staff who were around every day to assist in anything we may have needed. An awesome experience!	12/1/2015 6:18 PM
271	As with all state parks I would like to see bigger and more private camping sites on the water.	12/1/2015 6:17 PM
272	Bridge to the island and to the other side.	12/1/2015 6:12 PM
273	more natural barriers between campsites. more attention to noisy campers and people improperly using park land	12/1/2015 6:11 PM
274	None- just keep it well maintained just the way it is	12/1/2015 6:10 PM
275	Better ways to clean the showers after use, more room in the bathrooms	12/1/2015 6:10 PM
276	improved grassy sites for camping at Rivermouth modern	12/1/2015 6:06 PM
277	Kill the mosquitoes , they ruined our camping trip, will not be returning any time soon because of this nuisance. We were forced to wear heavy clothes including gloves, hats and head nets.	12/1/2015 6:04 PM
278	You are doing great. Just continue to keep the park up.	12/1/2015 6:00 PM
279	I like it just the way it is although I do like a foot access to the island.	12/1/2015 5:55 PM
280	Develop a system of trails to reach the southern shore of the falls. Accessible only by hikers, bikers, ATV'rs. High adventure. Also, make it kayakable to lower falls!	12/1/2015 5:53 PM
281	More trash cans	12/1/2015 5:46 PM
282	Ranger programs were a major factor in our choosing to camp at TFSP. We were disappointed in the lack of variety, unless you were under 10 years, this past summer. Ranger talks in the ampitheater were gone. No ranger-lead hikes. Very little adult subjects. Previous visits allowed a visit to a bear den, astronomy program, fireside programs. All gone now. These are big reasons for my family to visit.	12/1/2015 5:44 PM
283	I cant think of any, I love it there and the staff is always friendly and helpful, and they take good care of the park	12/1/2015 5:41 PM
284	None - but support upgrading the boat rental at the lower falls.	12/1/2015 5:39 PM

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285	None	12/1/2015 5:37 PM
286	Our stay at TFSP was excellent, I can't think of anything to improve on.	12/1/2015 5:35 PM
287	Allow more natural growth between campsites to give more privacy and allow a more natural setting for the wildlife.	12/1/2015 5:29 PM
288	Can't think of any!	12/1/2015 5:28 PM
289	The campground needs more 50 amp service at each site and also should be large enough to accommodate larger camping units. We have a 44 foot Motorhome which limits us to sites that are available.	12/1/2015 5:24 PM
290	Fine as is	12/1/2015 5:20 PM
291	Better marked snowshoe trails	12/1/2015 5:11 PM
292	Trail maintenance between upper and lower falls	12/1/2015 5:11 PM
293	size restrictions on rvs and campers at modern sites. it seems the sites were originally designed for tents or small campers. we chose rivermouth rustic because it's one of the few campgrounds that i'm aware of that are not electric.	12/1/2015 5:03 PM
294	Prohibit wading near falls, ruins photography.	12/1/2015 4:58 PM
295	Snowmobile trail grooming needs improvement	12/1/2015 4:56 PM
296	More camping. More hiking trails.	12/1/2015 4:56 PM
297	Use of ATV in and out of park	12/1/2015 4:53 PM
298	Update the bathrooms	12/1/2015 4:49 PM
299	Blessing and a curse: better cell coverage??? Not for reaching the office of course, but would be nice to send pic's to family and keep in touch while at campground	12/1/2015 4:47 PM
300	Can't think of any big ones right now...	12/1/2015 4:45 PM
301	None!	12/1/2015 4:44 PM
302	an escalator of sorts to view the falls	12/1/2015 4:39 PM
303	foot trail between the falls had areas that were very wet or washed out.	12/1/2015 4:37 PM
304	Full hookups in the campground	12/1/2015 4:34 PM
305	Water and sewer hook ups	12/1/2015 4:33 PM
306	None! I love it the way it is!	12/1/2015 4:32 PM
307	Restroom facilities	12/1/2015 4:30 PM
308	complete the trail between the falls	12/1/2015 4:30 PM
309	It would be great if there were picnic tables on the island at the lower falls. I love the trails and the interpretive programs!	12/1/2015 4:29 PM
310	maybe improve campsites, by having more privacy and electric/water hookups	12/1/2015 4:29 PM
311	This is a very nice park I have visited since I was a small child. I am now 60, the only suggestion I have is more water in the campgrounds. We had quite a walk to get water. It isn't bad enough to keep us from going there though, we can always drive but that kinda goes against why we go camping.	12/1/2015 4:26 PM
312	The restrooms at the lower falls campground left a lot to be desired. On a daily basis they ran out of toilet paper. That is obviously a huge issue for a family with small children who are camping.	12/1/2015 4:26 PM
313	several of the camp sites in the modern campsite are really to small for travel trailers. When looking at the map of camp sites, you can't determine if such sites are large enough. This makes it difficult in choosing sites only to find out that its too small. If the camp site is not crowded, then you can probably change sites. But if it is crowded and your site is to tight or small for your travel trailer, then relocating to another site may not be possible. I would recommend that smaller sites be incorporate with other small sites to make them bigger like site 44 which is really a nice size site.	12/1/2015 4:21 PM
314	Increase number of modern campsites	12/1/2015 4:20 PM
315	None. Love it as is. Love the trail between the falls. Love playing in the water around the lower falls with family and friends.	12/1/2015 4:17 PM
316	Full hookup sites.	12/1/2015 4:16 PM

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317	ORV access. I often camp at Muskallonge, and would like to ride between two, and have access to the parking areas with an ORV.	12/1/2015 4:15 PM
318	Increased shower facilities	12/1/2015 4:08 PM
319	i'm sure improvements could be made but i like it the way it is. Maybe some bikng trails.	12/1/2015 4:07 PM
320	More frequent cleaning of bath house at the modern campground.	12/1/2015 4:07 PM
321	Boat rental to the island seems expensive.	12/1/2015 4:06 PM
322	sweep the spiders from the bathroom building's entry ways and ceilings . There were several! yikes!	12/1/2015 4:06 PM
323	add wifi	12/1/2015 4:04 PM
324	Just keep it as natural as possible	12/1/2015 4:03 PM
325	improve parking traffic flow at upper falls	12/1/2015 4:02 PM
326	More benches along the trail to the lower falls. As I grow older I need to rest more often.	12/1/2015 4:01 PM
327	It seemed pretty well organized and clean. Haven't been there enough to make a better judgement.	12/1/2015 4:01 PM
328	Better process to handle incoming crowds. Another contact station manned with an additional range. Vehicles are lined up on main highway awaiting entrance.	12/1/2015 4:00 PM
329	limit number of day use visitors if possible	12/1/2015 4:00 PM
330	Replace pavement at the campsites and make the site # more visible	12/1/2015 3:58 PM
331	Sometimes the mosquitoes are horrific and makes it hard to enjoy the park. Can spray be used at all as a deterrent?	12/1/2015 3:57 PM
332	I like it just the way it is.	12/1/2015 3:56 PM
333	bridge to island sounds like a good idea.	12/1/2015 3:56 PM
334	It's awesome as is.	12/1/2015 3:54 PM
335	None, i to my family the largest attraction to the falls is its virginity and the fact that people have left such a small footprint on the viewin of the falls	12/1/2015 3:51 PM
336	None, you cannot improve on perfection.	12/1/2015 3:50 PM
337	Can you get rid of mosquitoes?! Ha!	12/1/2015 3:50 PM
338	this may be hard, but cell service.....	12/1/2015 3:50 PM
339	Seperate campground entranc traffic from day use entrance traffic. Can have long lines waiting to get through other visitors to the campground.	12/1/2015 3:47 PM
340	I would love to see a bike path or other ways to get between the falls besides the foot trail.	12/1/2015 3:45 PM
341	Include additional, shorter, hiking trails.	12/1/2015 3:43 PM
342	can't think of much. Is quite nice the way it is.	12/1/2015 3:41 PM
343	Mosquito program kill them	12/1/2015 3:39 PM
344	Personally, I wouldn't change anything. The park is great!!! Simply keep doing what you are doing. The bathrooms are always clean and well maintained. The park is quiet after 10. It's simply a great place!!!	12/1/2015 3:38 PM
345	More semi-modern camping for tent campers..we would like to camp where we can listen to the falls and see as little of neighboring campsites as possible, but still be near running water. The campground lost some luster this year when we camped in a tent at Lower Falls but were stuck in the middle where we were surrounded by the glow of huge multi-color LED covered RV campers that landscape their campsites and we were forced to listen to the sounds of others watching satellite tv..we couldn't even hear the falls :(	12/1/2015 3:37 PM
346	Easier trail (shorter too) between lower and upper falls	12/1/2015 3:37 PM
347	Lower daily admission price	12/1/2015 3:37 PM
348	Maintain the trail between the Upper and Lower Falls better. Foot bridges and climbers were in poor repair on our last visit.	12/1/2015 3:36 PM
349	closer boat launch from the Hemlock camp ground	12/1/2015 3:36 PM
350	Better signage approaching and within the park. GPS navigation is difficult in the area, and many maps aren't helpful inside the park.	12/1/2015 3:35 PM

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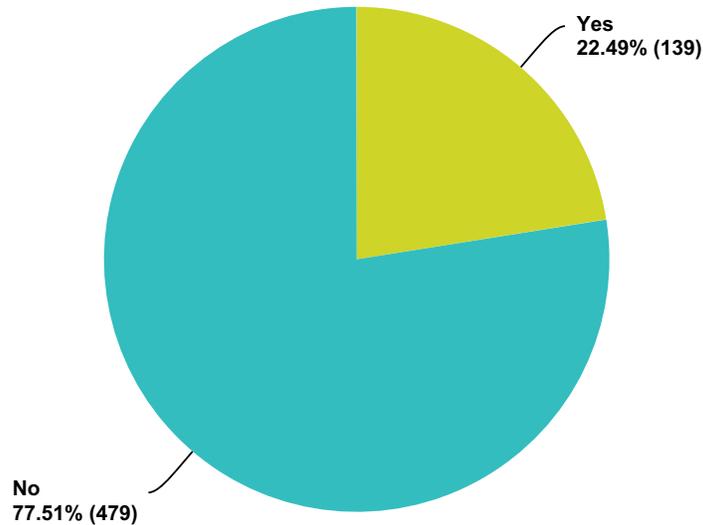
351	None, other than I would de-commercialize it. But I know that the people love the gift shops and the beer garden. So, I would keep those things in the more heavily trafficked areas (like you do now) and keep the rest of the park as rustic as possible.	12/1/2015 3:33 PM
352	Very nice park! All of the Michigan DNR campgrounds were above average to great. I dislike placing stickers on my windshield, and was put off having to put your sticker on it. How about a mirror hanger instead? Perhaps working with mobile companies to add a couple of camouflaged towers would be nice. We had a great time at TFSP and surrounding area!	12/1/2015 3:33 PM
353	bike trails, more fishing docks, we are always there for the 4th july and they use to do a parade for kids with their bikes some years it good some not so much. Arts and crafts would be fun for kids. River mouth play ground needs lots of work. it would be fun to have a bigger hands on science area. maybe a fun dig area where you could hide antlers bones fossils that kind of stuff kids could find and return	12/1/2015 3:32 PM
354	During a busy weekend, the bathrooms at the campground didn't "keep up" with the use: busy and dirty.	12/1/2015 3:29 PM
355	WIFI	12/1/2015 3:27 PM
356	Reduce number of campsites at Rivermouth campground - too crowded.	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
357	More trails, less crowds	12/1/2015 3:24 PM
358	Clark lake rustic needs better access to water. Coming in from the NCT north I found myself there late and out of water. Clark lake was the worst water I filtered in a week of filtering my own water because the iron hurt my teeth and mouth.	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
359	I think the park is great. Keep it traditional and woodsy	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
360	restaurant/brewpub was not as nice as we remembered. i think they know they have a captive audience and food/service suffers as result. would like to see an upgrade	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
361	fix the bathrooms up (very ramshackle). wow other than that, cant think of any. park attendants were fantastic. reservations were quick and easy. check in was shockingly simple. sites were awesome.	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
362	Can't think of any	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
363	Possibly spraying for bugs in the camping and gathering spaces. We camp in the spring and last year we could not leave our camper two of the five days because the bugs were so bad.	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
364	More space or trees/bushes between campsites in the Rivermouth campground. Somewhat less muddy trail between the falls, if possible.	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
365	Miles and miles of mountain bike trails are needed.	12/1/2015 3:20 PM
366	More natural buffer between campsites would be nice. I like Hartwick Pines and Sleepy Hollow as well and they have bushes and trees separating sites for privacy	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
367	More bathrooms at the campgrounds.	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
368	I loved my stay at the campground. Running the shuttle between the upper and lower falls earlier in June would be wonderful, as well as grading and marking the trail better.	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
369	bathrooms and showers could have been handicapped; you should allow program and discounts/free access for veterans	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
370	None- I think adding more attractions would make it even more touristy. The wilderness factor of the park is what attract me and many others	12/1/2015 3:18 PM
371	more, better and longer hiking trails. The hiking trails are not very well maintained.	12/1/2015 3:18 PM
372	Bridge to island	12/1/2015 3:17 PM
373	None, just keep up the good work	12/1/2015 2:49 PM
374	Improve information about areas of Park outside falls. Create quiet loops in modern campgrounds.	12/1/2015 2:42 PM
375	None...it's great as it is!	12/1/2015 2:33 PM
376	I like the idea of abridge to the iskand	12/1/2015 1:59 PM
377	More & Different seasonal events	12/1/2015 1:59 PM
378	NONE	12/1/2015 1:41 PM
379	Seems okay as it is	12/1/2015 1:39 PM

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380	trail maintenance for easy walking, bridge to island is good idea,	12/1/2015 12:59 PM
381	Keep It Pristine as possible!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/1/2015 12:52 PM
382	Unfortunately it has been too long since I was there for me to speak to any of the amenities that are available today.	12/1/2015 12:51 PM
383	Keep its back to nature feel. Don't pave all the trails and add lighting and bridges everywhere. Being in nature is the best quality of Tahquamenon Falls State park.	12/1/2015 12:47 PM
384	more access to the lakes	12/1/2015 12:41 PM
385	I love the idea of a footbridge to the island at the Lower Falls.	12/1/2015 12:38 PM
386	Accessibility	12/1/2015 12:31 PM

### Q37 Do you belong to any conservation, nature, or recreational associations?

Answered: 618 Skipped: 67



#	If yes, which one(s)?	Date
1	North Country Trail; Michigan Snowmobile Assoc.	12/31/2015 8:43 PM
2	Birder's Group at Whitefish Point. Crisp Point Lighthouse Association.	12/30/2015 12:28 PM
3	good sam/camping world	12/28/2015 4:03 PM
4	Michigan Snowmobile Association	12/24/2015 9:30 PM
5	Superior Shoreline Chapter North Country Trail Association	12/22/2015 4:59 PM
6	Npca, American whitewater, nature conservancy	12/19/2015 12:37 PM
7	NCTA Heritage Chapter, AHS, ALDHA	12/18/2015 8:16 PM
8	Tu, rgs	12/18/2015 1:33 PM
9	North Country Trail Association - Hiawatha Shore to Shore Chapter	12/18/2015 11:20 AM
10	North Country Trail Association	12/18/2015 10:21 AM
11	North Country Trail Association	12/18/2015 9:44 AM
12	NCTA	12/18/2015 8:36 AM
13	North Country Trail Association ADK Finger Lakes Trail Conference Buckeye Trail Association Finger Lakes Land Trust	12/18/2015 8:31 AM
14	Michigan Nature Association	12/18/2015 8:29 AM
15	North Country Trail Association, Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter	12/18/2015 12:27 AM
16	I'm the President of the Chippewa County SORVA also the Vice President of the Upper Peninsula Trail Development Association for the Whole upper peninsula .	12/17/2015 9:24 PM
17	Local nature center and watershed conservancy	12/17/2015 9:09 AM
18	North Country Trail Assn, Sault Naturalists Club, Michigan Nature Assn, Little Traverse Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy	12/16/2015 8:14 PM
19	The Nature Conservancy	12/14/2015 11:49 AM

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20	National Audubon Society Fernwood Botanical Gardens	12/13/2015 10:35 PM
21	The Nature Conservancy	12/13/2015 10:19 PM
22	National Park Conservation Assoc.	12/13/2015 1:51 PM
23	Little Traverse Bay Conservancy and the Top of the Mitt Trails Council	12/11/2015 4:06 PM
24	MUCC Michigan Snowmobile Association	12/8/2015 8:03 PM
25	Conservation District	12/8/2015 11:17 AM
26	Ducks Unlimited	12/8/2015 11:15 AM
27	mParks	12/8/2015 10:50 AM
28	NCT	12/7/2015 7:15 PM
29	MUCC, Pheasants Forever	12/7/2015 5:52 PM
30	good sams	12/7/2015 4:56 PM
31	Little Traverse Conservancy Nature Conservancy	12/7/2015 10:27 AM
32	Nature Conservancy	12/6/2015 8:52 PM
33	SOLAR	12/6/2015 4:04 PM
34	MI Audubon	12/6/2015 12:54 PM
35	NCT hiking association	12/6/2015 12:18 PM
36	Sierra Club, NRDC.	12/6/2015 9:35 AM
37	Little Traverse Conservancy	12/5/2015 8:16 PM
38	MUCC	12/5/2015 4:21 PM
39	Good Sam	12/5/2015 11:57 AM
40	Not currently. But in the past I have.	12/5/2015 9:19 AM
41	Metroparks of Toledo, OH Toledo Zoo	12/4/2015 8:53 PM
42	Ducks Unlimited Delta Waterfowl Soo Area Sportsmen's Club	12/4/2015 11:53 AM
43	Audubon	12/4/2015 10:06 AM
44	Nature conservancy	12/4/2015 8:52 AM
45	Sierra Club	12/4/2015 8:41 AM
46	Nature Conservancy	12/4/2015 5:38 AM
47	North Country Trail Association, Friends of The Porkies	12/3/2015 7:13 PM
48	Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy	12/3/2015 2:15 PM
49	Society for Conservation Biology. Little Traverse Conservancy (volunteer).	12/3/2015 11:53 AM
50	DU, NRA	12/3/2015 10:57 AM
51	Multi Lakes Conservation Association, Commerce, MI	12/3/2015 8:54 AM
52	TQ SPORTSMAN CLUB AMERICAN HUNTER	12/3/2015 8:21 AM
53	FMCA, Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association, Good Sam	12/3/2015 7:35 AM
54	B.A.S.S.	12/2/2015 11:36 PM
55	Pigeon River country Association Sierra Club Nature Conservancy Huron Pines	12/2/2015 9:39 PM
56	Canada Creek Ranch Association	12/2/2015 7:40 PM
57	Audubon Society, North Country Trail, Arbor Day foundation	12/2/2015 5:54 PM
58	Chesapeake Bay Foundation	12/2/2015 5:20 PM
59	Little Traverse Conservancy, Michigan Nature Association, Environmental Defense Fund	12/2/2015 4:10 PM
60	MUCC, Muskies Inc., Ducks Unlimited	12/2/2015 1:35 PM

