

# Harpers Falls Trail

## Clare, NY

### Legend

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Parking



Trail Head



Waterfall

Distance: 1.3 mi round trip

0 0.1 0.2 Miles

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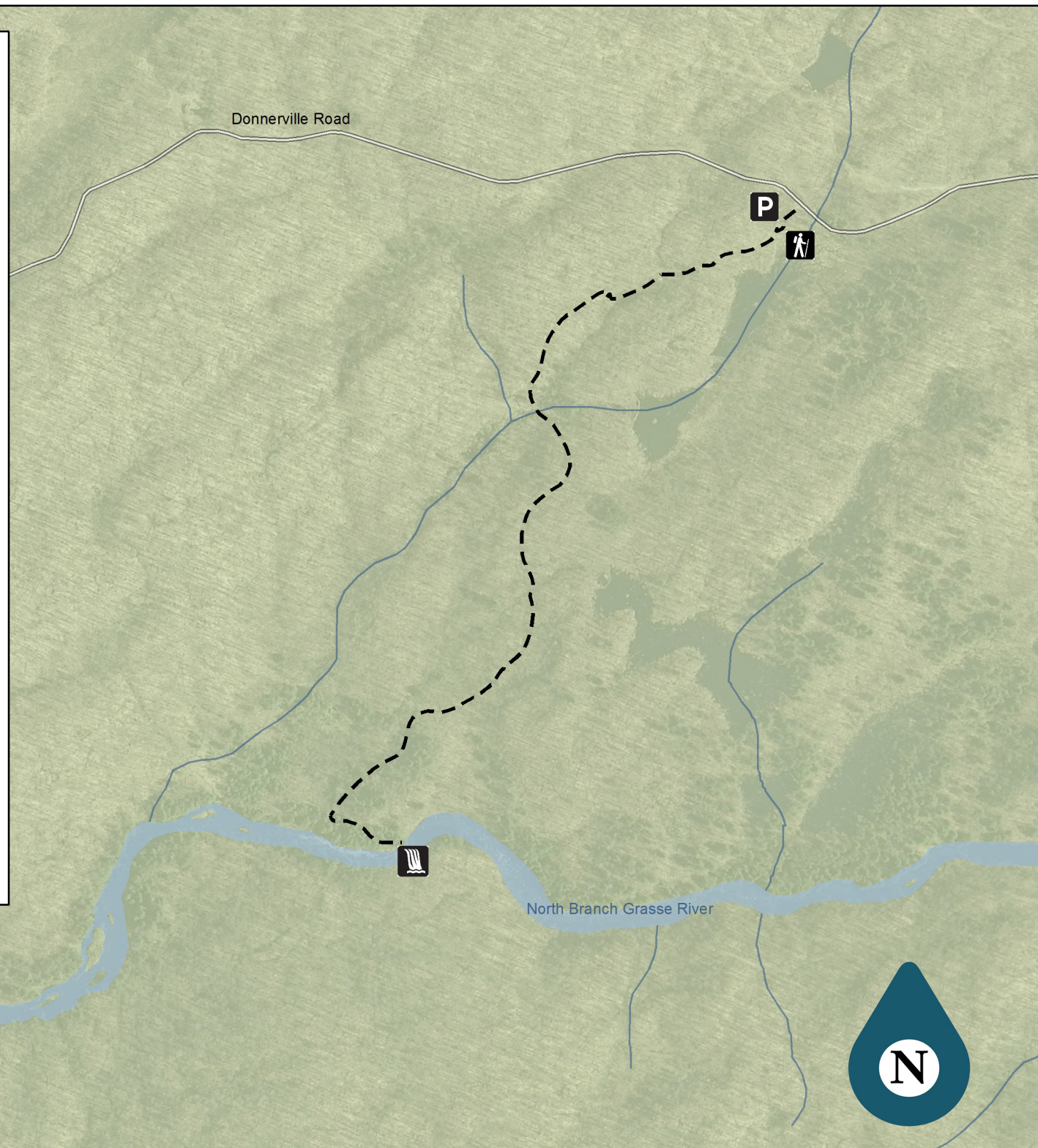
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#### Data Sources:

Cornell University Geospatial Information Repository

National Hydrography Database

NYS Cyber Security





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Distance: 1.3 miles    Difficulty: Easy    Dogs Allowed: Yes

## Description:

This is an easy two mile round trip to an impressive 60 foot waterfall on the North Branch of the Grasse River. Starting from the trailhead off Donnerville Road (sometimes spelled Downerville), the trail heads downhill through a mixed deciduous and hemlock forest, crossing two bridges before a short uphill, and then a final descent to the falls. Beaver and porcupine activity is evident adjacent to the trail. A lovely designated campsite is located next to the falls, perfect for a quick overnight backpacking trip. The upper falls is a series of small cascades, which channel into a narrow chute for the final drop. Old stone walls next to the waterfall are remnants of an old mill once located at this site.

For a longer hike, the trail continues along the river, leaving the Adirondack Park boundary and entering the Donnerville State Forest. Many trails spur from the river trail, and the area is becoming a popular mountain bike destination. For a map of the mountain bike trails, see:

<http://www.slmba.net/2011/05/donnerville-trail-map.html>

## Directions:

There are several ways to get to the Harper's Falls, but the one described here is the shortest hike and most accessible. To reach Donnerville Road from the south: intersection of County Rd 27 and Tooley Pond Rd in Degrasse, head north for 6.8 miles, then turn left on the Donnerville Rd. Continue 0.6mi until you see a small parking area with a yellow gate on the left.

To reach Donnerville Road from the north: From the intersection of County Roads 27 and 24, continue south on CR 27 for 3 miles, then turn right onto Donnerville Rd. Continue 0.6mi until you see a small parking area with a yellow gate on the left. NOTE: Donnerville Rd is seasonal, so you must ski or snowshoe 0.6mi to the trailhead from CR 27 in winter.

