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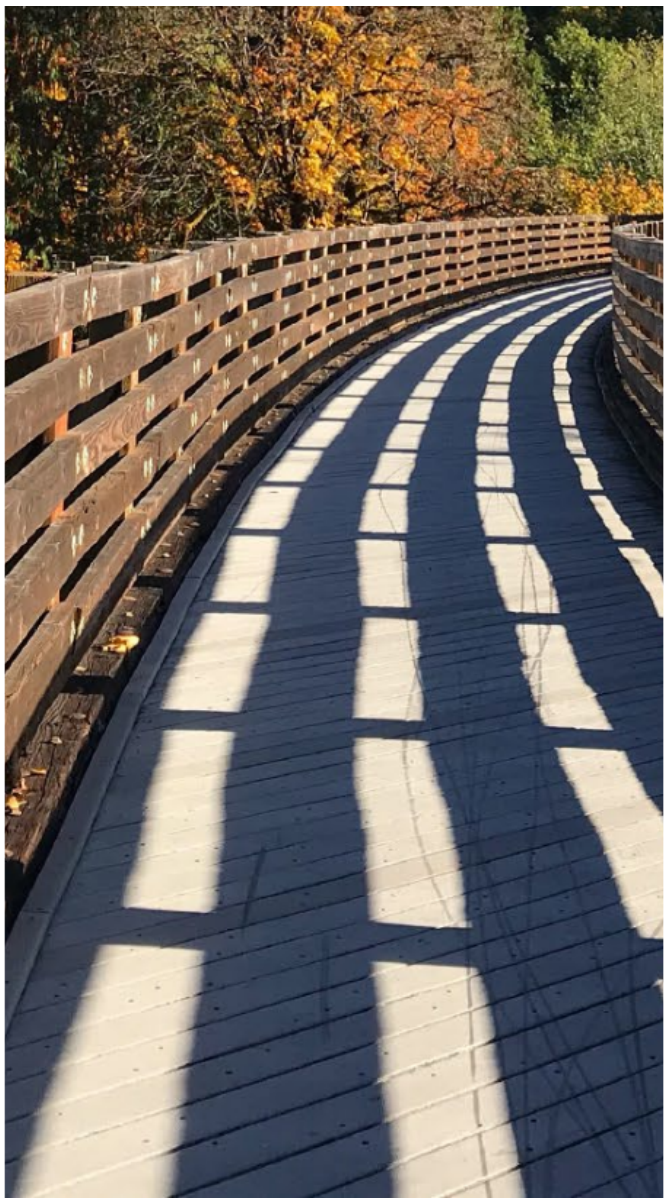

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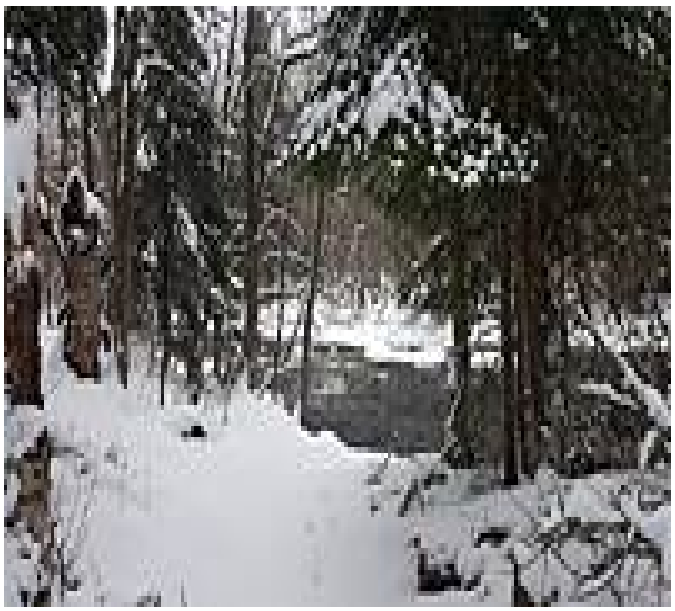

The Tyoga Historical Pathway is a remote, 1.4-mile loop trail deep in the woods of northern Michigan. From State Route 28 (M-28), the trail is about 2 miles north on North Point Road (Laughing Whitefish Rd.); follow the signs on M-28 to the trail. You'll be about 3 miles north of the tiny community of Deerton.

The Tyoga Historical Pathway is deep in the tangled woods of the Escanaba River State Forest. The loop takes you around the remains of an old logging town, where workers from the Tyoga Lumber Company lived between 1905 and 1907. Interpretive signs with photographs relate some colorful and personal tales of the people who once lived here. When the Tyoga Lumber Company was incorporated on March 7, 1905, 3 million board feet of timber had been cut. A sawmill and town were set up to process the lumber.