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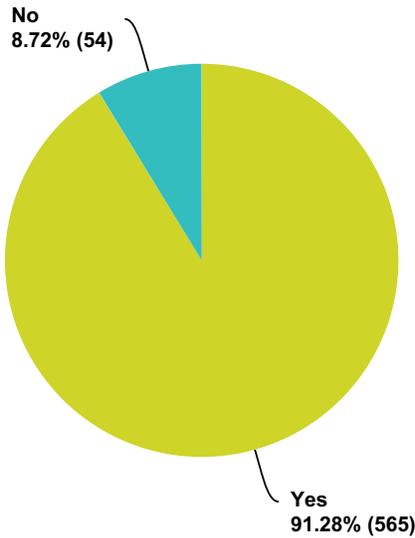
61	MParks	12/2/2015 1:13 PM
62	Michigan snowmobile association, various other local snowmobile associations.	12/2/2015 1:08 PM
63	Warren Astronomical Society	12/2/2015 12:14 PM
64	Ph forever Conservation dist	12/2/2015 12:00 PM
65	American Tree Farm	12/2/2015 11:36 AM
66	NRA, 4-H	12/2/2015 10:55 AM
67	SCI, MUCC	12/2/2015 10:46 AM
68	Michigan Barn Preservation Network	12/2/2015 10:23 AM
69	Good Sam	12/2/2015 10:21 AM
70	MUCC, NWTF, DU, NCTA	12/2/2015 10:08 AM
71	National Audubon	12/2/2015 10:00 AM
72	Mich Snowmobile Assoc., Great Lakes Cruising Club, Harley Owners Group, and others	12/2/2015 9:08 AM
73	Adventure Cycling Association USA Cycling North Country Trail Association	12/2/2015 8:22 AM
74	Pheasant Forever - ducks unlimited - Turkey - whitetail unlimited	12/2/2015 6:52 AM
75	REI	12/2/2015 12:46 AM
76	Rails to Trails	12/1/2015 10:45 PM
77	National Park, bicycling	12/1/2015 10:36 PM
78	South Kent Sportsman Club	12/1/2015 10:11 PM
79	Saginaw Field & Stream	12/1/2015 9:22 PM
80	NPCA	12/1/2015 9:15 PM
81	Grand Traverse area conservancy	12/1/2015 9:04 PM
82	American alpine club	12/1/2015 8:59 PM
83	Shiawassee Conservation Club	12/1/2015 8:45 PM
84	Sierra Club	12/1/2015 8:30 PM
85	Ducks Unlimited	12/1/2015 8:15 PM
86	Good Sam Club	12/1/2015 8:07 PM
87	National rifle association Michigan snowmobile association	12/1/2015 8:00 PM
88	Detroit Archers, MUCC, Tuscola County Conservation Club, DASV,	12/1/2015 6:40 PM
89	MUCC	12/1/2015 6:27 PM
90	Pheasants forever, Ducks unlimited, NRA	12/1/2015 6:26 PM
91	Trout unlimited	12/1/2015 6:16 PM
92	Tahquamenon Area Snowmobile Association	12/1/2015 6:02 PM
93	WWF, National Park Conservancy, International Dark Sky Association	12/1/2015 5:55 PM
94	NRA, N-SSA	12/1/2015 5:41 PM
95	Good Sam's AAA	12/1/2015 5:32 PM
96	Munuscong River Watershed Association	12/1/2015 5:29 PM
97	Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy	12/1/2015 4:57 PM
98	Oakland Couty Sportsman Club	12/1/2015 4:50 PM
99	Florida Trail Association	12/1/2015 4:22 PM
100	Yellowstone Association NRDC	12/1/2015 4:05 PM
101	Snowmobile club	12/1/2015 4:01 PM

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102	The Stewardship Network Huron River Watershed Council Society of Wetland Scientists	12/1/2015 4:01 PM
103	NRA pheasants forever Ruffed grouse society	12/1/2015 3:58 PM
104	Paul Bunyan Club Ducks Unlimited	12/1/2015 3:55 PM
105	Isle Royale Keweenaw Parks Association Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Edwardsburg Conservation Club	12/1/2015 3:55 PM
106	local to DC	12/1/2015 3:53 PM
107	Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club	12/1/2015 3:35 PM
108	Backcountry Hunters & Anglers	12/1/2015 3:29 PM
109	many	12/1/2015 3:28 PM
110	The Nature Conservancy	12/1/2015 3:26 PM
111	MUCC	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
112	Does the lighthouse passport club count? We visit lighthouses around Michigan and have our lighthouse passport stamped at each one. When we stay at TFSP, we visit Crisp Point lighthouse	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
113	NCT association	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
114	National Parks Association	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
115	BROWN COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB IZAAK WALTON OF AMERICA	12/1/2015 1:44 PM
116	SOLAR outdoors/backpacking club in SE Michigan.	12/1/2015 1:39 PM
117	nature conservancy, sierra club, tip of mitt watershed	12/1/2015 1:00 PM
118	Riverbend Association	12/1/2015 12:53 PM

**Q38 When visiting Tahquamenon Falls State Park, do you also visit other attractions in the area (for example: Whitefish Point, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, etc.)?**

Answered: 619 Skipped: 66



Attraction	%
Whitefish Point	61%
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	47%
Crisp Point Lighthouse	11%
Oswald Bear Ranch	8%
Paradise	7%
Lake Superior	7%
Soo Locks	5%
Two Hearted River	5%
Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum	5%

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**Q39 What other items or services could be provided by area businesses to improve your park experience?**

Answered: 225 Skipped: 460

#	Responses	Date
1	A cheaper restaurant and gas station near the falls would be helpful.	1/4/2016 9:23 AM
2	Help build up Paradise to be more visitor friendly - food, lodging, fuel, etc. Seems to be struggling and the Brewery at the falls seems to be the only restaurant to be dependably open any given time of the year. We tend to have to make plans to take our guests to eat elsewhere (Munising, Newberry, etc.).	12/31/2015 8:43 PM
3	Better grocery store	12/30/2015 5:32 PM
4	Don't change	12/30/2015 4:43 PM
5	need a better grocery store in paradise	12/28/2015 4:03 PM
6	It would be nice to have closer places to shop for food. I find it very hard to find a decent convenient shop for buying things to cook around the fire. And, sometimes we just want to go out and eat and there aren't really any restaurants in decent driving distance to eat at.	12/28/2015 12:27 PM
7	We didn't find a pharmacy near the park for allergy medicine.	12/24/2015 9:59 PM
8	None. Sometimes less is more.	12/23/2015 9:50 AM
9	None	12/22/2015 4:59 PM
10	Can't think of any.	12/21/2015 6:25 AM
11	None	12/20/2015 4:20 AM
12	4G coverage	12/19/2015 12:37 PM
13	Good food reasonably priced, not fried or fast food that is unhealthy	12/18/2015 11:03 PM
14	Was able to stock up in Paradise so I guess I was good	12/18/2015 8:16 PM
15	Better cell phone reception	12/18/2015 6:38 PM
16	These are listed above.	12/18/2015 1:13 PM
17	no comment	12/18/2015 11:20 AM
18	No opinion.	12/18/2015 9:44 AM
19	n/a	12/18/2015 8:44 AM
20	Anitger Gas Station in the area would be nice.	12/17/2015 11:45 PM
21	ATVs/ UTVs	12/17/2015 9:24 PM
22	?	12/17/2015 8:32 PM
23	year round access to lower falls	12/17/2015 7:39 PM
24	The Microbrewery is enough for me!	12/17/2015 6:43 PM
25	Not much in way restaurant selections in the summer	12/17/2015 2:57 PM
26	Food, grocery shopping, a medical center in the Paradise area, veterinary services in the Paradise area	12/17/2015 1:18 PM
27	Mountain biking trail access.	12/17/2015 11:44 AM
28	Laundry. I think we have to go to Newberry. Pain in the rear for family to pack lots of clothes. Another restaurant or two	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
29	Better, local maps that include the country roads.	12/17/2015 10:07 AM
30	Brown's Fish House in Paradise open more weekends in the year	12/16/2015 8:14 PM

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31	Love anything that demonstrates the history of the area--logging, mining, shipping, fishing, early park history, history re: early settlers in the area, info about Native Americans tribes in the area, lighthouses, the Great Fire, tycoons, info re: native species, re-introduction of wolves, info on the botany in the area. Would like to go fishing, would like info on lakes nearby that are warm enough to swim in (if there are any). Would love info on biking trails. Would really love to go kayaking, but only in the kayaks the are open on top, so if you tip over you just fall out vs. potentially being trapped upside down in the water (especially for the kids). As far as items, I like anything that reflects the natural history of the area, or something that showcases items/skills of local Native Americans. My kids really like T-shirts and baseball caps that say "Tahquamenon Falls" but no pictures--just the words. I would also be interested in any tours that demonstrate the history of the area.	12/13/2015 10:35 PM
32	Stores and restaurants were very limited but we had brought basically everything we needed except for ice which we could buy there.	12/13/2015 10:19 PM
33	More Dining Experiences	12/13/2015 9:49 PM
34	Can't think of any at this time	12/12/2015 8:59 AM
35	Maybe water bottle refill stations to promote the use of reusable water bottles over bottled water? Good trail maps are really helpful.	12/11/2015 4:25 PM
36	Nothing needed	12/10/2015 8:42 AM
37	None right now	12/9/2015 7:47 PM
38	Bike rental or horse rental	12/8/2015 5:28 PM
39	None	12/8/2015 2:30 PM
40	none	12/8/2015 12:18 AM
41	ATM	12/7/2015 8:22 PM
42	Not sure at this time.	12/7/2015 5:52 PM
43	just letting people know where their location is and what they offer for families	12/7/2015 4:56 PM
44	More fresh produce at grocery stores in Paradise.	12/6/2015 3:03 PM
45	What area businesses lol? Most are a fair distance from the park itself. The brewery and the gift shop at the falls are great. The town of Paradise is dwindeling, and it would be good to see that towns revitalized (resteraunts, gift shops, etc). I don't often stop in Newbery, so couldn't say there.	12/6/2015 12:54 PM
46	We sometimes use area stores for groceries and gasoline and motels for non-camping stays.	12/6/2015 9:35 AM
47	none	12/5/2015 4:21 PM
48	businesses keep better open hours	12/5/2015 3:30 PM
49	We like it like it is now.	12/5/2015 11:57 AM
50	There was one, but we always love a good breakfast dinner. We found most all of our additional needs were met by the local area.	12/5/2015 9:19 AM
51	none	12/4/2015 3:45 PM
52	None that I can think of.	12/4/2015 11:53 AM
53	Less is more.	12/4/2015 9:24 AM
54	Upgrade / improve the gas stations/convenience stores in the park. very run-down looking, pumps not working	12/4/2015 9:03 AM
55	Better brewery	12/4/2015 8:52 AM
56	Better food/restaurant variety	12/4/2015 8:41 AM
57	More accesible store for general needs, food, etc.	12/4/2015 8:27 AM
58	Evening dinning and entertainment on select nights.	12/3/2015 6:47 PM
59	place to eat.	12/3/2015 5:22 PM
60	They are adequate.	12/3/2015 4:14 PM
61	Paradise is such a small town. Would have difficulty offering much more than they already do.	12/3/2015 2:29 PM
62	lkjlk	12/3/2015 2:17 PM

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63	Improved cell phone service. However, tower would need to be placed so it didn't interfere with natural beauty of the park.	12/3/2015 1:32 PM
64	small coin laundry in modern campground.	12/3/2015 12:50 PM
65	More variety for places to eat in town would be nice.	12/3/2015 11:53 AM
66	Unknown	12/3/2015 10:06 AM
67	Updated restaurants that are clean. Local stores with local content, art, jams, clothes, etc.	12/3/2015 10:01 AM
68	Not sure	12/3/2015 9:49 AM
69	Not sure.	12/3/2015 9:48 AM
70	prepacked lunches for hiking trips to pick up at falls area	12/3/2015 9:25 AM
71	Doing pretty good	12/3/2015 9:00 AM
72	None. I was not lacking anything.	12/3/2015 8:54 AM
73	None	12/3/2015 7:35 AM
74	The park is great. How about a place to store wagons and stollers when the board walks end. Or renting off road wagons for pulling the kidos down the natural trails, which are great.	12/2/2015 11:36 PM
75	You are doing a pretty good job right now. Sure changed from the 50s and 60s - for the better	12/2/2015 10:10 PM
76	nothing	12/2/2015 9:39 PM
77	None	12/2/2015 9:23 PM
78	maybe a café and/or grocery store but not a must as we had no problem bringing our own stuff	12/2/2015 8:46 PM
79	I wish I had known what all the businesses had to offer and their hours of operation. With no wifi I had no way to look it up and did not find any flyers. It is a bit of a drive just to see if something is open or not.	12/2/2015 8:38 PM
80	Paradise could use some development (I know some would disagree). I am less of a fan of rustic camping then my wife, I feel like Paradise needs a good breakfast restaurant to promote tourism. Everything still looks like the economy has not come back from the last downturn. Munising does a much better job welcoming visitors.	12/2/2015 8:10 PM
81	NA	12/2/2015 7:57 PM
82	None. Just keep the brewery and restaurant open.	12/2/2015 5:54 PM
83	Full-service dining at each campground, including local and native food items, local wines and craft beer. Cycle touring supplies - inner tubes, tyres, chain lubricant.	12/2/2015 5:29 PM
84	boat and kayak rental	12/2/2015 5:23 PM
85	WIFI would be great.	12/2/2015 3:04 PM
86	Most needs are met either by stores in Paradise or Gene's TAQH General store.	12/2/2015 1:41 PM
87	I'm not sure. Between Paradise and the stores just outside the park and Newberry you can buy or rent just about anything you need.	12/2/2015 1:18 PM
88	fishing boat rental kayak fishing boat	12/2/2015 12:14 PM
89	more food & shopping options nearby	12/2/2015 12:13 PM
90	Gas, grocery store and ATM.	12/2/2015 12:08 PM
91	The shuttle (car spotting) is great	12/2/2015 11:31 AM
92	Maybe closer gas station, but the lodge & brewery are fantastic	12/2/2015 10:46 AM
93	I love that there is now transportation between the falls for the trail between the falls so you don't have to have 2 cars or hike round trip! Please continue to support and allow such services; Possibly snowshoe rental or ski rental as I have my own but visiting family and friends often do not	12/2/2015 10:23 AM
94	More grocery options for when supplies run out	12/2/2015 10:18 AM
95	More paved sites and water hookups, more secluded sites	12/2/2015 10:07 AM
96	They currently do fine.	12/2/2015 10:03 AM

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97	The bathroom in the restaurant was flooded when we went there - it probably has nothing to do with the DNR but if the plumbing of that building were better the toilets wouldn't have been full and overflowing.	12/2/2015 9:57 AM
98	?	12/2/2015 9:14 AM
99	Be nice if the Yukon was open again	12/2/2015 9:08 AM
100	More mountain bike access.	12/2/2015 8:22 AM
101	I recall having a hard time finding a place to feed the family when we visited and found the lodge restaurant closed. So additional dining options would be nice, but might not be viable.	12/2/2015 8:08 AM
102	Have never needed anything we couldn't find in Paradise.	12/2/2015 7:50 AM
103	Gasoline. Gas stations are pretty rare in the region.	12/2/2015 7:12 AM
104	The TFSP brewery is very nice. More modern conveniences would be nice.	12/2/2015 6:35 AM
105	It had been awhile since our last visit. Never had navigational issues 15-20 years ago this time it seemed harder to find places. We like the person who came in to sell firewood that was nice. Biggest thing is training your employees. We were unable to get location of bog from rangers. Another visitor told us where it is located. Hopefully we'll get go there soon. Also my mother is over 70 and can't really enjoy a tent anymore so hotels, clean, reasonable rates - didn't see many near park.	12/2/2015 6:24 AM
106	none	12/2/2015 6:08 AM
107	A stick to drive people back to the city.	12/2/2015 5:58 AM
108	not aware of any	12/2/2015 5:58 AM
109	Bike friendly paved roads (wider roads with bike lane), biking trails	12/2/2015 12:51 AM
110	We had pretty much a perfect time, except for the mosquitoes at whitefish point and black flies along the lakeshore in pictured rocks...but...whatryagonna do? It's the UP eh?	12/2/2015 12:46 AM
111	more wifi options	12/1/2015 11:45 PM
112	?	12/1/2015 11:38 PM
113	Better and healthier restaurants and grocery shopping. Or even a farmers market.	12/1/2015 11:30 PM
114	Easier access to fishing license. Also had an emergency up there need to have way to call for help,make sure pay phones work or post wear to get better cell service. That was about 4 years ago.	12/1/2015 10:48 PM
115	Gourmet food & desserts. Enjoyed local breakfast restaurant!	12/1/2015 10:45 PM
116	Slightly larger grocery store close by	12/1/2015 10:25 PM
117	None	12/1/2015 9:49 PM
118	It's hard to improve on an already great camping experience, but wifi in the campgrounds would be icing on the cake.	12/1/2015 9:32 PM
119	Better shuttle service from upper falls to campgrounds.	12/1/2015 9:27 PM
120	A gas station somewhere near Rainbow Lodge used to be.	12/1/2015 9:26 PM
121	Investing in the park	12/1/2015 9:22 PM
122	We were surprised to see that the local grocery stores were closed at 8pm during the height of summer tourist season	12/1/2015 9:07 PM
123	Better cellular phone service.	12/1/2015 9:05 PM
124	More info on local areas	12/1/2015 9:04 PM
125	N/a	12/1/2015 8:59 PM
126	More rangers in park during day	12/1/2015 8:56 PM
127	The only thing that was missing in the area was an ice cream shop, then it would have been perfect ...	12/1/2015 8:53 PM
128	Not sure	12/1/2015 8:44 PM
129	More places to eat in Paradise	12/1/2015 8:43 PM
130	More groceries	12/1/2015 8:42 PM
131	grocery store	12/1/2015 8:40 PM
132	More restaurants, more breweries	12/1/2015 8:37 PM

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133	Better grocery store	12/1/2015 8:33 PM
134	Paradise could use another restaurant...not a big deal though.	12/1/2015 8:26 PM
135	More food options	12/1/2015 8:15 PM
136	Fishing guide	12/1/2015 8:12 PM
137	I liked the wood delivery every night	12/1/2015 8:11 PM
138	Better fishing guide services	12/1/2015 8:09 PM
139	Better campfire wood	12/1/2015 8:07 PM
140	Bike trails	12/1/2015 8:03 PM
141	You could have a list of local Sunday church services for those of us that go to church when we travel.	12/1/2015 7:57 PM
142	ATV rental.	12/1/2015 7:56 PM
143	nothing	12/1/2015 7:49 PM
144	Keep it simple:-)	12/1/2015 7:47 PM
145	smoked fish; better restaurants would be nice	12/1/2015 7:44 PM
146	Larger grocery store sporting equipment store	12/1/2015 7:27 PM
147	Better cell service	12/1/2015 7:13 PM
148	None	12/1/2015 7:08 PM
149	If the economy will support it, more restaurants	12/1/2015 6:56 PM
150	More restaurants.	12/1/2015 6:51 PM
151	none	12/1/2015 6:31 PM
152	park store	12/1/2015 6:27 PM
153	Access with Quads	12/1/2015 6:26 PM
154	Keep out all dogs, one very large dog was face to face with my small grand daughter and the dog was ready to bit, owners let dogs crap right in front of kids, who want to see a big turd fall out the dogs ass, and then the owner will pick up crap, very unpleasant, sicking.	12/1/2015 6:15 PM
155	None- had firewood delivered at campsite everyday, local 76 station was well stocked with all our needs	12/1/2015 6:12 PM
156	Few things like w convenience store	12/1/2015 6:09 PM
157	More restaurants in the area	12/1/2015 6:02 PM
158	Kayaking tours and horseback riding	12/1/2015 6:01 PM
159	None	12/1/2015 5:57 PM
160	ATV rental so I can get to the south shore.	12/1/2015 5:55 PM
161	Groceries, cell service.	12/1/2015 5:47 PM
162	we love the brewery	12/1/2015 5:47 PM
163	Love Gene's General Store	12/1/2015 5:40 PM
164	Bigger grocery store	12/1/2015 5:36 PM
165	We love the firewood that is provided by the local resident that comes in every night for ones that need to purchase wood.	12/1/2015 5:32 PM
166	More variety of restaurants in Paradise would be appreciated	12/1/2015 5:30 PM
167	Can't think of any.	12/1/2015 5:29 PM
168	More restaurant more stores selling fire wood	12/1/2015 5:22 PM
169	I enjoyed the horseback trail ride nearby and would have liked to be able to see the park on horseback.	12/1/2015 5:13 PM
170	Gas stations that don't charge so much	12/1/2015 5:06 PM
171	Keep brewery and Jilberts Ice Cream at gift shop.	12/1/2015 4:59 PM

