

## Cache in on Nature

just up stream



Using the bark of a Birch Tree, young Hiawatha built a light canoe “by the rushing Tahquamenaw.” Today these waters still call out to those who long for adventures. A beautiful drive along M-123 north of M-28 brings you to the town of Paradise. Follow M-123 west out of town and soon you will find yourself at the entrance to one of the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi.

After following your GPS (use coordinates N 46° 34.501 W 085° 15.407) you will soon find yourself at the top of the Tahquamenon Falls and within sight of this virtual cache. A virtual cache does not have a container to find, instead look for an existing landmark in the area. Find and email the answer to a question that the cache owner has posted on the cache page... and then enjoy the surroundings!

With almost 40,000 acres of undeveloped woodland there is much to see and experience here. A .4 mile paved trail to the Upper Falls make them handicap accessible while a 4 mile hiking trail follows the river to the beautiful Lower Falls. These are just some of the over 25 miles of hiking trails throughout the park. The state park is open year round offering adventures for everyone including camping, hiking, backpacking, fishing, canoeing, nature study and photography. The campground and

trails are even open for those hardy souls who want to try winter camping, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and snowmobiling.

And just a few miles north of Paradise is Whitefish Point Lighthouse and Shipwreck Museum. Whitefish Point is known as the Graveyard of Ships and here hundreds of vessels have been lost including the famed Edmund Fitzgerald. Just across the parking lot from the lighthouse is the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, an important migratory stop for hawks, eagles, goshawks, geese, falcons and owls. With a network of trails and wooden walkways you can easily explore this important bird sanctuary.

More information about this cache location can be found at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Search for “Just UpStream...!” 🗺️

—Gary O’Boyle