

# HARTLEY NATURAL AREA



The Hartley Natural Area consists of over 600 acres in northeast Duluth. Its wooded hills, fields, designated trout streams, and wetlands provide a variety of habitats that have a rich diversity of flora and fauna. The natural area is a community focus point for nature appreciation, education, preservation, and restoration.



## UNIQUE FEATURES

### Native Plant Communities

- Northern hardwood forest, one of the largest remaining remnants of a sugar maple, basswood, and bluebead lily forest in the city and region
- Large wet meadow and willow swamp

### Natural Water Features

- Headwaters of Tischer Creek, a designated trout stream
- Vernal pools, temporary pools of water that are important breeding grounds for northern amphibian species

### Geological Landforms

- Rock formations that provide evidence of the geological formation of Duluth, including the Midcontinent Rift and glaciation of the Tettegouche Till Plain

## THINGS TO DO

### Explore, Relax, Get Healthy

- Hike, bike, snowshoe, and cross-country ski on the designated trails—including an accessible (ADA certified) trail
- Enjoy bird watching, fishing, photography, or painting

### Volunteer

- Contact the Hartley Nature Center at 218-724-6735 for opportunities

## HABITAT PRIORITIES

Management and restoration of human-induced impacts and invasive species control are important to long-term protection of Hartley's native plant and animal communities. Efforts will also focus on protection of Tischer Creek as a coldwater fishery.



The Duluth Natural Areas Program enables the city to celebrate and sustain select open places that enrich the lives of all Duluthians by preserving and protecting the city's natural heritage.

Hartley Nature Center  
[www.hartleynature.org](http://www.hartleynature.org)

Duluth City Parks  
[www.duluthmn.gov/parks](http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks)

DNAP program website  
[www.duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/duluth-natural-areas-program](http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/duluth-natural-areas-program)

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**LEGEND**

**Native Plant Communities**

- Sugar maple, basswood, bluebead lily forest
- Wet meadow
- Willow swamp

**Natural Water Features**

- Tischer Creek
- Vernal pools

**Geological Landforms**

- Rock Knob, crystalline bedrock outcrop
- Bedrock shrubland

**Trails**

- Hiking
- Hiking and biking
- Multi-purpose
- Cross-country skiing

**Other**

- Roads
- Hartley Natural Area boundary
- Parking



HARTLEY NATURE CENTER  
3001 Woodland Ave

Howard Gnesen Rd

Hartley Rd

Woodland Ave

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Hartley Rd

Arrowhead Rd

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