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172	More restaurants	12/1/2015 4:57 PM
173	Detailed ATV mapd	12/1/2015 4:53 PM
174	Have minnows available for fishing for different species. Small for perch, medium for various trout species, large for pike and walleye. Hard to find minnows locally. Trout Lake or Six Mile Rd on the way the Soo. Or trap my own...	12/1/2015 4:50 PM
175	Camp store just outside the entrance was more than expected. had everything we needed and more.	12/1/2015 4:49 PM
176	We had or could get everything we needed from local store	12/1/2015 4:35 PM
177	there is return shuttles between the two falls area. It would be nice to have a shuttle between the upper falls and the river mouth. it is about 10 miles one way. It would be nice if they had 2 or 3 pickups during the day so that trail would be used more.	12/1/2015 4:33 PM
178	Have Browns catch more fish so they stay open longer.	12/1/2015 4:33 PM
179	places to eat?	12/1/2015 4:31 PM
180	no suggestions	12/1/2015 4:31 PM
181	More canoeing and kayaking vendors	12/1/2015 4:28 PM
182	Full hookup sites, not enough in state campgrounds.	12/1/2015 4:17 PM
183	Camp store	12/1/2015 4:09 PM
184	maybe local produced items	12/1/2015 4:08 PM
185	none! we had everything we needed and had an awesome stay!	12/1/2015 4:07 PM
186	None	12/1/2015 4:01 PM
187	??	12/1/2015 3:59 PM
188	Scooter Rentals at reasonable prices	12/1/2015 3:58 PM
189	Dirtbike, quad rentals	12/1/2015 3:52 PM
190	I go to the UP for less, not more.	12/1/2015 3:51 PM
191	If there was anything to be provided, maybe it would be more opportunity to have adventures in the wilderness..maybe more ATV/Dirt Bike rentals near upper falls? Or Mountain Bike Trails?	12/1/2015 3:48 PM
192	More things to do besides just the falls	12/1/2015 3:46 PM
193	Improved availability of fresh meats and vegetables	12/1/2015 3:44 PM
194	better pizza?	12/1/2015 3:42 PM
195	Hotels, restaurants	12/1/2015 3:42 PM
196	None. That's the point. There isn't anything around other than the two gas stations outside the park until you get to Paradise. It's simply nice to be away from all of that stuff.	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
197	Improved trail system	12/1/2015 3:38 PM
198	More places to dine,	12/1/2015 3:38 PM
199	nothing! I love the area as it is!!	12/1/2015 3:34 PM
200	Cell phone reception or wifi access. We had a family emergency at home, and couldn't communicate well.	12/1/2015 3:34 PM
201	Bussing, information	12/1/2015 3:33 PM
202	The park itself was amazing, also the park rangers were great. The other local people such as local restaurants were not friendly and need to start paying better attention to visitors.	12/1/2015 3:28 PM
203	More hotels and restaurants for those times we don't want to camp.	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
204	A grocery store	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
205	None	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
206	Daily paper	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
207	More kayaking info??? stretching here. Love the area, dont want to see much change.	12/1/2015 3:24 PM
208	nothing really. enjoyed the isolation	12/1/2015 3:24 PM

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209	more dining options, i have a job that requires me to stay connected to work & i was not aware that my phone would not get service up there, i had to drive to a local hotel that offered free wifi & sit in the parking lot getting caught up on emails. wifi in designated areas of the campgrounds would be nice	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
210	I felt that the local businesses provided everything I could need - camp supplies like gas and mosquito spray, snacks, meals if I needed them, and local beer to take back to the campsite.	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
211	We found the restaurants in Paradise to be over priced for what you get. I think they are missing the point: give the customer more then they expect for the price and they will rave to their friends.	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
212	We love everything up there. Just more bathrooms/showers would be nice at the state park.	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
213	ATV rental (if allowed on trails and logging roads)	12/1/2015 3:21 PM
214	healthy food resources cycling resources	12/1/2015 3:20 PM
215	Bathrooms handicapped accessible	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
216	none	12/1/2015 2:49 PM
217	Wi-Fi within all campgrounds.	12/1/2015 2:44 PM
218	More area restaurants	12/1/2015 2:36 PM
219	-	12/1/2015 2:00 PM
220	NONE	12/1/2015 1:44 PM
221	I do a lot of biking. The roads in the park are windy. I haven't been there in a while, but if there are bike paths and concessions for renting bikes, I think that could be a great way to get families to the area to see things in an interesting manner, and more quickly than walking. Also sponsoring a ride similar to the Zoo-D-Mac ride that goes from Boyne Highlands to the Mackinac Island. It's 52 miles. How about a ride from Paradise to Taq? Probably issues with closing down the road, but biking and family biking is growing.	12/1/2015 1:04 PM
222	love to visit the camp restaurant for meal or ice cream	12/1/2015 1:00 PM
223	None that I can think of. The convenience stores by the lower falls campground are great and Newberry and Paradise aren't that far away if you forget something like ketchup, mustard, etc	12/1/2015 12:49 PM
224	More healthy food choices.	12/1/2015 12:39 PM
225	Patches and pins for sale for collectors of where we've been.	12/1/2015 12:32 PM

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## Q40 Please share any other thoughts you may have on Tahquamenon Falls State Park and/or the management planning process.

Answered: 199 Skipped: 486

#	Responses	Date
1	It is great as is, but it is getting really busy, crowded, and hectic during peak season. Please keep it rustic and do not turn it into another Niagra Falls.	1/4/2016 9:24 AM
2	None.	12/31/2015 8:44 PM
3	I'd encourage the management to keep most of the park relatively undeveloped. We enjoyed getting away from the falls (& most of the visitors) when hiking the trails north of the highway--it was very peaceful back there.	12/31/2015 2:14 PM
4	Replant some of the trees we have recently lost.	12/30/2015 5:33 PM
5	Please thank all the DNR Employees that keep TFSP in a highly maintained condition. I must say, they have an excellent maintenance program.	12/30/2015 12:30 PM
6	Keep up the good work. Love it there.	12/29/2015 5:32 PM
7	Great and caring staff at the Lower Falls State Park!	12/28/2015 12:28 PM
8	I like the microbrewery at the park and the ice cream place. Usually I get ice cream and then walk out to the falls. It is always a pleasant experience.	12/24/2015 12:24 PM
9	I love seeing kids having fun and getting in touch with nature. But I also want to be able to hike out and see wildlife that may avoid noise. We need to maintain areas where wildlife can thrive, and for some species that means less disturbed areas.	12/21/2015 5:29 PM
10	We love TFSP - it is one of our favorite Michigan State Parks and we look forward to camping there again soon.	12/21/2015 6:26 AM
11	One of the few parks with some spots for recycling. It was nice to see a spot for used propane containers. Don't get rid of the recycling.	12/19/2015 12:40 PM
12	Rampant overcrowding at lower falls, would not even take a pic it was so bad, it is NOT a water park and should be managed as such so all can enjoy, How much trash goes in the water on a busy weekend I wonder	12/18/2015 8:18 PM
13	I grew up in Michigan but live in Missouri now. We visit only rarely, but would like to go back. I was unaware of the camping and fishing, etc. Could there be some other way to give out that info to visitors?	12/18/2015 2:02 PM
14	There are things I would love to do that I can't...but I know there are things that would make the experience even more fun.	12/18/2015 1:14 PM
15	I have met many park employees over the last decade and I am favorably impressed.	12/18/2015 11:22 AM
16	Furthering NCTA and Hiawatha Shore to Shore Chapter's with the State park	12/18/2015 10:22 AM
17	You host a section of the North Country Trail--one of only 11 National Scenic Trails. Thank you for hosting it and I hope you will value its presence in your park.	12/18/2015 9:46 AM
18	When there's a traffic jam put more people on it	12/17/2015 9:26 PM
19	?	12/17/2015 8:32 PM
20	great job. we will be back	12/17/2015 7:36 PM
21	Keep making improvements! Thanks for all of your hard work!	12/17/2015 6:43 PM
22	It is a wonderful place, and I dont think the wilderness portion needs to be improved/changed, but adding a few items will make it accessible to more people in our state.	12/17/2015 1:19 PM
23	Please permit bicycling on single track trails. Even if only certain times of the year such as early spring and fall. It could also be a permit system where only a few permits are available each day during the off season.	12/17/2015 11:46 AM
24	Love the park.	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
25	Please do not go over board on changing access to the immediate falls area. People can walk from the current lot to the falls just fine. I would not be in favor of additional parking being added closer to the falls.	12/17/2015 10:43 AM

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26	Food at Upper Falls Brew Pup is good. I'm so used to enjoying the park as it is for some years that it is difficult to think outside that box and offer suggestions.	12/16/2015 8:15 PM
27	I believe I have already stated what my thoughts are, maintaining the preservation of the natural area is paramount to tourist comforts.	12/16/2015 3:29 PM
28	We love this park, but don't get to come as often as we'd like because we live in Indiana and the drive is tiring. Appreciate that you are getting public input. Grew up in Michigan, have lived/travelled in many states, and Michigan parks are easily among the best. Thank you for doing such a good job. Because of you, all four of my kids want to live in Michigan when they grow up.	12/13/2015 10:39 PM
29	The shuttle between the falls for hikers who only went one way was terrific. We appreciated that service.	12/13/2015 10:20 PM
30	Tahquamenon Falls is a treasure. Having an open survey for public comment is a great idea.	12/13/2015 9:49 PM
31	I enjoyed the beauty of the park and the space to enjoy with my famult	12/13/2015 6:02 PM
32	Keep a shower house open year round.	12/13/2015 1:52 PM
33	I love this park. I have so many fond memories of this place. Thank you for taking such good care of it.	12/11/2015 4:26 PM
34	I love the parks and the great people	12/10/2015 8:43 AM
35	Would love to have bike trails in the park with some being paved. we were very disappointed that biking did not seem encouraged there.	12/8/2015 5:30 PM
36	Interactive programs with school and community center - let us know of activities and how we can participate	12/8/2015 9:32 AM
37	Do not modernize the park.	12/8/2015 7:35 AM
38	Keep the good work. The future of the park must be preserved.	12/7/2015 5:53 PM
39	just can't wait to visit again	12/7/2015 4:57 PM
40	I know it's a tough balance between public use and resource protection, but the resource is irreplaceable and must always be considered first and foremost.	12/6/2015 8:55 PM
41	Extend the fall season at River mouth. Don't make too many changes to River mouth campgrounds. We love it the way it is!	12/6/2015 3:04 PM
42	I find especially the Lower falls campground terrible for use as the volume of campers crammed in there. sights are so small.	12/6/2015 12:19 PM
43	Too many people/ visitors during our last visit. It seems the park has become so popular it's being "loved to death.". Of course, our visit was during the 4th of July weekend so maybe visitation then was abnormally high.	12/6/2015 9:39 AM
44	We'll be back.	12/6/2015 9:34 AM
45	been coming to the park for 40yrs. we rented a boat when I was just a boy and many times since, the last time was 2yrs ago, sad to see that go away but the bridge would be a better option	12/5/2015 6:23 PM
46	We LOVE this park. We consider it "home". Please keep the Rivermouth area as unspoiled and scenic as possible - that is the reason we visit. The fishing dock and river accesses are wonderful.	12/5/2015 4:18 PM
47	Nothing comes to mind.	12/5/2015 11:58 AM
48	My biggest hope would be for more hiking trails, there are not any longer distances "loop" trails. It's not as nice to walk down a trail simply to stop and turn around at the end. Also, along with the additional trails more clearly marked trails. Near the campsite it was hard to find the trail head and many trails led off of the main trail and made it easy to get turned around. Lastly, at our campsite, there were plenty of bath houses close to our site, however, without walking around all the sites down the roads we found ourselves and many others cutting across other camp sites to access the bathhouse. Small paths would help to avoid short cutting.	12/5/2015 9:26 AM
49	Improve river shoreline to allow putting in canoes and kayaks along campgrounds areas	12/5/2015 8:23 AM
50	Please don't add anything to distract from the natural beauty....no more concrete, food stands that take away from the solitude of nature.	12/5/2015 6:13 AM
51	We really enjoy the park. We used to camp there with the kids, but now we mostly visit with family and friends. To use a cliché, it is a jewel in the state park system.	12/4/2015 11:54 AM
52	In contrast to our general very positive impression of Park Staff, we encountered a 20 - something year old bitch at the park entrance who acted like she was directing unruly children during our visit last September. If she had worked for me, she would have been unemployed the next day.	12/4/2015 9:28 AM

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53	Traffic flow is awkward in and out of parking lots	12/4/2015 8:53 AM
54	A very wonderful park	12/3/2015 9:08 PM
55	Keep up the good work!	12/3/2015 7:13 PM
56	Thought the park very adequate from a site standpoint, could see additional use if larger rv rigs were catered to. Great family area.	12/3/2015 6:49 PM
57	This area is rich in history and can never be replaced. Getting campers/visitors involved and feeling ownership in its protection is key. The Rivermouth may geographically be a part of the Tahq Falls system, but it is a unique park and gets lost in the Falls focus. More independence and identity is warranted. More volunteer opportunities are warranted. People will save what they believe in...educate and involve more people to help it grow in responsibility and conservation efforts. The staff and crew at the Rivermouth has always demonstrated professionalism, helpfulness and shown their level of care in the manicured grounds, clean facilities. There are two part time females who should not be processing guests, one named Kim who clearly does not enjoy people or her job. A concealed surveillance camera with audio would clearly assist those in charge in identifying specific issues undermining the integrity of that otherwise exceptional crew.	12/3/2015 4:25 PM
58	Much impressed with the facilities. Campground was in good shape, not crowded and amenities were fine. Blown away with the falls. What a nice attraction.	12/3/2015 2:31 PM
59	lkjlkjlk	12/3/2015 2:17 PM
60	some camp sites at lower falls are too muddy and non-level, they need a good level gravel base for camping trailers.	12/3/2015 1:29 PM
61	We love you! and the updates of wildlife reports and such.	12/3/2015 12:51 PM
62	I appreciate the opportunity to give my input	12/3/2015 10:19 AM
63	Keep up the excellent work!	12/3/2015 10:07 AM
64	TFSP is a state treasure, and should be treated as such. Better restaurants, enhanced souvenir and sales locations. (Not necessarily more expensive, just more of a quality selection) better organized. The sales people are terrible and not very informed Training could be improved.	12/3/2015 10:03 AM
65	Very beautiful and well kept	12/3/2015 9:49 AM
66	none	12/3/2015 9:26 AM
67	In general I think it's an outstanding park as it is today.	12/3/2015 8:55 AM
68	GET RID OF THE WOLF	12/3/2015 8:21 AM
69	We started visiting TFSP when our children were young. Great place for families and for us now- retirees.	12/3/2015 7:36 AM
70	See comment about people in the water.	12/3/2015 12:26 AM
71	Safety is important, and the board walks are nice. However, the park seems more restrictive than it used to be. Keeping the park as natural as possible is important.	12/2/2015 11:39 PM
72	discourage the LARGE crowds that sometimes congregate in the area	12/2/2015 9:40 PM
73	Looking forward to coming back in a couple of years.	12/2/2015 9:24 PM
74	Park staff were very helpful, like the online reservation process; no complaints at all, love this park.	12/2/2015 8:47 PM
75	The first time I was at the falls as a child I was able to walk behind the falls with my dad, something I will never forget. I respect the walkways now that keep everyone back. I enjoy the island because it is not a structured walk. I'm afraid if it is easier to access it too will end up with many wooden pathways and we will no longer be able to put our feet in the water or walk the logs into the river. That is nature at its finest. And makes the trip something you never forget.	12/2/2015 8:44 PM
76	I love this part of Michigan. The high traffic in the area does wear on the parks maintenance over time. This summer things looked a little worn out during our stay in August, Especially the upper falls area. I reiterate that the area is not ready for the influx of visitors which we saw this summer. Parking was terrible and people were not seeming to have a good time due to being packed closely together on the days we were there. (Good problem for the DNR to have).	12/2/2015 8:13 PM
77	We really enjoyed our stay and look forward to our visit next summer.	12/2/2015 6:52 PM
78	I'm ever hopeful for more protected land, carefully planned minimalist / non-invasive trail systems, preservation and establishment of wildlife corridors, and an emphasis on supporting threatened species through habitat preservation, native plantings, etc.	12/2/2015 5:56 PM
79	Just a nice place to go.	12/2/2015 5:40 PM

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80	I'm guessing, at a distance (Toronto, ON); to keep the Park attendance up year-round, consider a regular shuttle service to bring visitors who don't have cars from nearby airports and train and bus terminals. The Lower-Upper Falls shuttle is good, but assumes people can get to the Park in the first place.	12/2/2015 5:35 PM
81	keeping us informed would be appreciated of events etc...	12/2/2015 5:23 PM
82	Mosquitos were a pain, especially on trails. Pet friendly attitude was great!	12/2/2015 5:21 PM
83	add wifi and cell tower	12/2/2015 4:04 PM
84	Please keep the natural beauty of TFSP pristine. That is why people travel great distances to be there.	12/2/2015 3:06 PM
85	The hiking trails are so clearly marked, and the backcountry campsites are very well equipped and maintained! I would definitely return for a longer backpacking trip.	12/2/2015 2:52 PM
86	I think you do a good job. Your bathrooms in the lower falls campground are CLEAN.	12/2/2015 1:20 PM
87	The out of state costs are very expensive for seniors visiting Michigan, IE. passport, fishing license.	12/2/2015 12:48 PM
88	I loved the Gift Shops, I bought items for my travel trailer, now every time we go camping we have memories of our trip to Tahquamenon Falls State Park.	12/2/2015 12:10 PM
89	You are doing a fantastic job at maintaining nature and accessibility for all to experience. Thank you.	12/2/2015 10:37 AM
90	THE RANGERS AND PARK PERSONNEL ARE AWESOME	12/2/2015 10:35 AM
91	thank you for the opportunity to provide input	12/2/2015 10:23 AM
92	Keep up the good work, We've been coming there for over fifty years in all four seasons and can't explain what draws us there every year other than it never really changes. Updates have been made, businesses come and go but the area never really changes.	12/2/2015 10:12 AM
93	Rethink park's stand on using "quiet" generators in the non-modern area of Rivermouth Pk. You already have a rustic camping area. the modern park fills and much of the non-modern area is empty yet we were compelled to move to the modern area because of generator use during day time hours. Weather was cold, September, and where were few campers in the non-modern area.	12/2/2015 10:04 AM
94	The old story about "if it ain't broke then don't fix it."	12/2/2015 9:10 AM
95	This park is one of the places that all Michigan families take their kids to at one time or another, a tradition spanning generations. It is one of the parks that defines "going up north". It is a treasure that must be preserved. Partially as a result of all that, the park does easily become too crowded-feeling, at least at the most popular parts.	12/2/2015 8:13 AM
96	Keep doing what you're doing. We buy the recreation pass for all three of our vehicles every year and camp exclusively at Michigan State Parks.	12/2/2015 7:51 AM
97	I like it as it is	12/2/2015 6:53 AM
98	WiFi Phones wouldn't work so we couldn't look up answers to our questions, since your staff had no answers. Mainly train your people on the area. I like taking my kids on long walks through the woods. We used to walk between the two however with the young ones an out house or two would be needed along the way.	12/2/2015 6:28 AM
99	I understand my views are too harsh to be used without losing visitors, but please dont build more structures on the river.	12/2/2015 6:00 AM
100	Please keep the park as natural as possible. I'm not too keen on this bridge to the island at the lower falls. The row boats make it a special adventure. I also fear that mother nature will not be kind to such a bridge, making it a money pit in the future.	12/2/2015 6:00 AM
101	Keep up the good work!	12/2/2015 12:51 AM
102	Just keep it up. Maintain what you have. You are doing a great job. Keep it as pristine as possible, don't build a bridge to the island, maybe just improve the launch and landing sites to better assist those who have difficulty with wet slippery uneven surfaces. Rowing to the island kind of limits foot traffic; the islands foot traffic needs limiting in order to preserve itself. The last thing it needs is more peevish dipsh*ts stamping on the fragile ecosystem that survives in the middle of the river...because you know they will...idiots abound and they are unstoppable!!!	12/2/2015 12:47 AM
103	larger sites in upper or lower , better wifi services and phone tower	12/1/2015 11:46 PM
104	It's quite costly for the tram between the Falls	12/1/2015 11:39 PM
105	More/enhanced outdoor kids play ground areas.	12/1/2015 10:49 PM
106	It is a beautiful park. Would be nice to add a couple more cabins, rent them out in winter for skiers, snowshoers and snowmobiles.	12/1/2015 10:49 PM

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107	unclean, buggy, semi-working showers.	12/1/2015 10:42 PM
108	The staff at the ice cream shop were wonderful. We visited them daily. Always smiling and happy to help out, even when it was time to close.	12/1/2015 10:08 PM
109	We love the area	12/1/2015 10:00 PM
110	No plans needed just maintenance	12/1/2015 9:50 PM
111	More emphasis on hiking and camping and less on R/V use.	12/1/2015 9:41 PM
112	I know a lot of people complain about people swimming in the Lower Falls, however my understanding is this has been going on since the first Native American's lived in the area. I don't know if this is officially allowed or not, but I can say it was the absolute highlight of our trip and is the entire reason for our coming back next summer (and following summers).	12/1/2015 9:33 PM
113	I should of mentioned earlier fishing tips for the area would be helpful.	12/1/2015 9:27 PM
114	Great Park	12/1/2015 9:07 PM
115	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. We feel incredibly lucky to have access to such a great resource.	12/1/2015 9:01 PM
116	The campgrounds are incredible with lots of tree cover, streams and space. They are much better then the cramped sites at other places. Don't lose that!	12/1/2015 9:01 PM
117	At lower falls some camping sites could be leveled out. New bathrooms in upper campground, add more dump stations	12/1/2015 8:59 PM
118	No bridge	12/1/2015 8:56 PM
119	We stumbled upon the beautiful scenic drive by whitefish bay. If we hadn't been adventurous we wouldn't have found the beautiful little parks and beaches to picnic on... So maybe more notification to visitors at the parks of the hidden gems	12/1/2015 8:56 PM
120	A trail system that's maintained would be awesome	12/1/2015 8:41 PM
121	Awesome park, I tell everyone about it.	12/1/2015 8:34 PM
122	Please don't change anything drastically.	12/1/2015 8:27 PM
123	Just love the seclusion, please keep this in mind.	12/1/2015 8:11 PM
124	We love this area and hope that future plans update the campgrounds with larger sites and newer restroom facilities. We would stay in the Rivermouth Semi-Modern if the road was improved by removing select trees to avoid damaging our RV.	12/1/2015 8:09 PM
125	Park seemed well run	12/1/2015 8:03 PM
126	Love the place. Would love to move to the UP year round when I retire.	12/1/2015 7:56 PM
127	We love the brewery and the tribal fish diner in Paradise	12/1/2015 7:51 PM
128	It's the best camping in MIch.	12/1/2015 7:49 PM
129	Thanks for allowing input.	12/1/2015 7:48 PM
130	improve privacy of the campsites	12/1/2015 7:24 PM
131	The rangers are the BEST!	12/1/2015 7:22 PM
132	Thanks for allowing me to give my input.	12/1/2015 7:00 PM
133	We thoroughly enjoyed our trip this past September!	12/1/2015 6:56 PM
134	More hiking trails. Love the lighted winter snowshoe trail and cross country ski trails.	12/1/2015 6:49 PM
135	It would be great to have designated quiet areas in the campground. When we camped last August, it seemed like we were in the middle of a city because it was so loud and busy.	12/1/2015 6:46 PM
136	We camp and fish and hike all over the state, this is a well managed park.	12/1/2015 6:41 PM
137	Totally satisfied. From Tennessee and have visited 8 or 9 years for a week at a time. Will do it again. Great job.	12/1/2015 6:39 PM
138	Lovely Michigan gem...keep it natural.	12/1/2015 6:34 PM
139	Beautiful area and appreciated refund for one night after cancelling due to camping in the rain for two days. Loved the restaurant and brewery at the lodge.	12/1/2015 6:33 PM

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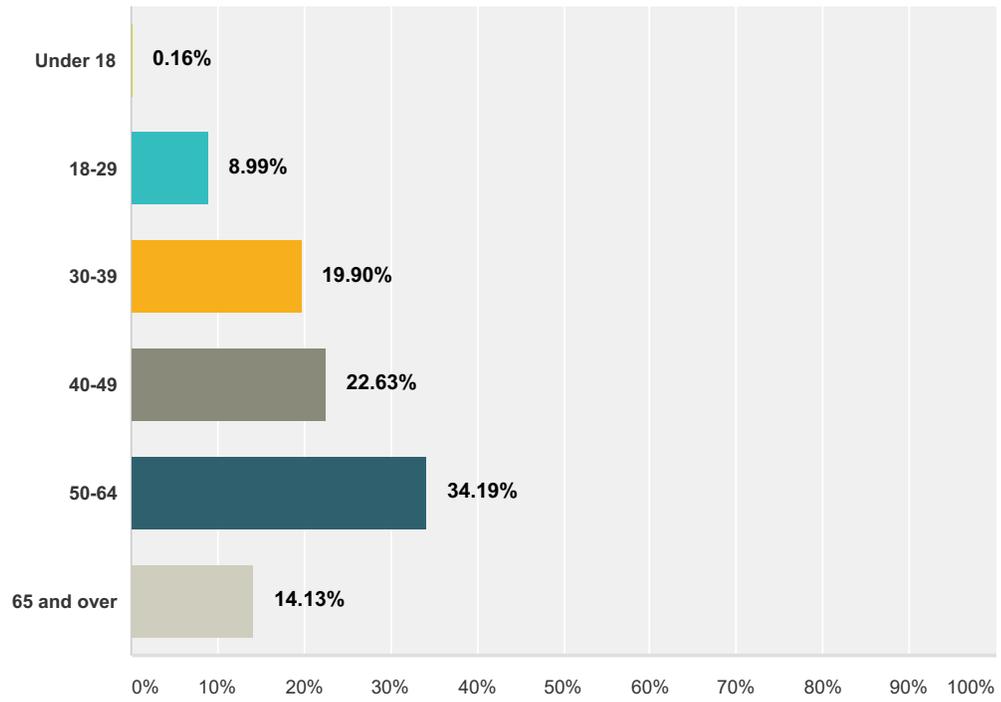
140	The fire pits are too high. On cool nights, they block the heat, and we need to build a larger fire in order to keep warm.	12/1/2015 6:25 PM
141	More semi-modern/rustic sites at rivermouth	12/1/2015 6:18 PM
142	n/a	12/1/2015 6:15 PM
143	We enjoyed our stay and the Staff was so accommodating and cordial. They made us feel so welcome.	12/1/2015 6:11 PM
144	please don't urbanize it.	12/1/2015 6:11 PM
145	Expand, do not contract, opportunities. Improve trails. More people will use them if they are in better shape. Trail Between The Falls was just sad in its condition, notably the mud and root pits my wife fell into near the lower falls and the "these were at one time stairs but are now strategically placed 6" high obstacle course blocks" scattered throughout the length of the trail. I was especially scared of the rotting log bench perched on a bluff 50 feet above the river near mile 3. Really? This is the best Michigan can do to show off our state's gem?	12/1/2015 6:01 PM
146	Looking forward to our next visit.	12/1/2015 5:57 PM
147	You really have a LOT of opportunity to develop the south shore. I'd put in a hotel, charge \$200/night for rooms.	12/1/2015 5:56 PM
148	Hope to return every year	12/1/2015 5:48 PM
149	Beautiful park, defiantly want to come again.	12/1/2015 5:36 PM
150	None	12/1/2015 5:32 PM
151	So many people on weekends! This fall you could hardly walk down the trail to the falls. It was well managed and we had fun visiting with others.	12/1/2015 5:29 PM
152	Use of ATV in park	12/1/2015 4:54 PM
153	No problems, Just love the place!!	12/1/2015 4:50 PM
154	My family has been to many state parks and this is by far my favorite! I want to come again in the winter to see the amazing winter landscape. This summer was our first trip with kids and we had the greatest time. Wading around the falls was the most fun for us...so freeing and unique to other parks. We love it!	12/1/2015 4:38 PM
155	keep the park the way it is,	12/1/2015 4:32 PM
156	Enjoyed my visit!	12/1/2015 4:23 PM
157	Outstanding park. Clean and quiet. Very nice.	12/1/2015 4:22 PM
158	In general I would love to see all michigan parks get sewer and water hook ups	12/1/2015 4:18 PM
159	i think the state park program and system is great and always my first choice for camping	12/1/2015 4:15 PM
160	at times it was difficult to photograph the falls because there were so many people in them	12/1/2015 4:08 PM
161	Better park entrance process/facility to handle crowds so yearly sticker vehicles are not required to wait in long lines.	12/1/2015 4:02 PM
162	Its a beautiful park as it is now, just need to keep up with the maintenance of the facilities.	12/1/2015 4:02 PM
163	seems very busy and populated since I was there last in the late 1980s, very commercialized	12/1/2015 3:59 PM
164	If it ain't broke, don't fix it. IT AINT BROKE. Sorry for all caps but it's a great place that should not be further developed.	12/1/2015 3:57 PM
165	love the idea of a foot bridge to the island!! brilliant!	12/1/2015 3:52 PM
166	Keep it rustic and friendly...we don't want to drive 7 hours north to be surrounded by lavish conditions or technology laden overstaffed visitor centers. We love the falls because it is one place that the years hasn't changed. Generation after generation can enjoy the same outdoors experience and easily feel a little of what is left of the wild.	12/1/2015 3:49 PM
167	Overall it was nice, clean, friendly, but there wasn't much to do after a day or so... It wasn't the final destination of my trip but a stop along the way.	12/1/2015 3:47 PM
168	Provide more public, handicap accessible fishing spots.	12/1/2015 3:45 PM
169	none at present	12/1/2015 3:42 PM
170	Pretty much just keep doing what you are doing. It's an awesome place! One of my favorites!!!	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
171	Beautiful place but way to many mosquitos	12/1/2015 3:40 PM
172	Love the park	12/1/2015 3:38 PM

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173	Had a hard time finding the park (believe it or not) and had a hard time navigating within the park due to a lack of signage. Frustrating given the relative distance between many destinations within the park.	12/1/2015 3:37 PM
174	Please try to keep it as rustic and natural as possible.	12/1/2015 3:35 PM
175	Great paths and walkways. Loved the lodge and food there.	12/1/2015 3:34 PM
176	we love the state parks in Michigan. We have camped all over the U.S. so have much to compare. One thing we have enjoyed in other campgrounds is the ban on alcohol. We have found that the parks do not enforce it unless people are very rude and rowdy. The parks with that rule are very quiet.	12/1/2015 3:30 PM
177	The park is wonderful and have great staff. Keep it going!	12/1/2015 3:28 PM
178	just love it there	12/1/2015 3:27 PM
179	I live at a Camp on the Tahquamenon River during the summer months and absolutely LOVE the Tahquamenon. What the State Park offers is perfect for out of town visitors is perfect. I love bringing people there.	12/1/2015 3:26 PM
180	Don't commercialize it	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
181	bathrooms could use some modernizing. Not unhappy with any other facilities within campground.	12/1/2015 3:25 PM
182	Visitation would increase a lot if had mountain bike trails such as those in the Copper Country area. From outside of the lower falls to the mouth of the river.	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
183	Please spray for bugs!	12/1/2015 3:23 PM
184	Kudos to management! You have a wonderful park. The challenge has got to be making it available and enjoyable to as many people as possible without wearing it out and ruining its natural appeal.	12/1/2015 3:22 PM
185	The management was very rude toward veterans and the fact you do not have a program to discount or allow free admission for veterans who are disable into the park is horrible	12/1/2015 3:20 PM
186	There were a lot of people swimming in the lower falls, but it was kind of dangerous getting down to the water, a step or even just small clearing would be nice.	12/1/2015 3:19 PM
187	none	12/1/2015 2:51 PM
188	More fall & winter camping programming. Wi-Fi in campgrounds. Sustainable wildlife and eco system education.	12/1/2015 2:46 PM
189	Love this beautiful area...	12/1/2015 2:01 PM
190	I'm very happy with the park	12/1/2015 2:00 PM
191	KEEP IT THE SAME	12/1/2015 1:44 PM
192	I don't know enough about the management plan and unfortunately haven't been to the park since my kids were young. Hope to begin trailering soon.	12/1/2015 1:06 PM
193	thanks for asking!	12/1/2015 1:00 PM
194	While tourism is important, please do not forget that you are entrusted to keep it as untouched by humans hands as possible. This will ensure that your children and grandchildren will be able to see this beautiful place.	12/1/2015 12:55 PM
195	♥. ♥□♥□	12/1/2015 12:52 PM
196	It's a beautiful park with great trails and views and I hope it continues to have as little human influence as possible while still being able to use and enjoy it, ie hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, 4 wheeling, nature watching	12/1/2015 12:51 PM
197	Improve access for elderly	12/1/2015 12:42 PM
198	Thank you for gathering public comment.	12/1/2015 12:40 PM
199	Just keep it as 'Natural Looking' as possible. :)	12/1/2015 12:33 PM

### Q41 What is your age?

Answered: 623 Skipped: 62



**Q43 If you are an international visitor, where is your primary residence (country)?**

Answered: 16 Skipped: 669

Answer Choices	Responses
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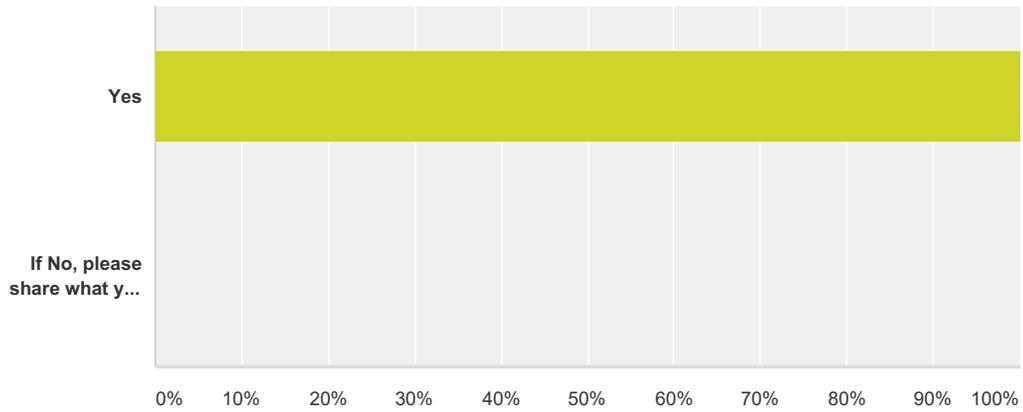
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5	USA	12/3/2015 10:08 AM
6	Usa	12/2/2015 11:40 PM
7	Canada	12/2/2015 5:36 PM
8	N/A	12/2/2015 12:10 PM

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10	Calhoun	12/1/2015 9:00 PM
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12	n/a	12/1/2015 5:37 PM
13	Canada	12/1/2015 5:31 PM
14	Usa	12/1/2015 4:10 PM
15	-	12/1/2015 2:01 PM
16	NA	12/1/2015 1:39 PM
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	There are no responses.	

### Q44 Is English your native language?

Answered: 620 Skipped: 65



Answer Choices	Responses
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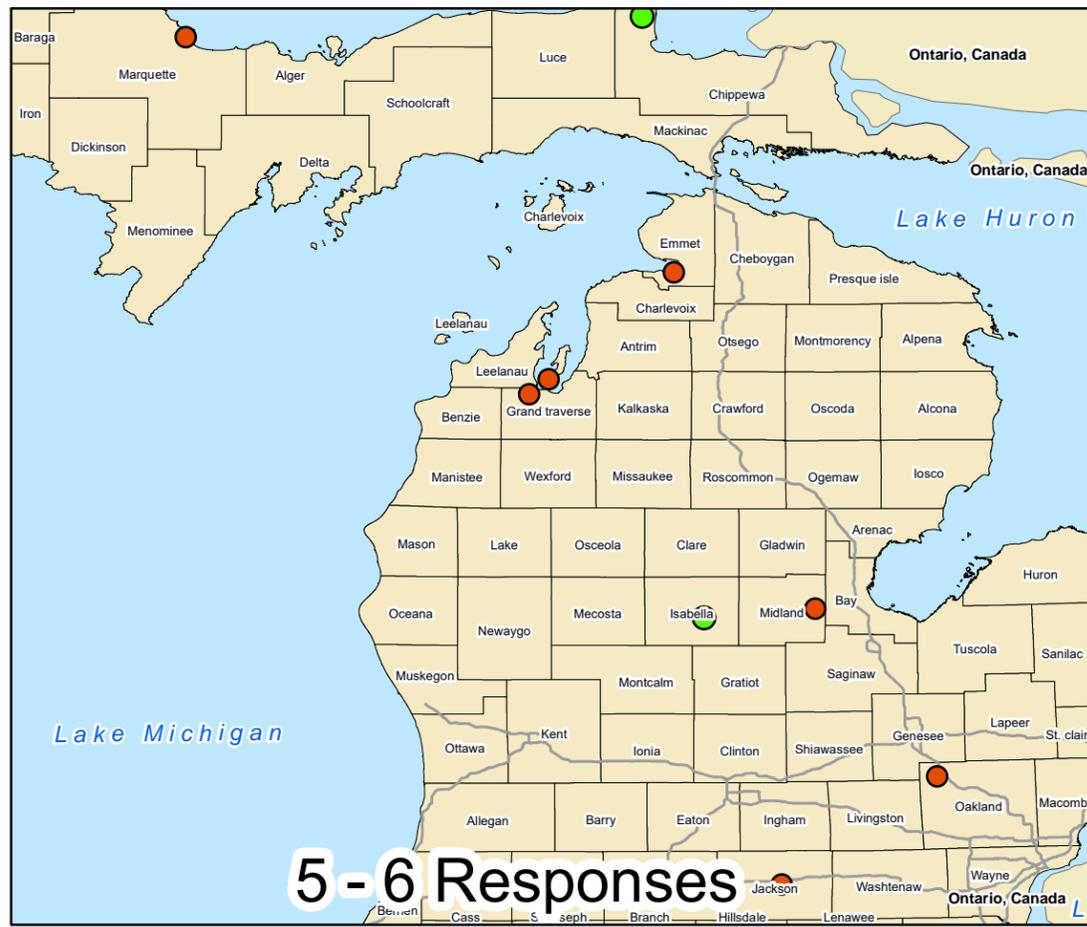
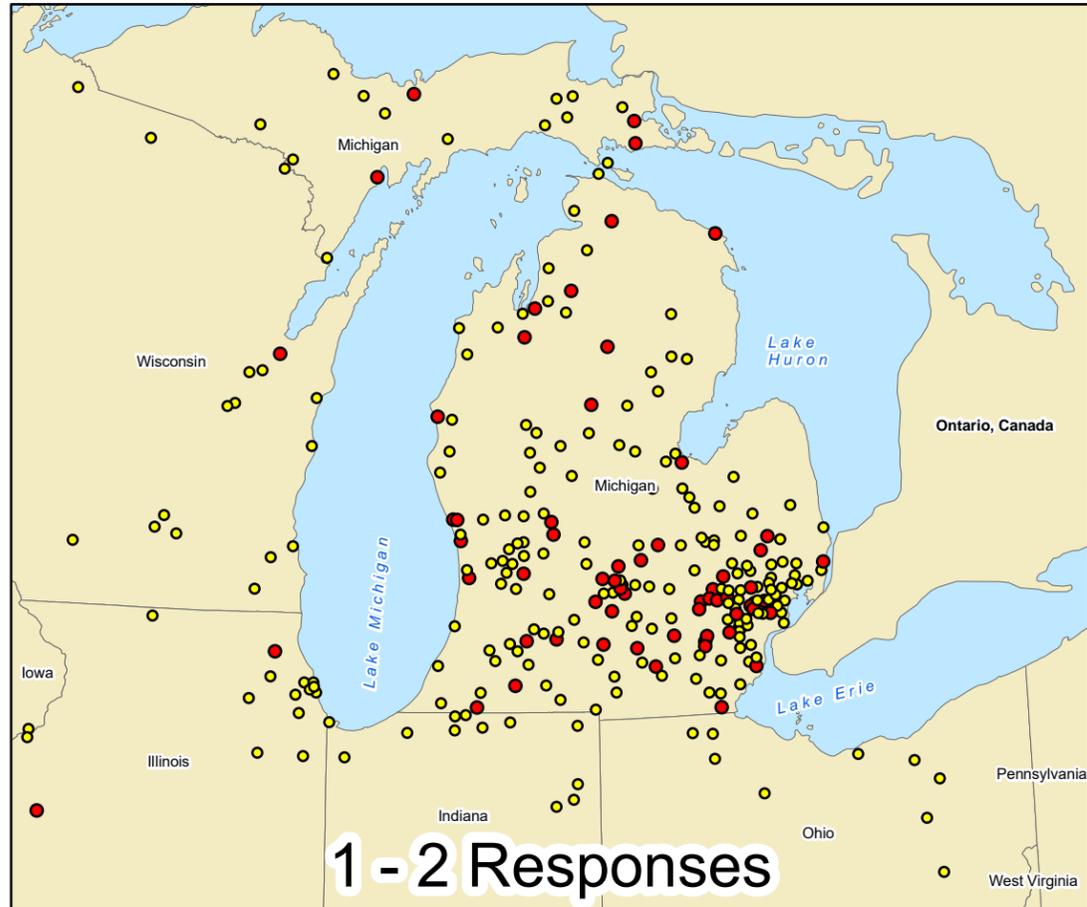
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# Tahquamenon Falls State Park Survey Responses by Zip Code

Whitefish and McMillan Townships  
Chippewa and Luce Counties, Michigan



- 1 Response
- 2 Responses
- 3 Responses
- 4 Responses
- 5 Responses
- 6 Responses
- 7 Responses
- 12 Responses



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Sources: Michigan DNR,  
Michigan Geographic Data Library,  
Tiger Data, Clearzoning  
Map Created: January 7, 2016

# Appendix C—Planning Team Summary

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the Planning Team held three on-site team meetings and three virtual meetings. These meetings were critical to the development of the General Management Plan and particularly the creation of the 20-Year Management Zones and the 10-Year Action Goals. Additionally, the meetings were an opportunity to review input received from stakeholders and the public.

## Overview of Planning Team Meetings

**Team Meeting #1 Tahquamenon Falls State Park (August 18-19, 2015)** – The Planning Team’s kick-off meeting was an opportunity for Planning Team members to introduce themselves to one another, review the General Management Plan schedule, receive an overview and tour of Tahquamenon Falls, discuss the park and its significance features, review the resource maps, and review the Supporting Analysis.

**Team Meeting #2 Tahquamenon Falls State Park (September 23, 2015)** –The Planning Team met and began discussion with the supporting analysis and potential stakeholders to include for the future open house. They also suggested questions for the public input survey. The Planning Team worked together in drafting the park’s Management Zones and began brainstorming 10-year action goals for the park.

**Team Meeting #3 Tahquamenon Falls State Park (October 20, 2015)** – The Planning Team met and reviewed the Draft Statements of Significance, Draft Management Zone Map, and Draft Action Goals. The Planning Team also finalized revisions to the online survey and the stakeholder list.

**Team Meeting #4, Go-To-Meeting (January 22, 2016)** – The Planning Team reviewed the input received from the stakeholder meeting and the online survey. The Team refined and made additions to the Draft Action Goals, taking into account the stakeholder and public input received. Discussion of the upcoming Public Open House occurred, including date and location options.

**Team Meeting #5, Go-To-Meeting (March 3, 2016)** – The Planning Team met and reviewed updates the maps, action goals, and GMP. The Management Zone and Amenities maps were discussed with revisions. The Action Goals were reviewed and confirmed project input and responsible parties. The Team discussed the internal review process and the format for the upcoming Open House.

**Team Meeting #6, Go-To-Meeting (June 14, 2016)** – The Planning Team met and discussed the input received from the Public Input Open House, and how those topics could be reflected in the plan. Minor revisions to the Action Goals and maps were made. The Team received an overview of the final steps in the process, as well as projected timeline.

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# Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #1 (Kick-Off Meeting) Day  
1: August 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Day  
2: August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters  
41382 W M 123  
Paradise, MI 49768**

**Day 1: August 18, 2015**

## SUMMARY

Attendees: Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Kevin Dennis (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Jon Spieles (Interpretive Manager), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (Geologist), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Dave Birchler and Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning)

1. Introductions and Review of Agenda. The Team introduced themselves and verified contact information on the roster.
2. Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Plan Schedule was presented by D. Birchler.
3. Overview of Management Planning Process was presented by D. Jensen. The Team reviewed the process and management zone descriptions. She encouraged the Team to provide input in their area of expertise on the supporting analysis.
4. Tahquamenon Falls State Park Overview was presented by C. Krepps. Following is the information presented during the slide show along with comments from the Team.

### **General:**

- Tahquamenon Falls State Park was established in 1947
- The park is located in Luce and Chippewa Counties, with Paradise to the east and Newberry approximately 21 miles to the west.
- The park has 34 full and part-time/seasonal employees.
- The 48,169 acre State Park is open year round.
- 38 Miles of Hiking Trails. The trails are mostly linear and there are no designated bike trails within the park. The North Country Trail runs through the park including a connection from the Lower to Upper Falls.
- 13 Inland Lakes and 24 Miles of Tahquamenon River
- 90% undeveloped wilderness area and wetlands. It was suggested that there may be closer to 98%-99% of the land area undeveloped. *K. Cheli suggested reviewing and refining the quantity of undeveloped land reported.*

- T. Neal provided some additional information on the visitor attendance, employment levels, and history of infrastructure improvements. It was suggested that some of this information could be included in the Park Statistic section of the Supporting Analysis.

#### **Park Facilities:**

- Campgrounds – Campsites include 241 modern, 36 rustic, 3 back country and an organizational campground. The modern campsites are available from the second week of May to mid-October.
- Lodging/Cabins – The Pine Camper Cabin is located between the modern and rustic campgrounds at the Rivermouth and Tahquamenon Lodge with two units (one unit completed and another under renovation) is located between the Upper and Lower Falls across from the park headquarters. Tahquamenon Lodge and Pines Camper Cabins are available year-round and accessible.
- Day Use Areas – There are two day use areas: Upper Falls and Lower Falls. The Upper Falls Day Use Area is open year round.
- Picnic Areas – The Whitefish Bay picnic area is located at the easterly boundary of the park; this is in addition to the picnic areas located within the day use areas. Picnic areas within the day use areas are accessible.
- Boat Launch – The River Boat Launch is located at the east boundary of the park at the mouth of the Tahquamenon River and White Fish Bay of Lake Superior.
- Accessible Facilities – The Park has several accessible facilities including the walkways between the Upper and Lower Falls, Tahquamenon Lodge and the Pine Camper Cabin, Day Use Area picnic tables/area, bathrooms (4 modern buildings), and campsites. The Park also offers wheelchairs for use at the Upper and Lower Falls.

#### **Trails:**

- Tahquamenon State Park includes 38 miles of hiking trails, cross-country skiing trails, snowmobile trails. There are no designated bike trails within the Park, although that is a frequent question by visitors. The 38 miles of hiking trails include the following:
  - Emerson Trail
  - Giant Pines Loop
  - Wilderness Loop
  - Clark Lake Loop
  - River Trail – the most popular trail within the park
  - Upper and Lower Falls walkways are ADA compliant
  - Rivermouth, linear trail

#### **Managed Facilities:**

- Concession/Lease Contracts include the following:
  - Toonerville Trolley - the longest narrow-gauge railway in the State. The trolley company leases the property from the park – this was the original method of transportation to the fall – established in 1926.

- Tahquamenon Treasures
- Retail Clothing
- Tahquamenon Wildlife prints
- Tahquamenon Trekker
- Firewood
- Archery Range
- Stables Picnic Area
- State Forest Campgrounds (6 campgrounds)
- Whitefish and Little Lake Harbors
- Eckerman Pond BAS
- Paradise Pathways

**Recreational Activities:**

- Tahquamenon State Park is a popular year round destination. Some of the more popular activities include:
  - Fishing/Hunting
  - Bird Watching
  - Sightseeing – the Upper and Lower Falls are a popular destination for sightseeing
  - Visiting the brew pub/restaurant
  - Photography
  - Canoe/Kayaking
  - Camping
  - Picnicking
  - Swimming
  - Hiking
  - Geocaching
  - Cross Country Skiing – The Pines
  - Snowmobiling

**Events:**

- Trail, Snowshoe, and Canoe Races
- Hikes and interpretive programs
- Harvest Festival
- Maple Sugaring Day

**Infrastructure:**

- 17 major buildings
- 6 electrical systems
- 5 lift stations, with 3 lagoon systems
- 4 water systems with well houses

- ADA walkways at the Upper and Lower Falls
- Stairways at Gorge and Brink (Upper Falls)
- Fact Shack (Upper Falls). It was noted that the Park Interpreter may have up to 200 contacts per hour at the Fact Shack.
- 20 Vault toilets
- Road System and parking areas (Highway 123 runs through the park. Gravel roads provide internal access to more remote areas)
- ADA improvements. The Park has been responsive to maintaining accessibility through repairs and replacement of facilities.

**Ecosystems Natural Communities:**

- Tahquamenon State Park is rich in natural communities with over 90 percent of the park being undeveloped. Natural communities include:
  - Submergent and Emergent Marshes
  - Intermittent Wetland
  - Northern, Patterned, and Poor Fen communities
  - Bogs
  - Muskegs
  - Conifer and Southern Swamps
  - Mesic, Dry Mesic Northern, and Boreal Forests
  - Pine Barrens

**Rare Plant and Wildlife Inventory:**

- There are 20 occurrences of targeted rare plant species:
  - Calypso orchid
  - Panicked screw-stem
  - American ginseng
  - Wiegand's sedge
- There are 12 known occurrences of rare wildlife species:
  - Spruce grouse
  - Northern goshawk
  - American bittern
  - Incurvate emerald Dragonfly

**Stewardship Concerns:**

- Invasive species
  - Garlic Mustard
  - Loosestrife
  - Beech Bark Disease
  - Asian Longhorn
  - Woolly Adelgid

- Spotted Knapweed
- Historic/Archeological Sites – A comment was made that there were no known historic structures within the park, but there are a number of known archeological sites.
- Increased use in sensitive/protected areas
- Rivermouth erosion
- Unmanaged lands
- Forest health issues

**Stewardship Activities:**

- Purple loosestrife control at Rivermouth
- Garlic mustard removal in campgrounds
- Wooden walkways and bridges in sensitive areas
- Boot brushes
- Visitor education and signage
- ORV controls with gates and berms
- Core member of Eastern Upper Peninsula **Cooperative Weed Management Area** (EUPCWMA)
- Use of Green Chemicals
- Recycling programs

The following items were noted by C. Krepps as issues to consider during the planning process:

- Most of the park is un-managed lands, and access is limited. Wildlife, fisheries, forestry?
- Betsy Lake Natural Area – Proposed not dedicated.
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act – Federal oversight.
- Interpretation/programs are in high demand, but there is no interpretive center.
- Walkway design, currently mostly linear. Limits recreational experience, creates congestion!
- No major improvements since CMI – 15 yrs. Improvements planned FY16
- At capacity July and August. Shoulder Seasons are non-existent.
  - Busiest day at Upper Falls is Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 120,509 Upper Falls Visitors in July 2015
  - 445,022 park visitor from 10/1/14 - 8/17/15
- 17,000 non-resident recreation passports sold in FY 14.
- We turn away 500 individuals per year for reservations of 4 night or longer at the Lodge.
- Camper cabin in high demand -- 100% occupancy June thru October.
- #1 phone question is “How do I get to the falls?” and #2 is “How far is the walk to the falls?”
- Current limitations of local businesses to provide basic amenities.
- Difficulties in staffing due to remote location.
- NCT travels through the Park, and is mostly un-improved. Focus of Iron/Belle Trail.

The Team discussed the boundary designation of the Natural Area. There is not definitive marker used to delineate the boundary. Currently, the snowmobile trail is being used to identify the boundary. *The Team reviewed a map of the Natural Area. R. Fahlsing will review and confirm the Natural Area boundaries.*

Under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, the Tahquamenon River mainstem is proposed for designation. The Team discussed the Act and how it may impact planning. It was noted that the regulated land was generally that which you can see from the center of the river. The Team suggested that the regulatory provisions be incorporated into the GMP planning process/document.

5. Significant Features Exercise. The Planning Team was asked to provide specific features or aspects of Tahquamenon Falls State Park that are significant and/or unique. This input will be used to build draft Statements of Significance for discussion at the next Team meeting.
6. Supporting Analysis and Resource Maps Review. The Team recommended edits to various sections of the Supporting Analysis. The Team will research and or provide the following for the Supporting Analysis:
  - *R. Fahlsing – Work on boundary designation of Natural Areas*
  - L. Gamero - Archaeological Sites (provided at meeting)
  - *K. Cheli – Draft plans for bridge to island*
  - *K. Cheli – Review and refine area of undeveloped land*
  - T. Neal – Additional history and use statistics (provided at meeting)
  - T. Neal – Changes to Interpretive section (sent via email)
  - *M. Stirling – Add Natural Rivers Act information to Legal Mandates (A.6)*
  - *M. Stirling – Add Wild & Scenic River information – US Forest Service*
  - *M. Stirling – Add North Country Trail write-up to Recreational Resources (Regional)*

Fact Check the following:

- *Designation as “Newberry Unit” of the Lake Superior State Forest (p 3)*
- *The table of campgrounds should show only those impacting Tahquamenon Falls and portages on lakes added (p 22)*
- General edits provided by D. Jensen and L. Gamero at the meeting
- Validity of leases

7. Schedule Team Meeting #2 and #3. The Team discussed the proposed meeting schedule. The meetings are tentatively scheduled from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on September 24, 2015 and October 20, 2015. There was a brief discussion about holding the stakeholder focus group on October 22, 2015, following Team Meeting #3.

### **Day 2: August 19, 2015**

#### **SUMMARY**

Attendees: Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Kevin Dennis (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (Geologist), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Dave Birchler and Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning)

1. Park Tour – The Team met at Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters and toured the park’s many amenities, including the campgrounds, day use areas, trails, natural areas and Upper and Lower Falls.
2. Tour Debrief – The Team discussed some of the amenities and issues and concerns related to the park, including the boundary of the Natural Areas.

# **Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning**

**Planning Meeting #2  
Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters  
41382 W M-123 Paradise, MI 49768**

## **SUMMARY**

Attendees: Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Craig Krepps (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Paul Gaberdiel (Trail Specialist), Cory Kovacs (Fisheries Biologist), Jason Tokar (Forester), Dave Birchler, Mardy Stirling, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Kick-off Meeting Summary. The Team reviewed and made minor corrections to the summary from the kick off meeting.
2. Statements of Significance. The Team reviewed the first draft of the Statements of Significance, which was created from the input provided during the brainstorming session at the kick off meeting. The Team reworked the draft to narrow the focus of the statements. Additional sections were added, including separating the falls from water resources, cultural significance, and the park's tourism impact on the region.
3. Draft Management Zone Activity. The Planning Team identified zones based on the Parks and Recreation Management Zone descriptions, on an aerial map. Based on information provided from current park records and team member input, the drafting exercise emphasized the substantial scale of undeveloped land within the park. The team identified activities popular within certain areas of the park during the activity.
4. Review Resource Maps. The Planning Team reviewed the resource maps and recommended revisions. This included the addition of other regional recreational resources to the maps, clarifications of roads and trails, among others.
5. Review Stakeholders List and Focus Group. The Team provided input on what community members should be added to the master stakeholder list, which included municipalities, nature groups, and recreational associations among others. Clearzoning walked the Team through the process of a typical focus group session, including what questions are asked to stakeholders.
6. Action Goals. The Team brainstormed on what they would like to see or address at the Park, considering issues currently affecting the park, as well as long-term goals.
7. Public Input Survey. The Planning Team was asked to consider what questions may be unique to the park when drafting the public input survey. Some recommendations included:
  - Adequacy of signage and wayfinding to and from the park, as well as inside
  - Do visitors visit other destinations in the area?
  - Fishing within the park

- Are visitors satisfied with their nature experience, considering Tahquamenon Falls is a typically popular and busy park?
  - Do visitors utilize the park in the winter?
  - Visitor's interpretive program experience
  - Do visitors participate in many of the park's events?
  - Do visitors go to the island?
  - What specific areas of the park do visitors explore?
  - International visitor experience
  - How do visitors learn about the park?
  - Camping experience and accommodations
  - Visitors' take on local community services and accommodations outside of the park
8. Supporting Analysis. The team reviewed the Supporting Analysis. Corrections and clarification on sections were provided. Additional information was recommended in certain sections, as well as the elimination of information that was found to be irrelevant to the park.
  9. The Team scheduled Team Meeting #3 for the following month. Discussion on the stakeholder meeting took place, including the potential date and venue.

# Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #3  
Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Headquarters  
41382 W M-123 Paradise, MI 49768**

## SUMMARY

Attendees: Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Craig Krepps (Unit Supervisor), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Paul Gaberdiel (Trail Specialist), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Peter Rose (Geologist), Mardy Stirling, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Meeting #2 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the second meeting.
2. Statements of Significance. The Team reviewed the second draft of the Statements of Significance. The Team made revisions designed to provide added focus to each statement. Additional input will be needed from other team members. Modifications included:
  - a. Reworking the Waterfalls statement for a better description of the Upper and Lower Falls.
  - b. Lake Superior Shoreline statement language modified.
  - c. Recreation Opportunities statement updated to better portray activities in the park.
  - d. Tourism statement updated to encompass other features that draws users to the park.
3. Draft Management Zone Activity. The Planning team reviewed the first draft of the management zones. Modifications to the map were recommended for accuracy, as well as the addition of other zones to better reflect present and future activities in these areas.
4. Review Resource Maps. The draft resource maps were reviewed and minor revisions, specifically for trail accuracy and symbology corrections.
5. Action Goals. The Team reviewed the first draft of the action goals, assigning them to appropriate zones, providing revisions, and recommending additional goals for the park, including:
  - a. Complete renovations for Lodge #2.
  - b. Improve kayak/canoe launching opportunities.
  - c. Improve trail signage.
6. Supporting Analysis. The updated draft of the Supporting Analysis was reviewed, additional input was provided, and corrections made as needed, including clarifications on park activities, programs, regional amenities and attractions, and verified figures. Additional contributions were assigned to team members and are expected to be completed and submitted in time for the next draft review.

7. Public Online Survey Review. The draft survey was reviewed and revisions were made to better capture information useful to the park. The team plans to finalize and release the survey within the next few weeks.
8. Stakeholder Meeting Overview. Clearzoning walked the planning team through the agenda and process of the stakeholder meeting. The team reviewed the list of confirmed attendees, and agreed to do a final-round of outreach to stakeholders who had not yet responded if they would attend.

# Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #4  
Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Go-To-Meeting**

## **SUMMARY**

Attendees: Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Paul Gaberdiel (Trail Specialist), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Cory Kovacs (Fisheries Biologist), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Jon Spieles (Interpretive Manager), Dave Birchler, Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Meeting #3 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the third meeting.
2. Review of the Stakeholder Input Summary. The Stakeholder Focus Group summary was reviewed and accepted. The team discussed some of the stakeholder comments, including interesting points between the public survey input and the stakeholder input.
3. Review Survey Results and Summary. The Planning Team reviewed the survey results in light of the Stakeholder Input Summary. Comments on the results were made, including any correlations with the Statements of Significance. Suggestions to provide clarification of certain results were made, as well as further information regarding outreach method and response statistics.
  - *Clearzoning to add survey outreach and response statistics in intro, elaborate on boat rentals response, address lack of local survey participants in fishing/hunting section, and review open ended comments.*
4. Final Statements of Significance. The third draft of the Statements of Significance was reviewed and revisions were made to better represent park highlights.
  - *R. Fahlsing to review Natural Land Experience and Lake Superior Shoreline and provide input.*
5. Draft Management Zone Map Review. The Team reviewed the third draft of the Management Zone Map. Members questioned if inholdings should be zoned, and ultimately decided to zone inholdings unless there are no future plans for park use in those areas. The reasons behind this should be described in the plan text. The Team suggested that the backcountry campsites be modified to avoid confusion and recorded using a camping symbol in the Primitive and Backcountry Zones. Zoning in the Water Tank Lakes area to be modified to better represent the overlook area. The Visitor Services Zone needed correction, as well as Timber Lost Road. An enlargement of the zoning at the Upper and Lower Falls and the Lakeshore Area was requested for clarity.
  - *Clearzoning to revise map and make changes and corrections as discussed.*

6. Action Goals Review. The second draft of the action goals was updated. Goals involving specified phased work were further divided into individual goals, and others were given additional details.
  - *R. Fahlsing to provide input on NRC action in the General Action Goals*
  - *Clearzoning to draft Program Input, Responsible Program Positions, and assignment of subcategories for input by D. Jensen, then full team review*
7. Public Input Open House/Venue. Discussion of the next steps in the park's GMP process occurred. The public input open house is anticipated to occur in May/June. C. Krepps supported hosting the public input meeting in Paradise, with a venue in mind. Further action will be taken as a date is finalized.

# Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #5  
Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Go-To-Meeting**

## SUMMARY

Attendees: Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Jason Tokar (Forester), Jon Spieles (Interpretive Manager), Dave Birchler, Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review of the Meeting #4 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the third meeting.
2. Review of the Management Zone Map and Amenities Map. The Planning Team reviewed the maps and found several items that needed to be updated and modified for clarification and visual ease. These changes included:
  - Defining the visibility of the Scenic Corridor along the Tahquamenon River in conjunction with the Wild & Scenic Rivers
  - Defining the width of the snowmobile corridor
  - Rivermouth Amenities Map
    - Replace Cultural Overlay with notation for visual ease
    - Revert back to Scenic Overlay
    - Revise campgrounds zoning, and zoning southeast of the road
    - Double check icons and their locations
    - Make the road more visible
    - Revise legend
    - Investigate small areas remaining unzoned
  - Lower Falls Amenities Map
    - Replace Cultural Overlay with notation for visual ease
    - Revise zoning of the Island
    - Replace Scenic Zone with Overlay around the Water Tank Lakes area
    - Apply additional overlooks
  - Upper Falls
    - Review the inholding for the brewpub
    - Revise snowmobile corridor
3. Review of the Draft GMP. The Team reviewed and suggested edits to the Draft General Management Plan, including updated zoning descriptions for improved explanation. The Team had further discussion into the history of the Proposed Project Boundary for this park. It was decided that further investigation into boundary decisions should be done before completing this section. The team discussed some of

the stakeholder comments, including interesting points between the public survey input and the stakeholder input.