The trail is often wet and boggy; bring plenty of bug repellent and waterproof gear. It also gets narrow and periodically floods. Rocks and roots make for rough going but the journey is well worth it, especially for history buffs. In winter the trail is not groomed but backcountry skiing and snowshoeing are welcome activities.

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**States:** Michigan
**Counties:** Alger
Length: 1.4miles
**Trail end points:** Deerton to Deerton
**Trail surfaces:** Ballast,Dirt,Grass
**Trail category:** Rail-Trail
**Trail activities:** Fishing,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

From Michigan Route 28 (M-28) north of Deerton, Michigan in Alger County, take North Point Road/Laughing Whitefish Road (a dirt road) about 2 miles north. Follow the road signs to the pathway. Parking is available.

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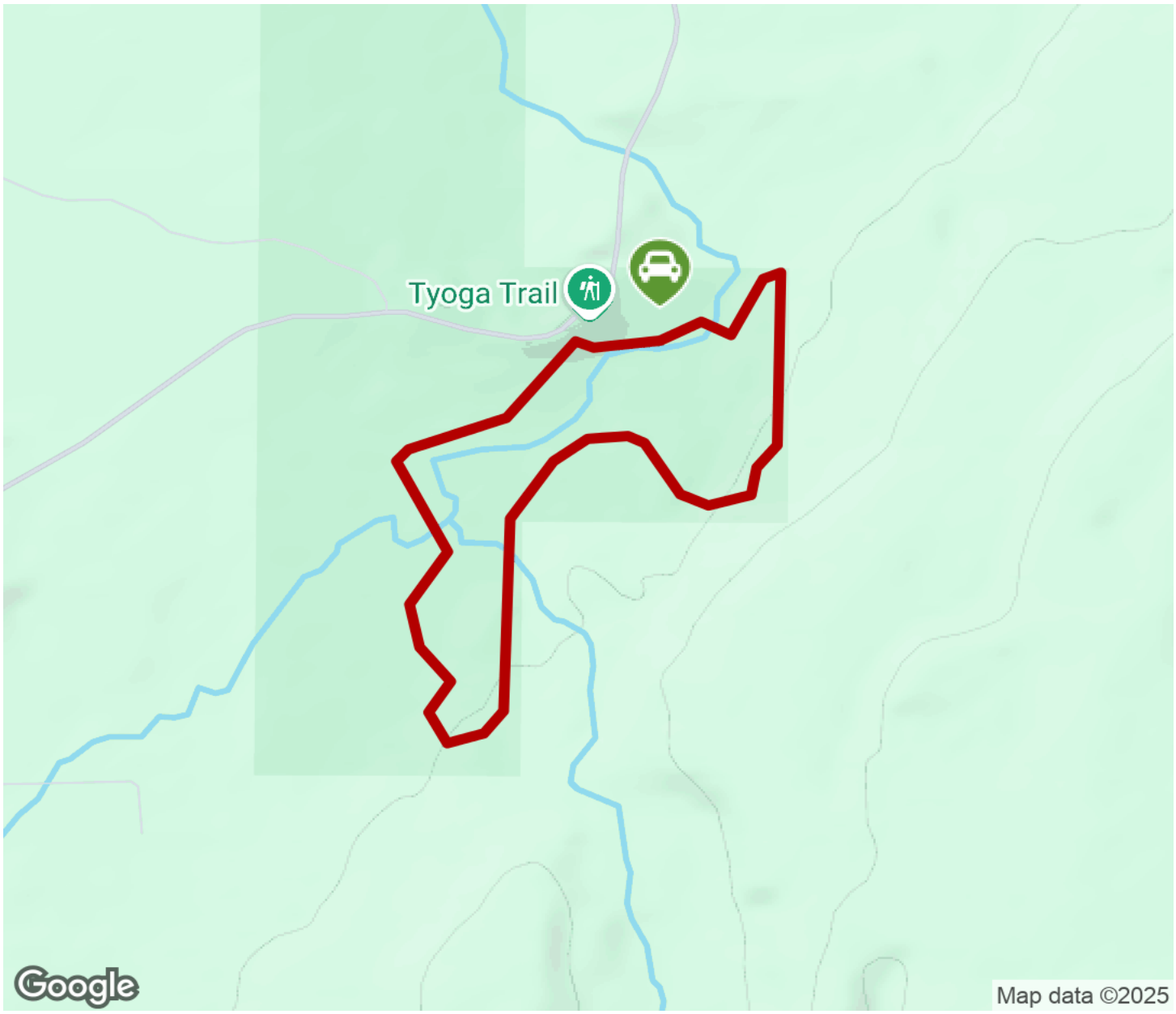


Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel