

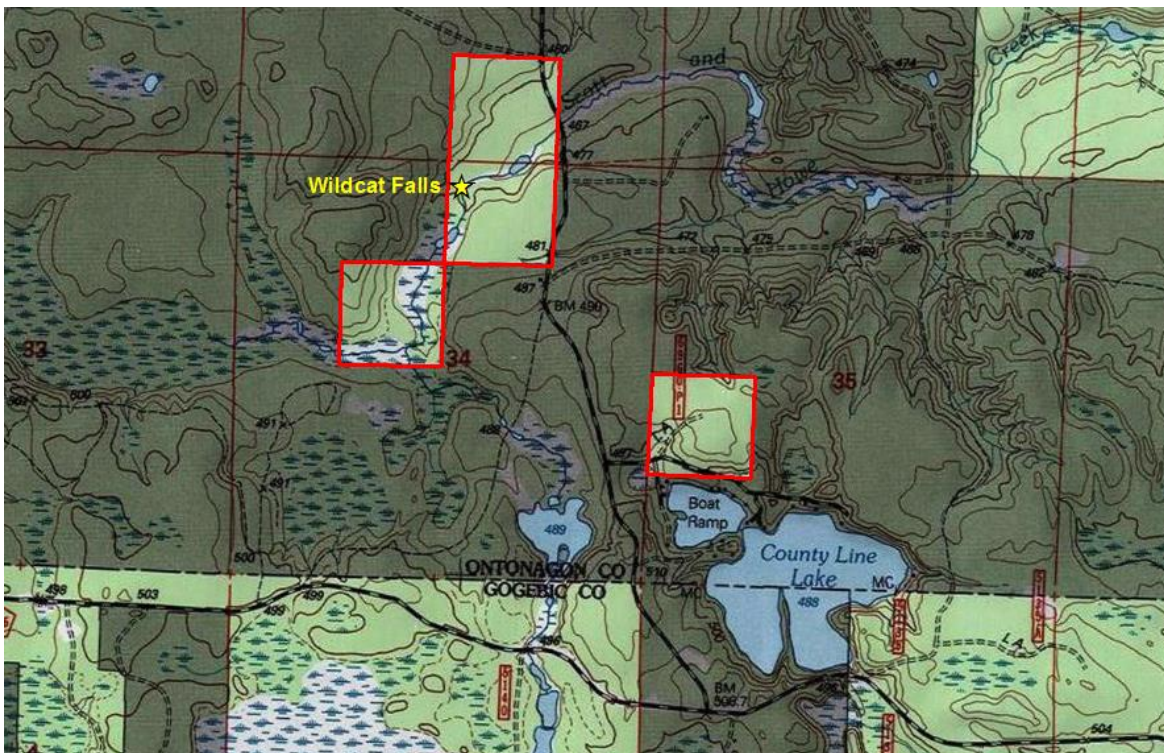
# Wildcat Falls Bio-Blitz

**Saturday, May 19, 2018. 10 AM central time.**



[Northwood Alliance](#) is seeking volunteers and for a natural resource inventory of 160 acres near Watersmeet, Michigan. The survey area includes Wildcat Falls, Scott and Howe Creek, old growth features, and 40 acres near County Line Lake. We hope to gather information on birds and other wildlife, water quality and aquatic organisms, native plants, timber and old growth features such as course woody debris and snags, geology including elevations, as well as potential locations for hiking trails and other recreation opportunities. Resource experts are needed to guide the survey; however anyone with an interest is especially encouraged to participate. Natural resource students will benefit. The public is invited even if only to view the splendor of the falls and observe the activities.

The information gathered during the bio-blitz will be incorporated into a grant application by Northwood Alliance with the [Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program](#), administered by the US Forest Service State and Private Forestry. The bio-blitz is also the first in a series of events entitled *Appreciate our Common Lands: A Hands on Celebration of Forestland Conservation*. Hosted by Northwoods Alliance and the [Partners in Forestry Cooperative](#), and supported by the University of Wisconsin [Center for Cooperatives](#), these events will highlight all of the public values of successful land conservation projects.



Directions:

Meet at County Line Lake Road near Wildcat Falls. To get there, go to the intersection of US Highway 45 and Gogebic County Road 206 (Sucker Lake Road). The intersection is 3.4 miles north of Watersmeet and 15 miles south of Bruce Crossing. Go west on County Road 206 approximately 5.3 miles and then turn right on County Line Lake Road. Go north 1.5 miles and park near the Scott and Howe Creek stream crossing. Carpooling recommended.

Meeting location coordinates: N46.349211° W89.287639°

What to bring: Appropriate hiking boots, lunch, trail snacks, water, camera.

If you are able to attend please contact Joe Hovel or Rod Sharka.

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More information on the Wildcat Falls Community Forest Proposal:

<https://www.northwoodalliance.org/wildcatfalls/>