4. Action Goals Review. The third draft of the action goals was updated. The Team reviewed and revised the suggested Program Input Positions and Responsible Program Positions.
5. Supporting Analysis Review. The Team briefly discussed the Supporting Analysis. It was encouraged for members to review the document and send any revisions or suggestions to Clearzoning for implementation.
6. Public Input Open House/Venue. Discussion of the next steps in the park's GMP process occurred. The date and venue for the Public Input Open House was finalized.

# Tahquamenon Falls State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #6  
Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Go-To-Meeting**

## SUMMARY

Attendees: Keith Cheli (Regional Planner), Craig Krepps (Unit Manager), Tom Paquin (District Supervisor), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (Geologist), Theresa Neal (Park Interpreter), Cory Kovacs (Fisheries Biologist), Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Giffels Webster).

7. Review of the Meeting #5 Summary. The Team reviewed and accepted the summary from the fifth meeting.
8. Review of comments received at the May 18, 2016 Public Input Open House, website, emails, and the U.S. Department Of Interior (DOI). The Team was asked if any modifications to the Draft General Management Plan (GMP) would be necessary based on the feedback received. Comments received in a DOI letter dated May 17, 2016 regarding the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST) were addressed accordingly in the GMP.
9. The Management Zone Maps were modified based on comments received by the Team and comments regarding the NCNST in the DOI letter. Following items to modify:
  - Modify erroneous vault toilet locations
  - Add maintenance garage
  - Add trails to legend and categorize NCNST with separate legend/symbol
  - Correct Whitefish Point label with M 123
  - Add registration station
  - Add trail and label archery range that is erroneously shown as lake
  - Correct zone color coding on island for lower falls
  - Add missing camp site to overall management zone map
  - Obtain in holding for brew pub and add fact shack to legend
10. The 10-Year Action Goals were reviewed by the Team. Minor modifications were made to the list and finalized.
  - Under NRR Management Zone, add action goal to implement phased development of island access improvements
  - Remove language from action goal in Backcountry Management Zone under recreational opportunities which discusses NCT being a segment within a loop trail
  - Under Scenic Overlay, added action goal to continue to recognize the compelling natural and scenic view shed along the Tahquamenon River and Lake Superior shoreline

11. Review of the Draft GMP by the Team had minor revisions to the document including removal of Statement of Significance highlights and consistent terminology and national significance for the NCNST. Minor additions to the natural land experience were also made during review of the Statement of Significance.
12. The Team was provided an overview of the remaining timeline and milestones for the GMP approval process. The final draft of the GMP would be reviewed by D. Jensen in August in order to be submitted for internal reviews and approval at the State Park Advisory Committee October 2016 meeting.

# Appendix D—Toonerville Trolley Lease

The State of Michigan has entered into a lease with Tahquamenon Boat Service Inc., for dockage for the Toonerville Trolley boat excursion to the Upper Falls, an approach trail and observation area, and construction, maintenance and operation of facilities to accomplish these functions. The current lease, amended in 2013, expires in 2023. A copy of both the previous and amended lease follows.

**LEASE**

By authority of Part 5 of Public Act 451 of 1994

**Between**

**The STATE OF MICHIGAN, as Lessor**

**and**

**TAHQUAMENON BOAT SERVICE, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, as Lessee**

This Lease is entered into by the State of Michigan through its Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Office of Property Management (Lessor) and Tahquamenon Boat Service, Inc., a Michigan corporation, also known as the Toonerville Trolley (Lessee), whose address is 5883 County Road 441, Newberry, Michigan 49868.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 503(1) of Public Act 451 of 1994 (1994 PA 451), as amended MCL 324.503(1), the DNR is required to: protect and conserve the natural resources of the State; provide and develop facilities for outdoor recreation; prevent the destruction of timber and other forest growth by fire or otherwise; promote the reforestation of forest lands belonging to the State; prevent and guard against the pollution of lakes and streams within the State and enforce all laws provided for that purpose with all authority granted by law; and foster and encourage the protecting and propagation of game and fish.

WHEREAS, the Purpose of this Lease is to provide and develop a facility for outdoor recreation.

WHEREAS, the Director of DNR, or his or her lawful representative, has determined that the purpose of this Lease is necessary to implement Part 5 of 1994 PA 451 because the facilities and outdoor recreation services offered by Lessee will foster a respect and appreciation for the Upper Tahquamenon Falls.

THEREFORE, Lessor and Lessee, for the valuable consideration specified in this Lease, agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. **DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:** Lessor hereby leases to Lessee the Premises, described in **Enclosure A** (legal description), in the Township of McMillan, County of Luce, State of Michigan.

2. **USE OF PREMISES:**

A. Lessee hereby acknowledges that the use and occupancy of the Premises shall be subject to the provisions of 1994 PA 451, as amended, and confined to the following specific Uses:

1. Dockage for the “Toonerville Trolley” Boat Excursion, a for-profit tour operation to the Upper Tahquamenon Falls;
2. An approach trail and observation area for Toonerville Trolley passengers visiting the Upper Tahquamenon Falls; and
3. The construction, maintainance, and operation of facilities to accomplish the above.

Lessee shall obtain Lessor’s prior consent, in writing signed by the Department Representative, to use the Premises for any purpose not listed in this Paragraph. Lessor may terminate this Lease if, at any time, Lessee uses the Premises, without express written permission by Lessor, for purposes other than those enumerated in this Paragraph. This Paragraph is cross-referenced in Paragraph 24.

**B. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:** The following activities on the Premises are prohibited:

1. Cutting or removal of trees and shrubs.
2. Use of non-native species in any re-vegetation effort on the Premises.
3. Storage of equipment, placing of signs, or use of camping trailers or tents without prior written approval of the Department Representative. All storage of supplies and equipment must be inside.
4. Blockage of the access road unless limited blockage is approved in writing by the Department Representative.
5. Any clearing activity outside the Premises.
6. Dumping or disposal of garbage/trash, spare parts, hazardous waste, scrap metal and other waste onto the Premises.
7. Disposal of trees, tree tops, branches, roots, stumps, and other vegetational debris onto the Premises.

Lessor may terminate this Lease if, at any time during the term of this Lease, prohibited activities occur on the Premises. This Paragraph is cross-referenced in Paragraph 24.

3. **WASTE:** Lessee agrees not to commit, or allow to be committed, any waste or nuisance on the Premises and will not use, or permit to be used, the Premises for any unlawful purpose.

4. **LESSOR’S OPERATIONS:** Lessee covenants that its use of the Premises shall be non-exclusive and will, at no time, interfere with the uses or operations of Lessor or the Public on the Premises. Lessee covenants that its use of the Premises shall, at no time, interfere with the Public’s use of State land adjacent to the Premises. Lessee shall not prevent Lessor, its agents, or the public from crossing the Premises to access the adjoining State lands.

5. **ADMINISTRATION:** **District Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Bureau, Gaylord District Office, 1732 M-32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735, (989) 732-3541** is the Department Administrator of this Lease or his or her designated representative (collectively, Department Representative). The Lessee shall designate in writing to the Department Representative one person and one alternate responsible to be the contact person for the Lessor

regarding the administration of the Lease. This person shall be authorized to make decisions regarding the maintenance and operation of the Premises.

6. **CONDITION OF PREMISES:** Lessee represents and warrants that Lessee has examined the Premises, and that they are at the time of this Lease in good order, repair, and in a safe, clean, and tenantable condition. Lessee represents that it is taking possession of the Premises in their “as is” condition. Lessee acknowledges that it has not made an independent environmental assessment of the Premises, and agrees to maintain the Premises in their present condition.

7. **TERM:** Lessor shall lease the Premises to Lessee for a ten-year initial term of possession beginning upon actual possession at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2004, and ending at midnight on December 31, 2013, or such later date as provided in Paragraph 9.

The beginning and ending Lease term dates may be altered by mutual written consent to reflect the actual date of occupancy. If the occupancy date is changed, this Paragraph shall also be changed accordingly.

8. **RENT:** Lessee shall pay to Lessor at Attention: Department Representative, or at such other address as Lessor may from time to time designate, rent at the rate of Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,365.00) per annum. Rent shall be paid in full annually by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

If at any time Lessee vacates the Premises prior to the expiration of the Lease, Lessee will be responsible for all rental payments and repairs, above and beyond normal wear and tear, until and including the date Lessor cancels the Lease.

Rent during any extended term agreed to pursuant to Paragraph 9 of the Lease shall be at the prevailing market rental value. Lessor shall notify the Lessee in writing, at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the prior term or extension, of the proposed rent increase for the extended term. Lessee shall notify Lessor in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of Lessor’s notice, of Lessee’s acceptance or rejection of Lessor’s proposed rental rate for the extended term. In the event an extension option is exercised, all the terms and conditions of this Lease shall continue over the extended term, except that the rental rate shall be adjusted.

In the event that Lessee fails to make a required payment under this Lease within thirty (30) days of the due date, Lessee shall pay to Lessor, in addition to such payment or other charges due hereunder, a “late fee” in the amount of **Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00)**, per day for each additional day of delay.

9. **OPTION TO RENEW:** The initial term of this Lease may be extended if Lessee gives Lessor thirty (30) days written notice before this Lease or any extension expires and agrees to any additional terms and rent modifications proposed by Lessor. Any extension of this Lease is contingent upon Lessor’s written consent. Lessor’s rental rate for the Premises during an extended term will be established as set forth in Paragraph 8, and will be sent to the address indicated under “Notice and Approvals.”

10. **SERVICES BY LESSOR:** Lessor shall furnish to the Lessee the following:

- a. None.

11. **SERVICES BY LESSEE:** Lessee shall furnish the following services at its own expense:

- a. Lessee will secure, maintain and keep in good repair the Leased Premises, at its sole expense.
- b. Lessee will furnish outhouses for public use on the Premises.
- c. Lessee shall, at its cost, provide trash containers for and the disposal of all garbage, waste and debris from the buildings and grounds within and surrounding the Leased Premises. The Lessee shall keep the Premises in a clean and sanitary condition and in conformity with standards and rules for sanitation and public health. The Lessee shall also be responsible for the pickup and removal of litter on the Premises.

Lessee shall maintain standards of cleanliness that will reflect favorable public opinion on the Lessee and the DNR. If the Department Representative determines that the Lessee has failed to maintain an acceptable standard of cleanliness and if after forty-eight (48) hours following written notification by the Lessor, the problem is not rectified to the satisfaction of Lessor, Lessor may perform or have the duties of the Lessee performed by others. Lessee shall pay 105% of the cost of such work, whether performed by the Department or by others at the discretion of the Department. Situations caused by emergencies (broken pipes, etc.) that deter the Lessee from immediate (48 hours) correction shall be reported to the Department Representative and shall be excluded from notice and cure provisions of this clause.

12. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLEASE:** Lessee shall neither assign, sublet, nor grant any license for use of the Premises, or any part thereof, without Lessor's prior written consent, which Lessee shall request at least thirty (30) days in advance of such assignment, sublease, or license. Consent by Lessor to one such assignment, sublease, or license shall not be deemed to be a consent to any subsequent assignment, sublease, or license. An assignment, sublease, or license without the prior written consent of Lessor shall be absolutely null and void and shall, at Lessor's option, terminate this Lease.

13. **ALTERATIONS:** No alterations, modifications, or improvements shall be made to the Premises without Lessor's specific written consent, which Lessee shall request at least thirty (30) days in advance of such alteration, modification, or improvement. At the expiration or cancellation of the Lease, all alterations, modifications, and improvements to the Premises shall become the property of Lessor unless otherwise agreed in writing by Lessor. In the event that the parties agree that Lessee may remove Lessee improvements, Lessee shall restore the Premises to its original condition.

14. **LAWS, CODES AND PERMITS:** Lessee shall comply with all applicable (including but not limited to all environmental) federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes and will obtain any necessary permits in connection with its use of the Premises.

15. **DAMAGE and REPAIRS:** Lessee shall reimburse Lessor for any repairs to the Premises resulting from damage that exceeds the normal wear and tear expected from the lawful and proper use of the Premises.

16. **INSPECTION OF PREMISES:** Lessor and Lessor's agents and employees shall have the right at all reasonable times during the term of this Lease, and any renewal thereof, to enter the Premises for the purposes of making any inspections, repairs, additions, or alterations as may be deemed appropriate by Lessor for the preservation of the Premises.

In addition, the Lessee must arrange for an inspection of stairs located on the Premises by a State Licensed engineering entity approved by DNR prior to the commencement of operation in 2004, and provide a written copy of the engineering report to the Department Representative. Inspections are to be repeated every second year, prior to the operating season, for the life of this Lease, including any extension periods. Each subsequent inspection report shall also be provided to the Department Representative. If any part of a stairway fails the safety inspection report, it shall immediately be closed to use. The structure must either then be corrected, as confirmed by the State Building Inspector, or it shall be removed from the Premises by the Lessee within thirty (30) calendar days. Any corrective activities or removal shall be at the Lessee's sole expense, and shall be performed pursuant to plans proposed by Lessee and subject to the written approval of the Lessor. All inspection requirements will be the sole financial responsibility of the Lessee.

17. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Lessee hereby expressly agrees to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify Lessor, its agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, costs, losses, suits, demands, actions, liabilities, damages, causes of action or judgments, including, but not limited to, alleged violations of environmental laws, that may in any manner be imposed on or incurred by the Lessor, its agents and employees, for any bodily injury, loss of life, and/or damage to property, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with Lessee's use of the Premises. This indemnification and hold harmless provision shall survive the termination of the leasehold interest and the sale of the Premises by Lessor.

18. **INSURANCE:** Lessee shall provide to Lessor certificates of insurance listing the State of Michigan, its several departments, boards, agencies, commissions, officers, and employees as additional insureds, within thirty (30) calendar days following the execution and delivery of this Lease to Lessee, and every year thereafter, for the following insurance coverage. The insurance policies shall provide that they may not be modified, canceled, or allowed to expire without thirty (30) days prior written notice given to Lessor.

a. Lessee shall obtain general liability insurance, naming Lessor, its officers and employees as additional insureds and protecting against all claims, demands, suits, actions or causes of action and judgments, settlements or recoveries, for bodily injury or property damage arising out of a condition of the Premises, or arising in connection with or as a direct or indirect result of the Lessee's use and occupancy of the Premises or its exercise of the right and privileges granted in the Lease. Lessee agrees to maintain a minimum policy

limit, in the amount of \$500,000.00 per occurrence for property damage, \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury, and \$2,000,000.00 aggregate.

b. Lessee covenants that it will, during the continuance of the term of this Lease, keep the buildings and improvements now or hereafter located on the Premises, insured by a responsible and reputable insurance company or companies licensed or authorized in the State of Michigan against loss or damage for all risks as are currently embraced in the standard extended coverage endorsement in the State of Michigan, and in an amount equal to the full replacement value of said buildings and improvements.

c. Lessee shall obtain workers compensation insurance for Lessee Employers' claims under Michigan Workers Compensation Act or similar employee benefit act or any other state act applicable to an employee, along with Employer's Liability Insurance for claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease or death of an employee when workers compensation may not be an exclusive remedy, subject to a limit of liability of not less than \$100,000 each accident.

19. Deleted, not applicable.

20. **ACCIDENTS OR PROPERTY DAMAGE:** Lessee shall report in writing to the Department Representative, all accidents that result in personal injury or property damage to the Premises or adjacent land. Lessee shall make complete reports in writing to the Department Representative within twenty-four (24) hours of any such incident. Incidents resulting in serious personal injury, death, or property damage to the Premises or adjacent land are to be reported to the Department Representative immediately by telephone or in person. A written report is to follow as described above.

21. **NONDISCRIMINATION:** Lessee shall comply with the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453 as amended, MCL 37.2101 *et seq.*; the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220, as amended, MCL 37.1101 *et seq.*, and all other federal, state and local fair employment practices and equal opportunity laws and covenants that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this real estate contract, with respect to his or her hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of his or her race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, or physical or mental disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. Lessee agrees to include in every subcontract entered into for the performance of this real estate contract this covenant not to discriminate in employment. A breach of this covenant is a material breach of this Lease. This covenant is cross-referenced in Paragraph 24.

22. **UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES:** Lessor shall comply with the Employers Engaging in Unfair Labor Practices Act, 1980 PA 278, as amended, MCL 423.321 *et esq.* This covenant is cross-referenced in Paragraph 24.

23. Deleted

24. **CANCELLATION:** Lessor may cancel this Lease provided Lessee is notified in writing at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of cancellation and any one of the following occur:

a. The DNR determines that the Premises are no longer being used for the Purposes identified in this Lease.

b. The DNR determines that Lessee provided the DNR with information, in its application for this Lease or at any time during the Lease term, that was false or fraudulent.

c. Lessee fails to perform any of its obligations under this Lease, and such failure is not cured within ten (10) calendar days after written notice of default to Lessee.

d. Lessee or any subcontractor, manufacturer or supplier of Lessee appears in the register compiled by the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services pursuant to 1980 PA 278, as amended, MCL 423.321 *et seq* (Employers Engaging in Unfair Labor Practices Act). This covenant is cross-referenced in Paragraph 22.

e. Lessee or any subcontractor, manufacturer or supplier of Lessee is found guilty of discrimination, pursuant to 1976 PA 453, as amended, MCL 37.2101 *et seq.*; (Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act); or 1976 PA 220, as amended, MCL 37.1101 *et seq.*; (Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act). This covenant is cross-referenced in Paragraph 21.

25. **CANCELLATION:** Lessee may cancel this lease due to the death of a key employee or the onset of serious illness of a key employee. Lessee must notify the Lessor of the circumstances leading to such anticipated cancellation within twenty four (24) hours of the onset of the circumstances that may lead to such cancellation.

26. **RESERVATION:** Lessor reserves the right to grant rights-of-way and easements of any kind and nature over and across the Premises and to grant or exercise all other rights and privileges of every kind and nature not herein specifically granted.

27. **HOLDOVER TENANCY:** If Lessee remains in possession of the Premises after the natural expiration of this Lease, with the consent of Lessor but without a renewal of this Lease pursuant to Paragraph 9, a new tenancy from month-to-month shall be created between Lessor and Lessee. The new tenancy shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Lease, except that rent shall then be due and owing at the rate of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,730.00) per annum, and except that such tenancy shall be terminable upon fifteen (15) days written notice served by either party.

28. **TAXES:** If Lessee is a nongovernmental entity, it may be subject to taxation for the Premises as provided in 1953 P.A. 189, as amended, MCL 211.181 *et seq.* Lessee shall be responsible for the payment of any taxes on the Premises.

Lessee's failure to notify the taxing authority of this Lease and/or its failure to pay its pro rata share of real property taxes by the first due date shall be a breach of the Lease. Lessee shall provide

Lessor with paid receipts for any real property taxes within thirty (30) days after the tax due date, if any.

## **NOTICE AND APPROVALS**

29. **NOTICES:** Any notices to Lessor or to Lessee required by this Lease shall be complete if submitted in writing and transmitted by personal delivery (with signed delivery receipt), or certified or registered mail return receipt requested. Unless either party notifies the other in writing of a different mailing address, notices to Lessor and Lessee shall be transmitted to the addresses listed below:

**To Lessor:**

State of Michigan  
Department of Natural Resources  
1732 M-32 West  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
Attn: District Supervisor

**To Lessee:**

Tahquamenon Boat Service  
5883 County Road, 441  
Newberry, MI 49868

30. **NOTICES – EFFECTIVE TIME/DATE:** Notices shall be deemed effective as of 12:00 noon Eastern Standard Time on the third business day following the date of mailing, if sent by mail. Business day is defined as any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day preceding a legal holiday. A receipt from a U.S. Postal Service, or comparable agency performing such function, shall be conclusive evidence of the date of mailing.

31. **INTERPRETATION:** This Lease shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

32. **NO UNNAMED ENTITIES/PARTNERS:** Lessee covenants that there are no unnamed entities or partners having authority over the operation or management of the Premises and further represents that Lessee is the only entity responsible for carrying out Lessee's responsibilities.

34. **SEVERABILITY:** Should any provision of this Lease or any addenda thereto be found to be illegal or otherwise unenforceable by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of the Lease, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Lease.

35. **REQUIRED APPROVALS:** This Lease shall not be binding or effective on either party until executed (and witnessed and notarized as necessary) by Lessor and Lessee.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND ENCLOSURES:** This Lease with the enclosure listed below, constitute the entire agreement between the parties with regard to this transaction and may be amended only in writing and executed in the same manner as this Lease was originally executed.

**LESSOR**

WITNESS FOR STATE OF MICHIGAN

STATE OF MICHIGAN, by the  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES

\_\_\_\_\_  
1st Witness Signature

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Witness Signature

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature / Date

Lowen Schuett  
Acting Chief, Parks and Recreation Bureau  
Department of Natural Resources

State of Michigan, County of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_,  
by Lowen Schuett, Acting Chief, Parks and Recreation Bureau of the Michigan Department of  
Natural Resources.

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public in the County of \_\_\_\_\_,

Acting in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Michigan.

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

This document was prepared by:

Erik A. Grill  
Department of Attorney General

**LESSEE -- CORPORATION**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Lease subscribe their names on the date set forth below:

WITNESS TO LESSEE:

LESSEE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
1st Witness Signature

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Witness Signature

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature /Date

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_

State of Michigan, County of \_\_\_\_\_.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

By \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, of  
a (Person signing for Lessee) (Title of person signing for Lessee)

\_\_\_\_\_ corporation on behalf of the corporation.

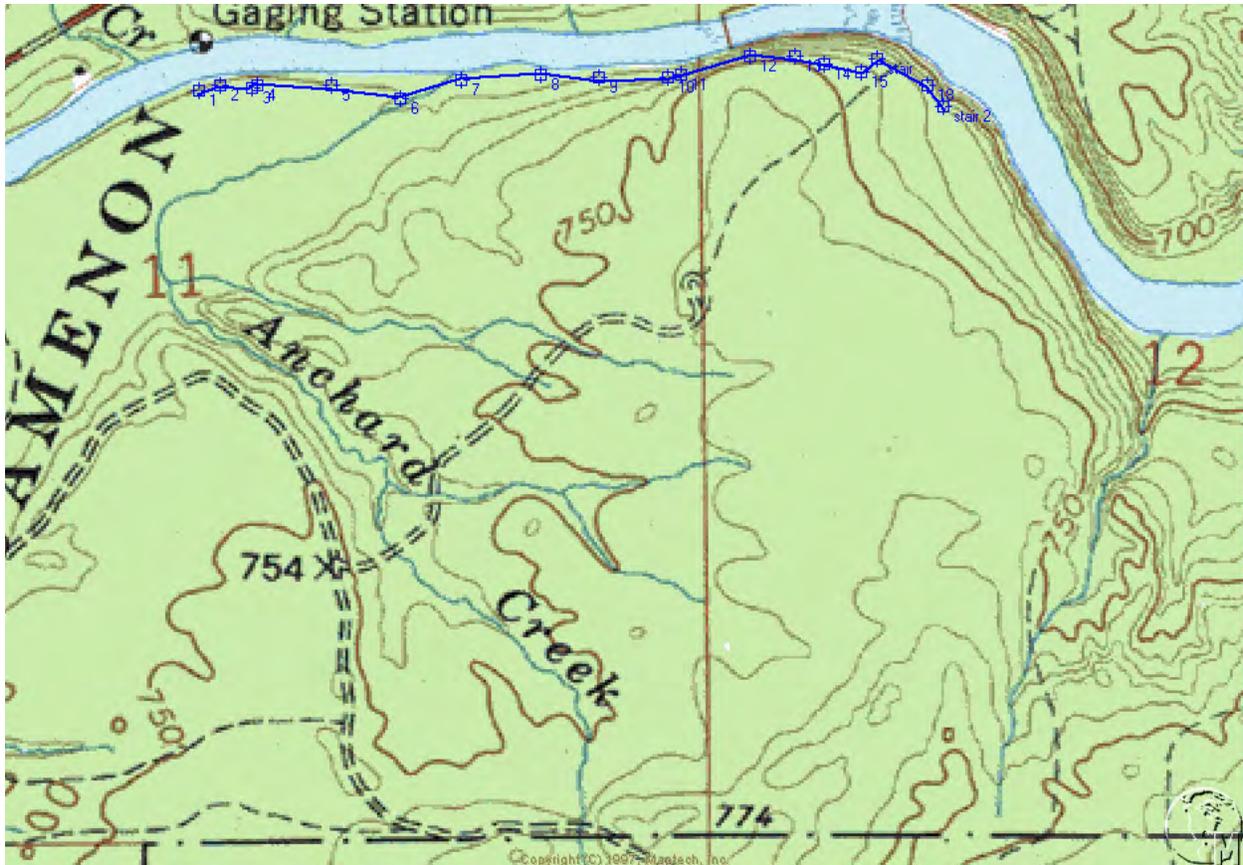
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public in the County of \_\_\_\_\_

Acting in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Michigan.

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

Exhibit A

Legal Description



Luce County, McMillan Township, T48N, R8W, Section 11, Part of Government Lot 3, A boat landing parcel beginning at a point on the meander line along the S'y shoreline of the Tahquamenon River approximately 180 feet easterly from the intersection of the North and South ¼ line of said Section 11 and the meander line on the S'y river bank, said point of beginning being approximately 10 feet W'y and upstream of an existing dock and landing facility; thence S 26 ½ degrees E 50 feet perpendicular to the meander line, thence N 63 ½ degrees E 50 feet parallel to the meander line, thence N 26 ½ degrees W 50 feet to the meander line, thence SW'y 50 feet along the meander line and the shore of the Tahquamenon River to the point of beginning; also a trail corridor 10 feet wide, being 5 feet on either side of the center of the existing trail extending approximately 3,660 feet E'y through Sections 11 and 12 from the above described landing parcel to the Upper Tahquamenon Falls vicinity; and including at the E'y end of the trail corridor an overlook parcel in Section 12 lying between the E'y 450 feet of the above trail and the brink of the Tahquamenon Falls gorge. Approximate location of trail is delineated on the map above. Additionally, Lessee is granted use and assumes all maintenance, and replacement responsibilities for North and South stairway's, viewing areas at the upper falls, all safety fencing, signs, boardwalks, boat dockage, stairway at boat dock, vault toilet, and any new infrastructure constructed or installed in accordance with this lease.

**LEASE ADDENDUM (1)**  
**Between**  
**the State of Michigan, as Lessor**  
**and**  
**Tahquamenon Boat Service, Inc., as Lessee**

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The State of Michigan, **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** (the Lessor), and **Tahquamenon Boat Service, Inc.**, 5883 County Road 441, Newberry, MI 49868 (the Lessee), do hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this Addendum to the **Tahquamenon Falls State Park Commercial Use Lease** between the above stated parties executed on March 12, 2004. Where the Lease may conflict with this Addendum, the Addendum shall control the Agreement between the parties.

The Lease shall be amended as follows:

1. Section 5, "**Administration**", shall be amended as follows:

Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) Western Upper Peninsula District Supervisor (906) 226-1347 is the Department Administrator of this Lease or his or her designated representative (collectively, Department Representative). The Lessee shall designate in writing to Lessor one(1) person and one(1) alternate responsible to be the contact person for Lessee regarding administration of the Lease. This person shall be authorized to make decision regarding the maintenance and operation of the Premises.

2. Section 7, "**Term**", shall be amended as follows:

Lessor shall lease the Premises to Lessee for a ten(10) year term beginning **January 1, 2014** and ending at midnight on **December 31, 2023**, or later as agreed to by both parties.

3. Section 8, "**Rent**", shall be amended as follows:

Lessee shall pay to Lessor, rent at the rate of **\$2,365.00** dollars per annum. Rent shall be paid in full annually by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Checks should be made payable to the State of Michigan and mailed to the following address:

Tahquamenon Falls State Park  
41382 W. M-123  
Paradise, MI 49768

If at any time Lessee vacates the Premises prior to the expiration of the Lease, Lessee will be responsible for all rental payments and repairs, above and beyond normal wear and tear, until and including the date Lessor cancels the Lease.

Rent during any extended term agreed to pursuant to Section 9 of the original Lease shall be at the prevailing market rental value. Lessor shall notify Lessee in writing, at least ninety(90) days prior to the expiration of the prior term or extension, of the proposed rent increase for the extended term. Lessee shall notify Lessor in writing within thirty(30) days of receipt of Lessor's notice, of Lessee's acceptance or rejection of Lessor's proposed rental rate for the extended term. In the event an extension option is exercised, all the terms and conditions of this Lease shall continue over the extended term, except that the rental rate shall be adjusted.

In the event Lessee fails to make a required payment under this Lease within thirty(30) days of the due date, Lessee shall pay to Lessor, in addition to such payment or other charges due hereunder, a "late fee" in the amount of **Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00)**, per day for each additional day of delay.

4. Section 29, "Notices", shall be amended as follows:

Any notices to Lessor or to Lessee required by this Lease shall be complete if submitted in writing and transmitted by personal delivery (with signed delivery receipt), or certified or registered mail return receipt requested. Unless either party notifies the other in writing of a different mailing address, notices to Lessor and Lessee shall be transmitted to the addresses listed below:

**To Lessor:** State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources  
Marquette Operations Service Center  
1990 US 41, South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
Attn: PRD District Supervisor  
(906) 228-6561

**To Lessee:** Tahquamenon Boat Service, Inc.  
5883 County Road 441  
Newberry, MI 49868  
Attn: Chris Stewart  
(906) 876-2311

The terms and conditions of this Lease Addendum shall take effect on the day this Addendum is executed.

**TERMS ACCEPTED**

LESSOR: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Ronald A. Olson  
Signature

5-20-13  
Date

RONALD A. OLSON, CHIEF  
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

LESSEE: TAHQUAMENON BOAT SERVICE, INC.

Kris D Stewart  
Signature

4/18/13  
Date

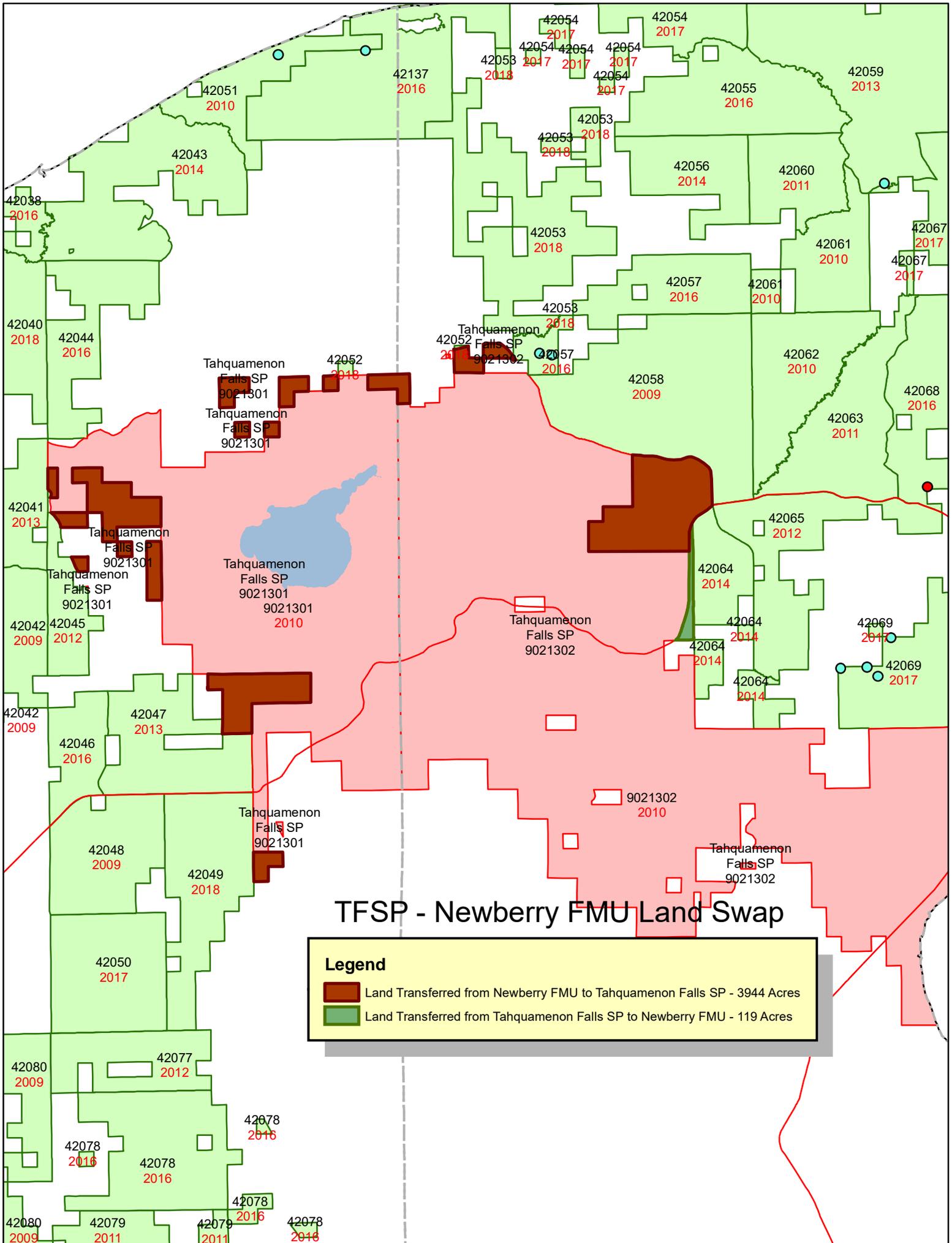
KRIS D STEWART  
Printed Name

OWNER / MANAGER  
Title

1ST CONTACT KEVIN STEWART  
ALTERNATE DIXIE STEWART

# Appendix E—Land Transfer

In 2005, Tahquamenon Falls State Park and the Department of Natural Resource's Newberry Forest Management Unit exchanged land, transferring 3,944 acres from the Newberry Unit to Tahquamenon Falls State Park, and 119 acres from the State Park to the Newberry Unit.



## TFSP - Newberry FMU Land Swap

**Legend**

- Land Transferred from Newberry FMU to Tahquamenon Falls SP - 3944 Acres
- Land Transferred from Tahquamenon Falls SP to Newberry FMU - 119 Acres

# Appendix F—Natural Area Documentation

The Conservation Commission originally dedicated six natural areas at Tahquamenon Falls State park in 1954. These include Natural Area Preserves, Nature Study Preserve, and Scenic Sites.

There are no legally-dedicated natural areas currently at Tahquamenon Falls. However, approximately 17,800 acres was tentatively approved for proposed legal dedication in 1987. Though the formal dedication has not yet occurred, the PRD continues to manage these areas in a manner that meets Natural Area legislation.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

AUGUST 13, 1954

**Dedication of Natural Areas**

The following memorandum was presented to the Commission:

April 26, 1954

Memorandum to the Director:

At the last departmental staff meeting we discussed at some length the recommendations of the Michigan Natural Areas Council for the dedication of natural areas in the Tahquamenon Falls and Porcupine Mountains state parks and in the Highland Recreation Area. I believe I am safe in saying that the recommendations of the Natural Areas Council were approved by the staff and that it was your intention that these recommendations be presented to the Commission. They are attached hereto with definitions of the terms used in describing the areas.

It is recommended that they be reviewed and adopted by the Commission.

ARTHUR C. ELMER  
Parks and Recreation Division

**NATURAL AREAS**

**Definitions**

The following definitions and general rules are recommended for application to the areas referred to in the accompanying report:

**NATURAL AREA PRESERVE**—An area of land having distinctive natural characteristics, dedicated to the preservation of natural conditions for lasting public enjoyment and educational benefits.

**General Rules**—The natural area preserve should be kept entirely free from structures of any kind, from cutting or clearing of timber, from altering of water levels, and from stripping bark or removing any vegetation except as follows: Fire lines and primitive foot trails may be provided where necessary for access. Signs may be posted on the boundary and at important points within the area. Simple shelters may be built in remote places where necessary for the protection of trail users. All clearing and construction work required for such purposes should be kept to a minimum and so executed as to retain the natural appearance of the area. The removal of botanical or other specimens should be for scientific purposes only and subject to special permit from the administrative agency. Hunting, fishing, berry picking, and measures for maintaining a normal balance of nature may be permitted but should be so regulated as to retain the natural character of the area.

**NATURE STUDY AREA**—An area of land having special significance in natural history, dedicated for the preservation of natural conditions in combination with the development and use of facilities for conservation education, the study and enjoyment of nature, and/or research in the fields of conservation and natural science.

**General Rules**—Such improvements as access roads, parking areas, nature trails, museums, and other facilities for public convenience and use may be provided. Projects for research in natural science would be appropriate. In providing improvements the dominant natural features should be preserved, and the natural appearance of the area as a whole should be retained.

**SCENIC SITE**—An area of land having unusual scenic values, dedicated for the preservation and enjoyment of natural beauty.

**General Rules**—The scenic features should be made available to the public by providing necessary improvements, such as access trails, roads, parking places and facilities for comfort and convenience. All improvements should be so located and made as to preserve the natural scenery. Planting exotic trees and other exotic plants, collecting or removing plants, and stripping bark, should not be permitted. Cutting or trimming trees should not be permitted except for necessary improvements and for enhancing views.

NATURE RESERVATION—An area of land having distinctive natural features set aside for maximum preservation of natural conditions consistent with the development and use of facilities for the enjoyment of nature and extensive types of recreation, and for the proper operation of the administrative unit.

General Rules—A nature reservation may contain one or more natural area preserves, nature study areas, scenic sites and/or conservation projects, each of which would be subject to the general rules applying thereto. Elsewhere in the reservation such improvements as access road, trails, parking areas and other facilities required for appropriate public uses would be permissible. Utilities and services required for the administration of adjacent lands would be permitted. All such improvements, however, should be so adjusted as to preserve the natural features that distinguish the reservation. The surroundings of any included units should be preserved in as natural a state as feasible, as buffer areas, and the whole reservation should retain a natural appearance. Areas for intensive recreation and other activities which might change or destroy the natural history values of the reservation should not be permitted.

MICHIGAN NATURAL AREAS COUNCIL

Alexander H. Smith  
Chairman

December 29, 1953

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MICHIGAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by the  
 MICHIGAN NATURAL AREAS COUNCIL  
 for the dedication of natural areas in and near  
 TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK

## INTRODUCTION

This is an outstanding park with impressive scenic features and a wide variety of natural beauty. Much of the attraction which sets this park apart is due to its primeval forest and the wilderness character of the region. Reasonable access obviously is necessary and certain improvements are required for public service, but overdevelopment, or reduction of its wilderness character, or domination of the natural scenery by man-made structures, would seriously impair the attractions which now distinguish the area. It is our conviction that by properly zoning areas for public use it is possible to permanently preserve the natural beauty inherent in the region, and at the same time provide for its full enjoyment by all segments of the public. Toward this end we offer the following:

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Conservation Commission dedicate certain areas in the Tahquamenon Falls State Park, and in the Lake Superior State Forest adjacent thereto, as depicted on the attached map and described below:

1. SOUTHSIDE NATURAL AREA PRESERVE, comprising all state-owned land in the park project south of the Tahquamenon River between the Upper and Lower Falls, exclusive of sites at the falls and exclusive of those descriptions involved in exchanges approved by the Commission, April 16, 1952.

Land Description

This area is more particularly described as:

All state-owned land south of the Tahquamenon River in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 31, 32 and 33, T 49 N, R 7 W; Sec. 4, 5 and 6, T 48 N, R 7 W, except the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 6; and Sec. 12, T 48 N, R 8 W, except the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Justification

Although the original pine was removed and some hemlock timber has been cut in the past, this area has the aspect of a primeval forest. The terrain varies from steep slopes, cut with deep ravines, to flat, swampy areas near the mouths of tributary streams. The soil is mostly heavy clay and sandstone debris. The timber is mixed hardwood and hemlock with scattered white pines on the upland and a cedar-white birch complex on the low ground. Because of its present unspoiled condition, its rugged terrain, and its isolated location, we believe the best use of this area would be as a natural area preserve and that development should be limited to simple foot trails.

2. OLD TRAIL NATURAL AREA PRESERVE, comprising all state-owned land between the Newberry-Paradise County Road and a line at least a quarter-mile north and west of the old Big Falls Trail, exclusive of an area at the park headquarters, and exclusive of a 10-rod strip along the county road right of way.

#### Land Description

This area is more particularly described as:

All state-owned land between a line 10 rods northwesterly of the right of way of the Newberry-Paradise County Road and a line running north from the center of Sec. 11, T 48 N, R 8 W, to the center of Sec. 35, T 49 N, R 8 W; thence east one-half mile, north one-half mile, east one-half mile, and north one-half mile to the center of Sec. 25; thence east on quarter lines to the center of Sec. 29, T 49 N, R 7 W; thence south to the county road; exclusive of the headquarters area of approximately 40 acres near the center of Sec. 31.

