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
Duluth City Parks
www.duluthmn.gov/parks
DNAP program website
www.duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/duluth-natural-areas-program
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

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LEGEND