#### Justification

This area combines a variety of features of scenic and scientific interest. Blended in it are ancient moraines covered with hardwood-hemlock forest, heavily wooded sand dunes marking an early border of the Great Lakes, cedar swamps, and a succession of old shore ridges interspersed with swales and muskegs. Plant growth in great variety follows the pattern of the land formations - hardwood timber on the heavy soil, pines on the sandy ridges, cedar and white birch in some low places, stunted spruce, shrubby plants and mosses in swales and muskegs. Because of its natural beauty, its display of ecological processes, and its scientific values, we believe that this area should be set aside as a natural area preserve, with development limited to primitive-type trails. We believe that the old Big Falls Trail, because of its historic interest and potential usefulness, should be developed and maintained in a manner compatible with a natural area preserve and consistent with its early use.

3. BETSY LAKE NATURAL AREA PRESERVE, comprising an area in the Lake Superior State Forest north and northwest of the Tahquamenon Falls State Park, including Betsy, Clark and Sheephead lakes, and distinctive natural features surrounding them.

#### Land Description

This area is more particularly described as:

All state-owned land in that part of the Lake Superior State Forest bounded on the north by the south boundary of the Betsy River Road; on the west by the west lines of Sec. 9, 16, 21, 28 and 33, T 49 N, R 8 W, and on the south, east and northeast by a line running from the southwest corner of Sec. 33, T 49 N, R 8 W, east to the south quarter post of Sec. 35; thence north one-half mile, east one-half mile, north one-half mile, east one-half mile, north one-half mile and east one-half mile to the east quarter post of Sec. 25, T 49 N, R 8 W; thence east one and one-half miles and north one-half mile to the north quarter post of Sec. 29; T 49 N, R 7 W; thence east on the north line of Sec. 29, 28, 27 and 26 to the west boundary of the Newberry-Paradise County Road; thence northerly and northwesterly along the westerly boundary of the Newberry-Paradise County Road and the Farm Truck Trail to the Betsy River Road.

#### Justification

Bordered with wooded sand dunes, evergreen swamps and open marshland, Betsy, Clark, and Sheephead lakes have distinctive natural beauty. They are set in a region suggestive of the far north - a wilderness, not of heavy forest, but of muskeg, sandy ridges and broad open spaces; of picturesque pines, stunted spruce and struggling vegetation. Its timber potential is slight and greatly outweighed by its scientific values, its natural beauty and its character of remoteness. We believe

that this area should be preserved permanently in a natural state and that development should be limited to primitive foot trails.

4. BETWEEN-FALLS NATURE STUDY AREA, comprising the land between the Upper and Lower Falls northwest of the Tahquamenon River and southeast of the Newberry-Paradise County Road; exclusive of areas at both falls, an area at the park headquarters, and a 10-rod strip along the county road right of way.

Land Description

This area is more particularly described as:  
Those parts of the following descriptions lying north and west of the Tahquamenon River and southeasterly of a line 10 rods from the right of way of the Newberry-Paradise County Road; the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 29, Sec. 31 except the headquarters area of approximately 40 acres, near the center of the section, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 32, T 49 N, R 7 W; the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 36, T 49 N, R 8 W; Sec. 1, except the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 12, T 48 N, R 8 W; and entire Sec. 6, T 48 N, R 7 W.

Justification

A large part of this area is rugged with high banks, ridges and steep slopes broken with sharp ravines which widen in places near the river. Clay soils and sandstone debris mark much of the area. The tree growth is mostly hardwood and hemlock with scattered white pine and cedar. The forest is exceptional in its density, in the grouping of species, and in the huge size of individual trees.

This area also incorporates a section of wooded sand dunes, old shore ridges, bogs and muskegs, with vegetation in sharp contrast to the big timber. Because of its distinctive natural features, its accessibility, and its significance for nature education, we believe that the best use of this area would be as a nature study area, with the natural conditions preserved to the greatest extent feasible.

5. UPPER FALLS SCENIC SITE, described as: All state-owned land southeast of the Newberry-Paradise County Road in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 1, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 12, T 48 N, R 8 W.
6. LOWER FALLS SCENIC SITE, described as those parts of the following descriptions west of the entrance road and campground: that part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 29, south of the Newberry-Paradise County Road, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 32, T 49 N, R 7 W.

Justification

To a large proportion of the public the falls unquestionably are the greatest attraction of the park. We believe, however, that this appeal is not due to the falls alone, but largely to their setting in natural surroundings. While recognizing that adequate provisions for public use are required, we believe that improvements should be limited to essentials and kept in harmony with the natural features. We believe that dedicating the falls areas as scenic sites would aid in permanent preservation and would promote public appreciation of the falls.

MICHIGAN NATURAL AREAS COUNCIL

December 29, 1954

Alexander H. Smith, Chairman

SUPPLEMENT TO  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MICHIGAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

by the  
MICHIGAN NATURAL AREAS COUNCIL  
for the dedication of natural areas in and near  
TAHQUAMENON FALLS STATE PARK

INTRODUCTION

During study of potential natural areas the Council was impressed with the desirability of certain measures that would be in the public interest, although not vital to the dedication of the natural areas as recommended. Accordingly, these matters are presented independently of the recommendations for natural areas for such consideration as they may merit.

SUGGESTIONS

A. FOOT TRAILS

To increase public enjoyment while preserving the natural beauty of the park it is suggested that primitive foot trails be provided as follows:

1. North River Trail - on the north side of the Tahquamenon River, between the Lower and Upper Falls.
2. South River Trail - on the south side of the Tahquamenon River, between the Lower and Upper Falls.
3. Old Big Falls Trail - following the old blazed trail from a point on the Clark Lake Trail to the Upper Falls.
4. High Ridge Trail - southeast from the Lower Falls, along the high ranges of old sand dunes to the existing auto trail at the lower end of the river.

B. WILDERNESS ASPECT

It is suggested that dead and over mature trees that constitute a hazard along roads, parking lots, and the like, be removed with a minimum change in the natural appearance of the forest.

In case of need for harvesting timber in the future it is suggested that such harvesting be confined to parts well away from the river and other distinctive features, and well outside of any dedicated natural areas, and then limited to selective cutting that would not detract from the natural appearance of the park as a whole.

C. PARK BOUNDARIES

A number of adjustments in boundaries appear desirable for extending the park service and protecting park values, by including in one unit those features of special park significance that distinguish the region. Logical boundaries would promote public knowledge and enjoyment of the park and would simplify planning, management and public information.

Changes are suggested in the park boundaries approximately as shown on the attached map and described as follows:

1. Northwest Boundary

In the northwest end of the park the present boundary eliminates from the park a corner of Sec. 36, southeast of the county road, that obviously should be in the park. It also eliminates a stretch of the old Big Falls Trail which has decided park significance and we believe should be wholly in the park.

2. South Boundary

The lower river is an outstanding feature. To permanently protect the public values in it we believe that the boundary should be expanded to include a strip along the south bank, and that ownership should ultimately be acquired by the state.

3. North Boundary

The section incorporating Camp Ten Lakes and a rough area of high wooded dunes surrounding them is scenic in itself and presents spectacular views of the river valley, Whitefish Bay, and distant mountains in Canada. Access is by the Timberlost Trail. We believe that these features have great significance to the park and that they should be wholly within the park project.

It appears to us that more space north of the county road in the vicinity of the Lower Falls would be desirable, to provide ample buffer and greater flexibility in development.

More buffer area also appears desirable along the north side of the lower river. While a boundary to incorporate these features and advantages would be somewhat flexible, the one suggested appears logical because it is simple, direct and almost entirely on section lines.

MICHIGAN NATURAL AREAS COUNCIL

Alexander H. Smith  
Chairman

December 29, 1953

MINUTES OF MEETING

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Harley Hotel  
3600 Dunckel-Jolly Road Exit at I-496  
and  
Law Building Auditorium  
525 West Ottawa  
Lansing, Michigan

December 2-3, 1987

**PRESENT:**

Marlene J. Fluharty, Chairman  
Thomas J. Anderson  
Kerry Kammer  
O. Stewart Myers  
David D. Olson

Gordon E. Guyer, Director  
Thomas Emery, Assistant Attorney General  
Barbara E. McLeod, Commission and Legislative Liaison  
Department Staff

**ABSENT:**

Raymond Poupore

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**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

Hurley Coleman, Jr., Recreation Director, City of Saginaw  
Horiatio S. Davis, Arenac County  
Jay Dubey, Thumb National Bank  
Dr. Daniel Krichbaum, Recreation Director, City of Detroit  
Larry LaVoie, Vice Chair, Saginaw Bay 7 County Fish Consortium  
Bill Martin, State Representative  
Bill Scarbrough, Michigan Fish Producers' Association  
Robert Steele, Thumb National Bank  
John Turausky, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Marquette  
Forrest Williams, Michigan Fish Producers' Association  
Anne Woiwode, Sierra Club

**CONTESTED CASE HEARING PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

Harry J. Knudsen, Counsel for James Wood, et al  
Sheldon A. Silver, Assistant Attorney General

4. **Rules Promulgation for Administration of the Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act—Tentative Approval:** Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved approval of the staff recommendation, with the following statement to be submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules as soon as possible. The Motion carried by voice vote; Commissioner Poupore absent.

The Natural Resources Commission understands that there are several important issues which are not addressed in this rules package. However, we believe this is a positive first step. The rules have our strong endorsement because they clarify key definitions, and they will assure our ability to reissue a general permit that gives expedited processing for many projects.

The Natural Resources Commission directs Dr. Guyer to work with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to expedite the adoption of rules as a first step in resolving wetland permit issues.

We are strongly committed to work with representatives of all affected interests to draft a second set of rules that will address the remaining issues. We ask the Director to bring you a second rules package as soon as possible.

5. **Request for Tentative Approval for Dedication of the Ludington Dunes Natural Area:** Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Myers, moved approval. The Motion carried by voice vote; Commissioners Kammer and Poupore absent.
6. **Request for Tentative Approval for Dedication of Tahquamenon Falls Natural Area:** Commissioner Olson, supported by Commissioner Anderson, moved approval. The Motion carried by voice vote; Commissioners Kammer and Poupore absent.
7. **Proposed Certificate of Accretion Covering Former Bottomlands of Lake Huron at Oscoda, Michigan, to Alfred and Vera McCuaig, File Lake Huron 309:** Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved approval. The Motion carried by voice vote; Commissioners Kammer and Poupore absent.

8. **Concession - Highland Recreation Area Riding Stable - Oakland County:** Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Myers, moved approval. The Motion carried by voice vote; Commissioners Kammer and Poupore absent.

Deputy Director Bails noted that insurance documents must be reviewed by Department staff prior to the concession going into effect.

9. **Concession - Pontiac Lake Recreation Area Riding Stable - Oakland County:** Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Myers, moved approval. The Motion carried by voice vote; Commissioners Kammer and Poupore absent.

10. **REAL ESTATE MATTERS:**

Commissioner Myers, supported by Commissioner Olson, moved approval of the following Real Estate Matters. The Motion carried by voice vote; Commissioners Kammer and Poupore absent.

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_____, 19 ____
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
(EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT)

November 16, 1987

Memorandum to the Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Request for Tentative Approval for Dedication of Tahquamenon Falls Natural Area

**Authority**

Act 241 of the Public Acts of 1972 authorizes the Natural Resources Commission to establish and regulate wilderness, wild, and natural areas on State owned, Department managed lands.

**Discussion and Background**

The proposed natural area is a 17,800 acre tract located in Chippewa and Luce counties in the western half of Tahquamenon State Park. All of the proposed natural area is State owned. It includes diverse geological and biological features of high quality, and the scenic beauty of the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi. Sufficient land has been reserved from the site to allow for future planned park facilities.

The Natural Resources Commission granted permission to hold a public hearing on the proposal at its March 1987 Commission meeting. A notice of the public hearing was published in the Detroit News, Marquette Mining Journal, and the St. Ignace News. The Office of Public Information issued a press release to newspapers, radio and television stations throughout the State.

On July 8, 1987, public hearings were held in Paradise and Newberry, Michigan. Ten individuals attended and filled out attendance cards. Six letters were received during the time the hearing record remained open. All letters received were in support of the proposal. Persons speaking at the public hearing were generally not supportive, in part because of restrictions on use of motor boats on the inland lakes after dedication.

Attached is a location map, the draft administrative rule describing the site, and the Administrative Rule Report on the 17,800 acre site proposed for dedication under the Wilderness and Natural Areas Act.

**Recommendation**

Staff is recommending that the Natural Resources Commission grant tentative approval to the proposed rules dedicating Tahquamenon Falls Natural Area under the Wilderness and Natural Areas Act.

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The recommendation to dedicate this area has the concurrence of Parks Division, which has the administrative responsibility for this site, and the Land and Water Management Division.

*Jack Butterfield Hz*

JACK BUTTERFIELD, CHIEF  
Parks Division

*Dennis J. Hall*

DENNIS J. HALL, CHIEF  
Land and Water Management Division

I have analyzed and discussed this recommendation with the Deputy Directors and staff and we concur.

*Gordon E. Guyer*

GORDON E. GUYER  
Director

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Procedure Number 2704.4

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Regulation No. 17, Chippewa county.

R 322.17.1. Tahquamenon Falls natural area.

Rule 1. The following described area in the Tahquamenon Falls state park is dedicated as a natural area under the designation of Tahquamenon Falls natural area: Northwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of section 4; west 1/2 of northwest 1/4 of section 5; entire section 6; T48N, R7W. Southeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4, south 1/2 of southwest 1/4, southeast 1/4 of section 7, excluding existing unimproved dirt road to Sheephead Lake, being 66 feet in width; entire section 8; all that part of section 9 west of East Tower Betsy River and Farm Truck Trail roads; all the part of section 15 south of Farm Truck Trail road; entire section 16 south of Farm Truck Trail road; entire section 17; entire section 18, excluding existing road to Sheephead Lake, being 66 feet in width; entire sections 19, 20, and 21; northwest 1/4, north 1/2 of northeast 1/4, west 1/2 of southwest 1/4 of section 22; southwest 1/4 south of M-123 right-of-way, west 1/2 of section 29 northerly and westerly of existing department of natural resources snowmobile trail and excluding the existing unimproved road to Clark Lake, being 66 feet in width; entire section 30, except existing unimproved road to Clark Lake, being 66 feet in width, and excluding a 50-by-100 foot parking area in the southeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4, located no closer than 100 feet to the shore of Clark Lake; all that part of north 1/2 of northeast 1/4, west 1/2 of southwest 1/4 of northeast 1/4, west 1/2 of section 31 northerly and westerly of existing department of natural resources snowmobile trail, all that part of section 31 south and east of M-123 right-of-way, except northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4, also except southeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4; all that part of northwest 1/4 of section 32 northerly of existing department of natural resources snowmobile trail, and south of M-123 right-of-way, except beginning 660 feet north of west 1/4 corner, then east 660 feet, south 330 feet, east 660 feet, south 330 feet, east 660 feet, south 660 feet, east to river, southwesterly along river to west section line, north to beginning, also except government lots 2 and 3, also except islands in west 1/2 of northeast 1/4; southwest 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section 33 south of the river; T49N, R7W. The total area in Chippewa county is 7,987.4 acres, more or less.

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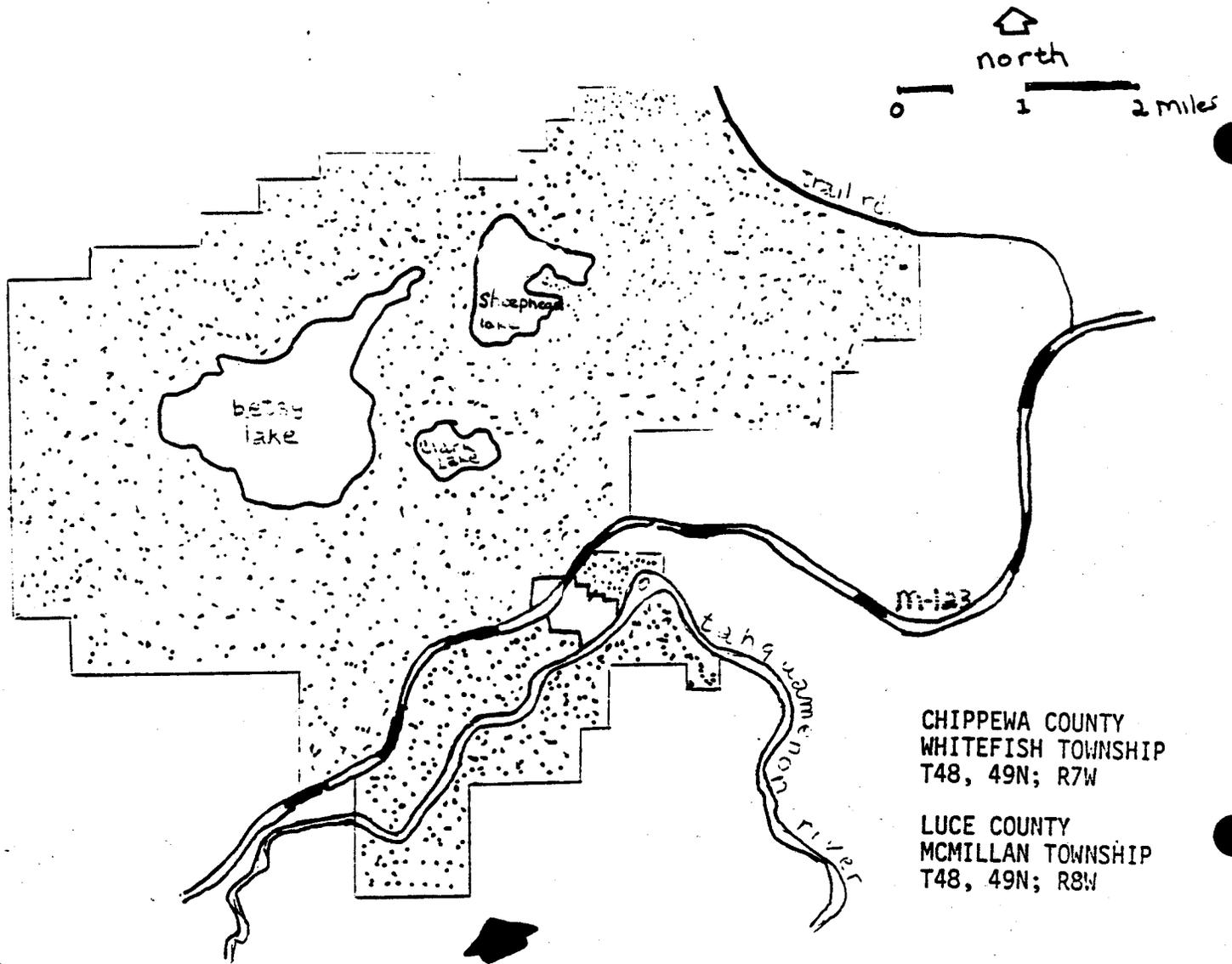
Regulation No. 48, Luce county.

R 322.48.1. Tahquamenon Falls natural area.

Rule 1. The following described area in Tahquamenon Falls state park is dedicated as a natural area under the designation of Tahquamenon Falls natural area: West 1/2 of section 1 westerly of existing department of natural resources snowmobile trail, power line easement, and M-123 right-of-way, remainder of section south and east of M-123, except southeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4; east 1/2 of section 2 north of existing department of natural resources snowmobile trail, and M-123 right-of-way; northeast 1/4 of section 11 north of existing department of natural resources snowmobile trail and M-123 right-of-way; entire section 12, except northeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4, and except west 1/2 of government lot 4, and except south 1,000 feet of the east 700 feet of government lot 8; T48N R8W.

Southeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4, south 1/2 of southeast 1/4, northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of section 11; south 1/2 of section 12; entire sections 13 and 14; northeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4, south 3/4 of section 15; southeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4, south 1/2 of section 16; entire sections 21 to 28 inclusive; entire section 33, except southwest 1/4; entire sections 34 and 35; southeast 1/4 of section 36 south of M-123 right-of-way and all that part of section 36 lying northerly and westerly of existing department of natural resources snowmobile trail and power line easement; T49N, R8W. The total area in Luce county is 9,891 acres, more or less.

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 WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP  
 T48, 49N; R7W

LUCE COUNTY  
 MCMILLAN TOWNSHIP  
 T48, 49N; R8W

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 17,800 acres

